

# Newspaper Extracts

## Cobar Shire Council

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## Public Notices

### Committee Meeting of Council

5pm Thursday February 14, 2013

Open to the public. Agendas and business papers are available to the public from Friday February 8, 2013. Copies are available from the Council Administration Office or may be downloaded from Council's website: [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council/committee-meetings](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council/committee-meetings)

affect you and provide your thoughts and comments. A copy of the documents can be found online at [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au) or hard copies are available at the Council Administration Office or the library.

Council will receive comments until Friday February 15. For more information, contact Gary Woodman, General Manager on (02) 6836 5888.

### Ward Oval User Group Meeting

5.30pm Wednesday February 6, 2013 in Council Chambers, all user groups welcome.

### Draft Cobar Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage 2013

The draft plan will be on public exhibition from Monday January 21 2013 until 10am on Tuesday February 19 2013 at the Cobar Shire Council Administration Office, 36 Linsley St between the hours of 8am and 4pm (except weekends and public holidays). A copy of the draft plan may also be viewed on the Cobar Shire Council website at [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au)

Any person may, during the exhibition period, make submissions to Council with respect to the provisions of the draft Cobar Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage 2013. Submissions must be in writing and be received by 10am on February 19, 2013. Further information can be obtained by contacting Timothy Wark or Sue Prendergast at Council's Administration Office on (02) 6836 5888.

### Public Exhibition – Draft Hardship Assistance Policy

Council advises the draft Hardship Assistance Policy will be on public exhibition from Wednesday January 23 until Tuesday February 19 2013. Members of the public may view the document at Council's Administration Office, 36 Linsley Street, Cobar or on Council's website: [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au). Written submissions will be received until 10am Tuesday February 19, and should be addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 223, Cobar NSW 2835.

### 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

### Expression of Interest / Request for Tender Provision of Banking Services, T3-13-02

Expressions of interest are invited from Financial Institutions for the provision of banking services to Cobar Shire Council. A specification is available by contacting Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mr Kym Miller on 6836 5888. Initial enquiries may also be directed to Mr Miller.

Responses must be placed in the tender box in Council's Administration Office, 36 Linsley Street COBAR, NSW 2835 or be received at the office by Australia Post, or by a recognised carrier no later than February 27 2013 at 4pm.

From: Cobar Weekly

Date: 6 / 2 / 13

# Community to consider council rate increase

Cobar Shire Council has voted to move forward with plans to ask the community to consider a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to boost council's income.

Councillors voted to engage in a community consultation program and present information on two different rate increase scenarios to residents.

Cr Peter Yench moved a motion at the meeting that council take no further action on an SRV, however he was unable to find a second for his motion and it lapsed.

Mayor Lilliane Brady said she wanted to be sure all councillors and community members understood that Thursday's meeting was just the first step in the process of deciding whether to apply to the Department of Local Government for an SRV.

"It's not voted on tonight [to take up the SRV], we have to go out to the community and see what they want, then vote on it," Cr Brady said.

Cr Jarrod Marsden also spoke to clarify the situation, saying the meeting was just to formalise the plan for community consultation.

"What's on the board tonight is two separate options—this is not the be all and end all, what we are voting on is to have two options to put to the community," Cr Marsden said.

"Once all councillors do their consultation, and speak to their families, friends and networks if everyone gets the feedback the community don't want it then the councillors will come back and vote that way," he said.

## Golfers give to Men's Shed



Gary Dunn from the Inter-Mine Golf Challenge committee last Friday handed over a \$1,000 donation to Copper City Men's Shed members Gordon Hill, Dennis Sloan and Peter Haulser. The donation was part of the proceeds from the 2012 Inter-Mine Golf Challenge for which members of the Men's Shed helped out with catering and refreshments on the course during the day. This donation, along with other donations and grant funding through the Community Partnerships Grants, will help the men's shed to build a two bay extension on the shearing shed they currently use at Ward Oval.

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# Meeting to inform about rate variation

Cobar Shire Council is inviting rate payers to have their say in the preparation of a Special Rate Variation (SRV) application which is one way of improving council's financial position.

Council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said it is important residents understand what an SRV is and why council is making an application.

"The amount of rates that council collects can only be increased annually by the rate pegging amount (the maximum increase), which is determined by IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) and is based on inflation. This amount is generally around three per cent," Ms Shepherd reported to council.

Council currently only receives 10 per cent of its income from rates while grants accounted for nearly half of council's present income.

"With the Federal Government struggling to generate its promised surplus and the State Government struggling for funds, an increase in grant income cannot be factored in," Ms Shepherd warned.

