

**CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Meeting of Council  
Held at Warren Council Chambers  
On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015

# **CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**



## **BUSINESS PAPER**

**FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD AT THE WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
ON MONDAY 29 JUNE, 2015  
COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM**

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## **AGENDA - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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**11. CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Warrumbungle Shire**

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**MINUTES**

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council  
held at Gilgandra Shire Council Chambers on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April,  
2015

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE  
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE GIGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
GIGANDRA ON MONDAY 20 APRIL, 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM**

1. **PRESENT:** N. Kinsey (Chairman), M. Coe, P. Shinton (10.10 am), A. Van Lubeck (10.20 am), D. Batten, I Woodcock, R. Greenaway, G. Peart, D. Schieb (10. am) and M. Webb,

**Staff Members:** Don Ramsland (General Manager), John Unwin (Acting Senior Weeds Officer) and Kevin Wattling (Weeds Officer).

**Visitors:** Nil.

2. **APOLOGIES:** D. Schieb, P. Shinton, A Van Lubeck for late arrival

**04/15/1      Resolved:**

That apologies from Ctrs. D. Schieb, P Shinton and A Van Lubeck for arrival be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**Moved:**      Clr Batten

**Seconded:**      Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**04/15/2      Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Coonamble on Monday 23 March, 2015 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting subject to showing Clr Coe as having arrived on time.

**Moved:**      Clr Batten

**Seconded:**      Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

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**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman advised that the Hudson pear Strategic Risk Analysis is a very good paper thanks to Ken Harrison. His ideas on what is recommended should be adhered to.

Economic implications of allowing infestations to spread and/or increase in density must be enormous. Mapping of Hudson pear wherever it is in Australia should be done and that information made available to the public.

I agree with Ken Harrison that we need an overall chairperson (boss) to manage the Hudson pear wherever it is and that person should be answerable to all involved.

The pear and/or all cacti for that matter should be dealt with regardless of whose land it is on – private, state or federal, and legislation should be in place to ensure this occurs.

Sporadic funding would have to be a major problem in the whole cacti saga and funding has to be based on 5 year programme cycles at least to ensure effective monitoring and follow up treatment when required.

**04/15/3**

**Resolved:**

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

1. The General Manager reported having arranged a meeting with the new Minister for DPI Hon Niall Blair and would be inviting the Minister to Council next meeting in June, 2015 to discuss the following issues:
  - Outstanding account for mesquite treatment programme
  - Fit for the Future funding levels
  - Hudson pear funding under the PRMF
  - Hudson pear funding controls need five year programmes to be effective
2. The Coonamble Weeds Officer is currently working out of home/storage sheds pending finalisation of alternate depot facilities.
3. Report on Coonamble and Coonabarabran depots required for June, 2015 meeting:
  - Acquisition of shipping container
  - Bunding requirements
  - Roofing and ventilation
  - Supervision
  - WH&S

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**7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Item 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March, 2015**

**Recommendation:** That the Bank Reconciliations as 31 March, 2015 be received and noted.

**04/15/4 Resolved:**

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 31 March, 2015 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**Item 7.2 Organisational Restructure Report – Update March 2015.**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress in the Organisational Restructure process and endorsed the action taken so far

**04/15/5 Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress in the Organisational Restructure process and endorsed the action taken so far

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Batten

**Carried**

**Item 7.3 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 31 March, 2015**

**Recommendation:** That the Quarterly Budget Review statement for the period ended 31 March, 2015 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statements be adopted.

**04/15/6 Resolved:**

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March, 2015, be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

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**Item 7.4      2015/16 Budget and Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation**

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt the draft 2015/16 Operational Plan and Budget in principle along with the other Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation and the documentation be placed on public exhibition and comment invited prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council's meeting on 15 June, 2015.

**04/15/7      Resolved:**

That Council adopt the draft 2015/16 Operational Plan and Budget in principle along with the other Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation and the documentation be placed on public exhibition and comment invited prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council's meeting on 15 June, 2015.

**Moved:**      Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:**      Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**Item 7.5      Hosting of Weeds Action Plan 1520 and Regional Protect Officer**

**Recommendation:** That Council endorse the General manager's action in lodging an expression of interest in hosting the 1520 WAP and RPO for an initial period of two years

**04/15/8 Resolved:**

That Council endorse the General manager's action in lodging an expression of interest in hosting the 1520 WAP and RPO for an initial period of two years.

**Moved:**      Clr Shinton

**Seconded:**      Clr Peart

**Carried**



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**Item 7.6 Matters for Brief Mention or Generally for Information Only**

**Recommendation:** That the above issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's Report to the April, 2015 meeting be received and noted.

