

Humphries visits to discuss local issues

State Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries was in Cobar last week visiting schools and meeting with locals to discuss a number of constituent issues affecting them.

"I've spoken to Cobar people about everything from roads to rates and also to people who have been struggling with government departments.

"I've had discussions about resource management—the roo and goat industries are going well—and I've been talking with the mines, the newer ones in particular, which are on track," Mr Humphries said.

"I've also been talking with Brindabella [Airlines] who are ramping up their regional services."

In addition Mr Humphries made comments to *The Cobar Weekly* about Cobar Shire Council's proposed Special Rate Variation and the nurses' situation at Cobar Hospital.

"If council wants to push through a Special Rate Variation they will need the Minister's support. They've also got to show overwhelmingly that they've got the community's support," he said.

"People don't mind paying more money if they know where it's going. Council needs to do their due diligence there."

He said ways of improving council's financial situation shouldn't focus on cutting services such as play groups and youth services, he said council should be looking at the "big ticket items like wages and administration".

"Council's [financial] situation is pretty fragile but they've had people from the Division of Local Government in there helping them."

In relation to the nurses dispute over staffing at the hospital, Mr Humphries said he believed the NSW Nurses Association (NSWNA) was using the Cobar "community as a pawn".

"The LHD has been working with the Nurses' Association in Cobar for well over a year to resolve disagreements about staffing.

"This has included trialling different arrangements, including an escalation plan should patient numbers increase unexpectedly."

He said following the referral of the dispute to the Industrial Relations Commission last month, the Commissioner found the hospital was already being staffed to better than award standards and did not support the request for on call arrangements.

"The Commissioner asked for the escalation plan to be reviewed to make clear who is responsible for calling in additional staff (the Health Service Manager normally or a delegated officer out-of-hours) if and when required.

"This has been done."

Mr Humphries said the WLHD would continue to work with the NSWNA and will be running a further trial over three months, which started on December 1.

"Reviewing the records from Cobar shows that to date, there has been no change in the rate of incident reporting between any of the various staffing models trialled (including use of the escalation plan).

"I have 35 medical facilities in the Barwon area from Wanaaring to Moree and this one stands out.

"If it's systemic, it's not showing up in our other facilities."

Bureau predicts hot weather ahead

Cobar experienced a generally warmer than average week last week, with just one day below the expected December average of 32.6 degrees.

It was a warm start to the week with 34 degrees last Monday, while storms through the night and well into Tuesday morning did very little to reduce temperatures with 18.4 degrees recorded overnight before a top of 32.6 degrees on Tuesday.

The storms brought very little rainfall with just 1mm in the gauge at Cobar Meteorological Office to 9am Tuesday morning and just a trace in the following 24 hour period.

Temperatures continued to climb as the week continued with 33.6 degrees on Wednesday, 35.8 on Thursday and 38.2 Friday, the hottest day of the week.

Saturday was cooler with a top of 30.9 degrees, while Sunday warmed up again just falling short of 36 degrees.

The Cobar Airport automatic weather station recorded 9mm of rain for the week.

The forecast for this week is for mostly sunny weather with a sunny day and a top of 38 degrees predicted today.

Tomorrow's forecast is for a partly cloudy day reaching a top of 39 degrees after a warm 24 overnight, while Friday will be 37 degrees and sunny.

Saturday is predicted to reach a top of 37 degrees while a partly cloudy day with a maximum of 38 is forecast for Sunday.

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Public Notices

Re-exhibition of Community Strategic Plan—Cobar Shire 2025, Delivery Program and Annual Operational Plan

In accordance with the Division of Local Government requirements, Council is required to re-exhibit the Community Strategic Plan – Cobar Shire 2025, Delivery Program and Annual Operational Plan. The Community Strategic Plan identifies the long term aspirations for our community and is owned by the community of Cobar Shire. The Delivery Program is Council's four year plan for provision of services. The Annual Operational Plan is the service delivery plan for the year 2012/2013.

The community is also invited to a public meeting on **Wednesday February 13, 2013, 6.30pm** at the Council Chambers. Find out more about the documents and what they contain, how they may affect you and provide your thoughts and comments (comments close February 15, 2013).

A copy of the documents can be found online at www.cobar.nsw.gov.au or hard copies are available at the Council Administration Office or the library.

For more information, contact Gary Woodman, General Manager on (02) 6836 5888.

Expressions of interest for lease

Cobar Town Hall Cinema—Council is willing to negotiate a lease term of one (1) to three (3) years with the right applicant, for the large multi-purpose building which has previously been utilised as a movie cinema.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to Council by **January 17, 2013** and addressed to the General Manager. Contact Karen Warren on (02) 6836 5840 to make an appointment for inspection and to obtain further information.

Shop 2, 41 Marshall Street Cobar—situated in the Library Arcade. The shop is 45m² in size and requires the interested party to fit out the interior for their purpose.

Contact Heather Holder on (02) 6836 5843 to make an appointment for inspection and to obtain further information.

Draft Cobar Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan 2012

The draft plan will be on public exhibition until 2.30pm on **January 17, 2013** at the Cobar Shire Council Administration Office, 36 Linsley St between 8am and 4pm (except weekends and public holidays). A copy of the draft plan may also be viewed at www.cobar.nsw.gov.au

Change of Garbage Collection Days

The revised dates for garbage collections due to Christmas and New Year holidays are as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Tuesday December 25, 2012	Monday December 24, 2012
Wednesday December 26, 2012	Thursday December 27, 2012
Tuesday January 1, 2013	Monday December 31, 2012

Any person may, during the exhibition period, make submissions to Council with respect to the provisions of the Plan. Submissions must be in writing and be received by 2.30 pm on January 17, 2013. Further information can be obtained by contacting Gary Ryman or Karen Warren at Council on (02) 6836 5888.