In an effort to improve its financial situation, council has critically analysed all income streams and has increased fees and charges where appropriate—such as plant hire rates.

"Council is assessing where cost savings can be achieved and a number of hard decisions have been made recently, including removing community donations in 2012/13, a freeze on replacing staff and closing the Centrelink Office as it was costing council money to operate.

"Council is also selling surplus land assets where possible, is looking at offering the management of the Lilliane Brady Village to a provider, is improving internal financial reporting systems and processes, has reduced bad debts and analysed project costings to ensure

all costs are fully covered.

"It is believed that an SRV is the only other source of income available at this stage."

Ms Shepherd said it was important to note that the SRV only applies to the general portion of the rates charges and not to water, sewerage or the garbage components.

"Council's rates are currently well below those of equivalent councils. We are making comparisons with like councils such as Bland and Blayney not somewhere like Dubbo."

Cobar's residential rates were 20 per cent lower than similar councils, farmland rates were 66 per cent lower and business rates are 46 per cent lower. She said it was not possible to compare mining rates however it was thought to be well below other similar towns in NSW. Ms Shepherd said if council continues without a special rate rise, the condition of council's assets will continue to fall and services will decrease.

Council's auditors have recommended council increase its cash reserves and the State Government has encouraged council to prepare an SRV application to assist with its financial sustainability.

Cobar Shire councillors will discuss a number of recommendations for an SRV application at an extraordinary meeting this afternoon.

It has been recommended that council seeks community input for three options: no special rate rise; a one off rate rise of 25 per cent be introduced; a multi-year increase of 13 per cent be introduced over a period of seven years.

"If ratepayers don't want a special rate variation then they need to tell us what services they don't want," Ms Shepherd said.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this afternoon's meeting at 5pm at the council chambers as spectators.

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# Tribunal to rule on Cobar's rate hike

By REID JERMYN

Nov. 21, 2012, 4 a.m.

RATEPAYERS at Cobar will know in less than a month whether they stand to wear a one-off increase of 25 per cent in next year's bill or see their rates double by the year 2021.

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The council is set to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a special rate variation to help salvage itself from financial ruin, and a decision on which path it will take will be announced on December 13.

The looming announcement follows two months of consultations asking residents to weigh in on the two options still being touted by the council across the shire.

The council estimates it could generate an additional \$650,000 in rate revenue from a one-off increase of 25 per cent - or as much as \$1.5 million should ratepayers decide on annual increases of 13 per cent during the next seven years.

While the increases are startling, and there are no clear favourites at this stage, the council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said ratepayers have overwhelmingly supported an increase in a bid to spare services across the shire.

"The resounding message coming out of those forums is that ratepayers, very, very clearly, do not want to lose any services," Ms Shepherd said.

Those services most at risk of cutbacks include the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool, Youth Centre and Cobar Shire Library.

Ms Shepherd said the pool stands to take the lion's share of any rate increase with the first \$300,000 proposed for operational black holes in the service's annual \$500,000 budget.

However, unless there are substantial rate rises beyond 2013, black holes will continue to remain unplugged, and community services are likely to face the axe.

"A one-off increase in rates (next year) won't be nearly enough to cover the ongoing costs of running those services," Ms Shepherd said.

Whether the town's sole aged-care facility, the Lilliane Brady Village (LBV), also forms part of special rate variation discussions has also yet to be determined.

After attempts to secure a buyer for the LBV fell on deaf ears, it is possible the struggling aged-care facility could also stand to benefit from any future rates rises however council has yet to enter discussions on the now 30-year-old service.

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All four service providers fell out of the race for the LBV after finding it economically unviable under its current 34-bed capacity.

The council's corporate and community services manager Kym Miller said residents needed to consider if part of any rate increase should float the LBV after hopes of finding an outside provider to lease or buy the service were dashed.

Ratepayers currently subsidise about 8 per cent of the LBV annual operational budget.

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## INFORMATION EVENING

You may have heard that Council is investigating the options for a Special Rate Variation – ie an increase in rates above the allowed 3%.

If you are interested in finding out why, how it will affect you, what the additional funds will be spent on and more, come along on

**Wednesday 17 October  
6.30pm**

**Council Chambers**

Information will be provided and you are encouraged to raise your questions.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### 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 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.

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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, 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
2012/LD-00046	Lot 1 Old Bourke Rd, Cobar	Shed/Garaport

### Quotation – Vehicles for Sale

From: Cobar Weekly

Date: 31/10/12



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**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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#### 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  
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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

From: Cobar Weekly

Date: 14 / 11 / 12

# The Nymagee Magpie!

Edition #6, September 2012

Welcome to the sixth edition of The Nymagee Newsletter, this newsletter is proudly supported by the Nymagee Progress Association for the community.

