

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
10 March 2011

Mayor and Councillors
Corowa Shire Council.

Councillors,

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 15 March 2011.

1. SENIORS WEEK

Arrangements have been made for functions to recognise Seniors Week.

At Mulwala the function will be held at the Lake Mulwala Hotel on Monday 21 March next commencing at 12 noon whilst the Corowa function for Corowa and Howlong residents will be held on Tuesday 22 March in the Memorial Hall commencing at 1.30 p.m.

For Council's information.

2. SHIRES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Shires Associations Conference will be held in Sydney from 30 May to 1 June 2011. As in previous years the conference will be preceded by the LGMA Forum on 30 May with the conference commencing that evening and running through to Wednesday 1 June.

Council has one voting delegate to the conference being the Mayor and Council's Corporate Plan provides for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and General Manager with a further Councillor nominated by Council to attend the conference. Council also supports Councillor Bott's attendance at the conference as a Past President of the Association.

RECOMMENDED that in accordance with Council's Corporate Plan Council confirm its attendance at the Shires Association Conference and nominate representatives to attend the conference and the LGMA Forum.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SERVICES (LGFS)

Local Government Financial Services (LGFS) have advised that they will no longer be able to accept new deposits from NSW Councils for investment purposes.

The reason being the revised Ministerial Investment Order which includes a number of changes to the previous Order dated 31 July 2008 has removed LGFS (Part F) from the Order.

It appears the reason for this decision is that as LGFS is now owned by Local Government Super it is no longer considered a Local Government owned enterprise and therefore does not qualify for special inclusion.

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4. ONE ASSOCIATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Local Government representatives met in Sydney on 23 February last to further progress the formation of a One Association.

The Special Conference follows the One Association Convention that was held in August 2010 where 27 Principles were recommended for the formation of the One Association.

The Special Conference further discussed and debated the 27 Principles recommended at the August Convention with 23 of the Principles being adopted without change. The following amendments were made to the 4 remaining Principles.

Principle 20

Convention Recommendation

There will be one (1) council membership category: Ordinary

Principle 20 resolved at Special Conference

There will be two categories of membership: Ordinary and Associate.

Principle 22

Convention Recommendation

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council will be eligible for Ordinary Membership

Principle 22 resolved at Special Conference

The 9 Regional Aboriginal Land Councils will be eligible for Ordinary or Associate Membership of the Association

(Note that it was the intention of the Conference to permit the Regional Aboriginal Lands Councils to choose whether they wish to be Ordinary Members or Associate Members)

Principle 23

Convention Recommendation

All NSW County Councils will be eligible for Ordinary membership

Principle 23 resolved at Special Conference

There will be two types of membership categories; Ordinary & Associate and NSW County Councils will only be eligible for Associate Membership.

(Note that the Shires Executive met on the 24 February 2011 and foreshadowed an Executive motion which will be put to the Shires Conference in June this year recommending that County Councils be offered the option of selecting either ordinary or Associate membership, in the same way that the 9 Regional Aboriginal Land Councils are being offered this option)

Principle 26

Convention Recommendation

Elected Councillors from ordinary members who are their Councils nominated delegates will be eligible to vote for motions at Conference

Principle 26 resolved at Special Conference

Elected Councillors from ordinary members who are their Councils nominated delegates will be eligible to vote for motions at Conference, with the exception of those councils under Administration where the Administrator may be the delegate.

As well as these amendments being made the following 2 additional Principles were adopted.

Additional Principles 28 & 29

An additional two (2) principles were adopted by the Conference.

28 That the Rural/Regional Division be broken into 10 Zones for the purpose of the election of members of the Board.

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- 29 That Member Councils within each Zone vote for their Executive Member who will represent that Zone.

The full 29 Principles are included with the agenda for Councillors information.

Council were represented at the Special Conference by the Mayor and Councillor Poidevin who may wish to further expand on the conferences proceedings.

For Council's information.

5. WORKSHOP

Arrangements have been made for the 2 day workshop to be held on the 23 and 24 March next.

The workshop will be held in Echuca and the agenda and details of the workshop will be forwarded to Councillors prior to the workshop.

For Council's information.

6. RAFFLES.

Catholic Women's League	28.02.11, 01.03.11, 02.03.11, 03.03.11, 04.03.11, 05.03.11.
Corowa Federation Arts	07.03.11, 08.03.11, 09.03.11, 10.03.11, 11.03.11.
RSL Women's Auxiliary	12.03.11, 14.03.11, 15.03.11.

7. STREET STALLS.

Howlong Preschool	19.02.11.
Howlong Craft Group	26.02.11.
Brocklesby School	05.03.11.
Brocklesby Community Inc.	12.03.11.

BJ CORCORAN
GENERAL MANAGER

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT.

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General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 15 March 2011.

1. DECEMBER 2010 STOCKTAKE

As a result of the 10 December 2010 stocktake the following store items to the net value of \$1,024.94 were adjusted.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the following Store items adjustments be adopted: -

Write On

915 litres	Distillate	1,071.10
11.83 litres	ULP Petrol	13.74
		<u>1,084.84</u>

Write Offs

1	150 X 45 Degree Spigot Bend	59.90
		<u>59.90</u>

Net Write On **\$1,024.94**

2. TENDER FOR AUDIT SERVICES

Council is required in accordance with Section 422 & 424 of the Local Government Act to appoint an Auditor for a period of 6 years.

KPMG now WHK Albury were appointed as Council's Auditor by the State Government at the time of Council's proclamation on 26 May 2004.

The current appointment expired as at the finalisation of the 2009/10 Audit.

It is now required that we call tenders for the provision of Audit Services.

A Tender Specification EOI has been developed and provided to Councillors.

