

Many meetings for mayor last week

It was a full-on week at council, including a Police Community Precinct meeting held at the chambers last Thursday with quite a lot to come out of the meeting.

There is a new Rural Detective, Katherine Quarley, who is stationed at Nyngan but is also responsible for the Cobar area. We welcome Katherine, and I feel she will be an asset to our area.

Thursday night was a long council meeting.

Councillors are going to tackle one infrastructure service at a time to see what can be reduced.

I believe much can be reduced and should be.

Friday, Cr Isbester and I travelled to Bourke for a Western Division meeting.

It was possibly the most productive meeting I have attended for many months.

We all agreed the Western Division must expand taking in Warren, Coonamble and Coonabarabran and also councils down south, trying to get enough delegates so we can get a representative on One Association.

Also discussed was the reduced allocation for water users on the Murray Darling; whether National Parks should be opened for stock use; and the possibility of daylight saving zone time being an extra hour permanently instead of every six months.

Central Darling wants us to join WestROC, it was recommended to be investigated but I think we are all happy in our own ROCs (organisations of regions of councils).

Friday night Western Division Members and a large crowd attended a farewell dinner for Wally Mitchell; he was Mayor of Bourke for a few years and a member of Council for 38 years.

Wally was an inspiration for Local Govern-

ment and will be sorely missed.

Saturday, it was a great day in the park. The bands were absolutely tremendous and the fireworks spectacular for the Festival of the Miner's Ghost.

The Gold mine at Stawell, Victoria, is closing and the Stawell Council has invited Cobar Council to be a Sister City.

Our general manager Gary Woodman, special projects officer Angela Shepherd, myself along with our local mine managers have been invited to fly to Stawell (at their cost) to discuss and possibly arrange with the local mines to employ workers from Stawell (on a fly in fly roster) in an attempt to try and keep their town going.

There will be a Special Rate Variation meeting at Mt Hope tomorrow. Mt Hope residents are encouraged to attend to have their say.

Enjoy your week.

Lilliane Brady OAM, Mayor.

Two solo learner drivers fined

Cobar Police detected unaccompanied learner drivers on local roads last Tuesday on two separate occasions.

The first was found to be driving around 5.15pm in Marshall Street while the second was detected in Elizabeth Crescent around 11pm.

Both were found to hold a learner's licence but did not have a fully licensed passenger in the vehicle while driving.

Cobar Police Sergeant John Bennett said unaccompanied learner drivers can have their licence suspended on the spot for three months and receive a fine of \$762.

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5.30pm Wednesday November 7, 2012 at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers. Council would like to notify current members and prospective interested members 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 during business hours.

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.

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

Notice is given that Council at its meeting on October

25, 2012 resolved to approve the following changes to its Fees and Charges subject to that below:-

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED FEE (GST Inclusive.)

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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.

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, 6.30pm, Council Chambers. Find out more, raise questions and have them answered. For more information, contact Cobar Shire Council on (02) 6836 5888.

Development Approvals

The following development consents and complying development certificates have been recently issued by Council. The development consents and complying development certificates are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at the Council Office, 36 Linsley St Cobar.

Certificate No.	Address	Description
2012/LD-00044	Lot 34 Maidens Ave, Cobar	Shed
2012/LD-00024	Lot 1 Brough St, Cobar	Screen Enclosure
2012/LD-00047	Lot 4 Jones Dr, Cobar	Inground Swimming Pool
2011/LD-00070	Lot 7301 in DP1170536, Canbelego	Polymetals (Mt Boppy) Mine
2012/LD-00050	Lot 17 Barton St, Cobar	Shed
2012/LD-00041	Lot 30 Annies Lane, Cobar	Patio Cover
2012/LD-00043	Lot 1 Mt Grace Rd, Euabalong	Manufactured Home
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Written quotations must be addressed as follows: 'Quotation – Sale of Vehicles', General Manager, Cobar Shire Council, PO Box 223, Cobar NSW 2835.

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Isuzu D-Max 4WD T/Cab 3.0L Diesel	P0784	White	BF 00 WE	75,500

Nicholsons lead Grand Bushies to a big win over CSA

The Grand Bushies played their first match of the Twenty20 cricket season on Friday and got off to a good start to the competition with a decisive victory over CSA who were playing their second game of the season.

The Grand Bushies won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first.

Stewart Fraser and Craig Dillon made a nice 54 run partnership off the first six overs before Dillon was dismissed for 22.

Fraser took 10 runs off the next over before being dismissed to a nice catch by Chris Gilbert for a well compiled 41 (including one six), leaving the Grand Bushies at 2/64.