**4/15/9 Resolved:**

That the following issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's Report to the April, 2015 meeting be received and noted:

Local Government Reform Update  
1520 Weeds Action Programme  
CMCC new website

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Peart

**Carried**

**8. ACTING SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT**

**8.1 Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report**

**Recommendation:** For Council's consideration.

**04/15/10 Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report and a report be prepared for the June, 2015 providing an outline of a publicity campaign to explain the role of weeds spraying/time of the year for weeds spraying to avoid wastage of time and money

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**8.2 Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra

**04/15/11 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Peart

**Carried**

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**8.3 Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle

**04/15/12      Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

**Moved:**      Clr Webb

**Seconded:**      Clr Peart

**Carried**

**8.4 Coonamble Noxious Plant Report**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Coonamble.

**04/15/13      Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble.

**Moved:**      Clr Webb

**Seconded:**      Clr Peart

**Carried**

**8.5 Walgett Noxious Plant Report**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Walgett

**04/15/14      Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

**Moved:**      Clr Webb

**Seconded:**      Clr Peart

**Carried**

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**8.6 Warren Noxious Plant Report**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Warren

**04/15/15      Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

**Moved:**      Clr Webb

**Seconded:**      Clr Peart

**Carried**

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session**

**04/15/16      Resolved:**

That at 11.50 pm Council move into Confidential session and that the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (a) and (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the matters being considered are in relation to staff and/or commercial in confidence.

**Moved:**      Clr Webb

**Seconded:**      Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**2. Items 9.1 – 9.5 Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report:**

**Recommendation:** That the Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Written Report and Property Inspections Reports for each Council area be received and noted as a whole.

**04/15/17      Recommendation:**

That the Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Written Report and Property Inspections Reports for each Council area be received and noted as a whole.

**Moved:**      Clr Batten

**Seconded:**      Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**9.6 Review of Workforce Strategy Plan – 2015 – 2019**

**Recommendation:** That the revised Workforce Strategy Plan 2015-2019 be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with Council's annual budgetary process and comment invited.

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**04/15/18 Recommendation:**

That the revised Workforce Strategy Plan 2015-2019 be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with Council's annual budgetary process and comment invited.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**3. Motion to move out of Confidential Session**

**04/15/19 Resolved:**

That at 11.59 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of Committee Recommendations**

**04/15/20 Resolved:**

That the following recommendation for the Confidential Committee be adopted:

That the Acting Chief Weeds Officer's Written Report and Property Inspections Reports for each Council area be received and noted as a whole.

That the revised Workforce Strategy Plan 2015-2019 be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with Council's annual Budgetary process and comment invited.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**General Business**

1. Clr Greenaway:  
Inquired whether Council still operated any petrol vehicles
2. Clr Batten  
Sought details of the training vote for \$7,500
3. Clr Batten  
That Council write to constituent councils and offer asset managers, plant operators and contract slasher operators training in weeds identification.
4. Clr Batten  
Stressed the need for Council to run information stands at all towns on the annual show circuit and identified field days.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 29 June, 2015 at Warren.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.10 PM**

**To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 29 June, 2015.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

# **General Manager's Report**

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**ITEM 7.1: RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATE 30 April 2015**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts for 31 March 2015 are as follows:

**Balance of Ledger – 1-1110**

<b>Balance 31/03/15</b>	376,250.11
Plus Receipts	246,158.02
Less Payment	71,027.11
	<b><u>\$551,381.02</u></b>

**Balance of Bank Accounts**

Balance 30/04/2015 #28001484	\$551,381.02
Less: Outstanding Cheques	
	<b><u>\$551,381.02</u></b>

<b>Stores Balance 1-1400</b>	<b>30/04/15</b>	<b>\$38,100.05</b>
<b>Debtors Balance 1-1300</b>	<b>31/03/15</b>	<b>\$77,292.78</b>

**Debtors:**

Brewarrina Shire Council	Invoice#812786	30/6/13	\$9,024.12
Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee	Invoice#812594	30/6/11	\$35,709.89
	Invoice#812595	30/6/11	\$3,638.77
North West Local Land Services	Invoice#812805	1/12/14	\$27,500.00
Ray White	Invoice#812808	2/04/15	\$20.00
Crown State Meat Co	Invoice#812809	2/04/15	\$376.50

**Recommendation:**

The Statement of Bank Balances as 30 April 2015 be received & adopted.

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**ITEM 7.1: RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATE 31 May 2015**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts for 30 April 2015 are as follows:

**Balance of Ledger – 1-1110**

<b>Balance 30/4/15</b>	551,381.02
Plus Receipts	79,133.83
Less Payment	141,743.99
	<b><u>\$488,770.86</u></b>

**Balance of Bank Accounts**

Balance 30/04/2015 #28001484	\$488,770.86
Less: Outstanding Cheques	
Chq 6430 26/5/15 MLC Masterkey Super	\$418.57
Chq 6431 26/5/15 LG Super	\$1638.00
Chq 6432 26/5/15 Landmark-Gilgandra	\$4972.00
Chq 6433 26/5/15 Telstra	\$738.99
	<b><u>\$481,003.30</u></b>

<b>Stores Balance 1-1400</b>	<b>31/05/15</b>	<b>\$481,003.30</b>
<b>Debtors Balance 1-1300</b>	<b>31/05/15</b>	<b>\$50,069.28</b>

**Debtors:**

Brewarrina Shire Council	Invoice#812786	30/6/13	\$9,024.12
Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee	Invoice#812594	30/6/11	\$35,709.89
	Invoice#812595	30/6/11	\$3,638.77
Crown State Meat Co	Invoice#812809	2/04/15	\$376.50

**Recommendation:**

The Statement of Bank Balances as 31 May 2015 be received & adopted.



**ITEM 7.2: 2015/16 BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN AND UPDATED  
INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 000/00/00/00

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**Summary:**

To consider Council's draft 2015/16 Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentations following the closure of the public exhibition period.

