

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Council Chambers  
COROWA 2646  
15 July 2010

Mayor and Councillors  
Corowa Shire Council.

Councillors,

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 20 July 2010.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

The 2010 Local Government Week is to be held from 2-8 August. The theme for this year's Local Government Week is 'Building a Bright Future'.

For Council's information.

2. SHIRES ASSOCIATION

The Shires Association has forwarded a revised legal assistance policy and guidelines.

Legal assistance is available to Councils where the Associations determine a major local government principle may be eroded or a matter is of such significance and broad concern to the whole of Local Government to warrant pursuing.

The assistance is available in respect of appeal matters to the New South Wales Court of Appeal or the High Court of Australia. Assistance is not available to fund litigation in a court of initial jurisdiction unless the Association is satisfied there exists special and exceptional reasons for doing so.

Contributions by Councils are voluntary and are calculated on a pro-rata basis according to the basic membership subscription paid by Council to the Association.

The amendments to the Policy and Guidelines include:

- The amount of cost from which a matter can be supported has been raised from \$20,000 to \$50,000
- Any funds received by the Associations over and above those sought by an applicant Council are to be returned to the donating Councils on a pro-rata basis
- The Association will provide regular updates to all Councils on matters that have been approved under the Policy

For Council's information.

3. ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Electoral Commissioner of New South Wales has advised the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report on 2008 Local Government Elections was tabled in Parliament in June 2010.

The report covers 16 recommendations which have been included separately with the agenda.

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These recommendations cover a number of administration matters along with Government legislation changes if the recommendations are accepted.

Some of the recommendations include the following:

- The NSW Electoral Commission is to ensure detailed information about the budget and actual 2012 Local Government elections is to be provided to all Council General Managers
- A higher proportion of the NSW Government's advertising budget is to be spent advertising the 2012 Local Government election in the fortnight preceding the polling day
- Where there is a Regional Returning Officer a number of provisions are recommended regarding greater access to the Returning Officer by Councils not hosting the Returning Officer
- An option for Councils to have universal postal voting
- Providing the option for Council to have a local computerised count

The Electoral Commissioner advises following the 2011 State Government elections he will be making arrangements to outline the approach the Electoral Commission will be taking to deliver the 2012 Local Government elections.

For Council's information.

#### 4. OOLONG HOSTEL

Council would be aware that Corowa Shire has been supporting Greater Hume Shire Council in determining the future of the Oolong Hostel at Howlong.

Due to the sensitivity of this matter meetings have been held with residents and families, and staff of the Oolong facility with the most recent meeting to be held on Friday 16 July next.

Both Councils are aware of the need to work through the process in a compassionate, caring and sensitive manner, however it is in the best interests of all parties, particularly the residents and families and staff the future of the Oolong facility is determined in a timely manner.

A draft Expression of Interest document has been prepared along with a timeline for the freehold disposal of the facility. These documents have been prepared with assistance of Guild Accountants and Kell Moore solicitors.

The proposed timeline prepared includes the following:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Finalise EOI document	Draft document complete
Request for EOI's - to be advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald	Tuesday 3 August 2010
Closing date for submissions of EOI	Friday 10 September 2010
Assessment of EOI's	13-17 September 2010
Interviews with shortlisted applicants	27 September - 1 October 2010
Selection of successful applicant	20 October 2010
Contract signing	November 2010
Contract completion and transfer of operational control	1 February 2011

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#### 5. DRAFT COROWA RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN

The draft Corowa Riverfront Precinct Master Plan is presented to Council for endorsement to publicly display the draft plan for further community input.

This plan is the outcome of collaboration between Corowa Shire Council, the Corowa community and CPG Australia in the development of a guiding document for the Riverfront Precinct.

Corowa's Riverfront Precinct provides a variety of recreation and community oriented opportunities for residents and visitors to the Corowa region. The precinct provides excellent public access to the Murray River which is a significant recreation and tourism asset for Corowa. In this sense the precinct also acts as a key economic driver for Corowa providing momentum for tourism and visitation to the township of Corowa.

Based on this, a vision for the precinct has been developed and states that...

*"The Corowa Riverfront Precinct, with its high scenic, environmental and recreation value, will be protected, conserved and enhanced to provide a focal point for community and visitor activities, enabling optimal community, economic and environmental benefit"*

The Master Plan is not a detailed implementation document. It is, however, a basis for planning, funding and further design, providing sound direction for future upgrades and development of the Riverfront Reserve Precinct.

The Riverfront Precinct will become the heart of Corowa, particularly with the relocation of the Council building and Community facilities to the Corowa Sports Club. This will provide a community gathering point, and place for community growth and challenge.

An extensive community consultation program was undertaken throughout the development of the Master Plan. This provided a valuable insight into the use and potential of the reserve land and all feedback has been considered and included as appropriate.

The implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Master Plan requires commitment from Council and the Corowa community. Successful partnerships created to enhance the Riverfront Precinct will provide Corowa with utmost benefit and enable positive community spirit and growth.