RECOMMENDED that Council call tenders for Audit Services and that this process be undertaken using the services of Tenderlink.

3. RECONCILIATION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2011

Balance as per Bank Statement :

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General Account	0000 0022		\$ 274,516.88
Business Online Saver Account	1042522		5,156,355.70
Cash Deposit Account (CDA)			
Investments			\$ 11,162,529.39
		Sub Total	\$ 16,593,401.97
Plus Deposits not yet lodged			
Corowa 28-February-2011	\$ 53,067.71		
Mulwala 28-February-2011			
		\$ 53,067.71	
		Sub Total	\$ 16,646,469.68
Less Unpresented Cheques			\$ 21,236.62
Balance as per General Ledger			\$ 16,625,233.06

4. INVESTMENTS HELD 28 FEBRUARY 2011

The attached list of investment securities is held as at 28 February 2011. Investment of funds on behalf of Council has been undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations.

ID RICH
DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENTS HELD 28 FEBRUARY 2011

Type	Institution	Amount Lodged	Date Lodged	Rate	Number of Days	Maturity Date
CDO Magnolia Mar 2012	ANZ	\$1,500,000.00	20/12/2010	6.45	91	21/03/2011
Term Deposit 9878-83593	ANZ	\$1,047,465.75	2/12/2010	6.30	243	2/08/2011
Nexus 4 Topaz Notes	ASX Computershare	\$500,000.00	20/11/2009	0.00	2041	23/06/2015
Term Deposit 18-658-9633	NAB	\$2,000,000.00	2/12/2010	6.30	182	2/06/2011
Term Deposit 18-461-9229	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	1/11/2010	6.19	180	30/04/2011
Term Deposit 16-984-8461	NAB	\$1,035,471.24	9/10/2010	6.15	184	11/04/2011
Term Deposit 18-215-5002	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	22/09/2010	6.13	181	22/03/2011
Term Deposit 18-146-1518	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	10/09/2010	6.13	212	10/04/2011
Term Deposit 28-9974	Westpac	\$1,009,534.25	14/02/2011	5.77	90	15/05/2011
Term Deposit 26 6828	Westpac	\$1,070,058.15	2/02/2011	5.73	30	4/03/2011

Grand Total \$11,162,529.39

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ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT.

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Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 15 March 2011.

1. WORKS IN PROGRESS

a) Staff.

The following new staff appointments have been made:

- Water and Sewer Overseer – Paul Cofield
- Assistant Roads Overseer – Chris Jackson
- Trainee Treatment Plant Operator/Howlong gang – Sean Charlton.

b) Saleyards.

The contract reached the state of Practical Completion on Friday 25th February. The winter storage dam is now almost half full. Most importantly the wash down water is no longer going to the Sewerage Treatment Plant.

c) Mains Flushing Corowa.

This \$20,000 2nd stage of a 4 year program has been completed.

d) Mulwala STW Lagoon Rehabilitation.

Public Works (formerly Department of Commerce) are undertaking the design of the pond rehabilitation for \$7,500.

e) Aerodrome Audit.

CASA have undertaken the annual audit.

f) Town Flooding 5th February Clean Up.

Tree and branch removal and drainage repair works should be completed by the week of the Council meeting. The Fairway Close Howlong sewer has been repaired to stop system crippling infiltration. The Townsend Street drainage erosion has been made safe but will initially be treated as a river erosion problem.

g) Corowa Sewerage Treatment Plant.

The final report from Public Works has been belatedly received. The recommended course of action for Council consideration will be made in April/May and will accommodate the advice of the successful application for a grant for 50% of the cost of a recycled water proposal to deliver water to the Corowa Racecourse.

h) Cemetery Road Trunk Sewer – Corowa.

Construction of the gravity trunk sewers by contractors B & K Robinson is now complete. This contractor has done an excellent job, considering the difficulties caused by the unseasonal summer rain. Commissioning of the new system is complete and operating well. Decommissioning of the redundant pump stations by Council staff is continuing and should be complete within a few days.

i) Townsend Street Kerb– Howlong.

Installation of kerb and gutter in Townsend Street from Emily Court to Jude Street is progressing well and should be complete within a few days.

j) Hawkins Street Watermain – Howlong.

Replacement of the existing watermain in Hawkins Street from Hume to Hovell Street is now complete and operational.

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k) Melbourne Street - Mulwala.

Detail design is nearing completion for the reconstruction of Melbourne Street Mulwala between Bayly and Inglis Street. Preliminary plans have been sent to the RTA for comment. Design of the street lighting is continuing.

l) Hermitage Drive – Corowa.

Construction of the section of Hermitage Drive from Gallipoli Street to Sauvignon Drive is progressing well. The kerb and gutter has been installed and placement of the gravel pavement is continuing.

m) Maintenance Grading.

- Hanrahans Road – also drain repairs, roadfill, resheet
- Davis Hill Road – also resheet
- Sandy Ridges Road – also resheet
- Elouera Road – also resheet
- Boomerang Road
- Martins Road
- Coreen Vale Road
- Macartney Road
- Nagles Road
- Corowa unsealed streets
- Skehans Lane
- Larkins Road

Other Works

- Merton Road – heavy patching
- Spring Drive - heavy patching
- Federation Way - edge repair flood washout
- Bayly & Lucan Streets – lane construction
- Hermitage Drive - construction
- Redlands Road – stabilise heavy patch
- Federation Way some of many – stabilise heavy patch
- Redlands Road – drainage works
- Redlands Road – patching
- Signs for flooding and drain clean outs Shire wide.

For Council's information.

2. STABILISING EQUIPMENT

We have been investigating the costs of purchasing our own stabilising equipment for repairing sealed roads.

