

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
16 July 2009

Mayor and Councillors
Corowa Shire Council.

Councillors,

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 21 July 2009.

1. PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

Under Section 499 of the Local government Act 1993 Councillors and designated staff are to complete Pecuniary Interest Returns at the 30 June 2009. Returns are to be completed and returned prior to 30 September next.

The returns will be provided to Councillors on meeting day.

For Council's information.

2. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The Federal Government has announced an additional \$220M towards Community Infrastructure funding. Community projects such as libraries, community centres, sports grounds and environmental infrastructure will be eligible for funding.

The \$220M will be provided under the following two programs.

- \$100M shared between all Councils.
- \$120M for larger specific projects which will be provided on a competitive basis.

Corowa Council has been allocated \$179,000 under the \$100M program. The \$120M program is subject to application.

The funding will be available at the end of 2009. At this time the criteria for the funding has not been provided.

The Federal Government will also over 2 years provide a \$25M Local Government Reform package. This funding is to assist in the following :-

- To assist Councils to implement new asset management and planning consistent with a national framework.
- Fund the collection and analysis of robust data about Councils infrastructure assets.
- Support collaboration between Councils on a regional basis for service delivery and planning.

Information on the allocation of this funding is also to be provided.

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3. NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The National Assembly of Local Government was held in Canberra in June. Over 650 participants attended this year's Assembly.

The theme for the National Assembly was "Rising to the Challenge - Climate Change, Infrastructure and Finances". At the end of the National Assembly a communiqué was prepared covering the issues discussed at the Assembly.

A copy of the communiqué is included with the agenda. Also this month's Local Government Focus has a comprehensive report on the National General Assembly's activities.

For Council's information.

4. COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP

The NSW Government has announced a \$35M Community Buildings Partnership Program to support local jobs, stimulate growth and improve community facilities.

The program will provide \$300,000 in every electoral district with an additional \$100,000 to be invested in electoral districts with higher unemployment.

Community groups and local Councils will be eligible to submit applications for funding.

The criteria for the funding includes:

- A demonstration on how the project will deliver positive results for the community, through job creation and community, social, recreational and environmental outcomes.
- Applications from Councils will require matching funding.
- Projects must be commenced by late 2009 and completed by December 2010.
- Applications close on 10 August 2009.

Prior to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet making recommendations to the Premier local members will be invited to comment and make recommendations on proposals in their electorate.

For Council's information.

5. COROWA SPORTS CLUB

The Contract for Council's purchase of the Corowa Sports Club was exchanged on Thursday 16 July 2009. Gazettal for the acquisition of the land will be on the 24 July next.

For Council's information.

6. MEETING DAY

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| 12 noon | Ground Revolution Director, Matt Dickeson will be making a presentation on the Corowa Flour Mill. |
| 3.00pm | Mrs Nancy Smith will be addressing Council concerning the need for a Pedestrian Crossing in Sanger Street. |
| 3.15pm | An Australian Citizenship Ceremony will be conducted for Mrs Anna Willett. |

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7. RAFFLES.

Camp Quality 17.06.09, 18.06.09, 19.06.09.
Daysdale Hall Committee 09.07.09.

8. STREET STALLS.

Camp Quality 19.06.09.
Howlong Forum 20.06.09, 18.07.09.
Howlong Football Club 27.06.09.
Howlong Anglers 04.06.09.
World Wildlife Fund for Nature 08.07.09.
Oolong Auxiliary 11.07.09.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT.

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General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 21 July 2009.

1. COROWA FLOUR MILL - GROUND REVOLUTION PROJECT

Enclosed with the agenda is the proposed business plan by Ground Revolution outlining their intentions with respect to the redevelopment and adaptive reuse of the Old Corowa Flour Mill, Steel Street, Corowa. Ground Revolution will be presenting their proposal to Council at 12 Noon on meeting day.

Since March 2001 Corowa Shire Council has owned the Corowa Flour Mill which was obtained as a result of a negotiated land deal for the establishment of the Water Treatment Plant.

Council has, since that day, been seeking opportunities for an adaptive reuse of the site. At one stage Expressions of Interest were sought through advertising in the newspapers. From time to time interested parties have approached Council seeking to further examine the opportunity however despite numerous enquiries until today no firm proposals have been lodged.

The Corowa Flour Mill is listed on the State Heritage Register and as such has certain restrictions placed on what can and cannot be done to the building and surrounds. It was fortunate that through a chance phone call I was able to arrange a meeting on 18 June 2009 with Dr Bronwyn Hanna, Heritage Branch, NSW Department of Planning, representatives of Ground Revolution and myself to meet on site at the mill to discuss the proposal and establish a contact point for future negotiation between ourselves, Ground Revolution and NSW Planning.

Concerns have been raised by Dr Hanna as to the level of preservation and maintenance which has been afforded the building over the past 30 years since its decommissioning as a flour mill.

Dr Hanna is hoping to obtain authority to have a Heritage Engineer appointed by NSW Planning to assess the site and provide a plan of action for restoration.

Council's website currently features the following advert seeking Expressions of Interest.

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"Old Corowa Flour Mill

The Old Corowa Flour Mill is acknowledged as a landmark in the district and is classified to be of State heritage significance.

Due to the historical and iconic importance of the site, Corowa Shire Council wish to provide the opportunity of development to a suitably qualified or experienced person/business, who wish to utilise and own the building and its site for a purpose which would bring long term economic benefit to the community.



Commercial terms of ownership would be negotiated based on the extent of community and economic benefit to the region.

Property Details:

Old Corowa Flour Mill

20 – 24 Steel Street, Corowa NSW 2646

Area: 6,268 sq m

Zone: 4(a) Industrial

For further information, to arrange a site inspection or to discuss your proposal, contact Corowa Shire Council (02) 6033 8999

Additional information can be provided from the Heritage NSW website at the following link: http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_02_2.cfm?itemid=5045431

Photographs kindly supplied by Mr Chris Nevins"

Ground Revolution's proposal is presented for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDED that Council agree to the sale of the Corowa Flour Mill Site Lot 12 DP 1022737 for the sum of \$1.00 to Ground Revolution (Directors:- Rachel McCloskey, Bridget McCloskey and Matt Dickeson) contingent of the following:-

1. That restoration works are undertaken generally in accordance with the proposal presented.
2. That a surety in the form of a Bank Guarantee or Deposit be provided to Council by Ground Revolution the value of \$100,000 with the Corowa Shire Council as beneficiary.
3. That the surety be surrendered by the Council upon accomplishment of the roof and gutter repairs and window and door refurbishment/replacement within three years of the sale date and to the satisfaction of Council.
4. In the event the proposed roof and gutter repairs and window and door refurbishment /replacement are not completed as outlined, within 3 years of the sale

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date then the said Bank Guarantee/deposit of \$100,000 will be paid to/retained by the Corowa Shire Council.