We welcome any reports from sporting groups and community groups. Community members are also welcome to submit general news and classified ads. When submitting reports or general news your name and a contact number is to accompany the report or news, if you do not want your name printed please let us know in writing, if you do not let us know in writing we will assume permission to print your name. No reports or news will be printed unless a name and contact numbers are attached to the report or news. Photos are most welcome however please have permission from those within the photos before submitting them.

Suggestions are welcome as this newsletter is a community newsletter for the community by the community. All reports and news are to be submitted by the last Sunday of the month. Reports, News and Classifieds can be left at the Nymagee Pub in the PINK box, given to the Editor Angela Norris at "Yarroma Station" or email [thenymageemagpie@hotmail.com](mailto:thenymageemagpie@hotmail.com). If placing a Classified there will be a small charge of \$1.00, a receipt will be issued. If you are a business and would like to advertise there will be a cost of \$5.00, a receipt will be issued also.

**This newsletter will only be as successful as the support it receives, so remember this newsletter is for the community by the community and everyone is welcome to contribute!!**

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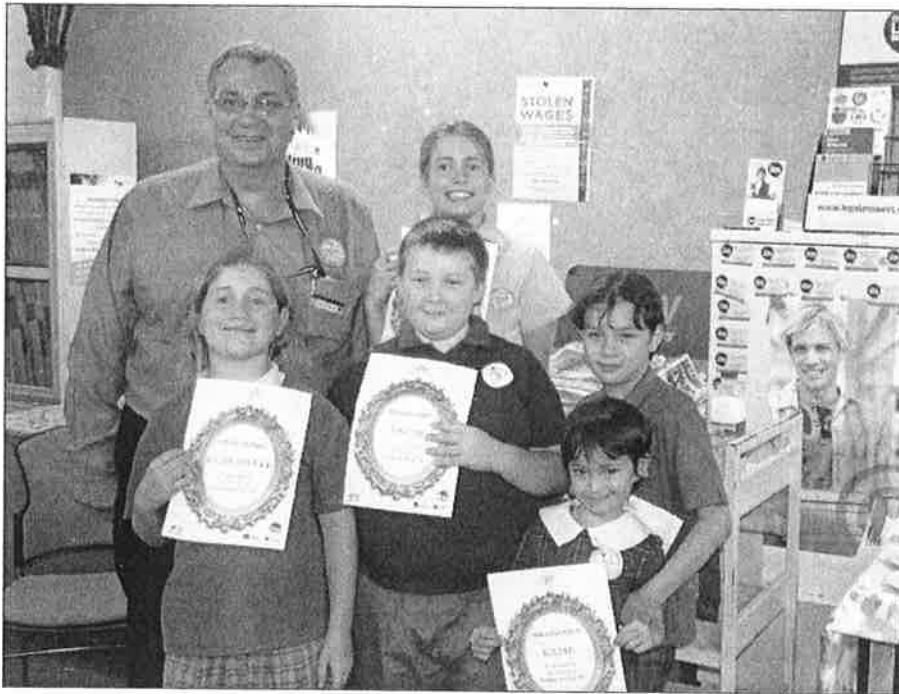
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The newsletter will be published on a monthly basis, and will be delivered the first or second week of the month, if you would prefer an emailed edition please let Angela know.

## Summer Reading Challenge a breeze



Cobar Shire Council general manager Gary Woodman presented young readers Ruby-Belle Stingemore, Oscar Punzet, Summer-Rose Stingemore, Katie and Kelly Archer with certificates recognising their participation in the Summer Reading Challenge. A total of 760 books were read, with Oscar reading 180 books.

## Council strategic planning meets public approval

Three ratepayers attended Cobar Shire Council's public meeting to discuss the community strategic plan last week.

The meeting was held to allow ratepayers chance to comment on the plan prior to re-adoption at next week's council meeting.

Council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said the turn out was as expected.

"I think it basically says the community is happy with the priorities we've listed and we're looking at addressing them over the next four years," Ms Shepherd said.

"The documents that were exhibited are quite broad and I wasn't expecting too much change in them.

"The community strategic plan is unlikely to change unless there are big changes in the community and our priorities change."

Council's general manager Gary Woodman said over 10 per cent of the population was involved in creating the original document last year.

"430 people participated in the original consultations; that's the equivalent to 30,000 people in Blacktown," Mr Woodman said.

Ms Shepherd said council will be holding more public meetings in the coming weeks to discuss its annual operational plan and what the budget, fees and charges will look like in 2013-14.

