

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
19 August 2010

Mayor and Councillors
Corowa Shire Council.

Councillors,

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 24 August 2010.

1. SHIRES ASSOCIATION

The Shires Association has forwarded a copy of Modernising Local Government Discussion Paper.

The discussion paper is the next stage of the Association's work on how together we might shape NSW Local Government to deal with contemporary and future challenges.

The discussion paper is quite a lengthy document and can be accessed on the Local Government & Shires Association website www.lgsa.org.au/Resources&Information and click on Modernising Local Government.

Feedback is being accepted in response to the paper up until the 30 September 2010. It is also intended to have a series of focus groups and other forums to explore the variety of questions posed in the paper.

For Council's information.

2. ONE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL

As Council would be aware the Local Government and Shires Association have been investigating the opportunities to form a One Association.

As part of this proposal a Taskforce was appointed to look at the options available to form a One Association.

In undertaking their role the Taskforce has provided 40 recommendations in regard to a One Association.

The recommendations comprise the following:

1. *There be two (2) Council membership categories; Ordinary & Associate and an additional category for Patrons, who would be individuals appointed by the Board of Directors.*
2. *All 152 general purpose Councils will be eligible for ordinary membership.*
3. *The NSW Aboriginal Lands Council will be eligible for Associate membership.*
4. *All NSW County Councils will be eligible for Associate membership.*
5. *Elected Councillors from Ordinary members will be eligible to run for positions on the Board of Directors.*
6. *Elected Councillors from Ordinary members who are their Council's nominated voting delegates will be eligible to vote for positions on the Board of Directors.*
7. *Ordinary member Councils will be eligible to put motions to Conference.*

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8. *Elected Councillors from Ordinary members who are their Council's nominated voting delegates will be eligible to vote for motions at Conference.*
9. *Elected Councillors from Associate members will not be eligible to run for positions on the Board of Directors.*
10. *Elected Councillors from Associate members will not be eligible to vote for positions on the Board of Directors*
11. *Associate member Councils will be eligible to put motions to Conference.*
12. *Elected Councillors from Associate members who are their Council's nominated voting delegates will be eligible to vote for motions at Conference.*
13. *For the purposes of representation NSW should be broken up into two (2) regions being a metropolitan/urban region and a rural/regional region.*
14. *The metropolitan/urban region to be defined as Councils which fall within the County Cumberland plus Camden.*
15. *The rural/regional region to be defined as all other Councils. This will include peri-urban Councils, eg Newcastle, Wollongong etc.*
16. *For the first two (2) terms the Board of Directors should consist of a maximum of 17 members being:*
 - a. *1 X President*
 - b. *8 X Board members representing Metropolitan/Urban councils*
 - c. *8 X Board members representing Rural/Regional councils*
17. *One (1) person be elected to the position of Metropolitan/Urban Vice President from among the 8 board members elected to represent the Metropolitan/Urban Councils.*
18. *One (1) person be elected to the position of Rural/Regional Vice President from among the 8 board members elected to represent the Rural/Regional Councils.*
19. *One person be elected to the position of Treasurer from among the 14 of the 17 board members who have not been elected to the positions of President or Vice President.*
20. *Commencing from the third term after the establishment of the new Association that the maximum number of board members be 13 being:*
 - a. *1 X President*
 - b. *6 X Board members representing Metropolitan/Urban councils*
 - c. *6 X Board members representing Rural/Regional councils**And under this arrangement (recommendations 21, 22 and 23 which would then replace recommendations 17, 18 & 19):*
21. *One (1) person be elected to the position of Metropolitan/Urban Vice President from among the 6 board members elected to represent the Metropolitan/Urban Councils.*
22. *One (1) person be elected to the position of Rural/Regional Vice President from among the 6 board members elected to represent the Rural/Regional Councils.*
23. *One person be elected to the position of Treasurer from among the 10 of the 13 board members who have not been elected to the positions of President or Vice President.*
24. *There should not be a position of Immediate Past President nor Vice President General on the Board of Directors.*
25. *The position of President should be elected at large by all voting delegates.*
26. *The positions of Board members to represent the Metropolitan/Urban Councils should be elected by all voting delegates from only those Councils who are categorised as Metropolitan/Urban.*
27. *The positions of Board members to represent the Rural/Regional Councils should be elected by all voting delegates from only those Councils who are categorised as Rural/Regional.*
28. *The position of Metropolitan/Urban Vice President should be elected from among those elected as Board Members to represent the Metropolitan/Urban Councils by all voting delegates from only those Councils who are categorised as Metropolitan/Urban.*