This year has proved difficult to find contractors that are available and with the increased natural disaster funded work, it is appropriate to investigate becoming self reliant in this area of work.

Some stabiliser quotes have been received ranging from \$90,000 to \$136,000 depending upon capability.

These machines are PTO driven by a 120-140 HP tractor which would be sought as a low hour second hand machine. Council's slasher tractor is due for changeover next financial year and would have increased in size to better cope with the current work demand.

A lime spreader would also be required for which quotes are being sought. It is expected this would cost in the range of up to \$30,000.

The information is being compiled and will be presented to the Policy and Resource Committee along with a full plant report.

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3. STAFF REPORT

The road maintenance section has employed 3 casual staff to ensure a crew can be formed to undertake culvert laying, tree height clearance, filling eroded gutters, etc., without stopping any of the grader crews who are needed to concentrate on flood damaged road repairs.

These staff will be employed only as long as the flood repairs require this level of staffing and if suited, would be considered for permanent roles, should natural attrition occur.

For Council's information.

4. TREES – GRAY STREET

Council has received a complaint about root damage, and potential further damage from two mature London Plane trees in Gray Street, Corowa. The roots from these trees can be found well within the property and are evident on the surface in the garden areas.

There are two options to resolve the owner's concerns – one is to remove the trees and the other is to provide a root barrier to cut existing roots and prevent future root invasion of the property. The cost of each option will be similar. The cost for removal is in the vicinity of \$1,500 to \$1,800 per tree for mature trees. A firm quote for a pre-construction health and diagnostic assessment, construction of a root barrier, and a follow-up health assessment and maintenance treatment to ensure continued health of the trees is \$3,850 incl GST. with Council to locate several services.

These two trees are estimated to be well over 50 years old and are in a very healthy condition. I would not like to see these fine specimens removed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that a root barrier be constructed at 4 Gray Street, Corowa adjacent to the two London Plane Trees

5. COROWA LAWN CEMETERY

During several recent interments at the lawn cemetery, Council staff has encountered sub-surface water whilst digging the graves. This is similar to experiences prior to the recent drought where at times great difficulty was experienced in providing proper grave sites for burials.

Coincidentally with the encountering sub-soil water is the filling of the central lake. In an endeavour to counter the ingress of water and to try to determine if it is influenced by water in the lake, the lake has been emptied. Early indications are that there is a direct connection because, with the lake empty and no rainfall, approximately 25mm of water entered the lake overnight.

Subject to a close check on the situation over a long period (up to 12 months) it may be necessary for Council to approve the filling of the lake in the future.

For Council's information.

6. ROADS TO RECOVERY – BULLECOURT ROAD

A preliminary design for the Corowa By-Pass from Honour Avenue via Bullecourt Road to Cemetery Road has been prepared. The proposal includes a T-Intersection at Bullecourt Road/Honour Avenue intersection, a cross road intersection at Whitehead Street, an 80kmph design speed curve to link Bullecourt Road with Cemetery Road, and a T-Intersection on the centre of this curve for the commencement of Nulla Nulla Road. The intersection with Whitehead Street justifies further consideration as to whether it is a "cross-road" or "staggered T" type intersection is preferred.

No construction is proposed in the current financial year due to the substantial repairs absorbing our machinery and staff following the heavy rains, and the wet conditions on much of the route of the new road. However subject to the approval of Council of the preliminary design, then land resumption can commence.

A copy of the preliminary plans will be tabled for Council's information.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the proposed alignment of Bullecourt Road and authorise the Director of Engineering Services to commence land acquisition negotiations with affected landholders.

7. GUY STREET LAND EXCHANGE

Council has previously agreed to engage in a land transfer with Southern Cross Homes (SCH) to exchange part of the public road (Guy Street) for some of SCH land which will be an extension of McDonald Avenue. It was agreed that Council would carry out necessary surveys and transfers, create easements and construct services and road.

The design for a cul-de-sac and drainage line relocation at the northern end of Guy Street has been completed and a surveyor commissioned to carry out all necessary survey to allow for the land exchange to continue. It will be necessary for Council to consider providing funds in the next budget for the construction. The estimate of costs is yet to be prepared.

For Council's information.

8. DRAINAGE – AITKEN STREET

Funds were allocated in Budget for the completion of the Aitken Street Drainage project. These funds were requested on the assumption that the 2010 construction may not be completed prior to the end of the last financial year. Most works were completed and the budget allocation of \$10,000 has only been partially expended.

An urgent drainage problem has emerged on the Gitchell Street outfall drain within railway property adjacent to the Old Flour Mill. Some work is required to clean and reshape the drain, and I have authorised the expenditure of up to \$8,000 to commence the job.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the actions of the Director of Engineering Services in authorising the cleaning of the Gitchell Street outfall drain, with excess funds from the Aitken Street Drainage project be approved.

9. HAMMER STREET CONSTRUCTION

The works program has provided for the construction of Hammer Street between Jude Street and Kennedy Street. The original proposal was to prepare the street, provide drainage and seal with a light urban seal.

The final design for the road has been done and it is apparent that without the installation of kerbing and guttering there will be a continuing drainage problem in the shallow and flat table drains along the street, and if the road is constructed to the "rural standard" (i.e. high pavement and little longitudinal drainage) then the opportunity to do a finished job for the foreseeable future will be lost. The preliminary estimate of costs shows that there are sufficient funds to construct K&G and gravelled pavement, but the light urban seal would need to be deferred until a future program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Hammer Street, Howlong be constructed to a gravel surface standard with kerbing and guttering, and that a light urban seal be applied in the coming year with funds for this to be taken from the urban maintenance vote.