**Background:**

Council's 2015/16 Draft Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation were adopted in principal by Council at its meeting on 20 April, 2015

The Draft 2015/16 Budget and Operational Plan were prepared pursuant to the provision of Section 404 of the LGA and are now due for further for Council's consideration in conjunction with the other elements of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation.

The 2015/2016 Budget and Operational Plan have been directly impacted by the success of the remedial action determined by Council at its meeting on 6 March, 2014 to correct past budget over runs.

**Current:**

Council's Draft 2015/16 Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation has been on Public exhibition since 29 April, 2015 and submission closed on 5 June, 2015. No Submissions were received during the exhibition period.

However, the revised Budget document for 2015/2016, which is attached to this report, sets out in detail the measures proposed to be undertaken in the next financial year and includes continuing to make transfers to the cash backed reserves for employees leave entitlements and plant reserve that were established in 2014/15.

Provision has been made to set constituent council contributions for 2015/16 at \$99,518 – an increase of 2.4% in line with State Government rate pegging legislation. In setting this figure in the draft Budget Council was mindful of the responsibility of higher tiers of government to fund major weed incursions, particularly where these are spread over a number of adjoining shires.

Any unspent portion of contracts negotiated with Western Local Lands Services or the Departments of Lands/Primary Industries in 2014/15 for the funding of Hudson pear control programmes and the like will be carried forward to 2015/16.

It is likely that the Strategic/Risk Analysis completed in 2014/15 as part of a Hudson pear control programme will be the basis for further funds to be made available in the near future.

The only minor amendment made to the draft Budget was in respect of the Constituent Council contributions – increase from 2.3% to 2.4% - contribution to now be \$99,518.

These changes have resulted in a revised surplus for 2015/16 of \$49,725 from the draft estimate figure of \$49,235.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's 2015/16 Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation.

**Governance Issues:**

The preparation of the Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation is a requirement of Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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**Stakeholders:**

CMCC and Constituent Councils  
Local Land Services (Western, North Western and Central West)  
Rural communities across constituent council areas

**Financial Implications:**

The draft Budget and Operational Plan are the corner stone on which Council's future viability and sustainability is based.

The draft Budget and ten year Long Term Financial Plan indicates that relying on a 7 man workforce using present trends the Budget will achieve a surplus of \$49,725 in the next year and over a ten year life would produce retained earnings on current trends of \$1,216,547

**Legal Issues:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Dissolution of the County with weeds functions reverting to the control of constituent councils

**Conclusion:**

The various decisions to be taken in the consideration of the 2015/2016 Draft Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation should be determined in support of the remedial action already identified in Council's past Quarterly Budget Review Statement outcomes which have paved the way for Council to return to a sound financial position and continue to plan for a sustainable future.

<b>Draft 2015/16 Budget, Operational plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation.</b>
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**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the draft 2015/2016 Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation, having been on public exhibition between 29 April, 2015 and 5 June 2015, with no submissions being lodged, now be formally adopted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Updated 2015/16 Budget with other integrated planning and reporting documentation to be tabled at the meeting.