Please view the link provided via email to the draft report. This includes three files 1) The Master plan report, 2) Master plan drawings 3) Master plan appendix.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council endorse the draft Corowa Riverfront Master Plan documents for the purpose of public exhibition.

#### **Councillors, please note:**

An optional meeting will be held for Councillors prior to the Council meeting from 8.30am – 9.30am Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Council Chambers. Simon Eakin from CPG Australia will provide an overview of the plan and answer any questions Councillors may have in regard to this.

#### 6. NATIONAL LOCAL ROAD AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS 2010

The 2010 National Local Road and Transport Congress is to held from 13-15 October next.

The Mayor and General Manager have been representing Council at this conference over the years in accordance with Council's Corporate Plan.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council again be represented at the 2010 National Local Road and Transport Congress.

7. MEETING DAY

12 noon The Hon. Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer, will be presenting an update on Government issues.

8. COMMON SEAL.

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

28.06.10 Lease of Car Park from J & P Edwards, Howlong.

9. RAFFLES.

Legacy 16.06.10, 17.06.10, 18.06.10, 19.06.10, 28.06.10, 29.06.10,  
30.06.10, 01.07.10, 02.07.10, 03.07.10.

Corowa Woodcrafters Club 24.06.10, 25.06.10., 26.06.10, 08.07.10, 09.07.10, 10.07.10.

10. STREET STALLS.

Howlong Catholic Womens' Group 19.06.10.

Oolong 26.06.10.

Howlong Anglers Club 03.07.10.

Howlong Forum 10.07.10.

Howlong Cubs 17.07.10.

BJ CORCORAN  
GENERAL MANAGER

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers  
COROWA 2646  
15 July 2010

General Manager  
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 20 July 2010.

1. LGFS COURT ACTION – FAILED REMBRANDT CPDO

I have prepared a confidential report for Council with respect to developments in this case. Under Section 10A(2)(g) of the LG Act, advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege, can be discussed in the meeting closed to the public.

The report will be distributed at the meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council move to closed committee at the end of the meeting to be briefed on the Rembrandt Action.

2. MIKI CITY – SISTER CITY EXCHANGE VISITS

I recently wrote to Kyoko seeking confirmation of Miki's intentions with respect to the exchange program. We are due to host a delegation from Miki this year.

Email advice has been received from Kyoko Kawagoe in regard to my enquiry. Kyoko wrote "As for an exchange program this year, I am afraid we cannot send Miki students to Corowa under this recession.

But I guess some people including Mity will visit you privately near future. Would you host them in case this plan will be carried out?

I would like to maintain our relationship forever through this kind of grass root activity." This is an unfortunate yet not unexpected eventuation.

I have responded via email expressing Council's disappointment and understanding with respect to the matter.

It raises questions as to Miki's future ability to accept a 2011 delegation from Corowa. We will need to be patient and seek more information in this regard early in 2011.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that this information be conveyed to the Corowa High School

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3. RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

Balance as per Bank Statement :

General Account	0000 0022	\$30,747.90
Business Online Saver Account	1042522	\$2,662,749.33
Cash Deposit Account (CDA)		

Investments		\$10,389,381.52
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Sub Total		\$13,082,878.75
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Plus Deposits not yet lodged

Corowa	30-06-10	\$18,577.47
Mulwala	29-06-10	\$ 411.83
	30-06-10	\$ 280.00

\$19,269.30

Sub Total		\$13,102,148.05
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Less Unpresented Cheques		\$12,297.27
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<b>Balance as per General Ledger</b>		<b>\$13,089,850.78</b>
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4. INVESTMENTS HELD 30 JUNE 2010

The attached list of investment securities is held as at 30 June 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 30/06/2010**

Type	Institution	Amount Lodged	Date Lodged	Rate	Number of Days	Maturity Date
CDO Magnolia Mar 2012	ANZ	\$1,500,000.00	21/06/2010	6.40	91	20/09/2010
CDO Bishopgate Sept 2010	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	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	2/03/2010	6.05	214	2/10/2010
Term Deposit 26 6828	Westpac	\$1,031,824.66	4/05/2010	6.32	214	4/12/2010
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

**Grand Total \$9,604,381.52**

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ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT.

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COROWA 2646  
15 July 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 20 July 2010.

1. WORKS IN PROGRESS

(a) Road maintenance works during the past month has included the following:

- RR 331 Daysdale-Walbundrie Road shoulder grading
- Trees – storm damage
- Merton Road shoulder grading
- Narrow Plains maintenance grade and gravel
- Enfield Street maintenance grade
- Corowa Railway Walking Track – leveled and gravelled
- Sutcliffes Road maintenance grading
- McCartneys Road maintenance grading

(b) Roundabout Mulwala

The Mulwala Roundabout Project required considerable resources in both labour and plant throughout June. While the requirement to comply with a strict quality system is more onerous than Council's internal works arrangements, the project was well resourced and managed resulting in achieving success in time, budget and quality goals.

The perimeter lighting has been installed, however the feature central light is on order and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Council's Economic Development Officer, Kristy Kay recently called for quotes and awarded Water Smart Irrigation Landscaping the brief to undertake landscaping to the new roundabout and surrounds which also includes avenue plantings in Inglis Street to Lake Mulwala and Bayly Street to Lake Mulwala.