"I'm hoping people will come to those [meetings]; it's more 'new' information and 'new' documents," Ms Shepherd said.



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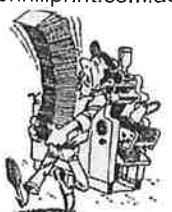
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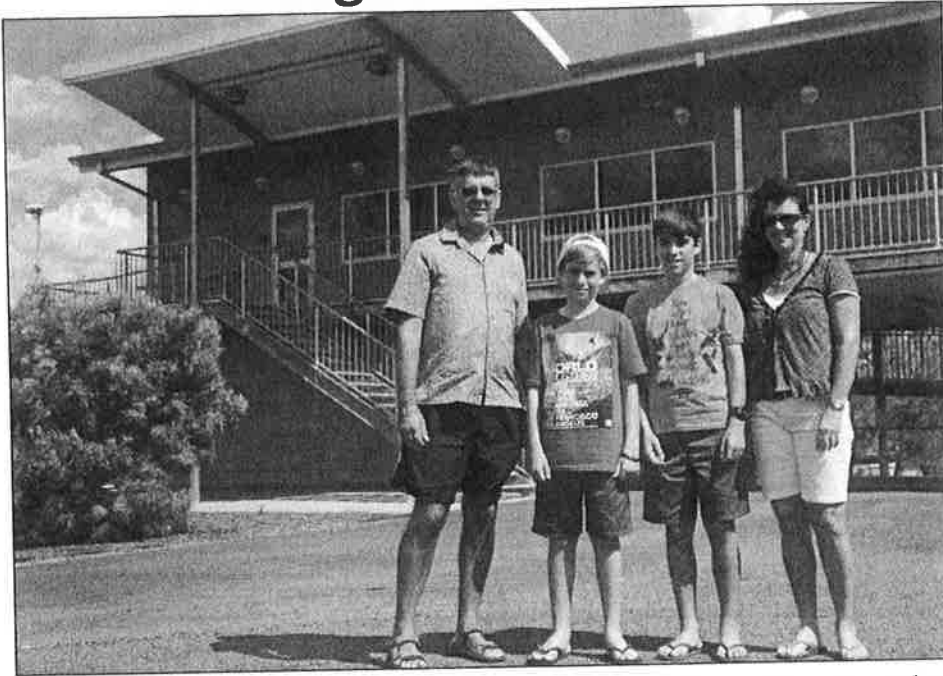
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## A change in the weather



Former Cobar weatherman Trevor Menadue (who previously worked at the Cobar Bureau of Meteorology from 2003 to 2007) and his family, sons Jordon, Dylan and wife Karen, have returned to Cobar after a five and half year absence. The Menadues moved from here to Norfolk Island where they spent three and a half years and for the past two years they've been living in the Cocos Keeling Islands where Trevor has been working. After living in such small remote locations, the family all said they were pleased to come back to Cobar with its variety of shopping and plenty of sporting and social activities. The Cobar station's current officer in charge, Mike Triggs, is headed to Carnarvon in WA.

## Council calls for more feedback on strategic plan

Cobar Shire Council is holding a public meeting on their Community Strategic Plan tonight following its re-exhibition.

The outcomes and comments from the meeting and re-exhibition are required to be resubmitted to new councillors under District of Local Government legislation to ensure the plan is regularly updated.

Council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said the re-exhibition gives the public a chance to provide comment to ensure the plan is still consistent with community expectations.

"The exhibition and public meeting are a chance for the public to tell council of any changing priorities or emerging issues that should be captured in our community strategic plan and therefore flow to council's activities," Ms Shepherd said.

"It is important for residents to let us know if they want to find out more about council's activities, if they want to contribute to the planning process, if they have any questions or if they believe we need to include new issues or reprioritise issues and projects."

## Driver fined for backfiring vehicle

A local driver has been fined for his vehicle making excessive noise.

Local police issued the man with an infringement notice for the offence of star drive vehicle causing unnecessary noise and smoke after his vehicle was observed repeatedly making loud back-firing noises.

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# Mayor active on mining related issues

**The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service has relocated their office from Nyngan to Cobar, feeling that there is a greater need in Cobar.**

This service is funded by Legal Aid.

The service will be holding an open day meeting from 10am to 12pm next Tuesday February 19 at its Cobar office. Anyone interested is urged to RSVP by tomorrow to the Cobar office.

On Thursday and Friday I attended a Mines Related Council meeting in Wollongong.

It was a very spirited meeting. I hold the position of deputy chair, and I refuse to shut up when I think things are wrong.