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Scenario 1 Draft OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2015/16 AND TEN YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN as at 15 April, 2015														
	actual 2013/14	revised estimate 2014/15		Year 1 estimate 2015/16		Year 2 estimate 2016/17	Year 3 estimate 2017/18	Year 4 estimate 2018/19	Year 5 estimate 2019/20	Year 6 estimate 2020/21	Year 7 estimate 2021/22	Year 8 estimate 2022/23	Year 9 estimate 2023/24	Year 10 estimate 2024/25
<b>INCOME</b>														
<b>Administration</b>														
DPI - MVWAC Grant	345,249	354,916		410,870		410,379	420,640	431,155	441,934	452,098	462,497	473,134	484,016	495,149
Weed Certificates	6,810	6,967		7,127		7,291	7,458	7,630	7,806	7,985	8,169	8,357	8,549	8,745
Constituent Council Contribs	475,000	485,925		497,590		509,035	520,742	532,719	544,972	557,506	570,329	583,447	596,866	610,594
Interest on Investments	6,000	6,138		2,500		2,558	2,616	2,676	2,738	2,801	2,865	2,931	2,999	3,068
Property Insurance Rebate	1,776	2,551		2,610		2,670	2,731	2,794	2,858	2,924	2,991	3,060	3,130	3,202
Vehicle Insurance Adj	1,738	1,778		1,819		1,861	1,903	1,947	1,992	2,038	2,085	2,133	2,182	2,232
WH&S Incentive Rebate	2,435	2,491		2,548		2,607	2,667	2,728	2,791	2,855	2,921	2,988	3,057	3,127
Workers Comp Incentive payment		1,316		1,346		1,377	1,409	1,441	1,474	1,508	1,543	1,579	1,615	1,652
MV Claim discount		1,590		1,627		1,664	1,702	1,741	1,781	1,822	1,864	1,907	1,951	1,996
Jury Duty	453	463				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Administration - Total</b>	<b>839,461</b>	<b>864,135</b>		<b>928,037</b>		<b>939,440</b>	<b>961,870</b>	<b>984,833</b>	<b>1,008,347</b>	<b>1,031,539</b>	<b>1,055,264</b>	<b>1,079,535</b>	<b>1,104,364</b>	<b>1,129,765</b>
<b>Destruction of Weeds</b>														
Con't from Constituent Councils	30,000	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mesquite Control - Grant		-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parthenium Weed - Grant		-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parkinsonia - Grant		-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Destruction of Weeds - Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Private Works</b>														
Private Works Income		-												
Bre Shire - Private Works	30,000													
Coonamble Private Works		218												
Warren Private Works		6,568												
Gilgandra Private Works		100												
WLC (HP)	46,300	25,000												
Walget Shire - HP		20,000		40,000										
Western CMA (HP)	20,000													
Western LLS (HP) S/R Analysis	30,000	15,000												
Western LLS (HP) Control Pgmes	120,000	25,000												
DLWC - 5 ways	18,909	5,085												
Agency Commissions	21,914													
Sale of Parts etc														
<b>Private Works - Total</b>	<b>287,123</b>	<b>96,971</b>		<b>40,000</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Income</b>														
Plant Income	151,245	136,121	226,868	60,000	100,000	61,380	62,792	64,236	65,713	67,225	68,771	70,353	71,971	73,626
Const Council Advances	250,000					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Income - Total</b>	<b>401,245</b>	<b>136,121</b>		<b>60,000</b>		<b>61,380</b>	<b>62,792</b>	<b>64,236</b>	<b>65,713</b>	<b>67,225</b>	<b>68,771</b>	<b>70,353</b>	<b>71,971</b>	<b>73,626</b>
<b>Revenue Income - Total</b>	<b>1,557,829</b>	<b>1,097,227</b>		<b>1,028,037</b>		<b>1,000,820</b>	<b>1,024,662</b>	<b>1,049,069</b>	<b>1,074,060</b>	<b>1,098,763</b>	<b>1,124,035</b>	<b>1,149,888</b>	<b>1,176,335</b>	<b>1,203,391</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>														
<b>Administration Costs</b>														
General Manager's Salary	20,016	20,667		21,338		22,032	22,748	23,487	24,250	25,038	25,852	26,692	27,560	28,456
Clerical Assistance	32,641	1,350		-										
Commission on auction sale		14,887		-										
Contract Administrative Support	-	25,000		25,750		26,523	27,318	28,138	28,982	29,851	30,747	31,669	32,619	33,598
MVWAC - Meeting Expenses	636	1,333		1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
MVWAC - Weeds Coord cont	9,250	9,281		9,281		9,281	9,281	9,281	9,281	9,281	9,281	9,281	9,281	9,281
IPR Costs	275	275		300		309	318	328	338	348	358	369	380	391
Travelling	2,000	2,000		2,000		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Audit Fees	6,537	7,000		7,210		7,426	7,649	7,879	8,115	8,358	8,609	8,867	9,133	9,407
Advertising	2,000	2,500		2,575		2,652	2,732	2,814	2,898	2,985	3,075	3,167	3,262	3,360
Printing & Stationary	4,500	2,000		2,060		2,122	2,185	2,251	2,319	2,388	2,460	2,534	2,610	2,688
Postage & Freight	1,000	1,000		1,030		1,061	1,093	1,126	1,159	1,194	1,230	1,267	1,305	1,344
Telephone	10,000	7,500		7,725		7,957	8,195	8,441	8,695	8,955	9,224	9,501	9,786	10,079
Bank Charges	533	550		567		583	601	619	638	657	676	697	718	739
Legal Expenses	749	520		500		515	530	546	563	580	597	615	633	652
Sundry Expenses	-													
computer	386	400		400		412	424	437	450	464	478	492	507	522
security services	1,000	913		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
office cleaning	5,000			-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
sundry admin expenses	2,700	2,500		2,500		2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
web site costs	4,000	4,000		1,500		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Subscription - Shires Assoc	1,202	1,880		1,936		1,994	2,054	2,116	2,179	2,245	2,312	2,382	2,453	2,527
<b>Administration Costs - Total</b>	<b>104,425</b>	<b>105,556</b>		<b>87,672</b>		<b>89,867</b>	<b>92,130</b>	<b>94,462</b>	<b>96,866</b>	<b>99,344</b>	<b>101,899</b>	<b>104,532</b>	<b>107,246</b>	<b>110,044</b>
<b>Insurance Costs</b>														
Fidelity Gaurantee	879	1,250		1,288		1,326	1,366	1,407	1,449	1,493	1,537	1,583	1,631	1,680
Public Liability & Prof Indemnity	22,670	23,191		23,887		24,603	25,341	26,102	26,885	27,691	28,522	29,378	30,259	31,167
PL & PI - Excess	-	-		-										
Property Insurance	10,733	10,420		7,000		7,210	7,426	7,649	7,879	8,115	8,358	8,609	8,867	9,133
State Cover Capital Levy	1,193	1,229		1,266		1,304	1,343	1,383	1,425	1,467	1,511	1,557	1,603	1,651
Personal Accident		1,889		1,946		2,004	2,064	2,126	2,190	2,256	2,323	2,393	2,465	2,539
Councillor's and Officers' Liability		9,125		9,399		9,681	9,971	10,270	10,578	10,896	11,223	11,559	11,906	12,263
Motor vehicle liability		11,440		6,500		6,695	6,896	7,103	7,316	7,535	7,761	7,994	8,234	8,481
<b>Insurance Costs - Total</b>	<b>35,475</b>	<b>58,544</b>		<b>51,284</b>		<b>52,823</b>	<b>54,408</b>	<b>56,040</b>	<b>57,721</b>	<b>59,453</b>	<b>61,236</b>	<b>63,073</b>	<b>64,965</b>	<b>66,914</b>

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**ITEM 7.3      ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE REPORT – UPDATE JUNE, 2015**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 000/00/00/00

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**Summary:**

At its meeting on 5 March, 2014 Council resolved in a twelve point resolution to undertake an organisational restructure of the CMCC.