Financial Statements

Cobar Shire Council advises that its draft 2012 financial statements will be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held tomorrow **Thursday December 13 at 5.30pm** in the Council Chambers at 36 Linsley Street, Cobar NSW.

Section 418 3(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a summary form of its audited financial reports be included in a public notice. This summary will appear in a later edition of *The Cobar Weekly* once the audit has been completed.

Cobar Shire Council Administration Office and Cobar, Euabalong and Nymagee Libraries Christmas/New Years Shut Down

Residents and visitors are advised that the Cobar Shire Council Administration Office, including the RMS (formerly the RTA Agency) at 36 Linsley Street will be closed from 1pm Monday December 24. The Family Day Care Office, Youth Centre, Cobar, Euabalong and Nymagee Libraries and the Depot will be closed from the close of business Friday December 21, 2012. All services will resume normal hours on Wednesday January 2, 2013.

Ordinary Meeting of Council 5pm Thursday December 13

Open to the public. Agendas and business papers are available to the public from the Council Administration Office or may be downloaded from: www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, hosted by Cobar Shire Council, will be held at **12noon Friday December 14** in the Council Chambers.

Applications for Street Stalls & Raffles

Those persons/organisations wishing to hold street stalls and/or raffles in the business area of Cobar during the 2013 calendar year are requested to make an application in writing to Council. The application should state whether you wish to hold a street stall, a raffle, or both, and should include the date, location and a contact person's name and phone number.

Sensational win for Cowboys

The Cobar Bowling & Golf Club Cowboys senior representative cricket team has reached the final four of the state-wide Country Plate knockout competition after their sensational victory over Forbes in Sunday's Round 4 match at Nyngan.

Cobar captain Stewart Fraser won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first.

This looked to be a good decision with the top order recovering from losing opening batsmen Jake Harbison for a duck on the third ball of the day, to be scoring at a rate of five runs per over after the first 10 overs.

However with the loss of fellow opener Clay Neale for 21, followed by the experienced quartet of Stewart Fraser 8, Phil Harley 10 and Matt Nicholson and Craig Dillon for ducks (Dillon's second for the weekend) the scoring rate soon slowed down.

It was then left to in-form young players Luke Hillier and Wade Potter to resurrect their position.

Hillier continuing his excellent form season in all forms of cricket, top scored in the match with a well compiled 58 and was ably supported by Potter with 19.

Cobar was eventually dismissed for a total of 145 from only 42 overs, having failed to bat out their allotted 50 overs.

The Cobar team took to the field determined to bounce back from their disappointing finish to their batting innings and soon had the Forbes team on the back foot.

The Cobar opening bowling attack of Potter and Harley were devastating beating the defence of the Forbes batsmen on many occasions and taking the first four wickets for only 14 runs.

However Potter and Harley had to have a break from bowling in the hot conditions and the next two Forbes batsmen, captain Matt Roylance (41) and Jason Hoswell (57), proceeded to steady the innings with a partnership of 97 taking the score to 4/111 and looking to be in a position to push on for a comfortable victory.

However with the reintroduction of Potter and Harley back into the bowling attack Forbes lost their last six wickets for only 30 runs to be all out for 141 in the 31st over, giving Cobar a sensational victory by only four runs.

Harley finished with the excellent figures of five wickets for only 18 runs from his 10 overs and Potter was 3/42 from his 10 overs.

Jake Harbison took the last two wickets for five runs. Steve Nicholson also performed well in the field taking four catches in his regular position close in on the leg side.

Cobar's next match in the Country Plate knockout competition will be played between Christmas and New Year in Yass. (Players will be advised of details as soon as they come to hand.)

Cobar is scheduled to play Narromine on Sunday in the third round of the Macquarie Valley Brewery Shield competition.

The team selected is Jake Harbison, Craig Dillon, Clay Neale, Luke Hillier, Stewart Fraser, Phil Harley, Matt Nicholson, Steve Nicholson, Mal Hillier, Robbie Mitchell, David Watson and Slade Neale.—contributed

News CWA members enjoy Christmas lunch

A delicious Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by eight members of the Cobar branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) as they celebrated the 2012 activities of the branch.

It was reported that all raffle days were fully supported by the residents of Cobar, with the final raffle of a Christmas hamper won by Henry Wilson.

The branch also acknowledged *The Cobar Weekly* for their prompt printing of their 2013 program.

The final meeting was held after the luncheon and, after a few tears and laughter, the branch is now in recess until the second Saturday in February.

Craft days are also in recess.

Members are urged to study their programs and start on items for the show stall, street stall and of course monthly competitions.

Myra Miller, as usual, had members laughing with a 1976 version of "I am always last", and

"Rules for a Happy Home".

Birthday wishes were extended to Jean Lowe who celebrated her special day last Friday and Ruth White who will celebrate 99 years next Friday.

The branch is very grateful to the residents of Cobar for their support of numerous fundraising activities, allowing them to fulfil their commitments.

Colleen Boucher won the final flower competition of the year with Dorothy Blacker second and Marie Hudson OAM was third.

Mrs Blacker's crochet hanky won first place in the craft competition with Myra Miller second and Mrs Boucher third.

The overall point score for 2012 had Colleen Boucher in the top place, Marie Hudson second and Dorothy Blacker third.

Cobar Branch wished everyone a happy festive season, and hoped 2013 will be one of good health and all to be showered with many blessings.—contributed

Summer reading

Cobar Shire & TAFE Library is inviting children and families to go along and the Summer Reading Club holiday fun.

The Summer Reading Club is a national program delivered through over 1,100 public libraries across Australia.

Children and young people are encouraged and rewarded for reading through the summer holidays.

Cobar Shire & TAFE Library manager Florance said the program is delivered on a national scale, allowing 'clubbers' opportunities to connect with children right across the country.

"Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success with over 19,000 children taking part across Australia and over 150,000 books were read.

"This year the Summer Reading Club is to be even bigger and better," Mrs Florance said.

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Club is 'Untangling Tales'.