5. That a proper legal contract of sale be prepared by Council's solicitor incorporating the above terms and that Council pay our costs associated with preparation of the Contract of Sale and conveyancing (estimate \$800).

2. ALCOHOL FREE ZONES – RE-ESTABLISHMENT

Council's three Alcohol Free Zones in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala are due to expire on 30 October 2009 and as such it is required that Council assess the success of the zones and if required undertake the process of re-establishment in accordance with the Guidelines prepared by the Department of Local Government.

A letter has been received on behalf of the Corowa-Howlong Districts Liquor Accord requesting some minor extension to the Corowa Zone. I have spoken with Mulwala Police with respect to the operation and continuation of the Alcohol-Free Zone which encompasses the whole town and they have indicated their support for the continuation of the zone as is.

RECOMMENDED that Council declare it proposes to implement alcohol-free zones for a period of four years from 1 November 2009 to 30 October 2013 in the following areas :-

Mulwala - all public roads in the township.

Corowa - Public roads including Sanger Street, Federation Gardens, River Street (Sanger Street to Riesling Street), Church Street (Sanger Street to Lindsay Street), Parliament Street (Sanger Street to Queen Street), all of Queen Street, Mary Street (Sanger Street to Federation Avenue), Ellerslie Gardens, Edward Street, Federation Avenue (Edward Street to Hume Street) and Bow Street (Sanger Street to John Street), John Street (Bow Street to May Street), Honour Avenue (Sanger Street to May Street), Steel Street (Honour Avenue to John Street) , Short Street, Riesling Street and Betterment Parade (Arnott Street to Whitehead Street).

Howlong – Public roads including Hawkins Street (Hammer Street to Townsend Street); Sturt and Hovell Streets (Pell Street to Russell Street) and the laneway and car parks north of Hawkins Street between Sturt Street and Hovell Street.

AND THAT Council begin public consultation as required by Section 644A of the Local Government Act.

3. PROPOSED CHANGES TO MULWALA LIBRARY'S OPENING HOURS

The current opening hours of the library are twenty per week.

Tuesday	10.00 – 1.30	3.00 – 5.00
Wednesday	10.00 – 1.30	
Thursday	10.00 – 1.30	3.00 – 5.00
Friday	10.00 – 1.30	
Saturday	10.00 – 12.00	

It is suggested that the weekday opening hours be changed for several reasons. Opening hours need to provide more consistency for customers, making them easier to remember, and offer fairness for staff - permanent and casual.

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All options and suggestions for Council's consideration are based on **no change to the total number of hours** open in the week - currently twenty, with a Saturday morning opening of two hours.

Lunchtime

Regardless of other changes to opening hours, it is suggested that the lunch time closure times be changed. The long lunch break of 1.30 - 3.00 pm appears to be confusing for many customers - both local residents and visitors. It is an unusual time to be closed and is an awkward length of time for lunch for the staff member. Staff who live outside Mulwala are at a distinct disadvantage with the long lunch hour. Customer numbers drop off significantly after 12.30 pm each day the library/office is open.

A suggestion would be to change the lunchtime closure to a more "lunch-like" time, eg. 12.30 - 1.30 pm or 1.00 - 2.00 pm.

Evening opening

The possibility of opening of an evening has been raised. From previous experience at Yarrowonga Library, which opened till 6.00 pm two nights a week from 2002 until 2006, library visits dropped off dramatically after five o'clock with often only one or two people in after 5.30pm. (This is in a much busier library than Mulwala). During winter in particular, it is possible that people would not come out later on just to visit the library.

A late or evening opening once a week would mean that hours of opening are not consistent each day during the week, causing possible confusion for customers. It would also lessen the number of hours in a week the Council services, such as rate payments, can be offered.

Change to number of days open

One option is to open only three days per week. This would mean the same number of hours open, just condensed into three days with six hours each day.

Two possibilities could be:

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| 1. | Tuesday | 10.00 – 1.00 | 2.00 – 5.00 |
| | Wednesday | 10.00 – 1.00 | 2.00 – 5.00 |
| | Thursday | 10.00 – 1.00 | 2.00 – 5.00 |

Or open on the Friday instead of the Wednesday, ie. open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

OR

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| 2. | Tuesday | 9.30 – 12.30 | 1.30 – 4.30 |
| | Wednesday | 9.30 – 12.30 | 1.30 – 4.30 |
| | Thursday | 9.30 – 12.30 | 1.30 – 4.30 |

Or open on the Friday instead of the Wednesday, ie. open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

A big advantage of either of these options would include more open time during after-school hours for local children. Opening the same hours each day may make it easier for customers to remember also.

Opening days remaining the same

If the opening days stayed the same as currently, a suggested change would be to close earlier at the end of the morning session each day, to a more obvious lunch time closure, eg. at 12.30 or 1.00 pm.

So two options could be:

1.	Tuesday	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
	Wednesday	10.00 – 1.00	
	Thursday	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
	Friday	10.00 – 1.00	

OR

2.	Tuesday	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
	Wednesday	9.30 – 12.30	
	Thursday	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
	Friday	9.30 – 12.30	

These options mean that the opening hours and days would not change too much from the current hours, meaning less confusion for customers. Customers currently often don't remember which afternoons the library/office is open and talk about coming to the library on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon and finding the building closed.

RECOMMENDED that Council resolve to seek public comment with respect to changing the opening hours of the Mulwala Library as follows:-

Tuesday	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
Wednesday	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
Thursday	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00

4. JUNE 2009 STOCKTAKE

As a result of the 12 June 2009 stocktake the following store items to the net value of \$82.41 were adjusted.

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

Write On

15.4 litres	Distillate	16.72
155.8 litres	ULP Petrol	173.36

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107.67**Net Write On****\$ 82.41**5. OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG COROWA SHIRE LEADERS - NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Corowa young people are encouraged to contribute to the planning, development and running of events and activities in our Shire. Becoming a member of the Unit Y planning group, which meets weekly at Unit Y Youth Centre to discuss programs and events, is a fun way to learn new skills, be a positive role model for others and have a say in what is happening in the community.