I, along with many others on the Mines Related Council, feel we are facing a lot of issues and have to ramp up our efforts to do something.

I have been appointed to a special task force, to try progress relevant mining related issues.

On Sunday, our general manager Gary Woodman and I spent some time catching up

with our Australia Day ambassador David Bitton, who is still raving about how good Cobar is. He has posted a blog on his experiences as an Australia Day ambassador that includes some wonderful pictures and commentary on his trip to Cobar.

David also has his cookbook featured in both Sydney papers so it is all well worth a look.

Please don't forget the public meeting to be held tonight at 6.30pm at the Council Chambers, concerning the re-exhibition of the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Annual Operational Plan. All are welcome to attend.

On Thursday, a large council committee meeting will be held. As this is the councillors' first meeting for 2013, the agenda is quite a lengthy one but it is all in preparation for our visit from staff from the Division of Local Government to complete a Better Practice Review.

Hope to see you all tonight for the public meeting, Lilliane Brady OAM, mayor

## Reader calls for local LHPA meeting

Dear editor,

**Why have Cobar district's drought-battling landholders been denied an opportunity to attend a local community consultation workshop to discuss proposed radical changes to the NSW Livestock, Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA)?**

More than 20 towns ranging from the north coast and New England regions to the central west and Riverina, and even Penrith in Sydney, have been allocated local meetings, but not Cobar.

Cobar landholders however will have to travel hundreds of kilometres to either Bourke, Nyngan, Dubbo or Broken Hill to have any public input concerning crucial changes such as boundaries, governance and funding.

The State Policy Council of the LHPA has called on all NSW landholders to attend local consultation workshops and contribute their thoughts concerning the Department of Primary Industry's proposed policy changes and mergers yet Cobar has been left off the list.

Has Cobar's solid public support for the town's nurses and its constant exposure of the State Government's failure to honour its Mining Royalties for Regions pre-election promise upset the state bureaucrats?

Without the hard earned experience and advice from local landholders, the administrative future of Cobar's Tasmania-sized district is certain to be decided by office-bound computer experts in comfortable regional centres such as Orange.

Member for Barwon and Minister for Western NSW Kevin Humphries has been noticeably silent on the issue and Cobar's worsening drought while the regular monthly agricultural conditions report by the Darling LHPA is currently unavailable to the local media.

Surely Cobar's rural LHPA ratepayers deserve better treatment and a local opportunity to express their views.

Lindsay Shanahan, Cobar.

*Editor's note: The LHPA has recommenced its monthly agricultural conditions report for the media. For the first report from 2013 see Page 10 of this edition.*

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# Empire team books themselves a Twenty20 finals berth

How is it that when a cricket team has three of their batsmen make some pretty handy scores (65 not out, 34 and 24) and one of their bowlers takes the best ever figures in the history of the local Twenty20 cricket competition (7/10) can end up losing their match?

That's something the Golfie Heroes team (the defending premiers of this competition) is still pondering.

Empire's team captain Damien Wray won the toss in Friday night's Twenty20 clash and had no hesitation in electing for his team to bat first, particularly as they were short of players at the game's scheduled starting time.

Good partnerships between top order batsmen Baden Smith with 32 and Jason Cooper

28, as well as Matt Crotty with 18 and Rob Fing who top scored with 49, helped Empire's score to a very respectable total of 3/143 from the first 13 overs.

It was then that the course of the Empire innings drastically changed as Golfie Heroes' captain Todd Fugar made the decision to bring Andrew Hill into bowl.

Hill demolished the batting order and proceeded to take Empire's final seven wickets conceding just 10 runs from his 3.5 overs.

This is the first time Hill has recorded a 'five for' bowling spell playing in Cobar senior cricket and he now holds the record with the best ever bowling figures in the Cobar senior Twenty20 competition.

Empire was eventually dismissed for a total

of 160 after batting only 17.5 overs of their allotted 20.

No other Empire batsmen made double figures.

The other wicket takers for Golfie Heroes were Fugar with 2/40 and David Watson 1/22.

When Golfie Heroes went in to bat the required target was 161 or eight runs per over.

This was always going to be a tough task however Michael Filmer-Smith (who top scored with 65 not out), David Watson (34) and new teacher Nolan Matthews (24) made a good fist of the opportunity given to them.

The target however proved to be just out of their reach.

The Golfie Heroes' batting line up was restricted to a total of 143 for the loss of five wickets from their allotted 20 overs.

Wray took the bowling honours for Empire with 3/20. He was ably supported by Jason Cooper with 1/29 and Evan Rice with 1/34.