(c) Council Depot Workshop – Corowa

Focus Engineering are progressing with the steel fabrication required for this extension to the workshop.

(d) Honour Avenue – Corowa

Work is now complete on the kerb installation and shoulder sealing along the Honour Avenue Service Road between the Public School and Ash Avenue.

(e) Bayly and Lucan Street Intersection – Mulwala

Work is continuing on the turning lanes, drainage improvements, cycle path extension and watermain relocation at this busy intersection.

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(f) Guy Street Watermain – Corowa

Work has commenced to replace the watermain in Guy Street Corowa.

(g) Waste Disposal – Howlong.

Contractors, A.P. Delaney & Co P/L are progressing well on extensions to the waste disposal area at the Howlong tip.

(h) Bayly St Mulwala Pump Station

The new pumps have been installed in the main pump station which is now pumping via the new rising main to the sewerage treatment plant.

(i) Lagoon Boat Ramp Project

The concrete boat ramp construction is nearing completion. The remainder of the work is progressing.

(j) Corowa Saleyards

The contractor Lotic Pty Ltd has commenced work on the wastewater treatment and reuse system. Progress is being made despite the weather. The land purchase from Wilson which was necessary for the site has been finalised.

## 2. SEWER OVERFLOW

A sewage overflow occurred in a block of four units in Riesling Street Corowa caused by a blockage in the main. Residents were evacuated from one unit. Carpet has been replaced in 2 units. The other 2 units were not affected. A mains investigation is underway specifically in relation to grease traps from Sanger Street commercial properties.

For Council's information.

## 3. COROWA GOLF CLUB EFFLUENT REUSE SCHEME

The Golf Club have formally advised Council they are withdrawing from the sewage effluent reuse project. This is in response to the resolution of Council to ask the Club for their position on cost sharing that was put to the Club prior to Christmas. Design of the system has been underway over the past few months and is almost complete. The design will be completed as there is still the opportunity to supply irrigation water to the Race Club and Council parks in South Corowa. Reuse at the Golf Club could still occur in the future. The project is to be reassessed.

For Council's information.

## 4. COROWA DRAG RACING CLUB

The newly formed Corowa Drag Racing Club has written to Council requesting the use of the Aerodrome for a race meeting on the weekend of 14-15 August. The Club is to be given approval to have this meeting subject to similar conditions that applied at the Autofest. The wet conditions and wet ground conditions at the site may impact on the functionality of the site, and on costs.

For Council's information.

#### 5. MULWALA STORMWATER AND EFFLUENT PIPELINES

Judd and Sons Pty Ltd have completed the dual pipeline from the sewerage treatment plant to Wanani Road. They have done an excellent job in what was a very difficult environment with uncertain ground conditions. The site was subject of a court imposed licence condition providing limited access to the land for a limited period of time. The continuation of the work is now progressing with the construction of both pipelines on the south side of Wanani Road. This second part of the work has been authorised at a cost of \$60,455 exc GST for pipe construction and \$29,578 exc GST for pipe supply. IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council endorse the orders placed on Judd and Sons Pty Ltd for \$60,455 exc GST for pipe construction and Midland Pipes for \$29,578 exc GST for pipe supply.

#### 6. RURAL ADDRESSING

In the numbering and signposting of several adopted road names within the Shire, some difficulties have been discovered and Council consideration to changes is sought. The concerns are:

- Coreen – Balldale Road. This road runs from Balldale to Hopefield Road. Then there is a gap through Hunters Road, and the road re-commences at Mahonga Lane and terminates at Federation Way (Or, does it commence at Federation Way and end at Balldale?).

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council re-name the section of this road between Federation Way and Mahonga Lane.

- Rosewood Park Road (part only). This road runs from Bull Plain Road and Little Bull Plain Road intersection north to McCurdies Road, and then north from McCurdies Road to Roseneath Lane. The southern section of the road is wet-weather only. The numbering of rural addresses is affected by the section of McCurdies Road that form part of this road.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the section of road from Bull Plain Road to McCurdies Road be re-named (Suggestion: Carmlea Road).

- Lavis Road. Lavis Road runs from Hopefield Road to Balldale Road. There is then a short length of un-used road running west from Hopefield Road.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the section of road west from Hopefield Road be not named at this time.

In addition to the above recommended changes it is advised that the numbers already installed on several roads will be changed, as the "direction" adopted for the numbering has been reviewed and changed. The changes are to comply more closely with the general principal of Rural Addressing, where the "direction" of a road commences at the primary access road – eg the general direction that an emergency vehicle would travel if accessing this road. These changes should not affect any landholder as the Rural Address of any property has not yet been formally announced.

For Council's consideration and information.

## 7. ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Asset Management System is now advance to a stage where Council can be confident to use and rely on much of its capability.

I have asked Terry McDonell to prepare a presentation to the August Policy and Resources Meeting. The presentation will demonstrate some of the capabilities of the system and Terry will be available to answer questions from Councillors.

For Council's information.