SRC members at Corowa High School are encouraged to join the Unit Y planning group for one year as part of their community service role. Each year there is a new group of young people available, however given the multiple opportunities and responsibilities that young people have, it can be difficult to recruit new young people to this quite demanding task.

To provide an incentive to participate it is proposed that each year, commencing 2009, Council fund Unit Y planning group members' attendance at the annual Halogen Foundation "National Young Leaders Day" event in Melbourne.

National Young Leaders Days (NYLD) which have been held in Australia for more than 10 years, have become one of the largest and most significant student leadership events in Australia. Students attend from Government, Catholic and private schools. National Young Leaders Days are endorsed by leaders around the world including every State Premier, the Chief Ministers of the ACT and NT, and the Prime Minister of Australia.

The objectives of the NYLD are to inspire and motivate students to make positive contributions to their schools and communities. To empower students with practical skills, promote the value of inspirational and positive role models and educate students about the need to grow in knowledge and practical skills in the area of excellence and leadership.

The 2009 National Young Leaders Day will take place in Melbourne on Wednesday, 25th November, at the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre. The one day event runs from 9am - 2.30pm and consists of 3 sessions that each have two speakers, question time, learning exercises and student interaction/involvement. A high profile team of speakers from business, sport, politics, community service, science, media, education and the arts are invited to speak to this next generation of young leaders. The program has a mix of male and female and younger and older leaders.

An example of previous speakers includes:

- Bob Carr MP – former Premier of NSW;
- Bob Hawke AC – Former Prime Minister of Australia;
- Catriona Rowntree – Channel 9 Presenter and Host of 'Getaway';
- David Koch – Host of Channel 7's 'Sunrise' program;
- Dr Deane Hutton – Scientist from TV 'Curiosity Show'

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- Dr Paul Scully-Power DSM – Australia’s first astronaut in 1984 aboard the space shuttle Challenger;
- Eddie McGuire- AFL Footy Show, Former Host ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire’;
- Geraldine Cox – Author and Founder of the Sunrise Children’s Village in Cambodia;
- Gerard Gosens – Visually impaired mountaineer,
- Hugh Evans – Former Young Australian of the Year and Author;
- Ian Kiernan AO, OAM – Chairman of Clean Up Australia;
- Ivan Deveson AO – Businessman, Community Services Worker and Former Lord Mayor of Melbourne;
- John Cos – Visual Effects Creator and 1995 Academy Award Winner for ‘Babe’;
- Kieren Perkins OAM – Australian Swimming Legend;
- Kirsty Murray – Author;
- Matthew Reilly – Best selling young author;
- Michael Malthouse – Coach of Collingwood Football Club;
- Natasha Stott Despoja – Senator for South Australia;
- Paul Jennings – Leading Children’s book author;
- Peter Garrett – Member of Parliament, former lead singer of Midnight Oil;
- Tania Doko – lead singer of ‘Batchelor Girl’ ;
- Tim Watson – AFL Legend;
- Wendy Harmer- Comedian and Radio Presenter.

This year it is proposed to invite 7 young people to attend the 2009 event. These young people have assisted at Unit Y since October 2008 in the set up, development and/or facilitation of ongoing activities.

Two Council vehicles will be used to transport the students to Melbourne the night before the seminar. Accommodation will be at a nearby YHA recommended by the Halogen Foundation. The total cost to attend the seminar in 2009 and provide overnight accommodation is \$570.00. This expenditure is accounted for in the 2009/10 budget item 11809-700 *Community Social & Cultural Plan*.

RECOMMENDED that Council support the funding of Unit Y planning group members’ attendance at the annual Halogen Foundation “National Young Leaders Day” event in Melbourne on 25th November 2009.

6. RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

Balance as per Bank Statement :-

General Account	0000 0022	\$	153,417.80
Business Online Saver	1042522	\$	5,013,000.00
Cash Deposit Account (CDA)			
Investments		\$	8,833,171.80
		Sub Total	\$ 13,999,589.60
Plus Deposits not yet lodged			
Corowa	30-Jun-09	\$	15,108.42
Mulwala	30-Jun-09	\$	1,438.50

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	\$	16,546.92	
		Sub Total	\$ 14,016,136.52
Less Unpresented Cheques			\$ 6,325.57
Balance as per General Ledger			\$14,009,810.95

7. INVESTMENTS HELD 30 JUNE 2009

The attached list of investment securities is held as at 30 June 2009. 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

Institution	Initial Lodgment Date for CDOs	Last Roll/Date Lodged	Amount Lodged	Investment Type	Interest Rate	Next Roll / Maturity Date	Final Maturity (if different than next Roll)
ASX Computershare	20-Jun-05	20-May-09	\$500,000.00	Nexus 4 Notes (Capital Protected)	0.96	20-Nov-09	23-Jun-15
ANZ	10-Feb-05	22-Jun-09	\$1,500,000.00	CDO Flinders AA	4.51	21-Sep-09	20-Mar-12
ANZ	29-Jul-05	30-Mar-09	\$500,000.00	CDO Bishopgate	4.67	30-Jun-09	30-Sep-10
ANZ	01-Dec-04 Switch May 2007	01-Jun-09	\$1,000,000.00	FRN Adelaide Bank Sub Debt	4.07	01-Sep-09	01-Dec-14
FIIG		30-May-09	\$500,000.00	CDO Trident (Capital Protected)	0.06	30-Nov-09	30-May-11
LGFS		21-May-09	\$785,000.00	Term Deposit	3.57	21-Aug-09	
Westpac	22-Mar-05	06-Apr-09	\$1,000,000.00	CDO Wollemi 2005-1 Trust	4.11	07-Jul-09	04-Jan-10
Westpac		11-Jun-09	\$1,048,171.80	Term Deposit	4.30	09-Oct-09	
Westpac		10-Jun-09	\$1,000,000.00	Term Deposit	4.50	10-Feb-10	
Westpac	23-Apr-09	23-Apr-09	\$1,000,000.00	Term Deposit	4.20	22-Jul-09	
Total			\$8,833,171.80				

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ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT.

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16 July 2009

The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 21 July 2009.

1. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Despite the RAMROC preferred position on the level of water restrictions, the NSW Department of Water and Energy has requested that all Local Water Utilities in both the Murray and Murrumbidgee Valleys impose Stage 4 restrictions from 1 July 2009. These restrictions apply to the regulated Murray River and its associated aquifers. Corowa Shire has concurred with this request.
(Note: As of 13 July 2009, the Murray Valley reserves are still only 84% of the volume retained at the same time last year, with Hume Dam at 75%.)
- (b) The 1942 Ford Blitz is now comfortably housed in Max Macleans Motor Museum in Hammersley Road, Corowa.