10. MARTIN STREET, COROWA

It is proposed to construct kerbing and guttering in Martin Street, Corowa. Recent heavy rains have proven the engineering design that requires underground pipes to be extended from the present drainage line to Hume Street. This drainage was not considered in the preliminary estimate of costs for the work. It is proposed that the available funds be expended on the installation of drainage and commencement of preparation for kerbing and guttering, with outstanding works being considered in the 2011/2012 budget.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that drainage be completed in Martin Street, Corowa in the current year and finalisation of the road construction be considered in the 2011/2012 budget.

JJ BABBS
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT.

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The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council.

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 15 March 2011.

1. BUILDINGS.

The following construction certificates are listed for Council perusal.

2011/011	71 Corowa Road, Mulwala	Front Fence
2011/012	2/73 Tower Street, Corowa	Patio
2011/013	333 Honour Avenue, Corowa	Storage Shed
2011/016	61 Federation Avenue, Corowa	Deck
2011/018	Hudsons Road, Corowa	Shed
2011/019	21 Melbourne Street, Mulwala	Dwelling Restump (Partial)
2011/022	116 Pell Street, Howlong	Covered Walkway
2011/023	8 Wing Crescent, Mulwala	Dwelling
2011/026	47 Sanger Street, Corowa	Signage
2011/029	50 Banksia Drive, Corowa	Carport
2011/030	'Widgeon', Spring Drive Corowa	Dwelling Additions
2011/036	18 Kingfisher Drive, Mulwala	Dwelling
2011/038	1 Darcy's Road, Coreen	Swimming Pool

TOTAL \$649,196.00

2. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP) ACCELERATION FUND

Notification has been received from Mr Sam Haddad, Director General, Department of Planning that Council has been successful in obtaining a grant under the LEP Acceleration Fund to assist in the finalisation of the Shire wide LEP.

The grants are in the form of work to an Equivalent Value, where the Department of Planning will employ planners and GIS mapping persons to carry out the required work of Council up to the value of the grant.

The grants have been made available on a regional basis and Corowa and Berrigan Shires (50:50) have been provided with a joint grant of \$148,400 (ex GST). The grant is as follows:

Planner	\$126,000
GIS Mapping	\$ 22,400
Total	\$148,400

The grant was based on the stage where each individual Council is at in the plan making process. The grant is to fund dedicated services to prepare and/or revise Council's LEP so that it can be made by an agreed date.

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The Crown Solicitors Office is currently drafting a Letter of Offer for Council's signing. It is hoped that the Letter of Offer will be finalised and be in place by mid-March 2011.

RECOMMENDED that subject to the terms of offer being acceptable to Council, the grant through the Local Environmental Plan Acceleration Fund, be accepted and that the General Manager be authorised to sign off on the Letter of Offer.

3. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

Since the last Council meeting the following development applications have been determined under delegated authority by the granting of consent subject to conditions.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/078

Application for a retardation basin on rural environment land being Lot 1; DP 559879; Jude Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/222/01 – MODIFICATION OF CONSENT

Application for modification of consent to install rainwater tank on residential land being Lot 1; DP 207138; 14 Jackson Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/241

Application for a boat mooring on residential land being Lot 101; DP 718534; 250 River Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/250

Application for single boat mooring on residential land being Lot 11; DP 591999; 114 River Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/251

Application for a boat mooring on residential land being Lot 12; DP 591999; 112 River Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/259

Application for a boat mooring on residential land being Lot 12; DP 708004; 15 Lawrence Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2011/004

Application for a single boat mooring on residential land being residential land being Lot 78; DP 749526; 146 Melbourne Road, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2011/020

Application for dual occupancy on residential land being Lot 173; DP 1154748; 81 Sturt Street, Mulwala.

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NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ANIMAL INSPECTORS REPORT.

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Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 15 March 2011.

Spiny Burr Grass

A large increase of Spiny Burr Grass growth has been identified throughout Corowa Shire due to significant rainfall followed by hot humid weather. Locations spot sprayed include the following:

- Balldale township,
- Coreen township,
- Clark Street West and Wellers Gap Road (heavy infestation) at Howlong township,
- Balldale Coreen Road,
- Lavis Road,
- Hopefield Road, sections of the Riverina Highway between Corowa to the Corowa/Berrigan Shire boundary,
- Redlands Road,
- Lucelle Road (heavy infestation),
- Enfield Street,
- Spring Drive, Carols Hill,
- Collendina Road,
- Drain Lane,
- Merton Road,
- Mulwala township with some sections sprayed twice due to heavy infestations,
- Mulwala sewer treatment works treated for heavy infestations,
- Mulwala Industrial Estate (3 blocks spot and boomed sprayed-very heavy infestations),
- Tocumwal Road (heavy infestations).

St Barnaby's Thistle

A large increase of St Barnaby's Thistle growth has been identified throughout Corowa Shire due to significant rainfall followed by hot humid weather. Locations spot sprayed include the following:

- Howlong township and access roads,
- Hopefield Road,
- Oil Tree Lagoon Road.

Johnson Grass

Spot sprayed this Noxious Weed on Spring Drive.

Bathurst Burr

A significant increase of Bathurst Burr growth has been identified throughout Corowa Shire due to significant rainfall followed by hot humid weather. Locations spot sprayed include the following:

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- Jamieson Road,
- Corona Road,
- Moss Road,
- Tait's Road,
- The Ranch Road,
- Piggery Lane,
- Glenlea Road,
- Spring Drive,
- Collendina Road,
- Settlers Road,
- Murray Road,
- Humeden Road,
- Somerglen Road,
- Merton Road,
- Lucelle Road.