## 8. ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Council has received a letter asking for its comment on a possible closure of Wilson Street, Howlong, between Townsend Street and Holbeach Street. The section of road has been under an enclosure permit for "the past 50 years". Corowa Shire Council is the adjoining owner on the north side of this road.

Although this road at present is not required by Council, it has been nominated for future public use as follows:

- The Hume Shire Howlong Drainage Study recommends Wilson Street as the route of a diversion channel to carry storm flow from Catchment 'D' to the Murray River;
- Wilson Street is possible the most appropriate route for an east-west by-pass route of Howlong.

Neither of these projects is likely to proceed in the foreseeable future but loss of the proposed route is undesirable.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the applicant be advised that Wilson Street will be required by Council for future drainage and road by-pass routes and as such Council cannot support an application to close and sell the Crown owned road reserve.

## 9. COROWA CYCLEWAY – COROWA COMMON

The Corowa Common Trust has granted permission for the final stage of the South Corowa Cycleway, from Augusta Street to the Golf Club main gate to be constructed within the Common. It will require a leasing of the land by Council and payment of an annual lease fee of \$500 adjusted annually in accordance CPI increases. The permission comes with other condition all of which are considered reasonable. A copy of the Trust letter is included with the agenda.

The design of the cycleway is now programmed within the 2010/2011 budget and should be ready for discussion with the Common Trust within four months. At that time a formal meeting will be required (as part of the conditions of approval) to finalise the plans.

The Trust has requested a meeting between Council, the Trust and the Land & Property Management Authority to formalise the above.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council meet with the Common Trust and LMPA to formalise the proposal and once design is complete enter into a lease with the Common Trust in accordance with the conditions in the letter of agreement.

#### 10. NSW SALEYARD CONFERENCE

On 7 July Deputy Mayor Fred Longmire and Saleyards Manager Doug Carmichael attended the Saleyard Operators Association of NSW Conference.

Prior to the commencement of the conference, the association held a Special General Meeting with the intention to consider constitutional changes to the association to enable QLD and other states to join.

The changes were carried by the members present with minor amendments only. The association will now be known as the "Australian Livestock Markets Association" and is open to membership by any saleyard selling centre in Australia.

The Queensland Association have already indicated that they will be joining on mass and South Australia have expressed similar interest.

This is a positive move forward which with Qld now represents 70% of Australia's saleyards and a \$3 billion industry which is expected to be able to better lobby government departments as the Peak National Body.

Corowa has for some years held membership in both NSW and Victorian Saleyards Associations. Victoria is planning to have regional meetings leading up to its August Conference to be held in Swan Hill at which time the issue of joining the Australian Livestock Markets Association will be decided upon.

Throughout the conference, we heard speakers on a variety of topics including:

- Animal welfare at saleyards
- National recognized saleyards training
- Extremist animal rights actions
- Industry statistics and predictions
- National Livestock Information Service (NLIS) achievements
- Diseases

The conference provided a good industry overview which Deputy Mayor Fred Longmire will report further on.

For Council's information.

D CARMICHAEL  
ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT.Council Chambers  
COROWA 2646

15 July 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 20 July 2010.

1. BUILDINGS.

The following construction certificates are listed for Council perusal.

2010/100	20 Armour Street, Corowa	Garage
2010/101	146 Victoria Street, Howlong	Dwelling Additions
2010/112	Lot 361 Freyers Road, Corowa	Shed
2010/114	Lot 8 Gulai Road, Mulwala	2 Motel Apartments
2010/116	116 Hume Street, Mulwala	Dwelling Restump & Carport Demolition
2010/117	76 Hume Street, South Corowa	Shed
2010/119	19 Evelyn Street, Corowa	Shed
2010/120	159 Golf Club Drive, Howlong	Dual Occupancy
2010/122	11 Jasmin Court, Corowa	Verandah
2010/124	39 Guy Street, Corowa	Verandah & Ensuite
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$826,547</b>

2. RIVER RED GUM PARKS

In December 2009 the Natural Resource Commission presented its Final Assessment and Recommendations Report of the Riverina Bioregion, Regional Forest Assessment of River Red Gums and Woodlands Forests.

These documents were the primary basis on which the NSW Government used to determine the future management of our Riverina forests.

There are 5 former State Forests within Corowa Shire that are affected by this change in management and have now become a National or Regional Park as of 1 July 2010.

Current State Forest that has become a National park:

- Corowa State Forest

Current State Forests that have become Regional parks:

- Collendina State Forest
- Mulwala State Forest
- Quat Quatta State Forest
- Quat Quatta East State Forest

Both the National and Regional parks will be managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and are classified under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

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In general terms the primary role of a national park is to conserve natural and cultural heritage values of an area, to provide representative samples that reflect the full range of landscapes and diversity of ecosystems and to provide opportunities for people to experience and enjoy nature and their cultural heritage.

The purpose of reserving land as a regional park is to identify, manage, protect and conserve areas in natural or modified landscape that are suitable for public recreation and enjoyment. The new regional parks are located close to towns and will also allow for activities such as dog walking and non-commercial firewood collection.