2. WORKS IN PROGRESS

a) Howlong Boat Ramp

The new boat ramp in Lions Park is now complete.

b) Hawkins Street Kerb - Howlong

Construction of a parking area and additional kerb in front of the Anglican Church is nearing completion. Sealing will be completed when the weather allows.

c) James Cook Avenue - Howlong

The centre median improvements are nearing completion. Sealing of the road widening will be completed when weather is more favourable.

d) Dunmore Street Reconstruction - Mulwala

Reconstruction of Dunmore Street has commenced. The underground stormwater drainage is complete, preparation for installation of kerb and gutter is continuing.

e) Bayly Street - Mulwala

Replacement of the Bayly Street sewer rising main will commence in the next 2 weeks. Design plans are complete and materials are on-site.

f) Roundabout - Mulwala

Construction of the Melbourne and Bayly Street roundabout is likely to commence in October. The RTA has advised that funding is available and have nominated an RTA Project Manager for the works. Majority of the works will be undertaken by Council staff.

g) Pedestrian Bridge - Mulwala

Construction of the pedestrian bridge across the canal in Melbourne Street Mulwala has commenced and is on track to be completed before the end of September. Design of the bridge approaches, traffic island and drainage works are complete and will be constructed during August and September.

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h) Toilets - Mulwala Cemetery and Balldale

The prefabricated toilets will be delivered late July and erection will start soon after.

i) Rowers Park Watermain - Corowa

Construction has commenced to replace the watermain that services Rowers Park and the boat sheds. This job should be complete within a week.

For Council's information.

3. COROWA NURSERY

Council has requested a report on the contents of a letter received from Corowa Nursery. This report is included with the agenda.

For Council's information.

4. ENTRANCE WALL - RIVERLAND GARDENS, MULWALA

The developers of Riverland Gardens have proposed to erect a feature entrance wall with solar lighting and place naming signage within the proposed road reserve. A plan of the proposed wall is attached.

The developer has been advised that Council will not maintain the structure.

The proposal does not affect traffic visibility and does not impact on Council's budget

IT IS RECOMMENDED that permission be granted to construct the Entrance Wall subject to Council reserving the right to remove it if it becomes dilapidated.

5. RURAL ADDRESSING

The first of the Road Name plates will be erected this week and all those purchased will be installed within the next month.

For Council information.

6. PARKING PATROLS

The first patrol by a Parking Officer was carried out in Corowa on 29 June 2009. The Officer on this occasion spent a considerable time talking to various shop keepers and the public about their parking habits rather than immediately imposing fines. Policing of the restrictions will be more rigorous in the future.

Visits are proposed over a three month period. Only the Director Engineering Services is aware of the schedule for these visits. Following these visits the effectiveness of the program can be evaluated and the need for further parking inspections assessed.

I have recently received an expression of interest from a qualified person who is interested in a regular part time role as a contract parking and by-laws officer. This would give the Council the ability to continually enforce parking restrictions, and control other non-approved activities on roads, on a permanent basis.

For Council's information.

7. FEDERATION BRIDGE - ARTWORKS

The proposed artworks provided as part of the Federation Bridge project is due for installation. Funding for this installation was provided in part by the RTA and part by Council. The adopted site for the artworks is adjacent to the Honour Avenue Service Road on the Corowa departure from the Saleyards Roundabout.

On viewing the first of the sculptures, I am strongly of the opinion that the selected site is not suitable. The artworks is, in my opinion, of such quality and size that it deserves to be installed in a prominent location nearer to the population centre of town and not "off the road" where it will attract only the occasional passing visitor. This view is supported by the Mayor, Council staff and importantly by the artist.

The artist, Council's Landscape Consultant Simon Eakin, Council's Economic Development Officer and I met in Corowa to select a site for consideration by Council. The Corowa Streetscape Plan was considered in the determination of the preferred site. The proposal is to install the artworks on the "T&G corner" of the Honour Avenue/Sanger Street Roundabout, and to carry out the first stage of the Corowa Streetscape improvements in conjunction. This will see the existing plantations removed, new trees and shrubs planted, and artworks site incorporated into the entire theme.

Several photographs of the first of three sculptures, all of which form the single artwork, will be displayed for Council information.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept the above site as the location for the Federation Bridge/Corowa Entry Statement artworks.

8. COMPANION ANIMALS

Over the past few weeks Council staff has been closely involved in a companion animal dispute. The involvement has required the assistance of the General Manager, the Director Engineering Services and Council's three Rangers, and discussions with Councillors.

One of the issues raised in this dispute is the number of dogs being housed at a single residential address. Councillor Schirmer has requested that I raise this with Council for it to consider whether there needs to be a limit on the number of companion animals (ie dogs and cats) that Council will permit to be housed at any residential address.

Council is also required to prepare a Companion Animals Management Plan. This plan is currently being prepared and will be presented to the next Policy and Resource Committee Meeting. I consider that this meeting would be the appropriate time to consider any limitations on housing of companion animals.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council consider the housing of companion animals when reviewing the Draft Companion Animals Management Plan at a Policy and Resource Committee Meeting.

9. COROWA SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

Council has provided funds in the current Management Plan to commence investigations into the future relocation of the Corowa Sewage Treatment Plant. These funds were provided in support of a request from the Department of Environment and Climate Change to reduce odour emissions from the existing plant and to commence preparations for the relocation.

Before Council commissions the Department of Commerce to prepare a relocation strategy that will include a concept proposal, site selection, geotechnical study, preliminary surveys

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and flow measurement, I seek to have Council nominate one or perhaps two preferred sites for a new works, or at least nominate any unacceptable sites. This will reduce the investigations by the Department and give Council greater involvement in the process.

My original preferred site, at the western end of the Corowa Aerodrome property, is still considered to be a favourable option. However, as the drought has shown, the demand for recycled waste water is real and increasing, and thus a closer site to the future town boundary appears preferable. With a large storage already in existence at the present site it is logical to site any new works close to this so that treated waste water can be returned to the storage for later re-use. It is also vital that the works be located so that there will always be a 400m buffer from any future residence. I say "vital" because of the experience with the Mulwala Plant and the EIS that confirmed that Council would maintain a 400m buffer between the plant and residential development. This buffer distance has also been referred to in the recent Land and Environment Court judgement in the action between Mark Moore and Council.