"During the summer holidays, children and young people will come together to explore and untangle magical and wonderful tales all over the world," Mrs Florance said.

At Cobar Shire & TAFE Library, Summer Reading Club activities will run for the summer break.

"Young readers can sign up now for the club and grab their personalised reading log.

"All participants in the Summer Reading Club will go into the draw to win one of the iPods," Mrs Florance said.

Visit the library to register for the program.

Council to decide on special rate rise

Cobar Shire Council will decide whether to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation at tomorrow night's council meeting.

Following extensive community consultation, council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd has made a recommendation for council to apply for a one-off 25 per cent increase in general rates to be used for financial sustainability and maintenance.

"42 per cent of respondents wanted a one off 25 per cent rate rise," Mrs Shepherd said in her report.

Also at tomorrow's meeting council's auditor will make a presentation to councillors on its finances, and whether it needs to make any adjustments to improve its current situation.

Councillors will also appoint a representative to the Hera Mine Community Consultation Committee.

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In Cobar Photo Competition

The Cobar Weekly is preparing for our next edition of the *In Cobar Tourist and Information Guide* and we want your help. We're looking for photographs that best capture the essence of Cobar.

- ◆ The winning photo will feature prominently in the 2013 edition of *In Cobar Tourist and Information Guide*, due to be released on April 1, 2013.
- ◆ Free to enter, open to all ages.
- ◆ Prize pool totals \$500 in Cobar Quids
- ◆ There is a separate prize category for entrants deemed 'professional photographers'

What will the judges be looking for?

Images that have been taken within the Cobar shire area, no earlier than 2010. The images should capture people, events or objects that encompass the spirit of living in Cobar and show off the best our town and district has to offer.

The more you know about Cobar and the more passionate you are about our town, the better the chances of taking a prize winning picture.

Get your entry form from The Cobar Weekly office or email journo@cobarweekly.com.au for an entry form



Entries close
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CCR updates the market on production

Cobar Consolidated Resources (CCR) has released its latest production figures showing more than two tonnes of silver was produced during November, assisted by a significant "uplift" in grade during the last week of the month.

The mine processed 54,265 tonnes of milled material, providing a final feed grade of 80grams of silver per tonne.

The latest information comes after an announcement last month that the company would not meet its silver production targets to the end of 2012.

CCR's managing director

Ian Lawrence said under the current plant configuration, approximately 30 per cent of the silver is contained in over-size material, which is stockpiled for later treatment through a ball-mill.

"Installation of the ball mill is underway and scheduled for completion by June 2013," Mr Lawrence said.

"CCR is well advanced with debottlenecking and improvement projects at Wonawinta.

"The company is in the process of implementing a batch processing strategy that will allow for the targeted treatment of high and low grade material to minimise loss of high grade ore to stockpiles while maintaining total metal input, and improving the efficiency of the milling operation as a whole."

Commissioning of the silver circuit is complete and the company expects to commission

a lead processing circuit in the next four to six months.

"The issues we experienced with ore grade during the month were disappointing, but we understand the cause of the error and have moved to rectify the issue immediately.

"We are dealing with a new ore body without many parallels, and we are gaining knowledge through operatorship as we look to ramp-up to 'nameplate capacity' of around 800,000tonnes per annum.

"Most importantly, there is no evidence to suggest the stockpile grade estimation issue

should lead to a recalculation of Wonawinta's independently assessed resources and reserve base.

"At this stage we have processed less than 0.02 per cent of the 10 million

tonne ore body and have full confidence in the current resource estimates," Mr Lawrence said.

The company has engaged an independent consultant to review the resource calculation and also to audit mining control processes.

"While the November feed grade issue is regrettable the fact remains that we are operating a mine which has gone from an original JV agreement to production in less than 60 months.

"The company is well on the way to being a low cost silver producer benefitting from a buoyant silver price that is underpinned by a compelling story for sustained long term demand in the metal."

"We are dealing with a new ore body without many parallels and we are gaining knowledge through operatorship..." CCR's Ian Lawrence

Reader questions council budget

Dear editor,

Considerable discussion has ensued throughout the Cobar Shire resulting from the proposal by Cobar Shire Council for a Special Rate Variation.

Comparison of balance sheets from 2008 with the present show an alarming deterioration in the figures over that short period.

From a debt-free shire with a considerable sum of cash held in fixed interest bank accounts this has been replaced with a large overdraft. From conversations I have had with others, the following are the main bones of contention from the ratepayers. Is the problem with funding a function of income or expense?

Council has used the argument that Cobar rates are lower than other comparable shires.

Whether this is the case is not the point.

The correct question to ask is what relative change has there been between local rates and comparable shire rates from 2008 until the present. The answer is very little. In other words Cobar has not fallen behind other shires in this income. It is the expense side of the balance sheet that is the problem.

Where has the blowout of expenses occurred? From my own perspective it appears that the swimming pool and main street upgrade are the culprits but I am not certain.

There may be others. I along with quite a few others believe that a full and frank disclosure is in order.

First of all where and when has the over-spending occurred?

Secondly how and or why was it allowed to progress unabated when it must have been clearly visible on budget versus actual figures?

Thirdly what steps have been taken to ensure a repeat does not take place?

Without the third condition there is every possibility that a year or two down the track another special variation will be sought.

A special rate variation is a big step. It is not just a single rate increase but a step increase which impinges on rates in future years.

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Peter Abbott, Cobar

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Money for Mission Week



St John's students fundraised recently for Mission Week which is a week dedicated to raising money for Caritas Australia and helps support those in need overseas. Money raised goes towards food distribution, clothing, education and infrastructure. Each class collected coins to make their own money line and donations this year totalled \$335.40. Bree Zani, Ashley Hocking, Tadgh McMullen, Jordan Warren, Victor Angnowen, Ryan Urquhart are pictured above forming the money line for their class.