Council is currently the reserve manager for two reserves located within Collendina State Forest (now Regional Park). National Parks and Wildlife staff is unable to advise Council at this point in time if the reserves are to continue in their present status or are to be extinguished.

Council will be advised of further information when available.

For Council's information.

### 3. JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANELS – DELEGATION

Council will recall that at its 15 June 2010 monthly meeting it resolved to confer the delegations proposed by the Department of Planning to the General Manager, Mr BJ Corcoran.

It was envisaged that the delegations would commence in August 2010 however this is now unlikely. The Department is waiting on responses from other Councils within the Western Region. Once the responses and comments from these Councils have been reviewed by the Department it will present recommendations to the Minister and the Western Panel Chair, Gabriella Kibble, and prepare the delegation applicable to Corowa Shire.

The actual delegation, its use and commencement date is to be advised by the Chair Ms Kibble.

For Council's information.

### 4. EFFLUENT REUSE

Council is presently assessing a Development Application from the Corowa Golf Club for the construction of a dam (water storage). The development will involve the excavation and enlargement of three existing dams to form a single larger dam.

As part of the assessment Council has entered into discussions with the Club to determine the impact, whether advantages or adverse, on the effluent reuse scheme that was being proposed between Council and the Club.

Council has now received correspondence from the Corowa Golf Club formally advising that the Club will not enter into any agreement to, or make any commitment to receive supply of Recycled Water. The Club will maintain independence in regard to water supply and management.

Council's Engineering Department will present to the next meeting of the Policy and Resource Committee a summary of the project to this point in time and what impact, if any, it will have on the final disposal of Council's sewerage effluent and Environmental Protection Licence as per Item 3 of the Director of Engineering Services report

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5. PLANNING PROPOSAL – LOT 541 DP 1152549 COROWA

This Planning Proposal seeks to change the zoning of the land at Lot 541 DP 1152549 to allow the reuse of the former Bowling Club as a Civic Centre by Council.

It is proposed that the existing site which is zoned both 6 (a) (Public Open Space Zone) and 6 (b) (Private Open Space Zone) be rezoned to 3 (a) (Commercial Zone). It is necessary for such rezoning to occur, so that Council is in a position to grant Development Consent to enable the change in classification of the Building from a Class 6 (club) to a Class 5 (office/administration).

This situation has been brought about the failure of the Department of Planning processes in preparing a new comprehensive Local Environmental Plan for the whole shire. Council will recall that it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Planning in 2007 to have the LEP completed by September 2009. Changes in directions by the Department on how the process should occur and the underestimation of the resources need by the Department and associated agencies to drive the program has resulted in the LEP not being completed, which is a common theme throughout NSW.

The Planning Proposal prepared by Habitat Planning on behalf of Council is included in Schedule 1.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council resolves it has considered the written planning proposal and directs that the written planning proposal be sent to the Department of Planning for a Gateway determination under section 56(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the planning proposal to amend the Corowa Local Environmental Plan 1989 to rezone Lot 541 DP 1152549 Bridge Road from 6 (a) (Public Open Space Zone) and 6 (b) (Private Open Space Zone) to 3 (a) (Commercial Zone).

6. 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. 2008/203 J FIEDLER & J RICHARDSON  
Application for 3 Lot Subdivision on residential land being Lot 325; DP 753744; 162-180 Kennedy Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/075 GD COSSOR  
Application for 2 Lot Subdivision on residential land being Lot 11; Section 45; DP 758528; 119 Hovell Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/095 T & J PFEIFFER PTY LTD  
Application for 2 Lot Strata Subdivision on residential land being Lot 3; DP 79734; 303 Honour Avenue, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/105 H FROST  
Application for Boundary Adjustment on rural land being Lot 122; DP 1143753 & Lot 12; DP 1029292; Cemetery Road, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/113 R DEWHURST  
Application for dwelling on residential land being Lot 20; DP 1121985; 5 Fraser Court, Corowa.

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DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

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GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/125 R PATHAK

Application for dwelling on residential land being Lot 14; DP 1116584; 15 Heather Circuit, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/126 R PATHAK

Application for dwelling on residential land being Lot 7; DP 1069818; 148 Kennedy Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/127

Application for wood heater on residential land being Lot 6; DP 803212; 161 Golf Club Drive, Howlong.

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DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ANIMAL INSPECTORS REPORT.

Council Chambers  
COROWA 2646  
15 July 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 20 July 2010.

The Class 4 Noxious Weed Risk Assessment, a requirement by Industry & Investment NSW has been completed, signed and forwarded to I&I, Steve Pattison.

The following training and meetings were attended:

1. A full day Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) training workshop coordinated by Industry & Investment NSW at the Wagga Wagga Country Club on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. Topics discussed included the following:

- Introduction of MERI principles.
- Regional MERI Plan steps.
- Utilise and develop plans from program logic.
- Strategically plan for monitoring and evaluation.
- Report on regional projects.

The above training program coincides with the Riverina WAP submission.