It is important that the initial study be not restricted by Council limiting the investigation too greatly, but it is also important that Council's views are considered at the start. I consider that a site on the Aerodrome land, on the present tree lot area, could be considered because it is just outside the 400m buffer distance for existing houses, is within pumping distance of the present works and the storage dam, and the tree lot will have reached the end of its useful life by the time the new plant is constructed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council nominate any sites that it considers should not be considered and to nominate any site it would consider suitable for the Corowa Sewage Treatment Plant.

10. ALFRED STREET CONSULTATION

On Tuesday 30 June 2009 Council convened a consultation meeting with residents and landowners of Alfred Street, Corowa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed design of the street and to consider the retention or otherwise of the present street trees.

The meeting was advised of the difficulty being experienced by Council's designers in preparing a design that would retain trees, not damage root systems, reduce future maintenance of the road infrastructure and minimise the impact on the streetscape if trees were to be removed. It is apparent that to build a new road will require installation of an underground drainage system, excavation and replacement of the road base, and construction of longitudinal drainage on each side of the road by either K&G or a flat dish gutter with small diameter underground pipe beneath the dish gutter. The residents were advised that any reconstruction works at all would damage the root structure of the trees and there is the possibility of the trees dying due to this interference. The meeting was also informed that most of the trees on the eastern side of the street would be removed as they are quite unhealthy due to prolonged and frequent lopping under electricity supply lines.

The meeting resolved that Council retain all healthy trees, replace trees that are removed and extend the plantation of mature London Plane trees for the full length of Alfred Street.

It is my understanding ALL healthy trees are to be retained, however several colleagues insist that the meeting resolved that the first two trees north of River Street, on the western side, will be removed. I realise that there was some debate on this issue but am not sure that it was part of the decision. These are probably the largest and healthiest trees in the street.

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The design for the street is nearing completion and I seek clarification from Council on the decision of the meeting regarding the first two trees being retained or removed.

For Council's determination.

11. RTA ROADS GAZETTALS OF CLASSIFICATIONS

The Roads and Traffic Authority advises that the changes of road classifications resulting from the new Federation Bridge has never been finalised. This was due to the condition of the bridges in the approach embankment and the ongoing need to rehabilitate the John Foord Bridge.

The project to replace the structures in the approach embankment is now largely complete. The project to rehabilitate and repaint the John Foord Bridge is going slowly and funding is not currently available to carry out the physical work.

The RTA proposes that gazettal of the proposed changes to the classification be proceeded with and Council assumes responsibility formally for the road but RTA retain the responsibility for the John Foord Bridge until it is rehabilitated and painted to a satisfactory level.

The RTA wishes to finalise the gazettal and would appreciate if Council could confirm that it is comfortable to proceed on this basis.

This in simple terms means:

- The road from the Saleyards roundabout to the Mulwala River Bridge will be formally re-numbered as State Road No. 314.
- Sanger Street and the John Foord Approach embankment will be classified as a local road with Council accepting full maintenance responsibility.
- The John Foord Bridge will remain as an RTA responsibility for full maintenance and repairs, until it is ultimately rehabilitated and painted, and it will then be handed to Council. (Council has an agreement with the former Rutherglen Shire Council to then share the cost of maintenance of the bridge.)

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council advise the RTA that it accepts the proposals on the condition that the RTA confirms its agreement with the Mayor to give a minimum two year guarantee on the recent surface replacement of Sanger Street AND THAT it will accept the cost of the final seal of the John Foord approach road, proposed for the summer of 2009/2010 and approve the John Foord Bridge balance of works currently being negotiated.

JJ BABBS
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
16 July 2009

The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council.

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 21 July 2009.

1. BUILDINGS.

The following construction certificates are listed for Council perusal.

2009/31	55 Bayly Street Mulwala	Relocated Dwelling
2009/83	23 Parade Place Corowa	2 Units & Renovations
2009/100	136 Howard Court Howlong	Carport & Verandah
2009/101	7 Inglis Street Mulwala	Boat Ramp
2009/112	168 Victoria Street Howlong	Carport
2009/113	115 River Street South Corowa	Additions
2009/114	30 Banff Street Corowa	Pergola
2009/115	135 Read Street Howlong	Dwelling
2009/116	48 Pell Street Howlong	Dual Occupancy
2009/117	Lot 462 Hudson Road Corowa	Demountable Building
2009/118	35 Chisnall Street Corowa	Dwelling
2009/119	294 Church Street Corowa	Shed
2009/120	102 Corowa Road Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2009/121	Railway Place Balldale	Toilet Block
2009/122	162 Bank Street Howlong	Deck
2009/124	19 O'Brien Court Corowa	Patio & Deck
2009/125	2-4 Hicks Street Mulwala	Water Tank
2009/126	112 Clarke Street Howlong	Storage Shed & Skillion
2009/127	133 Read Street Howlong	Shed
2009/129	128-130 Cotton Street South Corowa	Shed
2009/132	57 Hay Street Corowa	Rainwater Tank
2009/133	10 Johnson Street Corowa	Dwelling
2009/134	173 River Street South Corowa	Addition Dwelling
2009/139	61 Colless Street Mulwala	Veranda
2009/142	39 Heather Circuit Mulwala	Shed
		TOTAL \$1,875,887.00

2. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2008/368 – 2 LOT SUBDIVISION & USE OF LAND FOR DWELLING - REVIEW OF DETERMINATION

An application for a Review of Determination under Section 82A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) has been lodged by Habitat Planning on behalf of Mr G Kingdom.

Development Application 2008/368 for a 2 Lot subdivision and the use of the land for a dwelling at 69-73 Pimpala Crescent, Mulwala was refused by Council at its 17 February 2009 monthly meeting. The reason for the refusal was that the proposed development did not

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comply with Council's Floodplain Development Guidelines. The specific areas of non compliance were:

- 1 Subdivisions – land within the floodplain shall not be subdivided for the purpose of erecting a dwelling unless any allotment created for such purpose:
 - (a) Contains a minimum 550m² area of land that is above the 1% flood level, and
 - (b) Has direct flood free vehicle access from a flood free public road to the minimum 550m² of land.
- 2 Dwellings – a dwelling shall not be created in a location that does not have direct access above the 1% flood level from the dwelling to a flood free road.

No part of the proposed 8155m² allotment is above the 1% flood level nor has it direct flood free vehicle access from a flood free public road. Pimpala Crescent is not flood free for the total road frontage of the proposed allotment.

Under Section 82A of the EP&A Act if the original determination of an application was made by Council, then any review must be determined by Council.