This report details progress with regards that decision and seeks further direction where outlined.

**Background:**

Council's resolution of 5 March, 2014 was as follows:

**1. Implementation of Organisational Restructure**

**Recommendation:** For Council's consideration

**05/14/13      Resolved:**

**That:**

- 1.** Council re-determine its organisation structure pursuant to section 333 of the Local Government Act 1993, by reducing staffing levels to five (5) full time weeds officers plus a full time supervisor, with such change to take effect on or before 30 May 2014.
- 2.** Council authorise the General Manager to take all necessary action to give effect to resolution 1 above and to comply with the Council's obligations under the Local Government (State) Award 2010. Such action includes but is not limited to, notifying the employee(s) who may be affected by the change and the union(s) to which they belong, and discussing measures to avert or mitigate the adverse effects on those employees.
- 3.** Without limiting the above, the General Manager is directed to take appropriate action to eliminate or reduce the Council's obligation to pay severance pay to employees who may be affected by the change in resolution 1 above. Such action may include, but is not limited to, facilitating the redeployment of displaced employees within constituent councils or Local Land Services and applying to the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales pursuant to clause 35(xv) of the Local Government (State) Award 2010 for an order authorising the Council to pay a lesser amount or no amount of severance pay if the Council obtains acceptable alternate employment for an employee.
- 4.** Council establish a moratorium of twelve months in respect of the re-employment any staff made redundant by Council or any constituent council.
- 5.** Council advise the Division of Local Government and Council's Auditor of the course of action being taken to restore Council's financial viability.

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- 6.** Council explore the possibility of short term interest free loans/advances of up to three years from constituent councils to fund the cost of the restructure pending the realisation of Council's surplus built assets.
- 7.** Council approach it bankers to establish an overdraft of up to \$300,000
- 8.** Council invite expressions of interest from constituent councils to provide Council's administrative/accounting function
- 9.** Council continue negotiations for the disposal of the Coonamble Freight Agency
- 10.** Council immediately commence action for the sale/auction of surplus depot facilities at Coonamble and Coonabarabran.
- 11.** Council, as part of the restructure process, transfer an appropriate sum to a cash backed employees leave entitlements reserve by 30 June 2104.
- 12.** Council prepare a mini-budget which reflects the above actions for consideration at its April, 2014 meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

**Current Position:**

It is proposed to comment on the current position point by point.

**Point 1**

Covered by Council's resolution

**Point 2**

All staff and the relevant union were notified of Council's intentions and discussions with staff and the union have now been concluded.

Seven staff initially requested voluntary redundancy; four requests have been accepted with three staff now terminated and a fourth to finish up in early July. Requests from the two Coonabarabran based staff have been put on hold, two requests have been declined and the situation at Gilgandra and Warren will be determined once applications have been called for the vacant Warren based position.

External applications for this position were invited in January, 2015 with a view to making a permanent appointment shortly.

The services of the Chief Weeds Officer were terminated on Friday 28 November, 2014 by making that position redundant pursuant to Clause 39 of the Local Government (State) Award 2014.

Council's Organisational Structure has been revised with a new position of Senior Weeds Officer replacing the former role of Chief Weeds Officer.

Mr John Unwin is now acting in the Senior Weeds Officer's position and for the time being at least the position will be based at Coonabarabran. As a result, I have reconsidered the need to terminate one of the positions at Coonabarabran and am considering whether or not we

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will receive sufficient grant and private works funds in the near future to have three Weeds Officers sharing the work in both Warrumbungle and Gilgandra Shires. In February, 2015 the second operator at Coonabarabran resigned to operate a full time contract spraying operation.

**Points 3 and 4**

No staff member has sought redeployment with constituent Councils. Award Consultative and WH&S Committees are in the process of being established with the staff remaining and these are already proving to be valuable communication channels.

**Point 5**

Both the Office of Local Government and Auditor were been verbally advised of the action being taken. A plan of action was submitted to the Office of Local Government and this will be followed up formally once the revised QBRs to 30 November, 2014 and 2014/15 Budget and Operational Plan have been endorsed by Council. The Office of Local Government and Council's Auditor have also been advised of the outcomes of the auction sales held on 3 March, 2015.

**Point 6**

All five constituent councils indicated they were prepared to make advances of \$50,000 to the County Council subject to repayment within three years, subject to all councils agreeing to participate. A correction of the accounting treatment of these advances will be made in the 2014/15 financial statements by way of Note 20 c.

The first repayment of \$20,000 per council was made in May, 2015.

**Point 7**

Council's position has been discussed with Council's bankers and an application for an overdraft of up to \$300K submitted for consideration. However, the bank has raised a difficulty with obtaining security and it is believed following this course of action should be deferred now that all the constituent councils have agreed to make the required advances.