2. The Eastern Riverina Noxious Weeds Advisory Group meeting held at Wagga Wagga City Council on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Discussions included weed officer projects, ongoing weed control, upcoming field days and general discussions.
3. Coolatai Grass identification and control field day at Table Top Crown Land, Albury on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The topics covered included identification and control techniques of live specimens of Coolatai Grass. A large audience was in attendance which included weed officers and land owners from the surrounding district.

Six Serrated Tussock plants were found on the Burrumbuttock Road in Howlong. These plants were chipped, bagged and burnt. This is the only road in Corowa Shire known to have this Noxious Weed, therefore regular inspections will continue.

Horehound was spot sprayed on the following roads and lanes adjacent to these roads:

- Woolshed Road.
- Glencoe Road
- Lavis Road.
- Morningside Road.
- Lillydale Road.

Coolatai Grass inspection will be one of the main focus weeds over the next few months as the two previously identified growth areas are now free from this weed. This new and emerging weed will be monitored by Corowa Shire noxious weed officer and the livestock, health and pest authority.

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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 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.

PATRICK MINOGUE  
SHIRE COUNCIL NOXIOUS WEEDS INSPECTOR

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NOXIOUS WEEDS REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Moved by Councillor Fred Longmire:

THAT Council through the Waste Management Committee investigate all options for the location of the future Corowa Waste Transfer Station.

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NOTICE OF MOTION AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

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GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO UNDERTAKE THE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL OF THE GENERAL MANAGER HELD ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010 AT 9.40 AM.

PRESENT.

The Mayor, Councillor GJ Poidevin, Councillor FT Longmire and Mr BJ Corcoran (General Manager).

The purpose of the meeting was to undertake the annual performance appraisal of the General Manager in accordance with Council's established criteria.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (a) That in accordance with the performance appraisal the performance of the General Manager has been assessed as more than satisfactory.
- (b) That as the performance agreement process and appraisal content has been agreed to no action is required to vary the performance criteria.
- (c) That the employee address the issues raised in the attachment to the appraisal result form.
- (d) That in accordance with the provisions of the General Manager's Contract Item 8.5 and the result of this appraisal detailed in Item (a) the employee's remuneration be increased by the percentage determined by the Statutory and Other Officers Remuneration Tribunal in the period of the review.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11.20 am.

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REPORT OF PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL OF THE GENERAL MANAGER AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON TUESDAY 29 JUNE 2010 AT 3.00 PM.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND SCHIRMER

1. 2010/2011 MANAGEMENT PLAN – CIVIC PRECINCT & SWIMMING POOL PROJECTS

On discussion it was agreed the Swimming Pool Project should be deferred and Option 3(c) for the Civic Precinct should be Council's preferred option for consideration in the 2010/2013 Management Plan.

2. CODES AND POLICIES REVIEW

RECOMMENDED THAT the following Policies, as presented, be confirmed.

Business Ethics Policy  
Code of Meeting Practice  
Complaints Management Policy  
Councillors Expenses Policy  
Gift Benefit Policy

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LAW

3. COROWA SHIRE EVENTS COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED THAT Council form a COROWA SHIRE EVENTS COMMITTEE as a Section 355 Committee of Council.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND SCHIRMER

4. ROADS TO RECOVERY FUTURE PROJECTS PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDED THAT Council adopt the following priorities for the Roads to Recovery Program

1. Reconstruction of Melbourne Street
2. Bullecourt Road

Corowa

1. Isabel Street – Riesling St to end of road. Full reconstruction.
2. Braintree Avenue – Murray St to Isabel St. Full reconstruction.
3. Parliament Street – Queen St to Lindsay St. Full reconstruction.

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POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

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4. Gray Street – Lindsay St to Aitken St. Full reconstruction.
5. Church Street – Queen St to Lindsay St. Full reconstruction.
6. Lindsay Street – Gray St to Federation Av. Full reconstruction.
7. Parade Place – Lindsay St to Gray St. Full reconstruction.
8. John Street – Bow Street to Gordon Street. K&G and shoulder construction.
9. Steele Street – Honour Av to Gitchell St – replace K&G, pavement overlay.
10. Vera Street – Redlands Rd to Evelyn St.
11. Whitehead Street - Redlands Rd to Evelyn St.
12. Arnott Street – finish construction.

#### Howlong

1. Hovell Street - Hawkins St to Russell St. K&G and shoulders.
2. Hawkins Street – Sturt St to Hammer St. K&G and shoulders.
3. Hammer Street – Hawkins St to Kennedy St. K&G and shoulders.
4. Hume Street – Hawkins St to Russell St. K&G and shoulders.
5. High Street – Hawkins St to Pell St. K&G and shoulders.
6. Larmer Street – Hawkins St to Pell St. K&G and shoulders.

#### Mulwala

1. Melbourne Street – reconstruction in alliance with RTA. I suggest that Council allocates \$200,000 pa (variable depending on RTA matching funds) for up to 5 years for this project. This “additional” allocation could be at the expense of other town/rural funds or from revenue.
2. Sturt Street – Havelock St to Inglis St. K&G and shoulders.
3. Erne Street – Hume St to Sturt St. K&G and shoulders.
4. Inglis Street – Sturt St to Lucan St. K&G and shoulders.
5. Havelock Street – Hume St to Nicholson St. K&G and shoulders.
6. Mc Grath Street – north from Edward St. K&G and shoulders.