The applicant requests Council to review the determination of refusal and presents the following points to support his application. Council's comments are in bold:

- Although Council has recently been provided with revised flood levels (Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study), it is understood these have not been formally adopted and the guidelines have not been amended to reflect any level greater other than that from the 1917 flood. Consequently, from a statutory perspective, the 1917 levels must still be regarded as those to be used as far as flooding is concerned. – **The draft flood level referred to is 124.87 AHD. However the 1% flood level (1917) that Council has been utilizing for this location since 1978 is 124.6 AHD.**
- There is adequate land located above the 1% flood level to accommodate a dwelling (123.8 AHD) – **The submitted contour plan does not indicate that any of the proposed dwelling site is located at 124.0 AHD. This is a difference of some 800mm.**
- Although the proposed lot and dwelling does not comply with the Floodplain Development Guidelines with regard to flood free access along a public road there are several existing dwelling in the immediate area that are non compliant with these requirements and a precedent has been created. – **Comment is unable to be offered on the non-compliance of existing dwellings regarding flood free access. A search of Council records has not indicated the basis for this situation. However in an endeavour to provide some equality to previous planning decisions, Council has previously granted some minor concessions to the Floodplain Development Guidelines but only for existing allotments. As part of the concessional approvals Council stressed that any new allotments that are to be created must comply with the Floodplain Development Guidelines. Also previous determinations by Council that may have been outside of the Guidelines should not be the basis of continuing non-compliance. If Council is of the opinion that there are components of the Guidelines that are no longer applicable then the Guidelines should be amended to convey such position.**
- Being cut off by floodwaters once every one hundred years is not a serious concern. – **The applicant refers to the 1% flood only occurring once every one hundred years. Although that is a common term of speech, flooding**

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occurrence is a ratio and as such a 1% flood event could occur three times in the one year as has recently occurred in the north coast of NSW.

Also there is some question if in fact Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) permits such a subdivision to be created in a 7 (a) – Environment Protection Zone.

The LEP is silent on both prohibition and permission for subdivision for the purpose of a dwelling in a 7 (a) zone.

Clause 16 of Council's LEP relates to the erection of dwellings within zones 1 (a) and 7 (a) on vacant lands and lists an allotment created in accordance with this plan as land on which a dwelling may be erected. However now that clause 13 of the LEP has been repealed there is no specific clause in the LEP relating or permitting subdivision of land within a 7 (a) zone for the purpose of a dwelling.

The Department of Planning has advised that it is not uncommon for LEP's of Council's age to have areas of grey and in fact have become less certain in legal standing after the Minister removed the concessional allotment clause on 9 May 2008.

It would not be difficult to argue that the repeal of Clause 13 (concessional dwelling) and the introduction of State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008 that there is a clear intent by the Minister to ensure that dwellings within 1 (a) – General Rural and 7 (a) – Environment Protection zones are not permitted unless on a minimum of 250ha.

The Review of Determination application has been advertised in accordance with Council's Notification Policy and no comments or objections have been received.

Notwithstanding the question mark relating to Council's LEP the proposal is unable to comply with Council's Floodplain Development Guidelines and therefore development should not be permitted.

RECOMMENDED that Development Application 2008/368 be refused as it does not comply with Council's Floodplain Development Guidelines.

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. 2008/340 ONLEY & MOTT PTY LTD FOR BL & PA HAYES

Application to create 2 lot strata subdivision on residential land being Lot 52 Section 21 DP 634857, 55 Bayly Street Mulwala

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/123 B HARMER & N MCGRORY

Application to construct dwelling on township land being Lot 2 Section 77 DP 758528, 161-169 Larmer Street Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/128 JOHN BABBS COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL FOR HMR FROST & BC FROST

Application to create 2 lot subdivision together with easements for drainage and sewer purposes on rural land being Lot 294 DP 753734, 69-101 Cemetery Road Corowa.

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DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ANIMAL INSPECTORS REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
16 July 2009

The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 21 July 2009.

The recent rainfall has seen a fresh growth of Horehound, African Boxthorn and St Barnaby's Thistle. Each of these weeds has been spot sprayed in the following locations:

Horehound:

- Carrolls Lane (both sides).
- Riverina Highway (both sides) from Corowa to the Corowa Shire boundary at Howlong.
- Jude Street, Howlong.
- Wellers Gap Road, Howlong.
- Also unnamed lanes in Howlong.
- Sandy Ridges Road and lanes adjacent to this road.

African Boxthorn:

- Jude Street, Howlong.
- Wellers Gap Road, Howlong.
- Behind Howlong Country Golf Club.

St Barnaby's Thistle:

- Riverina Highway from Corowa to the Corowa Shire boundary at Howlong.
- Access Road to the Howlong Cemetery (both sides).

A grant application is currently being completed for Weed Control Program on Crown Land 2009/2010.

I attended the Eastern Riverina Noxious Weeds Advisory Group Meeting on 7th July 2009 at Wagga Wagga. Noxious Weeds Officers within the Riverina attended this meeting.

A second baiting of Rabbits is being considered at the Howlong and Mulwala Cemeteries as this seems to be an ongoing issue. I will undertake to engage a contractor to complete this program.

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.

Water, waste and sewer treatment plants located in Corowa, Mulwala and Howlong are regularly inspected for noxious weeds. Once weeds are identified in these locations they are treated appropriately.

PATRICK MINOGUE
SHIRE COUNCIL NOXIOUS WEEDS INSPECTOR

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NOTICE OF MOTION.

Moved by Councillor Schirmer:

1. THAT the Tourism Manager's monthly report be included in each Councillor's papers for each monthly Council meeting.
2. THAT a letter of congratulations be sent to Allan Handberg and his committee of volunteers who assisted with the work on "The Book of Memories". It is a historical documentation of great value to the community of Corowa Shire.

Moved by Councillor Poidevin:

THAT the Director Corporate and Community Services fully investigate the provision of laptops to all Councillors with the software available to allow all Councillors to receive all previous hard copy in the form of electronic and local providers be considered when investigating the above.

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MINUTES OF THE KARINYA HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2009 AT 3.20 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor Councillor GJ Poidevin, Councillor GJ Law , Mrs Mary Macqueen, Fred Robinson, Oscar Gentner, David Holmes (Kalianna representatives), Ms Kristy Kay (Economic Development Manager), Mr Bob Parr (Director Environmental Services) and Mr Bruce Corcoran (General Manager).