**Point 8**

As only Walgett expressed an interest in providing administrative/finance support services at an initial fee of \$25,000 per annum for the provision of these services commencing from 1 July, 2014, this approach was accepted and changes in Council's address for the service of notices, email address and telephone and fax contact details have been initiated. Council's main computer has been relocated to the Walgett Shire office and accounts are still being operated under the MYOB software package.

**Point 9**

The Coonamble freight agency was closed with effect from 9 May, 2014.

**Point 10**

Action for the disposal of the two depot facilities at Coonamble and Coonabarabran has been delayed and the auction of the Coonamble property was held on Tuesday 3 March, 2015 after being delayed by adverse seasonal conditions with a dispersal sale of surplus plant and equipment being held on the same day. The old light truck used for the freight operation has already been sold.

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An alternative depot location in Coonamble is currently being negotiated. In the short term, to allow the settlement of the sale to be finalised, temporary storage facilities have been secured in a nearby storage facility. Preliminary discussions have been held with my counterpart at Warrumbungle Shire with regards the Coonabarabran Depot.

**Point 11**

Provision was been made for \$80,000 to be transferred to the ELE as at 30 June, 2014. Funding for ELE is also being provided for from the cash advances being provided by constituent councils. The ELE Reserve was used to fund the majority of the long service leave payout due to the former Chief Weeds Officer following his redundancy.

**Point 12**

Due provision for the actions detailed in Council's resolution were made in the November, 2014 QBRS, the Budget and Operational Plan for 2014/15 and revised Long Term Financial Plan. These have been further updated in the March, 2015 QBRS.

Any other Councillors' queries will be discussed at the meeting.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Council's Operational Plan and Budget for 2014/2015, November, 2014 QBRS and Long Term Financial Plan

**Business Activity Strategic Plan Link:**

The issues identified during the preparation of the 2014/2015 Operational Plan and Budget are linked back to Council's 2013/2017 Delivery Plan and Business Activity Strategy

**Delivery Plan Link:**

The issues identified during the preparation of the 2014/2015 Operational Plan and Budget are linked back to Council's 2013/2017 Delivery Plan and Business Activity Strategy

**Operational Plan/Budget Link:**

The issues identified in 2013/2017 Council's Delivery Plan and Business Activity Strategy are directly linked to the 2014/2015 Operational Plan and Budget provisions

**Stakeholders:**

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council  
Council Staff  
Constituent Councils

**Governance Issues:**

The process and procedures set out in the appropriate industrial legislation have been followed in implementing Council's resolution of 5 March, 2014

**Environmental Issues:**

Not applicable



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**Financial Implications:**

Council secured agreement for advances of \$250,000 from constituent councils which allowed the restructure to be undertaken commencing in May, 2014 and completed in the 2014/15 financial year.

An auction sale of the Coonamble depot facility was held on 3 March, 2015 along with the sale of surplus plant and equipment. Council authorised the Mayor and General Manager to fix reserve prices and expedite any other necessary arrangements.

Avenues have been explored to initiate an automatic full on-cost recovery process for all grant works and private works so that accurate year to date costs are available at all times but this has not been possible under the MYOB system. An alternative manual system is now in place.

**Legal Issues:**

Council has been mindful of its obligations under industrial legislation as it embarked on a process of down-sizing.

**Alternatives/Options:**

There are a number of measures that can be utilised in undertaking a downsizing operation, but above all the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice must be observed at all times.

**Conclusion:**

It is to Council's credit that it has been prepared to take the tough decisions to address its current financial dilemma and turn the financial situation around. Other issues outside Council's control including the establishment of Local Land Services, the current review of noxious weed management and more recently the NSW Office of Local Government's "Fit for the Future" initiative have now come into play. This report notes progress being made in relation to the restructure process

<b>Organisational Restructure Update June 2015</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress in the Organisational Restructure process and endorsed the action taken so far.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> <b>Seconded:</b></p>

**Attachments:**

Restructure Action Plan

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ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE - ACTION PLAN**

(Revised as at 21 June, 2015)

**1. Redetermine Organisational Structure – 7 March, 2014**

Completed – see council resolution of 5 March, 2014

**2. Implement bi-monthly progress reporting – 30 April, 2014**

Commenced with report to deferred April meeting on 7 May, 2014 and June Meeting on 25 June 2014. Reporting now being made quarterly in accordance with OLG letter of 23 December, 2014

**3. Give effect to and finalise organisational restructure process - 30 May, 2014**

Staff and relevant union formally advised on 10 March, 2014. Meetings held with all staff on 24 March, 2014 and 9 April, 2014 respectively.

**4. Minimise financial impacts of organisational restructure on Council – 30 May, 2014**

Eight requests received for voluntary redundancy. Negotiations concluded with four staff at Coonamble (1 in May, 2 in June and 1 in July). Position of Chief Weeds Officer made redundant with effect from 28 November, 2014. Redundancies at Coonabarabran and Gilgandra on hold pending finalisation of restructure. Position at Warren has been advertised with an appointment to be made in 2015 once the funding under WAP 1520 is known. .

**5. Establish a moratorium for re-employment – 30 May, 2014**

No staff have requested re-deployment at this stage

**6. Advise Division of Local Government and Council's Auditor of action being taken to restore Council's financial viability – 30 May, 2014**

Letters sent to OLG and Auditor 19 May, 2014.