This dismissal then brought the big hitting Nicholson brothers, Steve and Matt, together at the crease.

With a left and right handed combination, they took to CSA's bowling for a partnership of 91 runs before Matt Nicholson was dismissed for an even 50 (4 sixes) for the score to stand at 3/155 off 14 overs.

Mal Hillier came to the crease to ably support Steve Nicholson to see out the remaining six overs to add another 78 runs and post a massive 233 runs for CSA to chase.

Nicholson finished unbeaten on 65 (6 sixes) and Hillier on 29.

Bowling honours went to Gilbert 1/29, Jay Egan 1/33 and Shane Martin 1/30.

CSA's run chase started poorly with the loss of two wickets in the second over to the bowling of Lachlan Sullivan for a score of 2/12.

CSA then found some composure through the batting of Dean Dunne and Shane Martin who took the score to 40 before Dunne was dismissed LBW in front, off young Coopa Martin for an aggressive 19 (2 sixes).

Sullivan came on for his third over to take another three wickets for eight runs to leave CSA reeling at 6/49 off just six overs.

Gilbert came to the crease to offer some relief to CSA's hopes with a stirring 50 scoring 53 runs (including 4 sixes) not out however CSA continued to have wickets tumble at regular intervals.

They were finally dismissed in the 16th over for 129.

Bowling honours for Grand Bushies were Lachlan Sullivan 5/26 Bryan Manns 2/14, Max Hillier 1/15, Archie McMaster 1/4 and Coopa Martin 1/25.

Sullivan was named Man of the Match for his five wicket haul and the best fieldsman were Gilbert for CSA and Alec Fraser for the Bushies.

This Friday's match has Empire up against Endeavor with the Golfie Heroes rostered as the duty team.—contributed

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Rate variation meeting on top of mayor's agenda

It was a very quiet week this week. Some days were very hot and we certainly did not get enough rain.

On Wednesday night a public meeting was held regarding the proposed Special Rate Variation.

A good crowd attended and there were many things discussed. I must acknowledge the efforts of deputy mayor Jarrod Marsden who chaired the meeting.

Residents who were unable to attend that meeting will have another chance in the future as more information sessions are to be held.

It was rather sad and disturbing to hear of the proposed closure of the *Cobar Age*.

The *Cobar Age* has been such a big part of our community for many, many years.

We have a very talented young journalist there who has put in a lot of effort to keep our town informed. We will have to wait and see what the full effect of the proposal will be.

Enjoy your week,

Lilliane Brady OAM, mayor.



What is a ghost's favourite game?

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Peak's pedal power



A group of Peak Gold Mines employees joined bike riders from all over Australia to participate in National Ride to Work Day, setting off from the Cornish Rest Stop early last Wednesday morning. The group included a mixture of regular, casual, and 'never ridden to work before' riders who were treated to a pancake breakfast when they arrived at the mine. Riders included Bruce Kennedy, Daniel Steven, Chris Powell, Jenna Marett, Jamie Peters, Robert Hogarth, Manfred Wimberger, Sophie Thompson and Greg Diamond. (Matt O'Keeffe was absent from the photo). Peak supports employees choosing to ride to work and is looking into upgrading bike parking facilities. ■ Photo contributed

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Mayor addresses many current issues

It has been a very sad week for me, I have lost a beautiful friend Patsy Manns.

We worked, laughed and cried together during the building of the Lilliane Brady Village.

I remember fondly our nights out kangaroo shooting and her cooking sweets and cakes.

Her humour will always stay with me.

When we speak of the village - this lady's support got us there.

Last Monday October 8, I naturalised eight new Australians and what a beautiful ceremony it was. Bula and welcome to you all.

On Tuesday, a Liquor Accord meeting was scheduled with only four in attendance - so no meeting was held.

What message is going out to the public when no licensees bother to attend?

On Thursday an Outback Arts Meeting was held in Cobar and it was so great to welcome them here.

On Thursday night a council committee meeting was held.

Tonight is the public meeting regarding a Special Rate Variation. Come along, have your say and tell us what you want.

If you decide no rate rise, then what facility do you want to close down?

So come along please, this is everyone's chance to learn the real facts.

The meeting will be held at 6.30pm in the Cobar Shire Council Chambers.

I have had complaints about the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool season ticket prices

being increased to \$210 for a family of four.

Surrounding districts such as Gilgandra is \$215, whilst Dubbo is \$318 and we are further away from all services.

Even if we had not upgraded our pool the charges would have been the same due to running costs, for examples chemicals and electricity costs.

The Nurses Association rang me Thursday night, and advised that there will only be five beds at our hospital plus two for emergency in protest of the roster changes made to our local nursing staff.

