



G W Y D I R
SHIRE COUNCIL

LATE ITEMS

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Item 5 Gwydir Learning Region Monthly Report

FILE REFERENCE 21/11147

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for notation.

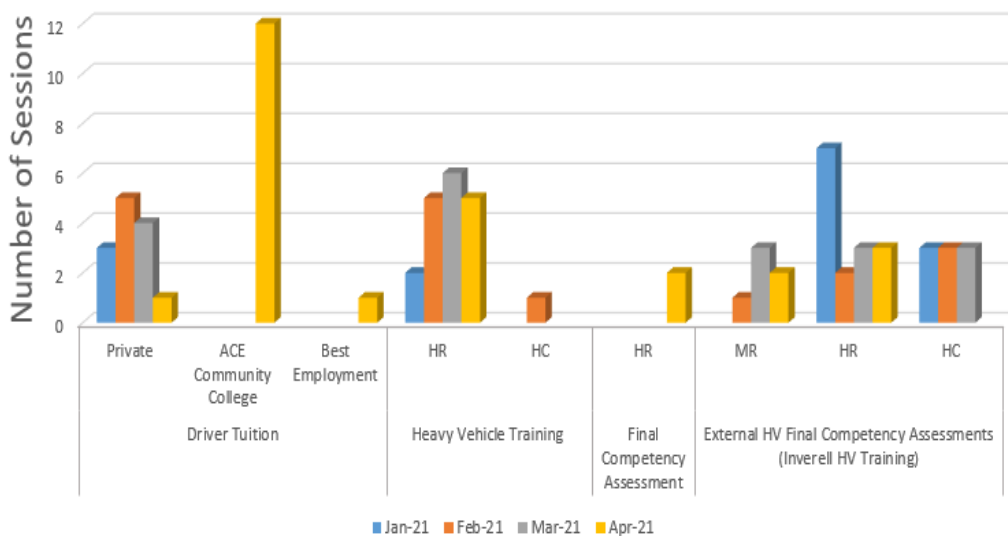
TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

COMMENT

GLR Automotive Trade Training Centre (ATTC)

**GLR TRAINING
LEARNER DRIVER &
HEAVY VEHICLE TRAINING & ASSESSMENT**



Heavy Vehicle Training and Assessment

Heavy Vehicle Training numbers have been consistent over April, with enquiries regarding smart and skilled funding increasing.

Throughout April five (5) clients have undertaken heavy vehicle training, with all five obtaining their HR (heavy rigid) license.

All participants obtained full funding through Training Services NSW Smart and Skilled Program.

Council's assessors also completed five (5) Final Competency Assessments for Inverell Heavy Vehicle Training (IHVT) clients. In accordance with Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and Transport for NSW regulations, where practical, final competency assessments are not carried out by the trainer. This arrangement has been in place for some time and is mutually convenient for both Council and IHVT.

Learner Driver Tuition

As illustrated in the graph, fourteen (14) learner driver sessions were booked throughout the month of April 2021, twelve (12) of them through Council's agreement with ACE Community College.

Cert IV Child Care and/or Hospitality plus Barista training

The possibility of running subsidised training in these areas locally is being explored. There is a definite opportunity for paid employment for graduates from these training programs.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 6 Children's Day Care - Warialda

FILE REFERENCE 21/11282

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 1. A healthy and cohesive community

OUTCOME: 1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY AND INVITING SPACES AND PLACES

STRATEGY: 1.1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities - OCD
- external

AUTHOR General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends that the Council supports in principle the allocation of 123 High Street Warialda to the Inverell District Family Services as the Warialda Children's Day Care Centre if the current investigation proves the viability of the endeavour.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The Warialda and District Chamber has advised the Council that one of its highest priority issues is the decreasing availability of appropriate child care in Warialda.

This is a service lacking across the Shire generally.

The Shire's staff have had some discussion with an external private provider but for this service to operate within Warialda the Council would need to provide a purpose built building. The estimated cost would be \$750,000 plus the land component. This was listed as a possible project under the latest Stronger Country Communities' Fund but not recommended.

The Chamber has recently made contact with the Inverell District Family Services (IDFS) about the possibility of its existing services being expanded to include Warialda. Shire staff met with representatives from the Chamber and Ms. Nicki Lavender last week to explore the options available. The repurposing of an existing building is considered a viable option and following the meeting an inspection of 123 High Street Warialda was undertaken.

Ms. Lavender expressed the opinion that 123 High Street could be converted at reasonable cost so that it would be suitable for a registered Child Care

Centre for up to 20 children. From Ms. Lavender's experience the centre would need at least 8 children attending daily to be viable, which according to the research undertaken by the Chamber would be achievable.

Ms. Lavender explained the current fee structure of IDFS and it would appear that the fees would be within the reach of most families requiring the service.

COMMENT

There is still significant preparatory work to be undertaken to establish the viability of the project by IDFS and the Council but the early indication is positive. An early preliminary estimate of the refurbishment costs is around \$130,000 although the Chamber representatives are confident that volunteer labour will reduce this amount significantly. Once the estimate is quantified an appropriate allocation will be included in the operating plan, if supported by the Council.

Obviously if 123 High Street Warialda is allocated for this purpose than it would not be available for sale. However, any funds received from any purchase were earmarked to construct town house style accommodation, which would better suit the need for visiting doctors. This is not as urgent a requirement following some recent discussion held with the Warialda doctors as outlined in another report on this Committee's agenda.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

FURTHER that the Council supports in principle the allocation of 123 High Street Warialda to the Inverell District Family Services as the Warialda Children's Day Care Centre if the current investigation proves the viability of the endeavour.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.