

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
13 May 2010

Mayor and Councillors
Corowa Shire Council.

Councillors,

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 18 May 2010.

1. MANAGEMENT PLAN

As indicated by the Mayor at the Policy and Resource Committee meeting of the 3 May 2010 it is proposed if time permits Council consider the Management Plan for 2010/11 to 2012/13 at this meeting.

For Council's information.

2. ONE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Local Government and Shires Association has been considering for some time the formation of a One Association instead of the current arrangement of having a Local Government Association and a Shires Association.

A One Association Taskforce was appointed earlier in this year and has been working to develop a proposal for the One Association.

To consider the recommendations of the Taskforce it is proposed a One Association Convention will be held on 16 and 17 August next.

Further information on the Taskforce considerations and the program for the convention is to be made available shortly.

For Council's information.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATIONS

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has set the range for payments of fees for all Councillors and Mayors in New South Wales for 2010/2011.

Having regard to a number of key economic indicators and views of the assessors the Tribunal has determined an increase of 3% in the fees paid to Councillors and Mayors effective from 1 July 2010.

Corowa Shire Council is a Category 4 Council. The new Council fees determined by the Remuneration Tribunal for Category 4 are Councillors a minimum of \$7,250 to a maximum of \$9,570. Payments to the Mayor minimum is \$7,700 to \$20,890.

Council's current payment to Councillors is \$8,712 per annum and the Mayors payment is \$17,425 per annum. The Mayor also receives the Councillor payment making the total payment to the Mayor of \$26,137.

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RECOMMENDED that Council determine the payment of fees for 2010/2011 to the Mayor and Councillors in accordance with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determination.

4. YARRAWONGA MULWALA BRIDGE PLANNING STUDY

A joint Briefing Session on the Yarrawonga Mulwala Bridge Planning Study for Corowa and Moira Shire Councillors is to be held on Thursday 3 June 2010 at the Mulwala Civic Centre from 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

For Council's information.

5. COMMON SEAL.

The following documents have had the Common Seal of Council affixed since the last meeting and require confirmation by Council:-

15.03.10 Transfer of Flour Mill to Corowa Whisky & Chocolate Pty Ltd.
16.04.10 Sale of Lot 31 Cobar Court to Troy Briggs.

6. RAFFLES.

Face 2 Face 20.04.10.
United Hospital Auxiliary 03.05.10, 04.05.10, 05.05.10, 06.05.10, 07.05.10, 08.05.10.
Southern Cross Karinya Apartments Ladies Auxiliary 10.05.10, 11.05.10, 12.05.10,
13.05.10, 14.05.10, 15.05.10.
Curlew Arts Council 17.05.10.

7. STREET STALLS.

ANZAC Day Badge Sales 22.04.10, 23.04.10.
Commonwealth Bank BBQ for Special Needs Kids 23.04.10.
Howlong RSL 23.04.10.
Howlong Forum 24.05.10.
Howlong Netball Club 01.05.10.
Howlong Public School 08.05.10.
Howlong Flower Show 15.05.10.

BJ CORCORAN
GENERAL MANAGER

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT.

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COROWA 2646
13 May 2010

General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 18 May 2010.

1. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Council is required under Section 114 of the Commonwealth Constitution and the Department of Local Government to certify that Council's financial and accounting systems comply with tax office requirements.

In the past the certification has been co-signed by the Mayor, one other Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer Council's Accountant.

The Certification also needs to be resolved by a motion of Council.

RECOMMENDED that Council certifies that :

- Voluntary GST has been paid by Corowa Shire Council for the period 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010.
- Adequate management arrangements and internal controls were in place to enable the Council to adequately account for its GST liabilities and recoup all GST input tax credits eligible to be claimed.
- No GST non-compliance events by the Council were identified by or raised with the Australian Taxation Office.

2. TOURISM BOARD – SUN COUNTRY ON THE MURRAY TOURISM INC

Moira Shire has published a press release and other documents under the banner of the new Tourism Board – Sun Country on the Murray. These documents were emailed to all Councillors on 5 May last.

The documents produced include:-

- Board Charter.
- Advertisements for positions on the Board and for a Chairperson.
- Position Descriptions for Board members and a Chairperson.