If there is no further action on the matter it will be taken into the Industrial Court for a decision to be made by the judge.

Friday was a full day for our councillors in Nyngan for a workshop on Local Government.

This was a great learning experience for both continuing and new Councillors.

On the weekend I received complaints regarding rates and who is teaching who at the pool and I am following these up.

To local residents due to appear in court please do not ask me for a reference for drink driving. I believe the local court magistrate stated this week "Is this the mayor that complained we are too soft?" so I won't give any more references, if you drink and drive while over the limit - wear it.

Lilliane Brady OAM, mayor.

Cold snap not quite a record breaker

Despite dropping to more than 10 degrees below average, last Thursday's chilly top of just 15.5 degrees is still three degrees above Cobar's coldest recorded October day.

That record was set in 1981, when October 3 reached a top of just 12.9 degrees.

While not record breaking, last Thursday was unseasonably cold and brought with it early rainfall and a small hailstorm during the day, as well as a drop in temperature of more than 10 degrees on the previous day.

The late week cold snap came after a warm start to the week, with Tuesday the hottest day of the week with a top of 27.9 degrees.

Things warmed up again by Sunday with a top of 26.2 degrees recorded.

A total of 2.2mm of rainfall was recorded for the week at the Cobar Meteorological Office.

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a sunny day today with a high of 29 degrees and a low of 15.

Tomorrow is expected to be sunny with a maximum of 32 degrees and a minimum of 11.

Friday's is expected to reach a warm 36 degrees with a partly cloudy day after a low of 17.

A warm weekend is also on the way with the temperature expected to reach 36 on both Saturday and Sunday after lows of 18 and 17 degrees respectively.

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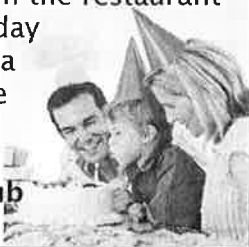
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Mayor reports on week's activities

On Thursday morning, Cobar Shire's councillors and I attended a workshop followed by an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to discuss the Special Rate Variation (SRV).

Council has agreed on two options to be presented to the community for comment.

The community must make a decision on what they want.

If they decide there should be no rate rise, we have to look at the unfortunate option of closing one of our facilities as we have such a low rate base, we cannot continue to have what we have.

Two community meetings will be called for everyone to have there say about the Special Rate Variation and whatever they decide will be strongly considered by council before making any decisions.

We have had more vandalism at the cemetery including the fence being smashed. The matter has been reported to police.

Myself and the whole community are a palled by recent incidents at the cemetery as we all wish these things would never happen again.

There are petitions around regarding our hospital and the ambulance services.

Please support this by signing one of the petitions located at local businesses and the shire offices.

When they are completed, they will be sent to the Honourable Lynda Voltz, MLC.

I arrived home from Sydney in the middle last week after spending a long weekend with my family celebrating my grand daughter Elise's 21st birthday, attending a celebration at the Sydney Swans Oval after their big grand final win, then continuing on to see the Storm win the NRL grand final and finally farewell my other grand daughter Cassie who is off to Europe for 12 months.

Enjoy your week.

Lilliane Brady OAM

Drought conditions return to area

Regions north and west of Cobar have been declared in 'marginal' drought condition for the first time in well over a year.

An extended period without significant rainfall has seen the NSW Department of Primary Industries declare the north western area of the Darling Livestock Pest and Health Authority (LHPA) region (which includes the Cobar district) marginal, dropping from satisfactory status previously held.

According to the September Agricultural Conditions Report released by the DPI 15.9 per cent of the state has been declared marginal, compared with last month where the entire state was declared satisfactory.

Bureau of Meteorology figures show north western NSW was the only region of the state not to receive good rainfall during August.

"The northern half of NSW generally recorded falls up to 50mm, though some areas received no rain," the report found.

A report by Peter Matthews from the NSW DPI into the condition of crops and pastures across the state found it was a critical time for

crops in the north western region.

"The condition of the NSW winter crop continues to diverge across the state, with eastern regions still looking at above average yields compared with large areas of the western regions now heading to potentially below average yields," Mr Matthews said.

"If the dry conditions experienced in August continue into September, some of the state's 5.11million hectare winter crop will be at risk of failure."

Mr Matthews also provided information on feed conditions for livestock.

"Pasture growth of annual species is still slow with the frost retarding growth and limiting stockfeed."

"Overall pasture conditions across the state declined through August on the back of below average rainfall and frosty conditions," Mr Matthews reported.

"Some earlier summer crop sowing is taking place in north western NSW as growers look to get the crops up and going before the spring face dries out," he said.

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