• Photo contributed

Council calls for feedback on rate variation proposal

Cobar Shire Council is encouraging ratepayers to submit their feedback on the proposed rate rise as soon as possible.

Council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said councillors will be making a decision to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) at the December council meeting next week.

"We have collected a reasonable amount of feedback already, but more would be good," Ms Shepherd said.

"It is the last chance for residents to comment on the proposed Special Rate Variation before it is voted on."

The vote comes after several community meetings across the shire, including one held in Nymagee last Wednesday.

"It was a good session [in Nymagee]; it was very positive," Ms Shepherd said.

"There was a lot of talk about roads at the meeting but ratepayers understood we have a limited roads budget."

Ms Shepherd said she has already submitted her written report to council's general manager detailing the community's response but she is prepared to give a verbal presentation at the meeting if she receives more feedback.

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Euabalong critical of increased rates

Roads were a major talking point at Cobar Shire Council's sixth Special Rate Variation community meeting, held at Euabalong last Thursday.

Over 40 residents attended the meeting to discuss the proposed rate rise, which could see general rates increase by 25 per cent next financial year or by 13 per cent per year over the next seven years.

Council's general manager Gary Woodman said Euabalong residents were critical of the proposed rate rise.

"The residents would like to see the road network improved," Mr Woodman said.

"Half the revenue from the proposed rate rise would go towards infrastructure, including the road network."

He said during their visit to Euabalong, council was able to complete some work in the area.

"Councillors were able to take a tour of the road network prior to the meeting and while we were there, we were able to fix a hole in the road," he said.

Councillors will review community feedback and decide whether to apply for the rate variation at the December council meeting.

A scorcher ahead

Cobar is in for a scorcher of a week according to the forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology.

The hot weather has already started with a very warm 39.1 degrees recorded on Sunday, 10 degrees above the average expected for November.

Sunday also had the warmest minimum temperature only dropping to 22.3 degrees.

It was a milder start to last week with 27 recorded last Monday and 29 on Tuesday, before a hot 35 degrees on Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday also climbed above 30 degrees while Saturday was a hot 36.9 degrees.

Today will be mostly sunny with a top of 39 and a low of 24 expected.

Tomorrow will be partly cloudy with a minimum of 27 and maximum of 41 degrees.

Friday is expected to be partly cloudy with temperatures ranging from a low of 28 to a top of 41.

A shower or two is expected over the weekend, with a top of 40 and low of 28 predicted for Saturday while the Bureau of Meteorology predicts a top of 34 degrees and a low of 22 on Sunday.

TCW still seeks TV Guide feedback

Plenty of people still use *The Cobar Weekly's* TV Guide as their primary source of information on local television programming according to preliminary results from a local survey.

There's still three days left for locals to complete the survey and help *The Cobar Weekly* to make adjustments to the guide for the future.

While there has been a "good spread" of survey respondents from all age groups, survey coordinator Tahnee Tomek said *The Weekly* still wants to hear from as many locals as possible.

"Even if you don't use the guide, we want to hear your thoughts."

"We need to know whether our readers find it a valuable addition in the paper," she said.

Mrs Tomek said the survey has shown plenty of people are now using new digital television technology for guide information in place of a traditional printed guide.

"However, there's still a large part of our community who rely on the programming information printed in the paper."

"The overwhelming response has been that Cobar residents would like to see more channels added to the guide."

"Unfortunately it is not viable for us to list every channel so we want to find out what the majority of people want to see in the guide," Mrs Tomek said.

Early results indicate survey respondents are most interested in seeing "core" channels such as Prime 7, Imparja, ABC and SBS, while the majority support the introduction of Channel 10 to the TV Guide.

A large number of people indicated they would like to continue to see Seven Central included in the guide.

Residents are split over whether secondary channels such as 7Mate, 7Two, Eleven, GEM and GO should be included in the guide, while very few respondents are interested in the inclusion of channels such as SBS 2, ABC 2 and ABC 3.

It seems respondents are split over whether the TV Guide should be able to be used as a pullout, while most rate a variety of channels as more important than a large text size.

If you disagree with these preliminary results, there is still time to add your thoughts with the survey to close this Friday.

Extra copies of the survey can be obtained from *The Cobar Weekly* office or online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/CKGB2YV

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Mayor attends meeting in Euabalong

On Monday night I attended a dinner with Western Catchment Management Authority board.

It was good to catch up with old friends including Andrew Bell who is the Commissioner for Western Lands and is doing a wonderful job.

On Thursday a Special Rate Variation Meeting was held at Euabalong followed by a council meeting. Unfortunately only seven councillors could make it. This makes it very hard as our quorum is seven.

Councillors Marsha Isbester, Tracey Kings, Peter Maxwell, Bob Sinclair, Pam Smith and Harley Toomey all attended.

The meeting was well attended by the Euabalong community and some fiery debates were had.

The residents of Euabalong pointed out that their rates helped to pay for the main street upgrade and the ongoing maintenance of the pool and other services they can't utilise.

They were concerned the rate variation wouldn't benefit the area but it was explained that half of the increase will go on roads across the shire.

On Friday morning a meeting of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) was held.

It was pleasing to see people from so many different towns attending.

From this week onwards I will be very busy with Christmas functions.

I will also be attending the Cobar Regional Mining and Exploration Conference to be held

Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

On behalf of the community of Cobar and council, we would like to extend our sympathies to the Galloway family and staff at the CSA.

Last Wednesday a meeting of the Cobar Cemetery Committee was held.

The committee decided the tender for all repairs of the vandalised graves would be awarded to Orana Headstones and Monuments.

We will begin to see the benefits from all of our fundraising soon.

Cobar Shire Council is handing out free home power saving packs to help residents save power and money.

For your free pack, please see Heather Holder at the Cobar Shire Council administration offices.

Lilliane Brady OAM, Mayor

Timely reminder of stranger danger

Cobar Police are urging parents to talk to their children about stranger danger after reports of a man in a vehicle acting suspiciously near children last week.