Please note that all references in the press release to Corowa Shire being a member Council have been removed.

Council received a letter from Moira Shire advising arrangements and formally offering Council a position on the Board. If Council chooses to accept this offer then it would be expected that Council would make some financial contribution to the organisation.

I expect Moira Shire is hopeful that Corowa Shire will contribute an amount similar to the contribution previously contributed to Yarrawonga Mulwala Tourism (YMT) for the operation of the Visitor Information Centre.

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Council has presently taken the position of maintaining a watching brief whilst Moira Shire resolves its differences with YMT. How the negotiations evolve will no doubt have a bearing on what position Corowa Shire Council ultimately takes.

On another matter, Council is yet to receive the Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the Regional Tourism Board as proposed by the State Government and reported to the April meeting. Consideration of this matter will also have some bearing on Council's position.

RECOMMENDED that Council advise Moira Shire Council that Council will consider the matter of joining the new Tourism Board – Sun Country on the Murray when matters between the YMT and Moira Shire are satisfactorily resolved and the new structure is operating satisfactorily.

3. RTA AGENCY AGREEMENT - RENEWAL

Council has received renewal agreements for the operation of the RTA Agency within the Corowa Council Office.

The new agreement covers a 3 year period from 1 July 2010.

The agreement is essentially the same as previous ones with minor changes with respect to legal terminology, insurance, training and the Code of Conduct.

One major change is the inclusion of a Business Continuity Clause. I have discussed this with David Finlayson from the RTA and he has clarified that the RTA has a Business Continuity Plan for Council Agencies and that we need only refer to that within our own business continuity plan and that would suffice. The RTA will work cooperatively with Council in the event of disruption of service in order to restore the service efficiently.

I have also sought clarification with respect to the RTA bearing the cost of relocation of the service to the new Civic Precinct when that eventuates. David has reiterated that the letter which the RTA has provided on 15 December 2008 with respect to this matter will be honoured.

The RTA Agency provides a valuable service to Corowa and district RTA customers. The current staffing arrangements have proved successful with Council now having four qualified staff.

RECOMMENDED that Council agree to the RTA Agency Agreement renewal and authorise the General Manager to execute the agreement.

4. RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 APRIL 2010

Balance as per Bank Statement :

General Account	0000 0022	\$ 14,960.49
Business Online Saver Account	1042522	\$ 2,468,864.68
Cash Deposit Account (CDA)		
Investments		\$ 10,357,556.86
	Sub Total	\$ 12,841,382.03

Plus Deposits not yet lodged

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Corowa	30-Apr-10	\$	6,250.29		
Mulwala	27-Apr-10	\$	30.00		
	29-Apr-10	\$	30.00		
				\$	6,310.29
				Sub Total	\$ 12,847,692.32
Less Unpresented Cheques					\$ 9,977.82
Balance as per General Ledger					\$ 12,837,714.50

5. INVESTMENTS HELD 30 APRIL 2010

The attached list of investment securities is held as at 30 April 2010. 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 30/04/2010

Type	Institution	Amount Lodged	Date Lodged	Rate	Number of Days	Maturity Date
CDO Flinders AA	ANZ	\$1,500,000.00	22/03/2010	5.74	92	22/06/2010
CDO BISHOPGATE	ANZ	\$500,000.00	30/03/2010	6.03	92	30/06/2010
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,000,000.00	2/03/2010	6.30	275	2/12/2010
Nexus 4 Topaz Notes	ASX Computershare	\$500,000.00	20/11/2009	0.00	2041	23/06/2015
Term Deposit	LGFS	\$785,000.00	22/02/2010	4.55	89	22/05/2010
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	2/03/2010	6.05	214	2/10/2010
Term Deposit 26-1146	Westpac	\$1,042,351.38	22/03/2010	5.59	184	22/09/2010
Term Deposit 26-2915	Westpac	\$1,030,205.48	10/02/2010	6.70	212	10/09/2010
Term Deposit 272400	Westpac	\$2,000,000.00	16/12/2009	7.00	365	16/12/2010
Term Deposit 26-6828	Westpac	\$1,000,000.00	4/09/2009	4.80	242	4/05/2010

Grand Total \$10,357,556.86

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ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
13 May 2010

The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 18 May 2010.

1. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

All matters referred from the April meeting have been attended to.

For Council's information.

2. WORKS IN PROGRESS

- (a) Howlong Town Improvements projects are almost completed including:
- Pearce Street seal
 - Pell Street shoulders
 - Walking track (except for Hawkins St section)
 - Orchard St/Bank St intersection
 - Victoria Street.
- (b) Aitken Street drainage is in progress.
- (c) Bayly Street roundabout is under construction. This work is being done under contract to the RTA and as a full quality assured project.
- (d) Over 200 new road name signs with rural address numbers have been ordered and installation will commence as soon as the signs are delivered.
- (e) Rural Roads grading including:
- Tom Roberts Road – 4km pollycom trial section
 - Tom Roberts Road – Maintenance grade full length
 - Smiths Lane - Maintenance grade full length
 - Wells Road - Maintenance grade full length
 - Waverly Road - Maintenance grade full length
 - Pinegrove Road - Maintenance grade full length
 - Low Square car park – Shape and gravel
 - Low Square – Maintenance grade track
 - Maintenance grade town unsealed streets
 - Emu Park Road – Shoulder grading
 - Daysdale/Walbundrie Regional Road – Shoulder grading
 - Daysdale/Walbundrie Regional Road – Maintenance grading
 - Mahonga Lane – Maintenance grade
 - Hunters Road – Gravel resheet
 - Hunters Road – Culvert installation
 - Airport – Tree aviation height reduction
 - Sealed Rural Roads – 4.6m Height clearance
 - Slashing Rural Sealed Roads
- Sections of Tom Roberts Road were also gravel resheeted.
Achievement of much of the construction program has allowed greater resources to be placed on rural roads in the past month and will continue to the end of June.

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A trial of a polymer product has been undertaken on the first 4km of unsealed sections of Tom Roberts Road. This water additive should provide greater retention of fines in the pavement which will translate into a better wearing surface for a longer period. The section of road will be monitored for the next 12 months to determine the benefits of expanding a polymer program.

For Council's information.

3. COROWA SALEYARDS – CONSOLIDATION

A condition of Development Approval for the new office building at the Corowa Saleyards required Council to proceed to consolidation of all lands occupied by the saleyards, particularly in relation to any boundary that might conflict with the site of the building. It is therefore proposed to consolidate Lots 4-10 & Lots 23-30 in DP 2589 and Lots 1-4 in DP 1134520 and part of residue in Vol. 1867 Fol. 29 into one (1) allotment.

This consolidation is now available for lodgement with the Crown Lands Office. It requires a resolution of Council to endorse the Administration Sheet as the registered proprietor. Following this the Common Seal will be applied to the Sheet.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council resolve to consolidate all lands occupied by the Corowa Saleyards and that the Common Seal be applied to the relevant documents.

4. RURAL ADDRESSING

The process of rural addressing and formalizing road names is progressing. Council has approved the naming of the following roads and gazettal of these names will be done within the next three weeks:

- Emu Park Road – formally Sanger-Darcy Road
- Norwonga Road – formerly Slaughterhouse Road
- Long Paddock Road
- Adlia Road
- Federation Way
- Glenhope Road – formerly Talbots Road
- Pineleigh Road – formerly Chivells Road
- Boiling Down Road – formerly Pearces Road

It is proposed to not name Bongeroo Road - north from Spring Drive - due to a reasonable objection from a nearby landholder. For the time being this road will remain as Pearces Road – not gazetted but as a Council adopted name (See below – Option 2).

The next step in the process of rural road naming will be the gazettal of the "old" names that have been in existence for many years but probably not gazetted. There is every likelihood that the Geographical Names Board (the Board) will find some duplication of names and will object to the gazettal of the existing longstanding name (eg. Jones Road may well conflict with Jones Street in Mulwala). In such cases Council has several options consistent with advice from Department of Lands as follows:

"If Council still wish to formalise the longstanding name by way of gazettal it can do so but it would be subject to the Board's guidelines and the procedure outlined in the Road Regulation 2008.