Hill was named Player of the Match and the best fieldman for Empire was Marc Cummins while Golfie Heroes' best in the field was Clint Fennamore.

This Friday Bushies play Young Guns with CSA rostered as the duty team.

Bushies and Empire have both secured berths in the finals of this season's competition while Golfie Heroes and Young Guns will have to fight it out for the last remaining spot.

Young Guns face the daunting task of having to defeat the unbeaten Bushies team this week and then rely on CMS Caterpillars to beat defending premiers Golfie Heroes in the final game of the round robin competition.

And if CMS Caterpillars were to win, it would be their first for the season!—*contributed*

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### Committee Meeting of Council

5pm Thursday February 14, 2013

Open to the public. Agendas and business papers are available to the public from Friday February 8, 2013. Copies are available from the Council Administration Office or may be downloaded from Council's website: [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council/committee-meetings](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/council/committee-meetings)

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# Plenty of cricket action, three local games on Australia Day

The annual Australia Day senior Twenty20 cricket matches were played on Saturday with three matches on the program.

In the first game Empire easily won over the CMS Caterpillars by 123 runs; Young Guns chased down CSA to win by 39 runs and Bushies were way too good for an undermanned Golfie Heroes side with the final score 163-89 in Bushies favour.

Empire won the toss in the opening game and elected to bat first against CMS Caterpillars.

They compiled an excellent score of 197 for the loss of nine wickets from their allotted 20 overs.

This score was the Empire team's highest they have made since the inception of the local Twenty20 competition.

Wil Josephson top scored with 33 and was well supported by Baden Smith 32, Rob Fing 30 (including 3 sixes), Evan Rice 20 not out (2 sixes) Craig Youd 19, Jason Cooper 16 and ayde Townsend 10.

Craig Milne also hit a six.

Todd Lumber, Marc Anderson and Will Hobbs took the bowling honours for CMS Caterpillars, each with two wickets.

Other wicket takers were Clinton Everett and Cameron Cutting.

In reply CMS Caterpillars were dismissed for 4 from 13 overs.

Only two batsmen made it to double figures with Trent Fullagar top scoring with 20 including 1 six) and Marc Anderson 17 (2 sixes).

All six bowlers for Empire took wickets with Evan Rice taking 3/7 (including a wicket maiden), Wade Smith 2/6 and Rod Coleman 2/12 including a two wicket maiden).

Rice was the player of the match and the best fieldsmen in the game were Matt Russell (Empire) and Kathy O'Reilly (CMS Caterpillars).

The second game of the afternoon was a high scoring affair played between CSA and Young Guns.

CSA batted first and amassed a total of 160 for the loss of eight wickets from their allotted overs.

Egan top scored with a swashbuckling 50 which included 7 sixes. He was ably supported by Tony Polack 23, Travis Buckman 22 (sixes), Peter Finn 13 and Jarrod Marsden, who remained not out on 10.

Cliff Poland with 2/19, Clinton Everett 2/3 and K. Tuckett 2/25 took the bowling honours for Young Guns.

Other single wicket takers were Luke Hillier and A. Wylie.

In reply Young Guns chased down the sizeable target quite comfortably scoring 199 for the loss of six wickets from their allotted 20 overs.

Captain Slade Neale top scored with 50 (including 3 sixes) and was well supported by Tuckett 40, Luke Hillier 31, Everett 29 not out, Wylie 17 not out (2 sixes) and Clay Neale 13 (2 sixes).

Matt McBride took the bowling honours for CSA with 3/22 (which included a two wicket maiden).

Other single wicket takers were Farhan Rajiwate, Polack and Marsden.

Egan was the Player of the Match with Travis Buckman (CSA) and J. Robinson (Young Guns) the best fieldsmen.

The final game of the evening was played between the two unbeaten teams in this year's competition. They are also the teams who have played in the last two year's grand finals.

An undermanned Golfie Heroes side lined up on Saturday without Jake Harbison, Wade Potter, Todd Fugar, Andrew Hill and Michael Filmer-Smith and proved to be no match for the Bushies team.

Bushies batted first compiling 163 for the loss of only six wickets from their allotted 20 overs.

Captain Stewart Fraser top scored with 61 (including 1 six) and was supported by Steve Nicholson 35 (3 sixes), Mal Hillier 19, Max Hillier 12 not out (1 six) and Alex Fraser 10 (1 six).

Charlie Douglas took the bowling honours for Golfie Heroes with 3/11 (which included a wicket maiden).

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"It's terrific that caravan parks in NSW are reporting higher occupancy rates this year, with some parks experiencing an increase in bookings of more than 10 per cent, compared to 2011-12," he said.