**7. Explore possibility of short term advances with constituent councils – 30 April, 2014**

Letters sent to all constituent councils. All five councils have agreed with CMCC request for advance of \$50,000 repayable over three years. First repayment of \$20,000 per constituent council made in May, 2015.

**8. Commence negotiation for a bank overdraft – 30 April, 2014**

Commonwealth Bank approached to establish overdraft. At this stage investigations into which form of security CMCC could offer deferred because agreement for advances obtained from all constituent Councils.

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**9. EOIs from constituent Councils to provide administrative/accounting function – 30 April, 2014**

Only one council lodged an expression of interest and the offer of Walgett Shire accepted at meeting on 25 June, 2014. Administration/financial functions are being progressively relocated to Walgett Shire's office as from 1 July, 2014.

**10. Negotiate closure of freight agency - 30 May, 2014**

Freight agency closed on 9 May, 2014.

**11. Commence action to dispose of surplus depot facilities – 30 May, 2014**

Initial stocktake carried out first week of June. Full inventory completed - 30 November, 2014.

**12. Transfer to ELE by 30 June – 15 June, 2014**

ELE has been provided for in 2013/14 Financial Statements.

**13. Mini-budget (QBRs) to April Meeting – 30 April, 2014**

Revised QBRs to deferred April meeting on 7 May, 2014 and June meeting on 25 June, 2014. Revised QBRs to meetings on 17 December, 2014, 23 March, 2015, 20 April, 2015 and 29 June, 2015.

**14. Prepare 2014/15 Operating Plan and Budget and ten year forecast – 30 April, 2014**

Draft 2014/15 Operating Plan and Budget and ten year forecast to deferred April meeting on 7 May, 2014 and adopted at June Meeting on 25 June, 2014.

An Operating Plan and Budget for 2015/16 was adopted in principle at Council's meeting on 20 April, 2015.

**15. Finalise 2013/14 Financial Statements – 30 August, 2014**

Audited 2013/14 Financial Statements lodged with Office of Local Government on 7 November, 2014. Auditor's presentation was made to meeting on 17 December, 2014.

**16. Finalise transfer of Accounting/administrative function to a constituent council – 1 July, 2014**

Agreement negotiated for administrative/financial support for an initial amount of \$25,000 pa

**17. Prepare schedule of future grant sources – 1 July, 2014**

State WAP grant of \$309,408 announced on 1 November, 2014. An application has now been lodged for funding under WAP1520.

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**18. Finalise disposal of surplus property/plant – 30 September, 2014**

Allowed for in forward planning – As per resolution passed at June, 2014 meeting General Manager to confer with Councillor Schieb with regards arranging an auction for Council's surplus plant, equipment and buildings. Auction held Tuesday 3 March, 2015.

**19. Revised Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation**

Revised integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation was prepared for and adopted in principle at Council's meeting on Monday 20 April, 2015.

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**ITEM 7.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – PERIOD ENDED 31 May, 2015**

**Summary:**

An analysis of Council's actual income and expenditure to 31 May, 2015 is currently being prepared and will be submitted to the meeting as a supplementary item.

<b>Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 31 May, 2015</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>For Council's consideration</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p>

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**ITEM 7.5      MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 000/00/00/00

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**Summary:**

The following matters are listed for brief mention or information only.

1. Drought Funding for Weeds:

Advice to hand indicates that special federal government drought funding of \$25M will be made available to address feral animal and weeds issues in twenty shires in western NSW and Queensland which have been affected by continuing drought. Four of these shires are in NSW (Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and Coonamble) and funds for these councils will be distributed through the NSW DPI.

2. Local Government Reform

There is still no clear understanding of what action County Councils in NSW should be taking with regards the “Fit For The Future” legislation and it is believed that the situation will become clearer once the position with regards “joint organisations” is made towards the end of October, 2015

Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the above issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager’s report to the May, 2015 meeting be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p>

Attachments:

**Nil**

# **Section 2**

## **Senior Weeds Officer's Report**

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**ITEM 8.1: Senior Weeds Officer's Report**

April/ May 2015

Since the last report we have had the MVWAC weed trailer to the Gilgandra, Coonamble and the Warren show on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately it was not available for the Walgett show which clashed with Wellington, a pleasing amount of interest from the public at each show.

The season has changed with some rain in all Shires and we are now treating Boxthorn. Carl is having a good effect in the Coonamble Shire as I am receiving phone calls from people who have received their first weeds report notice. I also note the LLS are treating reserves in the shire and are trying as much as possible to coordinate their treatment with Carl which is a great improvement over all, it shows that people who are reminded what is required will mostly cooperate.

Bruce at Walgett has been treating small Hudson pear in the areas we treated in the last spraying we done with the full crew. It appears when the large plants are removed it allows the small seedlings to germinate and thrive. I have attached maps of the main areas we treated while we were up at the Ridge.

Thankfully the application for WAP funding for our five shires has been submitted and is being handled as a whole and without having Walgett split off to NWLLS.

I attended an invasive species meeting at Narrabri where we discussed what weeds we would like on the list. I made the point that we could put lots on the list but we would then need lots of money and a practical treatment to control them. Unfortunately I must have upset an ecologist at the meeting as I received an email putting pretty much everything that wasn't here when Captain Cook arrived on the list.