*"The Board further resolved that some **leniency** maybe shown to Road Authorities which choose to formalize longstanding road names that existed prior to the commencement date of the Roads Act 1993. For instance duplicated road names that fall in different address localities which existed prior to the commencement of*

the Roads Act 1993 may be approved. However this would be done at the Board's discretion on a case by case basis" (NB: I dispute this because no leniency was shown particularly in relation to the naming of Pearces Road despite a sound argument being presented by Council.)

The following options are taken directly from written advice provided by the Lands Department.

Option 1:

Undertake the proposal, notification and gazettal of all post 1993 new names and road re-naming only using the procedures set out in the Act and adopt existing pre 1993 names by notifying the relevant authorities. The Lands Department would record such existing names as Council adopted names in its metadata but they could not be published in the Government Gazette.

Option 2:

Undertake the proposal, notification and gazettal of all names, both pre and post 1993 using the procedures set out in the Act. In cases where objections to existing names were raised Council could either choose to appeal the objection. *(NB. This is what we did in relation to some roads but lost the appeal)* or withdraw the names from the gazettal process and notify the relevant authorities that these name have been officially adopted by Council but are not to be gazetted. The remaining names which did not contravene the guidelines could be gazetted along with the new names that were acceptable. It should be noted that this procedure would only apply to existing names. Any new names to which objection is raised cannot be adopted unless the Board overturns objection upon appeal from Council.

One of the primary purposes of road naming and gazettal is to have a State wide system that sits on a single database for use by all authorities particularly emergency services. It is obvious that in the foreseeable future all emergency vehicle will be fitted with GPS equipment and operators will become more and more reliant of this technology. For this reason I strongly believe that where possible all roads be formally named and the names gazetted.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council adopt Option 2 for the gazettal of all longstanding road names within the Shire of Corowa and that should objections be received from the Board then these be presented to Council for determination of appropriate action.

5. AERODROME

The short runway is currently closed due to the pavement failure caused by water entering the pavement after the heavy rain in early March.

The runway can either be left closed until next summer (November/December) or it can be reopened with a relocated threshold making the effective runway length 1200m instead of the usual 1500m. Inspection of the whole runway indicates that there is substantial crocodile cracking in the main body of the runway and that a relocated threshold would cause planes to be landing on a section that is susceptible to damage. It would be preferable not to risk further damage and keep the planes off the runway until it has dried out and the reseal undertaken. Although this would be an inconvenience in the short term it would not be a major problem for any users.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Runway 14/32 (short runway) be kept closed until after the planned early summer resealing.

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6. RIVER DEVELOPMENT WORK

The various river projects in Corowa are all progressing.

The Lagoon boat ramp retaining wall being constructed of ElcoRoc geotextile bags is almost half complete with 400 bags laid, 600 filled, out of a total of 1000 planned to be installed. All volunteer work, construction of the trailer park and car park by PJ & K Walliss has commenced. The lagoon has been pumped out and snags are being cut down to remove hazards but to retain fish habitat. The deep hole is to be retained with spoil from the excavated section to be trucked off site instead of being put in the hole.

The Bridge to Boat Ramp section of river bank being rehabilitated by the Nestle grant is progressing with the main contractor Peter Carnes Pty Ltd from Bright on site repairing the river bank using rock placement with geotextile backing, coir geotextile, selective culling of saplings, and new planting of grasses and sedges. The flood levee and garden bed and plantings are finished but may require more work yet depending on the success of the plantings by the school groups.

The NSW Office of Water River Murray Operations group are half finished the log revetment work on the bank between the point and the Bayden Powell Lodge. This section of river bank is 600m long and the method being used to protect the bank from erosion – placement of large logs at the toe of the eroded face of the bank and then pinning the logs in position using redgum rough cut piles, appears to be very suitable. Other methods using rocks, groynes, and willows have all had limited success for different reasons. The log revetment method is environmentally friendly, structurally solid, relatively economical and has a good chance of longer term success. Even so it is a very costly process and Corowa is very fortunate to have the Department undertaking this work so comprehensively.

For Council's information.