Cobar Shire Council tourism and public relations manager John Martin said the increase has been building in Cobar for eight or nine years.

"Visitors to our tourism centre is up 50 per cent from 10 years ago," Mr Martin said.

Cobar Caravan Park employee Glenda Maybury said the park had received less visitors due to the heat, but expected numbers to will pick up during the cooler months.

Mr Martin said he had also observed higher visitor numbers to the Great Cobar Tourism and Heritage Centre during the cooler months.

"Over summer we have an average of 35 people visit [the tourism centre] per day, but from March through to the end of November, 130 people visit per day," he said.

According to Caravan and Camping Industry Association NSW CEO, Lyndel Gray, NSW caravan holiday parks continue to be popular holiday choices.

"They have a huge range of activities and facilities, including resort style swimming pools, water parks, kids clubs and cafés.

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### Water Restrictions

Council would like to make your household aware that the current water restrictions were introduced as of **December 17, 2012**. You are reminded that the restrictions are enforceable:

#### Cobar and Nymagee

- Hand held hoses are permitted between **6pm and 9am** daily.
  - All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc are permitted between **7pm and 8am** daily with Cobar on an "odds" and "evens" system.
- No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.

#### Euabalong and Euabalong West

- Hand held hoses are permitted between **6pm and 9am** daily.
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#### Explanation of the Cobar "odds" and "evens" System for Fixed Sprinklers, Irrigation Systems etc:

The new restrictions for Cobar fixed sprinklers and irrigation systems etc will be run on an "odds" and "evens" system – for example if your house number is 3 (odd), you can water on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> etc. If your house number is 4 (even), you can water on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and so on.

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### Change of Garbage Collection

Council advises all residents that the revised dates for garbage collections due to the Australia Day holidays is as follows:

**Normal Collection Day:** Monday January 28  
**Revised Collection Day:** Tuesday January 29

# Individuals urged to apply for goat funding by CMA

Individuals and organisations with ideas that will help improve the natural resources of the Western Catchment are encouraged to apply for funding from the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

The CMA has extended the deadline for expressions of interest for training and knowledge-based activities to the end of January next year.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available under the Western CMA's Training and Community Activities funding program, which is only available three times a year.

Western CMA Projects Coordinator, Andrew Hull said training funding had previously been provided for property planning workshops, conservation education and land management forums, as well as a carp fishing competition, school activities and educational sign-

"We are encouraging individuals, incorporated groups, non-government organisations, not-for-profits and local councils in the Western Catchment to apply if they have worthwhile ideas that can help us extend our efforts in training, community events and knowledge-based activities," Mr Hull said.

"This program has been used to run on-farm workshops in the past.

"We also saw a group of Aboriginal school children learn about our waterways during a canoeing adventure and extended the community's understanding about the importance of native fish in a carp fishing competition.

"We are happy to help people who have the seed of an idea to develop an application for funding so that we can work together to build a better understanding of the importance of our natural resources."

More information about the funding is available at [www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au).

It is strongly recommended that people seek assistance from their local Western CMA office before submitting an expression of interest.

CMA's are changing to become Local Land Services.

This is a great opportunity to cement the good work that CMA's have achieved for sustainable landscapes in NSW and people are encouraged to participate fully in helping create the best Local Land Service for our region.

## Cobar Shire Council

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## Public Notices

### Water Restrictions

The current enforceable water restrictions as of **December 17, 2012** are as follows:

#### Cobar and Nymagee

- Hand held hoses are permitted between **6pm** and **9am** daily.
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc are permitted between **7pm** and **8am** daily with Cobar on an "odds" and "evens" system.
- No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.

#### Euabalong and Euabalong West

- Hand held hoses are permitted between **6pm** and **9am** daily.
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems, etc are banned.
- No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.

#### **Explanation of "odds" and "evens" system:**

If your house number is 3 (odd), you can water on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> etc. If your house number is 4 (even), you can water on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and so on. For more information, please contact Cobar Shire Council on (02) 6836 5888.

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

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, 2012. 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.

### 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 45m<sup>2</sup> 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 the hours of 8am and 4pm (except weekends and public holidays). A copy may also be viewed at [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au)

Any person may, during the exhibition period, make submissions to Council with respect to the provisions of the draft Cobar Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2012. Submissions must be in writing and be received by 2.30 pm on January 17, 2013. Further information can be obtained by contacting Garry Ryman or Karen Warren at Council Administration Office on (02) 6836 5888.

### 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 above plans. 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.

A copy of the documents can be found online at [www.cobar.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au) or hard copies are available at the Council Administration Office or the library. Council will be receiving comments until **Friday February 15, 2013**. For more information, contact Gary Woodman, General Manager on (02) 6836 5888.