Property Inspections

Six (6) Corowa Shire properties have been inspected for Bathurst Burr, Spiny Burr and Horehound, all Class 4 Noxious Weeds. Property owners have been verbally advised that treatment is required to be undertaken within 7-14 days from the date of the discussion. The majority of property landowners have fully accepted responsibility and have verbally advised that they will take the necessary actions within the above timeframe, however, have mentioned that accessibility has been difficult due to the wet conditions. In addition, two landowners have been provided with Section 18 Noxious Weed notices as they verbally indicated that they may not comply with the verbal request to take action. Noxious Weed notices are issued only when the verbal request is not adhered to. It is expected that additional notices will be issued in the near future.

Property inspections will continue on identified risk properties throughout Corowa Shire.

New and emerging weeds such as Coolatai Grass and Chilean Needle Grass are always a priority when spot spraying and inspecting throughout Corowa Shire. Chilean Needle Grass has been identified on Spring Drive between Carols Hill and Drain Lane. This has been physically identified with red guide post markers at the start and end of the infestation and signage.

Liaising with Mick Laylor from National Parks in relation to Noxious Weeds in the Corowa Shire. This includes inspections and subsequent control measures. Also with RTA in relation to contract mowers on the Riverina Highway from Howlong to the Corowa Tip.

Water, waste and sewer treatment plants located in Corowa, Mulwala and Howlong are regularly inspected for Noxious Weeds. The Corowa Aerodrome is also inspected regularly. Once weeds are identified in these locations they are treated appropriately.

Howlong and Corowa Commons, Redlands Hill Reserve and other reserves, NSW National Parks (Pine and Redgum) are continuously inspected for Noxious Weeds in the Corowa Shire. Updates are provided to NSW state authorities regarding Noxious Weeds identified in National Parks.

PATRICK MINOGUE
SHIRE COUNCIL NOXIOUS WEEDS INSPECTOR

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 9.10 A.M.

PRESENT.

Mr C Webb (Chairman), Councillors M Shields, D Davey and N Wales, Messrs D Coppolino, M House, I Singleton, B Toll, JJ Babbs (Director Engineering Services) and Mr G Farrell.

APOLOGY

RECOMMENDED that the apology received from Mr Trevor McLean be accepted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2010 be confirmed.

Business Arising From The Previous Minutes:

Councillor Shields reported to the Committee his meeting with the Corowa Police requesting priority support when Council employees are threatened by members of the public when on duty. Corowa Police confirmed their availability and support, and the importance of informing them as early as possible of concerns or threats to Council staff.

The Director Engineering Services reported to the meeting the finding of his investigation of the removal of the T-handle from water taps outside the workshop building. Handles were removed to prevent unauthorised use of these hoses to wash plant and vehicle in front of the workshop as this is unacceptable.

Vehicle service pit progress has been good thus far, all major concrete works have been completed, and essential services, access stairs and hand grab rails still to be installed. External wall cladding and roller doors support frames are completed. PA access door has been completed.

2. REVIEW RECENT INCIDENT REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND CLOSEOUT PROGRESS

Incident Number 343, Operator lacerated forehead when vehicle door was blown open suddenly by gust of wind. No First Aid treatment recorded on report? Operator refused offer of medical treatment or being taken to medical centre for assessment.

Discussion by Committee resolved that if an injured person refuses medical treatment or to be taken to the medical centre, then choice of action is to be documented on the Incident Report.

Incident Number 346, Operator was returning to Corowa on Merton Road, while driving Backhoe/Frontend Loader along unsealed edge of rural road to allow a pole truck to pass his location, then moved machine back onto sealed single lane road and was then struck on right hand side of front bucket by an overtaking Country Energy utility towing a large box trailer.

RECOMMENDED that operators must drive to conditions on all rural roads and exercise extreme caution and remain vigilant for other traffic, AND that Overseers/foreman instruct staff that plant must be transported on float where conditions are unsafe or the risks unacceptable.

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3. SAFETY CONSULTATION – STAFF INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING PROCEDURES, TOOLBOX MEETINGS AND FEEDBACK TO WORKERS

RECOMMENDED that the Director Engineering Services determine appropriate scheduling for dedicated Safety Toolbox Meeting involving all work gangs, to ensure involvement in safe work procedure development, feedback on safety issues and raise safety concerns in a formal process AND All Toolbox Meetings have a specific safety topic for discussion and meetings are documented and signed off by all participants.

4. WORK SAFE – HOME SAFE PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AND B.B.Q

RECOMMENDED that the Work Safe – Home Safe B.B.Q be held on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at the Corowa Depot commencing at 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Council providing cooked breakfast for all participants AND during the B.B.Q proceedings promotional material shall be handout out and discussion generated about the importance of Working Safe to get Home Safe!

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Sunscreen

RECOMMENDED that a Sunscreen dispenser and mirror be installed at the Corowa Depot covered area outside lunch room for use by staff to ensure adequate supply of sunscreen is available and staff has applied sunscreen to all exposed skin, face, neck, etc before starting duties.

Grader Gang Cab Trucks

A report was provided by the Chairman on the two new Grader Gang crew cab trucks supplied with purpose build access stairs and grab rails on rear trays. These modifications have allowed safer access to the tray storage of tools and equipment.

RECOMMENDED that the remaining crew cab truck have the rear tray modified to provide safer access to tray.

Concern was raised over the lack of regular maintenance and responsibility of the EWP unit by operators.

RECOMMENDED that the Director Engineering Services investigate concerns over lack of maintenance and report findings and corrective action recommendations to OH&S Committee.

Hats

Concern was raised by OHS Coordinator over the continued wearing of Baseball style caps and additional alternate sun protective hats for staff not wearing correct hats, due to standard hats having a stiff brim that prevent normal hearing protection muffs being worn and other difficulties wearing standard hats in vehicles with headrest fitted.