JJ BABBS
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
13 May 2010

The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council.

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 18 May 2010.

1. BUILDINGS.

The following construction certificates are listed for Council perusal.

2009/277	105-109 Hovell Street, Howlong	Building Addition
2010/044	Gulai Road, Mulwala	Golf Club Addition
2010/050	64 Pearce Street, Howlong	Relocatable Dwelling
2010/062	9 Emily Court, Howlong	Dwelling
2010/069	4 Brooks Court, Mulwala	Dual Occupancy
2010/070	2 Jude Street, Howlong	Pet Food Drying & Storage Shed
2010/072	61 Corowa Road, Mulwala	Masonry Fence
2010/073	58 Edward Street, Corowa	Verandah
2010/076	41 Heather Circuit, Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2010/077	92 Inglis Street, Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2010/079	126 Street Street, Howlong	Garage
2010/081	102 Malbec Court, Corowa	Verandah
2010/082	177 Kennedy Street, Howlong	Shed
2010/084	39 Pimpala Crescent, Mulwala	Demolition
2010/087	58 Tower Street, Corowa	Dwelling Restumping
2010/088	168 Golf Club Drive, Howlong	Shed
2010/089	48 Wanani Road, Mulwala	Swimming Pool

TOTAL \$2,338,124.00

2. STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (SES) ANNUAL REPORT

The Office of the Commissioner of the State Emergency Services (SES) has forwarded a copy of their 2008-2009 Annual Report to Council. The Report is tabled.

The Commissioner has asked that the SES's priorities for the next three years be presented to Council. The priorities are as follows:

- To work with Councils to continue to improve the awareness of the community about how to protect themselves and their property from the effects of floods and storms.
- To work with Councils, where required, to upgrade the facilities of the SES Units.
- To work with Councils on Floodplain Management Committees to assist in the development and implementation of a floodplain risk management plan for the Council area. (Council's FRMP was adopted 20 October 2009.)

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- Further upgrade our flood intelligence so that we may provide timely and accurate information to communities threatened by floods.
- Continue to improve the public profile of the SES by working closely with local media, councils and communities, and utilizing our network of SES trained liaison officers.

The Commissioner also notes that we have seen a change in funding models at State level he acknowledges that, as in the past, the SES still rely on their partnerships with Councils and the community to assist in maintaining their local capability to support the community during emergencies.

For Council's information.

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. 2010/027 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Application for Community Centre and Alterations and Additions to Medical Centre on residential land being Lot 104; DP 611533; 53-81 Guy Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/041 D HOGAN, P HOGAN & B COOPER

Application for 6 Lot Community Subdivision on residential land being Lot 6 & 7; DP 251634; 13 & 15 Russell Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/045 K & J MACKENZIE

Application for 2 Lot Subdivision & Public Road on residential land being Lot 31; DP 1048936; 106 Katrina Circuit, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/048 B & E THOMPSON

Application for 5 Lot Subdivision on residential land being Lot 2; DP 563910; 38 Airlie Street, Corowa.

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DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ANIMAL INSPECTORS 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 18 May 2010.

Noxious Weed inspection has continued throughout the entire Shire. The focus of the inspection included Silver Leaf Nightshade, Bathurst Burr and Horehound. Spot spraying of Noxious Weeds occurred at the following locations:

- Riverina Highway (from Kismet Caravan Park proceeding West to the boundary of Berrigan and Corowa Shires).

In addition to the above, Coolatai Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*) has been found on the Urana – Corowa Road (adjacent to Emu Park Road and Boomerang Road). The location where this Class 3 Noxious Weed was found belongs to the Livestock, Health & Pest Authority (LHPA). As the Corowa Shire is the local authority, we are required to continually inspect these roads. This road is used as travelling stock route. Identification markers have been placed on the fence and photographic evidence has been taken of approximately 28-30 plants.

Notification has been provided to Peter O'Shannassy LHPA and a request was made that the plants be chipped out, bagged and burnt at a location of their discretion. This task has been undertaken by LHPA. Peter has subsequently been thanked for his urgent attention to this important matter as this was the only known infestation in Corowa Shire. It is unknown how this Class 3 Noxious Weed established in this area, however, primary possible reasons can be road works, vehicle movements, animals, water and wind. When found this plant must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed as stated in the Corowa Shire Noxious Weed Declarations.