APOLOGY

Councillor WB Bott AM.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the handover date and operations of the facility and the following matters were discussed and agreed to :

- Handover Date - Wednesday 1 July 2009.
- Media Release – an appropriate media release with accompanying photo would be prepared for the 1 July 2009 edition of the Free Press. Photos were to be taken at 10.00am on 29 June and the media release would be provided on 24 June.
- Total costs - to date were \$363,664.72 comprising land purchase, termite inspection, air conditioning repairs, surveying, electrical works and roof and guttering repairs.
- Loan repayments – the loan to be paid by Kalianna is to be over a 10 year period with 6 monthly payments of principal and interest.
- Rates – as a non-rateable organisation there will be no general water and sewerage rates however cistern (or equivalent) and garbage charges will apply.
- Kitchen equipment – the removal of the kitchen equipment was to be investigated by Council.
- Utilities – as far as Council can ascertain gas, water, sewerage and power are available to the site. Further work may be required on Kalianna taking possession and using these utilities.
- Licensing approvals – Council at this time has no licensing requirements and any approvals will be subject to a working and operations plan provided by Kalianna at a later date.
- Formal communications – Council/Kalianna will be carried out by quarterly meetings of the Steering Committee.
- Building signage – there are no requirements here other than Council would like to see the signage and location of the signage prior to erection.
- Insurance – in accordance with the agreement Council will insure the building and structures and has its own Public Liability. Kalianna will be required to have appropriate insurance indemnifying Council in relation to their activities and for their own materials.
- Service Providers – Council will provide a list of known previous service providers to the facility.
- Operation of the facility – Council’s expectation for Kalianna’s operation of the facility is that it will be managed and operated by that body in accordance with the signed agreement and quarterly meetings of the Steering Committee.
- Gardens – Council has no requirements for the gardens other than they be kept in a neat and tidy condition.
- Stage 1 of the project – Kalianna is to prepare a formal development plan and introduce organisations to the site.
- Access – Council is to continue negotiations with GSAHS to provide access to the facility.

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- Guy Street Parking – Council is to investigate identifying and signage of an area on the north side of the existing ramp crossing in Guy Street to enable persons with disabilities to alight from a bus.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4.35 pm.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2009 AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Daryl Davey, Councillor Norm Wales, Ms Suzie Lyons (RTA), Sgt Deane Miller (Albury Police), Sgt Andrew Robinson (Corowa Police), Mrs Nancy Smith and Mr John Babbs (Director Engineering Services).

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Mayor Cr Gary Poidevin and Mrs Shirley Nolan be accepted.

Councillor Davey chaired the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2009

Item 2. SH20/Balldale Road intersection. This intersection is included on RTA future roads improvements program for a BAR(Basic Rural type) intersection treatment. No date for commencement has yet been determined.

Item 5. RTA has issued new Speed Zoning Guidelines and these will be used from April 2009.

AGENDA

1. SANGER STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Traffic and pedestrian counts for Sanger Street at the Plaza Area carried out on Thursday 4 June 2009 indicated a peak vehicular traffic flow (V) of 475vph and peak pedestrian flow (P) of 65, with the highest P x V of 36896. AS1742.10-1990 indicates a minimum P x V of 90,000.

The committee advises that as the count is well below the warrant for a crossing it cannot be installed.

RECOMMENDED that Council consider the need for an alternate type of pedestrian facility if the need is justified.

2. RIVERGUM HOLIDAY RETREAT

Requesting permission to install Guide Signs indicating the Rivergum Caravan Park.

RECOMMENDED that the applicant be advised that as the entrance to the Park is on a State Road, and is easily visible from the road, that the installation of signs on the State Road is not approved.

3. LIONS CLUB OF HOWLONG

Seeking permission to erect a "Community Notice Board" on the verge of Hawkins Street, Howlong (State Highway No. 20) or alternatively on Hawkins Street west of Sturt Street.

RECOMMENDED that the applicant be advised that no such structure will be allowed on the State Highway and that any request for erection of the Board on Hawkins Street adjacent to

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the intersection of Hawkins Street and Sturt Street (SH20 and MR197) will require a Development Application submitted to Council and referred to the RTA for comment.

4. COROWA SERVICE STATION

Seeking clarification as to the legality of crossing the painted lines in Sanger Street to enter or depart from the service station.

RECOMMENDED that Mr Gamble be advised that once the central median is marked (with paint) then it will be illegal to cross it in any direction. [Reference: Road Rules 2008, Section 138, (2)].

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that once the median is marked that Council advertise the regulations regarding the obligation of motorists to not cross the median.

Note: Mrs Smith was invited to address the meeting to express her concerns regarding pedestrian safety in Sanger Street.

5. LIONS CLUB OF COROWA

Requesting permission to close Sanger Street between River Street and Isabel Street on Saturday 17 October 2009 between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm to permit a street march by visiting Lions Club members, to celebrate the 2009 Lion's Convention.

RECOMMENDED that Council provide all details of the proposed road closure including Traffic Control Plan to each of the Committee Members for approval on or before the next meeting of the Committee.

6. COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL AND St MARY'S SCHOOL

Requesting permission to close John Street between Mary Street and Alice Street on Sunday 1 November 2009 between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm to permit safe pedestrian access between the school grounds and RSL Park during the joint St Mary's Fete and the Corowa Shire Safety Expo. Some activities associated with the Fete or Expo may be held on the closed street (eg jumping castle, safety expo stalls).

RECOMMENDED that Council provide details of the proposed road closure including Traffic Control Plan to each of the Committee Members for approval on or before the next meeting of the Committee.

7. RTA - HOWLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL PARKING

The Principal of Howlong Public School is concerned at the apparent danger of the present on-street parking adjacent to the school in Larmer Street, Howlong.

RECOMMENDED that Council investigate the present parking practices and if necessary prepare plans and estimate of costs for improvements with a view to seeking funding assistance from RTA.

8. BURRA GARDEN SUPPLIES

Request relocation of the 60/100 speed signs on Bullecourt Road, to improve manoeuvring space for long vehicles turning west from Almond Lane. Present signs are on the prolongation of the western alignment of Almond Lane.

RECOMMENDED the RTA inspect the location and consider relocation of signs.

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9. ROAD SAFETY OFFICER

The Police asked if Council has considered the appointment of a Road Safety Officer (RSO) either full or part-time.

Sgt Miller advised that Corowa Shire is one of few Councils that do not have an RSO. He advised that such Officers provide a valuable service particularly in the education of the general public and importantly school students in road safety issues. This was supported by the RTA.