Police received two separate reports of incidents, and said while the children were not approached in either instance, parents should be vigilant and talk to their kids about what to do if they feel uncomfortable, including telling a parent or trusted adult and getting a good description of the person or vehicle.

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Fatal accident

Police are preparing a report for the information of the Coroner following a fatal motorbike accident near Cobar on Friday.

Around 7pm a 50 year old local man was travelling on his motorcycle on the CSA Access Road when he collided with a car and was thrown from his motorbike.

Police said it is believed the motorcyclist was overtaking two cars when the first car made a right-hand turn.

He sustained multiple fractures and internal injuries and was taken to Cobar Hospital where he died a few hours later.

Fight continues

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Mr Whan took aim at Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries over the situation.

"It is disappointing that the Nationals member Mr Humphries has been so reluctant to represent his community on these issues.

"Country communities expect their local members to be more than just a mouthpiece for government," he said.

Mr Whan also spoke about local opposition to a proposed new roster for paramedics.

"Ambulance paramedics have also told me about their concerns surrounding a new roster and, in particular, the fact the changes will reduce the opportunity for rest, and likely lead to greater fatigue. The government is trying to implement a one size fits all model for similar sized ambulance stations right across NSW.

"The government needs to recognise that in locations like Cobar, reducing the number of days between a roster has a serious impact on the ability for paramedics to have a break or go away to visit family in other parts of the state," Mr Whan said.

Council meets at Euabalong



Cobar Shire Council held a Special Rate Variation meeting and its ordinary monthly meeting at Euabalong last week as part of the councillors' commitment to visit Cobar Shire's villages across their four year term. Over 40 residents attended the Special Rate Variation meeting and 15 remained for the ordinary council meeting. By holding a meeting in Euabalong, councillors and executive council staff were able to see issues facing the village residents first hand and talk with the residents about their concerns. Council's general manager Gary Woodman said the meeting reflected the good relationship the council has with Euabalong. Prior to the meeting, councillors toured the village and surrounding road network. ■ Photo contributed

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Peel reports one of "most promising" discoveries to date

Drilling at Peel Mining's Mallee Bull site 100km south of Cobar has unearthed one of "the most promising greenfield discoveries in recent times".

Peel managing director Rob Tyson said assays from the latest drill hole returned the highest grade copper mineralisation seen to date at the site.

The drill hole, which is more than 120m deeper than any previous drill intercepts at the site, shows grades of up to 22.6 per cent copper, 83 grams per tonne of silver and 4.30 grams per tonne of gold.

Mr Tyson said the results from the phase two drill program in general were "outstanding".

"The broad and strong mineralisation reinforces Mallee Bull's economic potential and ranks it amongst the most promising greenfield discoveries in recent times for both NSW and Australia in general," he said.

The increasing scale and tenor of mineralisation at deeper levels within Mallee Bull bodes well for its future development prospects.

He said electromagnetic surveying of the hole identified a series of anomalies, including "the highest time constant observed at Mallee Bull to date" and "extraordinarily high for the Cobar region and the state".

"The down hole electromagnetic conductor modelling continues to show strong correlation with 3D TMI (magnetic) inversion modelling which shows the magnetic anomaly associated with the Mallee Bull prospect as a northerly plunging, horn-like feature extending out of the core of the very large 'Butcher's Dog' magnetic anomaly 1km north," he said.

Servo damaged

Investigations are continuing after a vehicle towing a caravan caused more than \$600 worth of a damage at a local service station.

Around 12.10pm on Saturday the vehicle was observed to pull into the Marshall Street service station and attempted a U-turn near the fuel bowzers.

The caravan hit one of the bowzers and the vehicle continued, damaging three fuel bowzers. The driver then left the service station without attempting to leave his details.

Police are now following up lines of enquiry regarding the incident, with the offender likely to be fined with failing to stop at an accident.

Bare heads for babies



Cobar High School teachers Andrew Coffey, Chris Marshall, Benn Wright and John Carswell lost their locks in the name of charity last week. Their heads were shaved as a fundraiser for the Butterflies for Babies foundation, which provides bereavement support to parents who have lost a baby. The trio of Marshall, Wright and Carswell set out to raise over \$500 for the charity, with fellow teacher Mr Coffey also had a close shave after the school surpassed that goal and eventually raised over \$1,000. Students and other teachers were involved in the hair raising experience and were able to help Brush Stop hairdresser Melissa Manns shave the teachers' heads.

Meetings make full on week for mayor

It was a full on week of meetings and appointments for me last week.

On Tuesday council's general manager Gary Woodman and I attended a meeting here in Cobar with North Grampians Shire Council mayor and chief executive officer, the mine manager from Stawell and a Victorian State Government officer.

We also had a meeting with the local mine managers in relation to supporting their mine employees with the mine closure at Stawell in an attempt to establish employment in Cobar.

Our mines don't employ many fly-in, fly-out workers. We should have had contractors attending the meeting as well as there are over 300 contractors employed in our mines.

Some ex-Stawell workers are employed here in Cobar already.

That meeting was then followed by council's

Special Rate Variation meeting with the mine managers. On Wednesday night there was another Special Rate Variation meeting with the Cobar community.

There are such wonderful people here in Cobar who are wonderful supporters of the Mayoral Chest. Last week we had the Police Charity Golf committee donate \$1,000 from the proceeds from their golf day. Last Monday the wonderful Buffalo Lodge donated \$500 and on Thursday, Rollers Australia donated \$1,500. We are very grateful to receive these donations and they are very important as we have not had the opportunity to do any fundraising. The Mayoral Chest strictly supports cancer patients only and Jo-Louise Brown and I (as the main two coordinators of the fund) appreciate every cent we get.

Lilliane Brady OAM, mayor

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Council investigating solutions for town's dirty water issue



Dirty water from a house in Becker Street was presented to council at last week's special rate variation meeting. It was described as looking like "Coca-Cola".