This concludes my report.

John Unwin

Acting Senior Weeds Officer



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**ITEM 8.2 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COONAMBLE NOXIOUS PLANT REPORT**

**FROM: 25 March 2015      TO: 25 May 2015**

**Seasonal Conditions:** Cooler Conditions, scattered showers.

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Activities Undertaken</b>	<b>Outcomes Achieved</b>
1. Control noxious weeds on private property.	1. Carry out property inspections.	1. Number of properties inspected: <u>7</u> 2. Area inspected: <u>1951 hec</u> 3. Area infested: <u>1343 hec</u> 4. Area treated: <u>3 hec</u>
2. Control noxious weeds on council-controlled land	2. Treat roadsides	5. Area treated along roadsides: <u>40 hec</u> 6. Map Infestation – record infestation on Council computer using Tracker. GPS areas where necessary. 7. Supply of spray equipment to landholders - Nil 400 litre Hardi spray equipment - Nil 5 litre hand-held spray – Nil

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**ITEM 8.3 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**GILGANDRA NOXIOUS PLANT REPORT**

**FROM: 26 March 2015      TO: 25 May 2015**

**Seasonal Conditions:** Some very good rain in the Shire with some warm days and some windy and cold days as well.

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Activities Undertaken</b>	<b>Outcomes Achieved</b>
1. Control noxious weeds on private property.	1. Carry out property inspections.	1. Number of properties inspected: <u>21</u> 2. Area inspected: <u>726 ha</u> 3. Area infested: <u>141 ha</u> 4. Area treated:
2. Control noxious weeds on council-controlled land	2. Treat roadsides for Pear Green Cestrum African Boxthorn	5. Area treated along roadsides: <u>1,600 ha</u> 6. Map Infestation – record infestation on Council computer using Tracker. GPS areas where necessary. 7. Supply of spray equipment to landholders - Nil 400 litre Hardi spray equipment - Nil 5 litre hand-held spray – Nil

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**ITEM 8.4 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**WALGETT NOXIOUS PLANT REPORT**

**FROM: April 2015 TO: May 2015**

**Seasonal Conditions:** Very dry drought conditions, property owners aware of weed problem, however due to continued drought conditions are unable to purchase chemicals to deal with the problem. Some owners getting very edgy when contacted continually; please understand these circumstances.

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Activities Undertaken</b>	<b>Outcomes Achieved</b>
1. Control noxious weeds on private property.	1. Carry out property inspections.	1. Number of properties inspected: <u>6</u> 2. Area inspected: <u>15,220 acres</u> 3. Area infested: <u>1120 acres</u> 4. Area treated: <u>100 acres</u>
2. Control noxious weeds on council-controlled land	2. Treat roadsides for Prickly Pear Mimosa	5. Area treated along roadsides: <u>nil</u> 6. Map Infestation – record infestation on Council computer using Tracker. GPS areas where necessary. Nil 7. Supply of spray equipment to landholders 400 litre Hardi spray equipment - 1 5 litre hand-held spray – 1

5. Nil roadside due to dryness, concentrating on heavy infestation of Hudson Pear at Lightning Ridge and Cumborah.

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**ITEM 8.5 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**WARREN NOXIOUS PLANT REPORT**

**FROM: April 2015 TO: May 2015**

**Seasonal Conditions:** The Warren Shire has received storm activity. This rain has increased Angora, Boxthorn, Bathurst Burr, Noogoora Burr, Green Cestrum, Mimosa Bush, Harrisia Cacti, Tiger Pear and Common Pear.

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Activities Undertaken</b>	<b>Outcomes Achieved</b>
1. Control noxious weeds on private property.	1. Carry out property inspections.	1. Number of properties inspected: <u>11</u> 2. Area inspected: <u>19,900 ha</u> 3. Area infested: <u>2000 ha</u> 4. Area treated: <u>500 ha</u>
2. Control noxious weeds on council-controlled land	2. Treat roadsides for Mimosa Bush Harrisia Cacti Common Pear Green Cestrum Boxthorn Bathurst Burr Noogoora Burr Tiger Pear	5. Area treated along roadsides: <u>1,000 ha</u> 6. Map Infestation – record infestation on Council computer using Tracker. GPS areas where necessary. 7. Supply of spray equipment to landholders: nil 400 litre Hardi spray equipment - Nil 5 litre hand-held spray – Nil

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**WARRUMBUNGLE NOXIOUS PLANT REPORT**

**FROM: April 2015 TO: May 2015**

**Seasonal conditions:** Since the last report 390 points of rain has fallen in the gauge at Binnaway.

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Activities undertaken</b>	<b>Outcomes achieved</b>
1. Control noxious weeds on private property.	1. Carry out property inspections.	1. Number of properties inspected: 7 2. Area inspected: 10057 ha  3. Area infested: 1000 ha  4. Area treated: 130ha
2. Control noxious weeds on council controlled land.	2. Treat roadsides.	5. Area treated along roadsides: 900 ha  6. Map infestation – record infestation on Council computer using Tracker. GPS areas where necessary.  7. Supply of spray equipment to landholders (numbers) nil 400 litre Hardi spray equipment 5 litre hand-held spray nil