RECOMMENDED that the two alternate style hats reviewed at the OH&S meeting be displayed and discussed at the Safety Toolbox Meeting for the best option and adoption as an alternate style for staff use.

Rainwear at Night

Concern was raised and discussed over the use of inadequate and unsafe rainwear for night

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time activities and emergency callouts. The current rainwear does not have retro-reflective strips fitted for night use.

RECOMMENDED that the Director Engineering Services investigate the suitability of current rainwear for emergency call outs at night AND ensure a supply of adequate rain wear apparel fitted with retro-reflective material for night use for staff in all three townships emergency boxes and vehicles used for call outs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OH&S Committee is to be held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 10:15 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE COROWA SHIRE AND RUTHERGLEN DISTRICT HEALTH SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COROWA SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2011 AT 7.30 PM.

PRESENT

Mr Peter Wortmann	(Chairperson) NSW Ambulance
Councillor Fred Longmire	Corowa Shire Council
Mr Keith Barber	Local Health Advisory Committee
Ms Wendy Thompson	Corowa Shire Council
Ms May Houlihan	Community Representative
Ms Margaret McDonald	Home Care Service
Ms Beth Tidd	Community Representative
Ms Tracee Wilson	Southern Cross Karinya Apartments
Ms Gwynneth Handberg	Southern Cross Karinya Apartments
Mr Paul Wareham	Independent Candidate NSW Albury

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Bruce Corcoran, Nicole Moloney, Barbara Robinson, Marianne Vogel and Geoff Bartlett be accepted.

K BARBER AND M MCDONALD

MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2011 be adopted.

K BARBER AND M HOULIHAN

The Chair welcomed Mr Paul Wareham to the meeting.

PRESENTATION - Paul Wareham

Paul advised that as an independent he didn't have policies as such but was keen to consult with the community to be aware of their concerns or problems.

He expressed strong views about the merger of health services into an Albury/Wodonga Health Service because this has resulted in decisions being made by VIC Health and NSW residents not having a strong voice. He was also concerned about the loss of the regional Cancer Centre and will do all he can to fight to bring it to Albury.

Paul said that he was guided by professionals and community workers because they had the day-to-day knowledge of issues and this provided him with a better understanding of issues. He also expressed his lack of confidence in the health bureaucracy.

Issues raised by committee during discussion:

- Lack of confidence in hierarchy
- Medical Local system loss of local voice
- The size of the Corowa Hospital (not base hospital or MPS) doesn't fit anywhere
- Aged population of Corowa Shire – Care and accommodation facilities needed – should not be considered as part of Victoria.
- Border anomalies - Albury/Wodonga Health Service should be national. Don't care about borders –responsibilities need to be very clear
- Local TAFE has been shut down and courses shifted to Wodonga
- Schools transport
- Transport to treatment for Cancer patients

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The meeting resumed normal proceedings and welcomed Ms Tracee Wilson from Southern Cross Karinya Apartments.

MINUTES: BUSINESS ARISING

The issue regarding taxi services was raised in Council however no action will be taken until investigation was over.

Letters of invitation were sent to all three candidates. Mr Paul Wareham accepted. An apology was received from Mr Greg Aplin MP (in Tumbarumba this evening) with accompanying copies of his policies. The Labor candidate's address was incorrect on their website and returned to sender.

Greg Aplin's policies were tabled and will be copied and forwarded to all committee members with the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

Home Care

Margaret McDonald advised that she has been working in Albury in the Branch Manager's position. Edna Willett is relieving service coordinator for Corowa.

Local Health Advisory Committee

Keith Barber, Chair of the Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) reported that the hospital was advertising for security personnel.

Health One competition has now been extended to mid August (from 30th June). Old nurses accommodation building is an eyesore and exploring what they can do about it. Tenders are going out 25th March for the Doctors section.

A question about provision of adequate parking was raised.

Kalianna/Community Transport

May Houlihan reported that a cooking school for people with a disability will be held at Kalianna shortly.

Corowa Shire Council

Wendy Thompson advised that the Interagency Planning Day attracted 18 service providers and that a report would be produced by Intereach.

Seniors Week celebrations will be at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 22nd March next and will be catered by the local Corowa High School students.

International Women's Day will be celebrated on 8th March 2011 at Oddfellows Hall. It will be a photo competition to celebrate the achievements of women around the world and in our local community and to acknowledge the struggles women still have in other parts of the world.

Wendy raised the issue of community groups requiring a space to meet. Several groups had been meeting at the Community Health room and have been told that they can no

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longer use them and to contact Council. The Shire doesn't have any space to offer at the moment - Unit Y has been damaged in recent storm (preferred option for groups). Community Grants program opens on 2 March 2011.

Southern Cross Karinya Apartments

Gwynneth Handberg introduced Tracee Wilson and explained that her term as Chairperson for Karinya has expired and that Tracee was attending as she is interested in the possibility of taking on that role.

Karinya is now full and all independent Units occupied. The Care Manager has been appointed. Southern Cross has purchased Lavington Lodge and will expand to 15-25 new rooms and increase age care in the Albury-Lavington area.

Karinya has been granted an additional 20 low care licences and plans to extend the hostel. Extension will be completed within 2 years. Flooding problems experienced recently have now been fixed.

Gwynneth said that she had enjoyed 3 years on the Health Support Committee and had learnt a lot. Peter thanked Gwynneth for her valuable contribution to the committee especially with regard to individual unit numbering which had assisted Ambulance NSW greatly. He extended an invitation to Gwynneth to come to any future meetings.

NSW Ambulance

Peter Wortmann provided an update on Ambulance Service operations and concerns regarding recent bed block problem at Albury Hospital, tying up Ambulance at hospital for long period and cannot leave to take calls.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday, 7 April 2011 at the Corowa Social Enterprise Centre at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.05 pm.

MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2011 AT 4.05 P.M.

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor FT Longmire (Chairperson), Councillors WB Bott AM, DJ Davey, JE Doyle, GJ Law, GJ Poidevin, MS Shields and NW Wales APM.

ALSO PRESENT

Mr BJ Corcoran (General Manager), Mr B Parr (Director Environmental Services), Mr JJ Babbs (Director Engineering Services) and Mr ID Rich (Director Corporate and Community Services).

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apology received from Councillor FM Schirmer be accepted and leave of absence granted.

COUNCILLORS POIDEVIN AND LAW

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) HOWLONG TOWN IMPROVEMENT FUND.

RECOMMENDED that Council invite Mrs Gardiner as President of the Howlong Community Forum to address Council on the Forum's issues AND Council provide the information requested expressing concern at the resources spent over this matter AND FURTHER the Forum be encouraged to work with the Howlong elected representatives of Council for the benefit of Howlong residents.

COUNCILLORS POIDEVIN AND DOYLE

2. DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

(i) MULWALA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

RECOMMENDED that Council seek advice from Cleanaway as to the availability for provision of an extra recycling collection for all towns, (Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala) during the Christmas/New Year period i.e. weekly collections.

COUNCILLORS POIDEVIN AND DAVEY

RECOMMENDED that the matters raised in the Mulwala Progress Association letter be referred to the Engineering Department to take appropriate action and to report back to Council.

COUNCILLORS POIDEVIN AND DAVEY

3. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

(i) LOCAL ORDERS POLICY.

RECOMMENDED that the DRAFT Local Orders Policy be adopted and placed on public exhibition for the prescribed period and then returned to Council for consideration of comments received and adoption.

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4. DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

(i) SIGNAGE POLICY REVIEW.

RECOMMENDED that Council confirm the current Signage Policy and progressively enforce its requirements.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND SHIELDS

RECOMMENDED that Council allow the Corowa RSL Club to erect a sign with the same dimensions as previously installed by Claude Neon.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND WALES

(ii) DRAFT COROWA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011.

RECOMMENDED that :-

1. Council submit the draft Corowa Local Environmental Plan 2011, Local Environmental Plan Maps and Land Use Matrix to the Department of Planning requesting a Section 65 Certificate to enable public exhibition of the draft Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Local Environmental Plan Maps;
2. Upon receipt of the Section 65 Certificate, Council commence public exhibition of the draft Corowa Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Local Environmental Plan Maps; and
3. Council delegate to the General Manager and Director Environmental Services the authority to make modifications to the draft Corowa Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Local Environmental Plan Maps only on errors and anomalies as instructed by Department of Planning NSW after the exhibition of the draft Corowa Local Environmental Plan 2011.
4. Include Coreen Vale School in the Heritage items list.

COUNCILLORS POIDEVIN AND DAVEY

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.

MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2011 AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT

Mr Adam Wilson (RTA), Sgt Dean Miller (Police), Mrs Shirley Nolan (representing Greg Aplin MP), Councillors Fred Longmire (Mayor), Daryl Davey, Norm Wales and Mr John Babbs (Corowa Shire Council).

1. MR GREG APLIN MP

RECOMMENDED that Council advise Mr Aplin MP as follows:

- That Council will again approach RTA requesting consideration of the installation of flashing school signs on SH20 at Howlong Public School.
- That the Committee does not support the provision of a marked pedestrian crossing in Howlong and that there is no warrant for its consideration.
- That sight distance at the intersection of Hawkins Street and Sturt Street is adequate and there is no warrant for the installation of a STOP sign.

2. COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDED that the RTA be advised the Local Traffic Committee supports the installation of raised reflectorised pavement markers (RRPM's) on the centerline of State Road No. 86 (Federation Bridge to SH20) and on State Road No. 314 (Federation Way to Mulwala/Yarrowonga Bridge) as a traffic safety measure AND THAT Council provide an estimate of costs for their installation.

3. RAILWAY CROSSINGS AT BAYLY STREET & GULAI ROAD, MULWALA

RECOMMENDED that Council consider including these crossings in a future PAMP or Cycleway program and in the meantime seek advice from RTA and Police on having the safety of these level crossings considered by the Level Crossings Steering Committee.

4. HAWKINS STREET (SH20) HOWLONG - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

No objection is raised subject to the gazettal of the detour route being confirmed.

5. SANGER STREET, COROWA - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised subject to all necessary applications and approvals having been received, that the Road Closed barricades be manned to ensure the roads are effectively closed at all times, and that a temporary bus stop be provided in Riesling Street near the intersection of River Street.

6. POLICE REPORT – ROAD FATALITY

RECOMMENDED that Council Insurers be informed details of all reports on road crashes where police are in attendance that this information can be obtained by contacting the Commissioner of Police, and that Police will continue to advise Council where any Council infrastructure may be considered as a contributing factor to a crash.

7. MOBILE LIBRARY STOP

RECOMMENDED that the relocation be approved on the condition that, should the carpark access be varied to include an egress that the site be reassessed with a view to providing a separate kerb crossing for disabled persons.

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8. ANZAC DAY PARADE, COROWA

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised provided an adequate Traffic Control Plan is implemented.

9. ANZAC DAY PARADE, WAHGUNYAH

Request by Wahgunyah Progress Association to close John Foord Bridge from 9.15am and 10.15am and that Council staff erect barricades and effect the closure.

RECOMMENDED that discussions be held with the Wahgunyah Progress Association because the bridge closure is not simple and is an expensive operation that involves both Indigo Shire Council and Corowa Shire Council, and try to seek alternatives to the closure.