Cobar Shire Council is investigating possible solutions to Cobar's dirty water problem in response to a complaint last week.

Council's general manager Gary Woodman said council was investigating a number of possible causes, including the age of the assets, a build up of matter in the cast iron pipes, soluble iron and manganese in the water, and the water not having a chance to settle in the reservoir.

Mr Woodman said possible solutions included the creation of a 50mg pre treatment lagoon, pre dosing the water with potassium permanganate, increasing oxygen levels and reducing water usage.

Council's services manager Tim Wark said building a pre treatment lagoon could fix the whole issue.

"A pre treatment lagoon would see the water sit for 10 days," Mr Wark said.

"Even if we get dirty water from Nyngan, council would have 10 days control over the water and know what is going into the plant."

However, the project would take a minimum of two or three years to complete.

Mr Woodman said in the meantime, council will focus on replacing mains and reducing water consumption.

"Council will look at increasing water restrictions at the December council meeting," Mr Woodman said.

Despite the colour of the water, which some residents described as looking like "Coca-Cola" at last week's Special Rate Variation meeting, Mr Wark said the water is safe to drink.

"Every Wednesday, council does a NSW Water health test at a number of locations in Cobar and we conduct 12 chemistry tests throughout the year," he said.

"We've passed every test to the Australian standards."

Mr Wark said residents with concerns about the water can contact council.

"If residents go through the right channels we can fix water problems," he said.

Special rate consultations continue

Cobar Shire Council continued its community consultations on the proposed Special Rate Variation at the fourth of seven public meetings last week.

Over 20 residents attended Wednesday night's meeting at the council chambers to voice their views on the proposed options to increase general rates.

Concerns raised included residents' capacity to pay for the proposed options of a 25 per cent

increase on general rates next financial year and a 13 per cent increase on general rates over a seven year period.

Council's special projects officer Angus Shepherd said the community's capacity to pay and hardship on the community were two of the criteria needed to be addressed by council in their application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

"All factors are being taken into account," Ms Shepherd said.

"The impact on ratepayers, including the level of proposed minimum rates and the number and proportion of ratepayers that will be affected by minimum rates [is part of the criteria we need to meet]."

If council's application to IPART does not appropriately address the criteria, a rate increase will not be approved.

"If IPART are concerned the community can't or isn't willing to pay, they take that into account in their determination," she said.

Council will hold more public meetings on the matter in Euabalong, Nymagee and the Cobar VIEW Club prior to making a decision at the December ordinary council meeting.



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Rate worries aired

Mt Hope residents had their say on the proposed special rate variation at a public meeting recently presented by Cobar Shire Council.

Residents were informed how they would be affected under council's three special rate variation options of a one off general rate increase of 25 per cent next year, a 13 per cent increase each year over seven years, or a yearly general rate increase in accordance with consumer price index (CPI).

Council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said the meeting was well attended.

"The main concerns [raised at the meeting] were around roads and the road network and what rural residents could expect from a rate rise in terms of improvements on the road network," Ms Shepherd said.

"The residents also raised a number of concerns regarding their village such as maintenance, water supply, roles and responsibilities in maintaining village facilities."

Another special rate variation meeting will be held tonight in Cobar and at the council chambers next week in Euabalong.

Very drunk driver

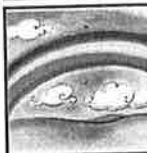
A 22 year old male has been charged with high range drink driving.

Police escorted a P plate driver to the Cobar station for a breath test after he hit a power pole in Lewis Street at 1.30am last Wednesday. He was later charged with driving under the influence.

A pretty good VIEW



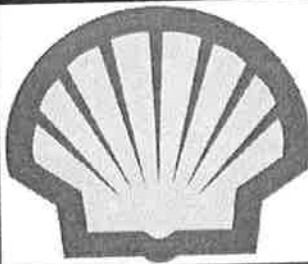
There was a swanky selection of local race wear at the VIEW Club's Ladies Oaks Day celebrations at the Golfie last Thursday. Best dressed Ronette Richardson is pictured with other finalists Leonie Cummins, Deslie Howlett, Susan Wyllie and Alma Rogers. Lesley Fryer (not pictured) won the prize for the prettiest hat.



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Mayor has a very busy week working for the good of Cobar

On Tuesday we all celebrated the Melbourne Cup and I hope the community did better than I did.

I took a trifecta and never even got one in. But I did win \$3 in a sweep.

On Wednesday an inspiring meeting was held at Inspiration House on domestic violence and the effects it has on children.

This is a great group doing their best and Alanna Josephson, I think, is a real gem.

Keep up the good work and the community will benefit. If you keep working away, surely women will realise domestic violence is just not on.

On Wednesday, a Rural Roads Meeting was

held and was very poorly attended.

Members of the Cobar Shire Council staff – Keith Norris from Mt Hope and Ken Evans – discussed our roads, their conditions and future proposed works.

It was followed by a Cemetery Committee Meeting.

Many details and choices were given to all regarding cost and repairs.

I must acknowledge my appreciation for Tim Wark and Alison Negfeldt in obtaining and presenting the quotes and information.

Further information has been requested by the committee and will be presented at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on November

21. All are welcome.

On Thursday I travelled to Narrabri with the Upper House Member, Steve Whan MLC to attend a Mines Related Council Meeting to be held the following day.

After Thursday night's dinner, I got horribly lost! I listened to the girls from Cabonne for directions, ended up at a mining camp, drove back to the RSL, met another Member from Broken Hill who knew where he was staying, so after dropping him off I ended up pulling into a Police 'booze bus' to get some directions (and get breathalysed). It's great to be back in Cobar!

On Friday, the Mines Related Council Meeting was held and addressed by planning Members of the Ministers Office and elections were held for Officer Bearers.

I am one of the two Deputy Chairs, the other is John Martin from Singleton.