AND THAT determination of Rural Road priorities be deferred until after the rural roads inspection.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LAW

#### ADDENDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDED THAT the addendum to the Director Engineering Services Report be introduced and dealt with.

COUNCILLORS WALES AND SCHIRMER

#### 1. COROWA FORESHORE MASTER PLAN –ASH AVENUE

RECOMMENDED that the Draft DCP be adopted and placed on public exhibition for comment AND THAT Council further investigate a contribution plan for Foreshore Open Space.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND WALES

#### Voting

For: The Mayor, Councillor GJ Poidevin, Councillors WB Bott AM, GJ Law, FT Longmire, FM Schirmer, JE Doyle , MS Shields, and NW Wales APM  
Against: Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5.15 pm.

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POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

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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, 1 JULY 2010 AT 7.30 PM.

PRESENT

Mr Keith Barber	Local Health Advisory Committee
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 Megan Savin	Cancer Council South West Region

Keith Barber offered to chair the meeting in the absence of Peter Wortmann and Barb Robinson.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Peter Wortmann, Barb Robinson, May Houlihan, Bruce Corcoran and Nicole Moloney be confirmed.

G HANDBERG AND M MCDONALD

PRESENTATION – NSW CANCER COUNCIL

Keith welcomed Megan Savin, Regional Programs Coordinator, Cancer Council South West Region to the meeting.

Megan Savin, Regional Programs Coordinator from NSW Cancer Council welcomed the opportunity to address the meeting. She gave an overview of Cancer Council NSW including how it is funded and operated and the services it provides across the state, regionally and locally.

Megan also talked about the Corowa Community Cancer Network and how it had been set up in Corowa following the first Relay for Life and what it aims to achieve. Several issues were discussed including comparison of incidence of cancer types, cross-border operations, mammograms for women over 69 years, training opportunities and transport.

MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2010 be adopted.

B TIDD AND G HANDBERG

PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

Hospital Auxiliary

Marianne advised that the AGM of the Hospital Auxiliary will be held on 12 July 2010.

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HEALTH SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

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Home Care

Margaret McDonald advised that accommodation details are still being organized and that the relocation may not be until December.

Southern Cross Karinya Apartments

Gwyneth advised that the Care Manager has resigned and that they are looking for a new (RN qualified) manager. Land Care is organising tree planting activities at Karinya on "National Tree Planting Day" Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

Keith Barber

Attended recent Health Advisory Committee meeting.

Social and Community Planning, Corowa Shire

Wendy Thompson advised that action had been taken to secure a supported Playgroup in Corowa.

GENERAL BUSINESSSympathy

Members of the meeting expressed sincere sympathy to Peter Wortmann and his family on the passing of his father.

Guest Speakers - Invitation to Meetings

Oscar Gentner (Kalianna Enterprises) to be invited to the August meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday 5 August 2010 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.35 pm.

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HEALTH SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 JULY 2010.

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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, 06 JULY 2010 AT 9.05 AM.

PRESENT

Brendon Toll (Chairman), Councillors Mark Shields, Norm Wales APM, Ian Singleton, Trevor McLean, David Coppolino, John Babbs (Director Engineering Service), Mark House and Garron Farrell.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received for Cr Daryl Davey and Colin Webb be accepted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2010 be confirmed.

Items in progress

Item 3 - Safety Management Plan – Isolation and Lock-Out – Tag-Out (LOTO) procedure requires implementation via Tool-Box meeting to be held for all operations staff on changes to LOTO process. Overseers to present new Statewide Management System (SWMS)/procedure on the changes and confirm understanding with staff at Tool Box meeting.

Item 5 - Depot Vehicle Inspection Pit, Director of Engineering Services advised that some delays may occur due to design requirements to meet legislative change.

2. COUNCIL'S SAFETY CULTURE? – Acting on Warning Signs preview and discussion

A review of DVD, 'Acting on Warning Signs' deferred due to cost and benefits gained from purchase not seen as being worthwhile.

OHS Coordinator distributed WorkCover NSW "Safety Culture Survey" documentation pack outlining process to allow Council to investigate what its Safety Culture is perceived to be by way of conducting a workplace survey involving all staff.

RECOMMENDED this matter be held over and discussed at the next meeting.

3. STATE COVER MUTUAL OH&S AUDIT RESULTS AND 2010/11 ACTION PLAN

Council's overall score audit score improved since 2009 audit score of 69.25%, 2010 score 74% for documentation and implementation, although certain element implementation have not progressed well as required i.e. Volunteer Management 2009 score 56%, 2010 documentation and implementation score 35% AND Electrical Safety 2010 score of 47%, decreased from a score of 80% for 2009.

RECOMMENDED that Volunteer Management responsibility requires review and records of volunteer inductions, training and insurance requirements etc be verified and copies kept on file at Council premises.