Continuous enquiries have recently been received from land owners regarding ownership of lanes in Corowa Shire, thus the responsibility of action towards treating Noxious Weeds is to be determined. Investigations are continuing to determine whether the lanes are Crown Land or owned by Corowa Shire.

Property inspections have continued which have included discussions with land owners resolving noxious weed issues. These issues relate to Bathurst Burr and Horehound. Bathurst Burr was chipped out behind the Corowa Water Filtration Plant with the assistance of 2 Council employees.

Ian Singleton and I have continued to work on the WAP submission to ensure that it was finalized by the due date being Friday 7th May. The application has been signed and forwarded to the Eastern Riverina Noxious Weeds Project Officer in Jindera.

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.

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Howlong and Corowa Commons, Redlands Hill Reserve and other reserves, NSW State Forests (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 State Forests.

Annual leave was taken from Tuesday 6th April till Friday 16th April 2010 inclusive.

PATRICK MINOGUE
SHIRE COUNCIL NOXIOUS WEEDS INSPECTOR

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QUESTION WITH NOTICE.

Councillor Longmire to the Director Engineering Services:

What is the position in regard to the designated bus stop at the corner of the Riverina Highway and Honour Avenue otherwise known as Martin Dickin's corner and also is the entrance to the property "Warrah" a designated bus stop?

QUESTION WITH NOTICE AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 18 MAY 2010.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON MONDAY, 3 MAY 2010 AT 4.00 PM.

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor GJ Poidevin (Chairperson), Councillors WB Bott AM, DJ Davey, GE Law, FT Longmire, FM Schirmer, 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 JE Doyle be accepted and leave of absence granted.

COUNCILLORS WALES AND SCHIRMER

2. INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING.

RECOMMENDED that the Integrated Planning Reporting Steering Committee comprise the following:

The General Manager (Chairperson), the Mayor, Councillor Longmire, Director Engineering Services, Director Corporate and Community Services, Economic Development Officer, Social Community and Cultural Planning Officer and the Asset Manager/GIS Officer.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LAW

3. VANDALISM POLICY

RECOMMENDED that the draft Vandalism and Graffiti Policy and Procedure be adopted and advertised for public comment with the amendment "2 working days" in place of "48 Hours" and that the Policy on formal adoption be reviewed in 6 months time.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND SCHIRMER

4. HOWLONG IMPROVEMENTS.

RECOMMENDED that the following works for Howlong be given priority:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FUNDS REQUIRED</u>
1. Hume Street – Hawkins Street to Pell Street	\$ 71,000
2. Jude Street River Discharge – carry over funds plus additional funds	\$ 29,000
3. Hawkins Street K&G and drainage	\$270,380
4. Hawdon Court seal	\$ 32,500
5. Hammer Street – Jude Street to Kennedy Street	\$ 56,000

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AND design and costings be prepared for:

- Kennedy Street/Hovell Street intersection reconstruction;
- Pearce Street, South from Kennedy Street light urban seal;
- Pell Street, Sturt St to Hovell St – reconstruction with K&G and shoulders;
- Pearce Street, Kennedy St to Jude Street – light urban seal;
- Pearce Street, north from Pell Street – light urban seal.

COUNCILLOR SCHIRMER AND SHIELDS

5. RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP).

Councillor Law declared a pecuniary interest and left the Chambers. Reason – a family member has interests in the area under consideration of the DCP.

RECOMMENDED that the DCP as identified in Diagram 3 be resubmitted with adjustments as discussed with respect to Lot 264 DP 131042 to the next Policy and Resource Committee meeting AND THAT the contributions calculation in lieu of the provision of land for recreational purposes be reviewed and presented for consideration at the next Policy and Resource Committee meeting.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND SHIELDS

Councillor Law returned to the meeting.

6. CORPORATE WORKSHOP OUTCOMES.

RECOMMENDED that the Corporate Workshop Summary and outcomes be adopted and addressed.

COUNCILLORS SCHIRMER AND DAVEY

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.25 pm.