I was rather disappointed with the meeting. I believe we should be hounding Royalties for Regions more.

On Sunday, Remembrance Day was held at Drummond Park. Only a small amount of people attended and no cadets. Each year our diggers seem to be less remembered but it was still a moving ceremony.

Tonight, the second information session on the proposed Special Rate Variation will be held at 6.30pm at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers.

Please come along and present your views.

Every person in Cobar has the right to stand for Council elections and try to do the right thing for the community.

I only wish these people that sit on the sideline and throw 'bats' would put their effort where their mouths are and join the Council.

It would be so much better to have your input and knowledge.

And to think we didn't have enough candidates to stand so we could have had an election this year!

I believe the rally held by and for the Nurses Association in the main street on Friday was a success.

Our Member, Kevin Humphries met with a nurse from Cobar and the Nurses Association at his Sydney office.

This is a breakthrough and perhaps if our Minister can sit down and have a cup of coffee and come to an agreement, this will a benefit to our town.

Enjoy your week.

Lilliane Brady, OAM, mayor

Field Day: Managing Goats in the Rangelands



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High scoring, close games in Kanga cricket

Two high scoring and close games were played on Saturday for Round 5 of the Kanga junior cricket competition.

Kerrigundi got the better of Colts winning 194-163 while Nymagee narrowly beat Golf Club by six runs, 202-196.

Kerrigundi finished with 14 out for their total of 194 in their match with Colts.

Kerrigundi's run-makers were Lauren Urquhart with 57, Jack Fazulla 50, Ryan Urquhart 26 and Zac Broughton 24.

Colts' best bowlers were Raymond Dennis who took three wickets and only conceded 12 runs; Sebastian Best 3/20 and Stuart Taylor finished with 3/27.

Colts were 10 out for their total of 163 runs.

Sebastian Best, with 36, top scored for Colts and was assisted by McKenzie Sweet 29, William Ambrose 24 and Raymond Dennis 20.

In an outstanding all-round performance Lauren Urquhart headed up Kerrigundi's bowling attack claiming four wickets for 18 runs.

Harrison Sharpe took 2/4 and Zac Broughton 2/47.

In the other match knocks of 50 for Adam Buckman, 31 for Georgina Whiteman, 28 for Raymond Jones and 22 for Alice Potter helped Nymagee to their win over Golf Club.

They finished their innings 10 out for 202 runs.

Golf Club's bowling line up was spear-headed by Dylan Morley with 4/18, Stevie Toomey 2/26 and Sarah Morley 2/37.

Golf Club fell just short of the target finishing with eight out for 196 runs.

Their run-makers were Dylan Morley 44, Braden Bradley 39, Sarah Morley 39 and Benjamin Dunne 26.

Nymagee's wicket takers were Alice Potter with 3/12, Alex Reschke 2/15 and Adam Buckman 2/17.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – held in Euabalong

2pm Thursday November 22, 2012 at the Euabalong Community Centre, Euabalong.
Open to the public. Agendas and business papers are available to the public from Friday November 16, 2012. Copies are available from the Council Administration Office or may be downloaded from Council's website:
www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings.

Cobar Shire Council Union Picnic Day

Residents are advised that, due to the annual Council Staff Union Picnic Day scheduled to be held on **Friday November 16, 2012**, Council's Administration Office will be understaffed. General customer service will be available between 8am–4pm, however customers are advised to reschedule Council business, where possible, to avoid delays in personal and telephone customer service.

It is expected that the following services will be fully operational: Family Day Care, Library, Youth Centre, Museum, Lilliane Brady Village. Emergency services related to water, sewer and roads issues will also be available.

Note: Roads and Martine Service will be closed. Any inconvenience is regretted.

Find Out More about Proposed Rate Rise

Council is investigating increasing rates in 2013-14. Want to know more or find out how you could be affected? **Information Night –**

Tonight Wednesday November 14, 2012

Time - 6.30 pm. Where - Council Chambers.

Find out more, raise questions and have them answered. For more information, contact Cobar Shire Council on (02) 6836 5888.

Proposed Amendments to Councils 2012/2013 Annual Operating Plan – Fees and Charges Relating to Airport

Notice is given that Council at its meeting on 25 October 2012 resolved to approve the following changes to its Fees and Charges subject to that below:

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED FEE (GST Inclusive.)

Consolidated Landing Fee/Passenger Movement Fee (RPT) Relating to Jetstream J41

Aircraft or similar.....\$18

Consolidated Landing Fee/Passenger Movement Fee (Charter) Relating to the Jetstream J41

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In accordance with Section 610(f) of the Local Government Act 1993, persons wishing to object must do so within 28 days of this notice to the undersigned. Should no objections be received then the above resolution will automatically be adopted.

Proposed Amendments to Councils 2012/2013 Annual Operating Plan – Fees and Charges Relating to the Dry Hire of the Lilliane Brady Village Bus

Notice is given that Council at its meeting on Thursday 27 September 2012 resolved to approve the following changes to its Fees and Charges subject to that below :-

Existing Fees (GST Inclusive.) Not included in the 2012/13 Fees and Charges

Proposed Fee (GST Inclusive.) Dry Hire of the Lilliane Brady Village bus.....\$1.30 per km

In accordance with Section 610 (f) of the Local Government Act 1993, persons wishing to object must do so within 28 days of this notice to the undersigned. Should no objections be received then the above resolution will automatically be adopted.

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General Manager, Cobar Shire Council, PO Box 223, Cobar NSW 2835.

Faxed quotations will be accepted provided that an appropriate cover sheet is attached as follows: 'Confidential', Quotation – Sale of Vehicles, Fax: 6836 5889.

Quotations will be accepted up until 2.30pm on Thursday November 15, 2012.

The cheapest or any quotation may not be accepted. Please contact Council's Plant Supervisor, Mr Brad Lennon, on (02) 6836 7760 for any further information.