RECOMMENDED that action on Volunteer Management be discussed at next OH&S committee meeting.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 15 JUNE 2010.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORT RESPONSE TIME AND TRACING PROCESS

RECOMMENDED that Council's Safety Management Plan be modified to reflect changes in incident reporting procedure, CSCOHS-011P01 and Director of Engineering Services & OHS Coordinator develop and refine the new electronic reporting process and report on progress at next meeting.

#### 5. WORK IN ISOLATION AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATON SYSTEM

RECOMMENDED that the OHS Coordinator review current working in isolation practices, identify activities where the communication system isn't providing adequate service and report findings at the next meeting.

#### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Brendon Toll raised a number of risk and security concerns by Parks and Gardens staff when required to work with Community Services persons.

RECOMMENDED that the Works Overseer and/or Barry Mann be advised of Parks and Gardens staff concerns or objections when working with community service persons.

Brendon asked for an update on the Lawn Cemetery sign informing the public of Council's intention to remove untidy or damaged ornaments and other items at grave sites that create a risk to Council's staff or the public.

Director of Engineering Services advised that the signs were being ordered and shall be erected at the Lawn Cemetery entrance once signage is produced.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OH&S Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 14 September 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11.10 a.m.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE MULWALA WATER SKI CLUB, 14 JULY 2010 AT 8.00 AM.

PRESENT

Mayor Cr Gary Poidevin (Chairperson), Councillors Daryl Davey, Gail Law, Fred Longmire and Mark Shields, Peter Duncan, Gary Pysing, Margory Johns and Kristy Kay.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Bruce Corcoran, David Potts and Peter Wright be accepted.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND DAVEY

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2010 were confirmed.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND DAVEY

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bicycle Path between Corowa and Mulwala

No response had been received at this point from the Murray Darling Association with regard to the request for an update on the progress of the proposed bicycle path between Corowa and Mulwala.

Customer Service Report

A proposal would be tabled with the committee in regard to the customer service survey/program at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

Council Community Precinct

A letter from Peter Wright in relation to Councils decision to proceed with the Community Precinct and also in regard to Councils investments was tabled with the Committee.

An update and background information was provided to the Committee in relation to these matters.

It was thought that this was not the appropriate forum to table these issues.

Corowa Bowling/RSL Club

Information about the proposed relocation of bowling activities in Corowa was sought. The committee were disappointed with the proposed changes and hoped that further community consultation could be undertaken with consideration to the economic and community value of the existing operations.

RECOMMENDED that Council contact the RSL Club to request further information, consideration and consultation in relation to the proposed relocation of the Bowling activities.

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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 15 JUNE 2010.

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Flour Mill

An update was provided in relation to the progress of Corowa's Flour Mill and support Council had provided for this.

Yarrowonga Mulwala Tourism Meeting

Information was provided about the Yarrowonga Mulwala Tourism Meeting and Peter Duncan complimented Ian Rich on his involvement in this.

Peter Duncan advised that they were currently considering their position in respect to the allocation of funding to support Yarrowonga/Mulwala tourism.

Business Distress

It was noted that the number of businesses in distress within Corowa Shire seemed to be increasing and this was of concern to the Committee.

Corowa Chamber of Commerce

Information was sought about the activities of the Corowa Chamber of Commerce.

RECOMMENDED that an invitation be extended to Paul Schnelle to attend the next BCHM meeting to provide an update on Chamber activities.

COUNCILLOR DAVEY AND GARY PYSING

Ski Show

Peter Duncan advised that the Ski Club could assist with the request for a Ski Show for the opening/celebration of the Corowa Lagoon redevelopment project in either November 2010 or February 2011.

Rivalea

Gary Pysing provided an update in relation to Rivalea and their commitment to expand their markets and value add products.

Corowa Truck and Car Show

Councillor Mark Shields complimented the RSL Club for their support and organization of the Corowa Truck and Car Show which would be held for the first time in September this year and advised that he would be joining the Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDED that the Economic Development Manager's report comprising 75 items be adopted.

P DUNCAN AND COUNCILLOR SHIELDS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 11 August 2010 at the Corowa Council Chambers commencing at 8.00am.

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 9.36 am.

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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 15 JUNE 2010.

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GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

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PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION AND FOR INFORMATION1. THE HONOURABLE FRANK SARTOR MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Forwarding information on the future of the River Red Gum Forests – copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL NSW GOVERNMENT PLANNING

Advising that the revised approach for setting Council development contributions and Council rates will not commence on 1 July 2010 as previously advised.

3. SHIRES ASSOCIATION

Forwarding an update on changes to Local Infrastructure funding (s94 levies) – copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

4. KHAKI VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS INC.

Forwarding a plaque in appreciation of Council's support for their annual Corowa Swim-in in March 2010.

5. VICROADS

Vicroads advised that it is proposed to have a Community Presentation on the Yarrowonga/Mulwala Bridge Planning Study in the Yarrowonga Town Hall on 28 July 2010.

6. COROWA WHISKY & CHOCOLATE

Requesting Council to assist with the costs of moving rubbish from their premises to the Corowa Tip – copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

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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 20 JULY 2010.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_