MINUTES OF THE COROWA SHIRE AND RUTHERGLEN DISTRICT HEALTH SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COROWA HOSPITAL MEETING ROOM (OLD WILLETT WING) ON THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2010 AT 7.30 PM.

PRESENT

Mr Peter Wortmann	Corowa Ambulance (Chairperson)
Mr Keith Barber	Local Health Advisory Committee
Councillor Fred Longmire	Corowa Shire Council
Mrs Marianne Vogel	Corowa Hospital Auxiliary
Mrs Wendy Thompson	Corowa Shire Council
Ms Marg McDonald	Home Care Service
Mrs Gwynneth Handberg	Southern Cross Karinya Apartments
Ms Beth Tidd	Corowa Community
Ms Nicole Moloney	Corowa Hospital GSAHS

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Mr Bruce Corcoran, Rosemary Garthwaite, Barbara Robinson and May Houlihan be confirmed.

COUNCILLOR LONGMIRE AND M MCDONALD

MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2010 be adopted.

K BARBER AND M VOGEL

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the Hospital were discussed further. Statistics regarding Corowa population growth, age, etc were submitted to the meeting. The Hospital annual report, also submitted, has all the data required to lobby politicians for retention of the hospital. Councillor Longmire advised that Council has taken some action. Wendy is to find out Council's actions so far and request that Bruce develop a letter for submission to the local member.

PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Keith Barber

Heather Gray – GSAHS has extended secondment for another 3 months.
Ken Hamsen is the General Manager for the Western Section.
Rosemary has been seconded to the position of Director of Nursing, Western Sector – working from Corowa.
Nicole Moloney is in Rosemary's position for that period.
Kerry Sandral – Essential Care Coordinator, Western Sector.

Health One is going out to tender. The next meeting will be in 2 weeks.

Kurrajong Wing is having challenges with a private provider – resulting in a time delay until October at least.

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Councillor Fred Longmire, Corowa Shire Council

Fluoridation of water in Corowa Shire will take place sometime later in the year. Advised of a petition in Howlong for a local ambulance station.

Southern Cross Karinya Apartments

Gwynneth Handberg advised that active promotion of the Southern Cross Karinya Complex to the community is continuing. Following up the recent successful promotion of the Southern Cross Karinya Complex to the community held at RSL.

Received a Murray Catchment Authority grant to plant disused area and spray weeds. Landcare and school children will be involved in planting on national tree planting day.

Village Centre being used more. Older mens group, yoga, holistic cooking sessions.

Southern Cross has applied for 20 new bed licences, 30 home care licenses. If successful they will build another wing.

Home Care

Margaret McDonald is at Albury one day per week – unsure about what is happening with accommodation/shift of local service from the Arcade to the Social Community Enterprise Centre.

Nicole Moloney – Corowa Hospital

Recruiting staff – many casuals on board during this busy time. Ladies Auxiliary received a grant from the Council Community Grants Program to purchase exercise bikes so that the new pulmonary program can go ahead and start in June.

Wendy Thompson, Social and Community Planning Officer

Wendy advised that twelve local groups had been successful in receiving funds under the Community Grants Program. The Nestle Environment Program has involved more than 200 young people in an education program and are planting grasses and small trees at the Lagoon.

Keep them Safe training (mandatory reporting) was held at the Council offices and attracted Principals from several local schools and local child care providers.

The Kapooka Band visit entertained 520 primary students during a day performance and around 120 adults in an evening performance hosted by Unit Y to raise funds to upgrade kitchen facilities.

Ambulance

Peter Wortmann, Chairperson, expressed concerns regarding Ambulance cross border issues. He also raised issues regarding changed criteria that may impact on the Corowa Hospital.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Hydrotherapy Pool – Gwynneth sought advice regarding the establishment of a hydrotherapy pool in Corowa. Requesting committee support for this need.

Dangerous Bus Stop – Councillor Longmire reported an issue regarding designated bus stops and the danger to students having to cross the highway.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday 3 June 2010 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.40 pm.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ROAD CLOSURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2010 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT

Councillors WB Bott, FT Longmire, FM Schirmer and NW Wales, JJ Babbs (Director Engineering Services) and ID Rich (Director Corporate and Community Services).

