

Appendix 7 – Community Enhancement Program

REPORT 1A – COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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Background

Council values the contribution that mining makes to the community across the Shire. In an attempt to ensure that Cobar Shire continues to prosper post mining and to offset any negative impacts of current mining operations, a Community Enhancement Program (CEP) has been developed for consideration of Council. The Program outlines priority projects that provide and augment community infrastructure.

Through its Community Enhancement Program, Council aims to:

- address issues directed at improving the quality of life for the people of the Shire, and;
- be prepared to advocate for reasonable contributions towards the provision of community facilities and services from new developments impacting on the community.

Issues

The projects outlined in the Program which is contained in the attachments to this agenda have been identified through community consultations, primarily during the development of the Cobar Shire Social Plan 2011-2016 and the Cobar Crime Prevention Plan 2011-2016. Council will use any funding received from the mines and other industrial development to leverage further grant funding where possible.

Council wishes to use any new mining and industrial development applications, whether the consent authority is Council or the NSW Government, to advocate for monetary contributions to the CEP. In some cases, in-kind contributions may also be accepted. Council will work with the developer to determine what projects contributions will be used to fund.

Financial Implications

Council will be the custodian of the funds and will be responsible for the allocation of these funds in accordance with Local Government accounting regulations to particular projects in consultation with the contributing developers.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the Community Enhancement Program.

25FP.4.2011	RECOMMENDATION: That Council endorses the Community Enhancement Program. <i>Clr Francisco/Clr Kings</i>	CARRIED
58.4.2011	RESOLVED: That the minutes, and the following recommendations contained therein, of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2011 be adopted by Council. <i>Clr Cox/Clr Kings</i>	CARRIED

Priority	Project	Estimated Total Cost	Potential CEP Funds	Other Funding Sources	Comment
	Cobar				
	Develop plans for a major upgrade to skate park including investigation of potential half pipe and scooter facilities.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	Unlikely to be able to attract grant funding to undertake scoping/planning work
	Construct new skate park facility	\$160,000	\$50,000	\$110,000	Try to access sport and rec funding
	Construct a new toilet block at Dalton Park Race Course.	\$80,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	Sport and Rec funding may be possible. Race club may be able to provide some funding
	Upgrade Newey Reserve including boat ramp	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	NSW boating grants
	Undertake weeding and replanting project at Newey Reserve with endemic species in recognition of those community members past and present who are significant in the Cobar community.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	May be able to use some volunteer labour or seek assistance from NPWS to make this a community project.
	Construct BMX track at Morelli Park.	\$90,000	\$15,000	\$75,000	Peak have been keen to progress this project to date. They have funded a masterplan for the site and one of their employees is designing the track. They have shown some enthusiasm to assist this employee through paid leave to work on the project.
	Employment of a Youth Development Officer	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	Seek government assistance to provide Officer

	Sponsor youth holiday activities	\$7,000	\$7,000	Youth officer needed to run activities
	Redevelopment of the stage at the town hall cinema	\$25,000	\$25,000	Previous surveys have shown a desire of mine employees and their families to have greater access to cultural activities.
	Design/building/acquisition of New Men's Shed	\$140,000	\$100,000	Rotary may be able to assist with this project, along with possible grant funding
	Regional Events Centre at Ward Oval	\$2,800,000	\$40,000	Grant funding to be sought. Mines may prefer to 'value add' to facility or masterplan inline with their use of the facilities
	Upgrade the runway for the long jump area at Ward Oval	\$6,560	\$6,560	Identified in Ward Oval Master Plan
	Renew concrete pitch and synthetic turf on Ward Oval No.2	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
	Install additional turf pitch section on Ward Oval No.1	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
	New shot put pad/circle	\$1,160	\$1,160	Identified in Ward Oval Master Plan
	Digital scoreboard for Ward Oval	\$110,000	\$20,000	Identified in Ward Oval Master Plan
	Purchase and install a PA system for Ward Oval	\$10,000	\$10,000	To be used by all Ward Oval users
	Playground for Ward Oval			In Master Plan. This could be start of playground with additional works undertaken in future
	Resurface netball courts	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
		\$50,000	\$25,000	Sport and Rec funding

	Storage sheds for Ward Oval	\$81,000	\$20,000	\$61,000	Sport and Rec funding and a contribution from sports clubs
	Develop a masterplan and designs for a new cultural centre in Cobar	\$40,000	\$40,000		Unlikely to be able to attract grant funding to undertake scoping/planning work
	Develop plans for the extension of the Great Cobar Heritage Centre	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	Unlikely to be able to attract grant funding to undertake scoping/planning work
	Installation water bubblers in Drummond Park	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	Could be sold as an environmental project and one that makes the park more attractive to visitors
	Extend the signage along the Heritage walkway denoting endemic flora and fauna, history of the area	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Seek grant funding for rest. Project already underway. Peak may be able to fund signage re Wrightville/ Cornishton history
	Improve the promotion and protection of Devils Rock as a sacred Aboriginal Site.	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	aboriginal history funding available. Need to partner with aboriginal organisation to apply for funds. May be attractive to mines
	Mount Hope				
1	Development of an RTA approved rest area, including shade and picnic area and toilet amenities in Village.	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Investigate if any RTA funds are available for such a project.

	Erect historical plaque in remembrance of Tipping's bullock wagon at Round Hill.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	
2	Investigation and design of new filter system for village water system	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	
	Development of a village email database, website and regular newsletter	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	Good way for the local mine to connect with the community and provide information updates on their activities
4	Install water system for outside of hall.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	Would finish the hall project off nicely.
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	Nymagee				
1	Upgrades to the community hall	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$70,000	Access grant funding in a similar way to that undertaken at Mount Hope for rest of the works.
	Upgrade to community hall kitchen to meet building code and health standards	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	
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b)	New disability toilet and sewerage pump	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Apply for Accessible Communities funding
					Beautification of site a very visible promotion of the local mine and how they help the community.
c)	Landscaping	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	
d)	other	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	
	Installation of new fence around the cricket oval	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Seek grant funding, in partnership with the nymagee cricket association

							seek grant funding for remainder of project in partnership with progress association
	Installation of a shade sail for playground	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000			
	Assist with upgrade of Gymkanha grounds	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0			
	New lighting for Nymagee air strip	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000			
	Undertake report into the impacts of mining on the village and surrounds	\$10,000	\$10,000				If funded totally by the mine may not be seen as independent
	Provision of garden maintenance equipment to the Progress Association, eg lawn mower, whipper snipper etc.	\$7,000	\$7,000				Easy project for the mine to be involved in.
	Euabalong/Murrin Bridge area						
1	Development of a BBQ area and facilities at a suitable location near the river.	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$5,000			Seek grant funding
2	Sponsorship of a community garden at Murrin Bridge	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0			
3	Sponsorship of one annual aboriginal art exhibition/show (all arts included)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0			
4	Installation of a boat ramp at suitable location along the river	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000			Seek boating grant
5	Sponsorship of youth programs for school holidays	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0			Need suitable officer to run activities
6	Provision of new infrastructure and gardens at the Euabalong Memorial Park	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0			Need adequate water to ensure sustainability of project
	Kulwin Area						

1	Acquire parcel of land for community facilities	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	The site needs to be identified, but it could well be donated. Costs in subdivision and legal expenses
2	Install two tennis courts	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Sport and Recreation grant
3	Design and construct community hall	\$140,000	\$20,000	\$120,000	