RECOMMENDED that Council invite the RTA Safety Co-ordinator to address Council on the advantages and cost of appointing an RSO and that Council consider the appointment of a part-time officer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 30 September 2009 at 10.30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 12.15 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, 1 JULY 2009 AT 7.30 PM.

PRESENT.

Mr Peter Wortmann	NSW Ambulance Service
Mrs Barbara Robinson	Kalianna Community Transport
Mrs May Houlihan	MOW, Corowa Community Transport
Ms Margaret McDonald	Home Care Service
Ms Rosemary Garthwaite	HSM Corowa Hospital
Mrs Ida Mensforth	Corowa CWA
Mrs Beth Tidd	Corowa Community
Mrs Marianne Vogel	Corowa Hospital Auxiliary
Ms Wendy Thompson	Corowa Shire Council

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Lesley New, Keith Barber, Gwynneth Handberg and Bruce Corcoran be accepted.

I MENSFORTH AND M VOGEL

MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2009 be confirmed.

B ROBINSON AND I MENSFORTH

PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Corowa Hospital

Rosemary Garthwaite advised that painting of the interior of the Hospital had finished and presented minimal disruption to staff and patients. Air conditioning is to be installed in Carroll Wing at the end of July.

The Nursing Home situation is still unknown until end of July. The hospital is still actively recruiting for registered and enrolled nurses.

Health One – Clinical working parties have been formed for falls prevention, wound management, respiratory programs. Building capital funds available – announced in budget.

Karinya House

Wendy Thompson advised that the keys to the facility had been handed over to Kalianna Enterprises Inc. on 1st July. It is planned that Kalianna Community Transport will be the first occupants of the new Corowa Social Enterprise Centre.

Rosemary Garthwaite advised that GSAHS was waiting for a Traffic Management Plan from Council regarding use of the access road.

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Hospital Auxiliary

Marianne Vogel announced that the AGM would be held on 20th July 2009 in the hospital dining room.

Home Care Services

Margaret McDonald advised that Home Care Services and DADHC will now be in a new "Super" Department to be called Department of Human Services.

NSW Health Phone Survey

Beth Tidd informed the meeting of a survey for people 65 and over.

Corowa Shire

Wendy Thompson reported on the recent Corowa/Rutherglen Interagency meeting. Of significance was the report from "Vinnies" that revealed that there are 31 single mums in Corowa receiving assistance (caring for 64 children under 12 yrs). Most of these young women had limited domestic, cooking, budgeting and parenting skills. They also had limited access to alternative child care.

Unit Y had received a highly commended award for their Hep C photo competition entry. The photo display was on permanent exhibition at Unit Y in Queen Street.

Ambulance Service

Peter Wortmann reported they had attended a meeting in Albury regarding amalgamation of Victorian and NSW ambulance services with the commencement of the new Albury/Wodonga Border Health Service.

Peter also asked about people's experiences when contacting 000 especially in relation to the information checklist that has to be filled in before sending out assistance.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday, 6 August 2009 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:20pm.

MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2009 AT 9.05 AM

PRESENT

Mayor Councillor GJ Poidevin (Chairperson), Councillors FM Schirmer and FT Longmire, Agents: J Curtis (Peter Dargan & Co), R Monte (Landmark Operations), R Wynne (Paull & Scollard), S Grantham (Elders) and T Parker (Corcoran & Parker), Producer Representative: K Barber and Council staff: G Lewis, I Rich (Director Corporate and Community Services), J Babbs (Director Engineering Services) and B Corcoran (General Manager).

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies from Councillors WB Bott AM and D Carmichael be accepted.

CR SCHIRMER AND K BARBER

1. MOB BASED MOVEMENT - REPORTING

Information was provided from the NSW Department of Primary Industries that the Mandatory Mob Based Movement recording for Saleyards was to be introduced on 1 September 2009.

Stephen Grantham arrived at the meeting at 9.19 am.

Discussion was held on the Livestock Exchange NLIS Sheep Program. It is felt that this program was of great assistance but there was room for improvement to the system.

RECOMMENDED that the agents provide a list of issues of concern regarding the recording program for Council to consider and forward to Livestock Exchange to enable the system to be improved and enhanced.

S GRANTHAM AND R MONTE

2. SALEYARDS FEES

RECOMMENDED that the Yard Dues fee increase of 11 cents to 55 cents plus GST be accepted and that the increase be applied to producers from 12 July 2009.

K BARBER AND R WYNNE

ON-SITE SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

Information was provided on the three options being put forward in the GHD Corowa Saleyards Waste Water Treatment and Reuse Review of Options for Waste Water Disposal Report.

T Parker left the meeting.

RECOMMENDED that on Council considering the GHD Report and deciding the appropriate option and cost for the effluent disposal this information be referred to the Saleyards Committee prior to Council giving consideration to the level of yard dues in the preparation of the 2010/11 Management Plan.

CR LONGMIRE AND R WYNNE

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday, 27 August 2009 commencing at 9.00 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 10.34 am.

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

Forwarding correspondence in respect to the Rennie Recreational Reserve application under the Groundwater Adjustment Community Development Grant. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

2. QAF MEAT INDUSTRIES

Advising they have a new name being Rivalea (Australia) Pty Limited.

3. ROTARY CLUB OF YARRAWONGA/MULWALA

Inviting Council to again sponsor the Yarrowonga Mulwala Business Excellence Awards. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

4. DSB LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Advising that as part of their 30th Year Anniversary they will be depositing landscape drawings relating to Corowa Shire projects with the ACT Heritage Library.

5. JUNEE LICORICE & CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Following up their interest in the Corowa Flour Mill. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

6. JULIANNE RHODES, MULWALA

Asking Council to provide a school bus shelter on Savernake Road to service residents living in and around the Savernake Road, Hoac Court, Sunshine Boulevade and Shore Street area.

7. BERNIE AND MARION CARTER

Advising that the Balldale General Store will cease to trade on 1 July 2009.

8. ANNE SLOANE, SAVERNAKE

Requesting better road signage at Mulwala to Savernake. A copy of this correspondence has been previously emailed to Councillors.

9. SANDRA JOHNSTONE

Forwarding comment on the proposed boat ramp in Wahgunyah and requesting Council to improve the boat ramp and lagoon area adjacent to the Ball Park Caravan Park.

10. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Advising registrations are being called for the Association's 65th National Conference and Annual General Meeting being held on 2 September 2009. Council delegates have previously attended the National Conference.

11. COROWA FEDERATION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meeting held on 20 May last.

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12. LONSDALE RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meeting held on 29 May last.

13. MULWALA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meetings held on 1 June and 6 July 2009.

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