10. MR GREG APLIN MP, ON BEHALF OF MRS SLOANE

Request consideration of additional signposting on Corowa Road at Savernake Road intersection indicating SAVERNAKE.

RECOMMENDED that Council and RTA review the existing signposting and in particular the Focal Point policy to determine if additional signs are necessary.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 12.15 p.m.

MINUTES AND REPORT OF BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT MULWALA ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2011 AT 8.05 A.M.

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Shields (Acting Chairperson) Councillor Gail Law, Peter Duncan, Gary Davies and Kristy Kay.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that apologies received from Mayor Cr Fred Longmire, Councillor Gary Poidevin, Councillor Daryl Davey, Gary Pysing, Bruce Corcoran, Kellie Laing, Peter Wright, Craig Spencer, Margery Johns and David Potts be accepted.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND P DUNCAN

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2011 be adopted.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND P DUNCAN

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Peter Duncan sought clarification in relation to C Change.

Peter Duncan sought clarification in relation to the Coalworks Development and if they were in a position to meet with the Committee.

Corowa Shire Drought Support

The Riverina region which includes Corowa Shire, Urana Shire, Greater Hume Shire, Tumbarumba Shire, Berrigan Shire, etc will only remain Exceptional Circumstances declared until 31 March 2011.

A review of the Drought Support Worker Program is currently being undertaken by Industry and Investment NSW and this may not be renewed. It is thought that this would be detrimental to Corowa Shire as recovery assistance will be needed for some time to come.

RECOMMENDED that Council write to the relevant Minister in support of the continued need for a Rural Support Worker.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND P DUNCAN

Food Security Needs BEE SECURITY

The media release dated 24 February 2011 titled "Food Security Needs BEE SECURITY" was tabled.

RECOMMENDED that Council write to the Senator for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig in support of the importance of continued efforts to eradicate the Asian Bee.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND P DUNCAN

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Thales Mulwala

Gary Davies was thanked for his attendance. Gary confirmed he would be an ongoing member of the Committee.

Discussion was held on the following items:

- Council/Committee tour – this will take approximately 2 hours. Kristy will need to provide a suitable date/s and list of those attending. An 8.00am – 8.30am start would be preferred
- Thales currently employ between 420 – 430 people
- The new plant is currently undergoing soft start commissioning and may commence operation by the end April 2011
- The current exchange rates are an ongoing challenge
- Fluoridation of township water - Thales had received no reply from Council to correspondence sent in November 2010 and concerns were raised in relation to this being misrepresented in the Border Mail
- The significant improvements as a result of the new Bayly Street roundabout and new Digger Loughnan Park
- Ongoing challenges in relation to recruitment of some professional positions

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Discussion was held on the following items:

64. Local Employment Program
72. Corowa Autofest – a new date has not yet been set
13. National Green Job Corps Program which will commence end March
20. Summer Grasses Grant Application - \$198,000 tentatively approved to improve water efficiency of playing surfaces
19. Corowa Effluent Re-Use Grant Application - \$326,000 tentatively approved to re-use Corowa Effluent water to save 100 meg of potable water and irrigate the Corowa Race Club and South Corowa Parks.

RECOMMENDED that the Economic Development Manager's report containing 86 items be adopted.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND P DUNCAN

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

Councillor Shields advised that a petition had been started by a Howlong Business to extend the operational hours of the Howlong Resource Centre to include Sunday.

Peter Duncan advised that the Ski Club is installing a Web Cam on Lake Mulwala. Kristy advised this had been identified as an important initiative and commended the Ski Club. Kristy advised that Planning was underway to support the installation of a Web Cam at Corowa and Lake Hume also.

Peter asked if Corowa Shire Tourism and Council has seen the Yarrowonga-Mulwala Tourism Space/Visitor Information Centre Concept and Location Assessment Report as it was thought that information within this may be valuable.

Peter Duncan commented that Corowa Shire seemed to be securing a number of grants to support improvements which was excellent.

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Gary Davies advised that Thales are currently renewing their major hazards facility licensing and as a part of this are undertaking a Community Information Campaign – any enquiries to Council in relation to this should be directed to Thales.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held in Corowa on Wednesday, 13 April 2011 commencing at 8.00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 9.30 a.m.

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PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION AND FOR INFORMATION1. DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POLLUTION AND COMMUNITIES

Advising that Council has been successful in obtaining funding for effluent reuse and re-seeding and irrigation improvements to Council's recreation grounds programs.

2. COUNTRY ENERGY

Advising that as part of the NSW Energy Industry Reforms Country Energy retail business will transfer to Origin Energy and network operations will continue under a new name Essential Energy. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

3. BEECHWORTH HONEY

Forwarding a copy of the media release from Food Security Needs BEE SECURITY advising of representations to the Federal Government to retain funding for the prevention and eradication of Asian Bee. A copy of this media release is included with the agenda.

4. COROWA RUTHERGLEN UNITED HOCKEY CLUB

Requesting Council's financial assistance in providing a synthetic surface at the Corowa Sports Club land that is currently used by the Hockey Club. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

5. MONSTER CLASH ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Advising this committee is raising funds with the Corowa Skatepark Fundraising Committee for the extension of the Corowa Skatepark and as part of the fundraising will be holding a Monster Clash Battle of the Bands as part of Youth Week at the Memorial Hall and requesting Council to waiver the hall hire fee for this event.

6. MR AND MRS J LANE

Raising concerns about the proposed intersection at Gallipoli Street, Hermitage Drive and Dawe Street also the intersection of Hay Street/Dawe Street and the speed and volume of traffic along Hay Street. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

7. MRS PAT BRODY

Forwarding a letter raising concerns at the volume and speed of traffic in Hay Street. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

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