BUSINESS

To discuss proposed road closures as submitted by the NSW Land Property Management Authority (LMPA).

RECOMMENDED that Council does not object to the closure of any of the Crown Public Roads as recommended by the Director Engineering Services, and that the Committee inspect all other roads that LMPA proposes to close prior to making a final decision.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LONGMIRE

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4.30 pm.

ROAD CLOSURE COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 18 MAY 2010.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOWLONG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2010 AT 8.00 AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Fred Longmire (Chairperson) Councillor Mark Shields, Councillor Daryl Davey, Marjory Johns, Peter Wright, Peter Duncan and Kristy Kay.

Peter Wright was introduced and welcomed to the Committee. Peter provided an overview of his background.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Mayor Gary Poidevin, Bruce Corcoran, Gary Pysing and David Potts be accepted.

M JOHNS AND COUNCILLOR DAVEY

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2010 10 were confirmed.

COUNCILLOR DAVEY AND P DUNCAN

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RTA Schools Crossing Program

Information was provided to the Committee with regard to the RTA Schools Crossing Program and future potential for other School crossing points with traffic lights to be established throughout the Shire under this grant program, as per Corowa Public School.

RECOMMENDED that the Corowa Shire Council Traffic Committee work with the RTA to explore any opportunity for further implementation of this program at other Schools throughout the Shire.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND SHIELDS

Bicycle Path between Corowa and Mulwala

RECOMMENDED that the Corowa Shire Tourism suggestion be supported to establish a bicycle path between Corowa and Mulwala and that this be considered as a part of the PAMP study currently being reviewed.

P DUNCAN AND COUNCILLOR DAVEY

C CHANGE BUREAU PROJECT

RECOMMENDED that the request from Regional Development Australia to renew the partnership with the C Change Bureau project be declined.

COUNCILLOR DAVEY AND M JOHNS

BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 18 MAY 2010.

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REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – YARRAWONGA MULWALA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER

RECOMMENDED that the opportunity to sponsor the Yarrawonga Mulwala Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner be declined.

P DUNCAN AND P WRIGHT

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

Cemetery Road

The extremely poor presentation of a private block on Cemetery Road was identified and a request made if Council could do anything to rectify this.

The Committee were reminded of the BCHM Charter as it was felt that some items being brought forward for discussion may not have fallen within this. The committee charter was to be forwarded again to all committee members.

Tourism

Issues and opportunities were discussed in general with regard to tourism within Corowa Shire.

RECOMMENDED that Council clarify its position with regard to its commitment to tourism and clearly define the future direction.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND SHIELDS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDED that the Economic Development Manager's report comprising 70 items be adopted.

M JOHNS AND P WRIGHT

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 9 June 2010 in Corowa commencing at 8.00am.

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 10.05 am.

BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 18 MAY 2010.

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PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION AND FOR INFORMATION1. SUSSAN LEY MP, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FARRER

Forwarding a reply to Council's concern at the recent changes to the health system in Australia and possible impacts on the Corowa Hospital. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

2. GREG APLIN MP, MEMBER FOR ALBURY

Forwarding a reply to Council's concern at the recent changes to the health system in Australia and possible impacts on the Corowa Hospital. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

3. COROWA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Advising that they are applying for funding for a mural on the Mary Street frontage of the Museum and requesting Council's confirmation as to its position in having a mural on this wall.

4. MARY MACQUEEN, SING AUSTRALIA LEADER

Forwarding information to Council on Sing Australia activities and seeking Council's continued support for the ongoing use of the Oddfellows Hall either free of charge or at a reduced rental. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

5. MARYANN HERBERT

Forwarding comment on the Riverfront Plan public consultation undertaken on the 5 May last. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

6. DARRELL SPENCER

Forwarding comment on Council's decision to introduce fluoride to the Shire town water supplies. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

7. MULWALA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Forwarding the minutes of their meeting held on 7 April last. A copy of the minutes are included with the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR COUNCIL'S ACTION AND INFORMATION AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 18 MAY 2010.

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