Local boxers ready for fight night

Cobar will be represented at the upcoming Fight Night in Nyngan by local boxers Carol Smith and Chris Deighton.

The pair, who have been training with the Nyngan Shed Boxing Club, will compete in the first ever event hosted by the club this Saturday night.

Carol told *The Cobar Weekly* she began training with the club as a way to get fit and didn't initially intend on getting involved in competitive boxing.

"At first I started boxing to get a bit of discipline in my life and become more goal oriented, as well as the fitness benefits," Carol said.

"I've now been training since April for this fight and probably doing at least two hours a day in preparation."

She will face a competitor from Orange in the Light Welterweight division.

Ms Smith said the event is an industry sanctioned event, with a number of state title fights scheduled on the program.

She said local sponsors, as well as a number from Nyngan, have helped get the event off the ground with high costs associated with registration and regulations, correct equipment and travel for Cobar and Nyngan boxers.

"Ultimately we would like to hold a fight night here in Cobar in April next year, and we need interest from local sponsors to make that a reality."

"We also need the support of sponsors to convince fighters from all over the state that it is worthwhile coming out here for the event," she said.

Virtual rehearsal

Cobar High School dancers joined other students from the Western NSW Region along with more than 1,000 dancers from across the state to put their best foot forward for the first massed rehearsal of this year's Schools Spectacular last Monday.

While dancers from primary and high schools in Bathurst, Kelso, Cowra and Orange took the journey down to the Sydney Entertainment Centre to block and polish their performances, others from Nyngan and Cobar were still just as much part of the action thanks to an innovative interactive web link.

Even though they were hundreds and hundreds of kilometres away from the massed rehearsal venue, they were able to have a run through of their own items with dancers from other schools, and then the entire cast gathered to rehearse the now iconic massed finale.

Ever ground-breaking, this year the finale will begin with all 3,600 student performers singing Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* before breaking into exuberant dance with contemporary party anthems.

In keeping with this year's Schools Spectacular theme, *Our Time* and in keeping with the virtual world, students did not need a physical presence at the Sydney Entertainment Centre to be part of the rehearsal.

Using a high-speed Telstra interactive connection, performers in Oxley Vale Public School (Tamworth), Nyngan High, Cobar High School and Narrandera Public School stepped out with the main body of dancers.

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Cemetery Committee Meeting

5.30pm Wednesday November 7, 2012 at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers. Council would like to notify current members and prospective interested members of the Cemetery Committee Meeting. Please come and provide input to help improve this important facility. If you are able to attend please contact Council's Services Manager, Mr Timothy Wark on 02 6836 5888.

Committee Meeting of Council

5pm Thursday November 8, 2012 at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers. Open to the public. Agendas and business papers are available to the public from Friday November 2, 2012. Copies are available from the Council Administration Office or may be downloaded from Council's website: www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council-committees.html.

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In accordance with Section 610(f) of the Local Government Act 1993, persons wishing to object must do so within 28 days of this notice to the undersigned. Should no objections be received then the above resolution will automatically be adopted.

Proposed Amendments to Council's 2012/2013 Annual Operating Plan – Fees and Charges Relating to the Dry Hire of the Lilliane Brady Village Bus

Notice is given that Council at its meeting on Thursday September 27, 2012 resolved to approve the following changes to its

Fees and Charges subject to that below :-

Existing Fees (GST Inclusive) Not included in the 2012/13 Fees and Charges

Proposed Fee (GST Inclusive) Dry Hire of the Lilliane Brady Village bus.....\$1.30 per km

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Find Out More about Proposed Rate Rise

Council is investigating increasing rates in 2013-14. Want to know more or find out how you could be affected? Information Night – **Wednesday November 14, 2012. Time - 6.30 pm** at Council Chambers. Find out more, raise questions and have them answered. For more information, contact Cobar Shire Council on (02) 6836 5888.

Quotation – Vehicles for Sale

Quotations are invited for the replacement and/or purchase of the following:

DESCRIPTION	PLANT NO	COLOUR	REGO NO.	KMS
Holden Captiva AWD 2.0L Diesel	P0043	Thunder Grey	BH32HZ	120,000
Holden Captiva AWD V6 Petrol	P0111	Chino	BG 00 PF	97,000
Holden Colorado 4x2 LT-R V6 Petrol	P0146	Impulse Blue	BB 96 UD	86,500
Holden Captiva AWD 2.0L Diesel	P0176	Midnight Blue	BI 72 VS	93,000
Ford Ranger 4WD T/Cab 3.0L Diesel	P0300	White	BC 45 JM	74,111
Isuzu D-Max 4WD T/Cab 3.0L Diesel	P0765	White	BI 32 LJ	76,000
Isuzu D-Max 4WD T/Cab 3.0L Diesel	P0784	White	BF 00 WE	75,500

The above vehicles are for trade on equivalent makes/models and are also offered for private sale to the public. On being a successful dealer purchaser, the replacement vehicle must be supplied within a 6 week period from placement of Council's official order or a late fee maybe incurred, being 3% of vehicle purchase price per week. On supplying any new vehicles, the spare tyre/wheel assembly is to be a standard assembly NOT a derated speed space saver wheel tyre assembly. Vehicles will be available for inspection on **Wednesday November 7, 2012** between the hours of 9am until 12 noon at the Cobar Shire Council Depot, Blakey Street, Cobar.

Written quotations must be addressed as follows: 'Quotation – Sale of Vehicles', General Manager, Cobar Shire Council, PO Box 223, Cobar NSW 2835.

Faxed quotations will be accepted provided that an appropriate cover sheet is attached as follows: 'Confidential', Quotation – Sale of Vehicles, Fax: (02) 6836 5889. Quotations will be accepted up until 2.30pm on Thursday November 15, 2012. The cheapest or any quotation may not be accepted. Please contact Council's Plant Supervisor, Mr Brad Lennon, on (02) 6836 5860 for any further information.