### Change of Garbage Collection Days

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

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

## STOCKING FILLERS

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While stocks last  
 Must bring in cut out for deal

**HARVEY NORMAN COBAR**

## Cobar Memorial Services Club

Ph: 6836 2102

### Christmas Eve Music with Shane

4.30pm-8.30pm

Market night @ 6pm

'pick of the table'

Club closes at 10pm

Restaurant open for tea

## JOKER DRAW THURSDAY

This week's jackpot is

# \$9,000

8 meat trays - \$9 meals

Joker Draw all through

January 2013

LTPS12/08945

### Friday Specials

Have a meal in the restaurant on your birthday and receive a free 'Bombe Alaska' for dessert. Ring the Club to book

### Punters Club starts January 5, 2013

Saturday twilight social bowls  
Names on the board by  
6.45 to play by 7pm.

Congratulations to Jerry Wells on winning the XXXX Promo

### Regular raffles all weekend

Hams this weekend

Last meat raffle Sunday

December 30. Raffles

re-commence Saturday

January 26, 2013

NO RESTAURANT TAKEAWAYS ON  
FRIDAY NIGHTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

News

## Council to apply for one off rate rise

Cobar Shire Council will apply to the Independent Pricing And Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a special one off 25 per cent rate rise.

Councillors decided to apply for the special rate variation to help relieve council's current financial situation, and resolved that additional expenditure from the rate rise will be used to ensure financial sustainability and to maintain assets.

Council's special projects officer Angela Shepherd said a one off 25 per cent rate rise in

2013-14, followed by an annual rate increase of three per cent, results in a 52 per cent increase in rates income for council, ranging from \$2.66m received in 2012-13 to \$4.03m received in 2019-20.

"There is community support for the additional revenue raised through the Special Variation to be used for sustainability purposes such as covering the cost of operating swimming pool, and for asset maintenance such as increasing road maintenance expenditure," Ms Shepherd said.

The decision to apply for the general increase followed community consultation with 11 meetings held throughout the shire and surveys issued to residents.

"45 per cent of respondents wanted a one off 25 per cent rate rise, 34 per cent did not want a rate rise at all and 21 per cent wanted a one per cent annual rate rise each year for seven years," Ms Shepherd said.

IPART will now assess council's application taking into account the impact on ratepayers and their ability to pay.

"IPART could choose to accept a lower percentage increase than council applies for," said.

IPART will inform council of the outcome of their application by June next year.

## Water restrictions tightened up

Cobar Shire Council has tightened water restrictions following last Thursday's ordinary council meeting.

The restrictions, which came into effect on Monday, only permit hand held hoses between 6pm and 9am daily and bans car washing on hard surfaces in Cobar, Nymagee, Euabalong and Euabalong West.

In Cobar and Nymagee, fixed sprinklers and irrigation systems are only able to be used between 7pm and 8am on an odds and evens system. Under the system, residents who have an even house number, such as two or four, can water on even numbered dates such as the 20th and 22nd, while residents who live at an odd house number, such as one or three, can water on odd dates, such as the 21st and 23rd.

Fixed systems and irrigation systems are banned in Euabalong and Euabalong West.

Council's services manager Tim Wark said the tougher restrictions were needed because the filtration plant had been working excessive hours due to the warmer weather.

"This is not ideal because maintenance and detention times are affected and this will definitely have an affect on the final product," Mr Wark said.

"It is also an environmentally sound move for council to alter the watering times as council needs to encourage the community to water when evaporation levels are at their minimum so this precious resource is not wasted or misused."

Council's general manager and mayor will be able to further increase water restrictions if necessary during the Christmas period.

## Locals lucky aft power line falls

Motorists and pedestrians in Linsley Street were lucky to escape without injury after a live power line fell to the ground Tuesday.

Police were in the area when the power line occurred and assisted with closing the road to the general public until Essential Energy workers were able to clear the scene.

Around 11.45am windy conditions resulted in a tree branch in Drummond Park falling onto the power line, which in turn also fell down a street light onto the back of a car parked in Linsley Street which had two people inside.

The driver of the vehicle was able to get forward and remove the powerline from the vehicle, and the road was closed to traffic while workers to make the area safe.

Studio 225's last day of trading is December 24, 2012

We will be open between Christmas and New Year by appointment only. The studio will re-open on January 2, 2013



Stuck for those last minute stocking fillers? We have hair care packs ranging from \$9.95-\$49.95, styling products under \$25 and gift vouchers too!

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# STUDIO 22

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