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29. *The position of Rural/Regional Vice President should be elected from among those elected as Board Members to represent the Rural/Regional Councils by all voting delegates from only those Councils who are categorised as Rural/Regional.*
30. *The position of Treasurer should be elected from among those Board Members who have not been elected as President or Vice Presidents by all voting delegates.*
31. *The terms of office for all Board members and Office Holders should be for a period of two (2) years.*
32. *A person may hold the position of President for no more than two 2-year consecutive terms (subject to being re-elected after the first term), before the position must alternate to another region.*
33. *There be no term limits for the positions of Vice Presidents (subject to being re-elected).*
34. *There be no term limits for the position of Treasurer (subject to being re-elected).*
35. *There be no term limits for the positions of Board Members (subject to being re-elected).*
36. *The position of President should be alternated between regions.*
37. *There is no need for the position of Treasurer to be alternated.*
38. *Ordinary member Councils should all have equal voting rights for the election of the Board of Directors.*
39. *Ordinary member Councils should all have equal voting rights when dealing with motions at Conference.*
40. *Associate members have 1 vote per member Council when dealing with motions at Conference.*

To consider the recommendations from the Taskforce the Association's convened a One Association convention on the 16 and 17 August last. Council's representatives who attended the convention will be able to provide further information at Council's meeting in regard to the discussion paper, recommendations and the convention's proceedings.

For Council's information.

3. TOWN WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Critical Water Advisory Group have advised there will be no NSW Government water restrictions until 1 September next.

The agreed policy for restrictions over the past year or so has been linked with the availability of high security water.

In accordance with this process the following town water restriction trigger point policy applies:

High Security water allocation (as a percentage of the licensed entitlement)	Level of town water restrictions
Less than and up to 20 per cent	Level 4 – no outside watering
Greater than 20 per cent and up to 40 per cent	Level 3a – maximum of four hours watering per week
Greater than 40 per cent and up to 60 per cent	Level 3 – maximum of eight hours watering per week
Greater than 60 per cent and up to 80 per cent	Level 2a – maximum of eight hours watering per week, including restricted lawn watering
Greater than 80 per cent and water for critical human needs for the next water year assured	To be determined by Council

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In addition to the trigger points, the following rules will apply:

- Councils may purchase water on the temporary market to allow town water restrictions to be eased from Level 4 up to Level 3 restrictions. However, this does not apply to groundwater in towns where water is being diverted from emergency bores that have been funded by the NSW Government to provide for critical human needs.
- Councils will be able to water parks, school grounds and sports fields within their town water supply allocation.
- Private diverters and domestic bore owners will be required to observe the same restrictions as their local Council area.
- Town water supplies from aquifers are subject to same restrictions as surface water.

Currently the town water supply allocations for the Murray Valley are at 70% of entitlement.

Taking into account the trigger points in the above table the 70% high security entitlement allows for Level 2a town water restrictions effective from 1 September.

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4. COROWA SHIRE COMMUNITY PRECINCT

The Project Steering Committee met on 18 August 2010 to review submissions in relation to associated costing for the completion of detailed design and documentation for the plans required to develop the Corowa Shire Community Precinct.

Council's tendering policy dated February 2009 and Section 55 of the Local Government Act has been considered and the Committee recommends that Council undertake the tendering process in order to award this work. This process will take at least 3 months and delay the commencement of the project until mid 2011.

In the meantime the current version of the building concept plans will be circulated to all Councillors to provide the opportunity to submit any feedback at this early stage of the project.

RECOMMENDED that Council call tenders for the preparation of drawings, tender documents, specification listing and consultancy service for the Community Precinct Development Project.

5. LGMA 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2010 LGMA Annual Conference is to be held from the 14 to 17 September next. Registration for the conference has been made in accordance with Council's Corporate Plan.

For Council's information.

6. MEETING DAY

10.15 am Jordan Sandral, Medical student will be addressing Council and attending morning tea with Councillors as reported in the Director Corporate and Community Services Report.

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- 12 noon Barry Donovan will be addressing Council on a proposed Men's Shed for Howlong.
- 3.00 pm Adrian Wells, Murray Darling Association will be making a presentation to Council on the Murray Rail Trail.

7. 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.

8. RAFFLES.

Festival of Dance	05.08.10, 06.08.10, 07.08.10, 19.08.10, 20.08.10, 21.08.10.
Vietnam Veterans	12.08.10, 13.08.10.
Skate Park Users	14.08.10.
Show Society	23.08.10, 24.08.10.

9. STREET STALLS.

Howlong Cubs	31.07.10.
Howlong Anglican Church	14.08.10.
Howlong Pre School	21.08.10.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT.

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General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 24 August 2010.

1. MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR COROWA SHIRE STUDENTS

Council has received correspondence from Jordan Sandral (past student Corowa High School) regarding the possibility of Corowa Council administering a Medical Student Scholarship to assist/encourage local students studying medicine to come back to Corowa for study and to practice.

Albury Council has a scholarship that is now only available to Albury/Wodonga students. Up until April 2010 this scholarship was available to students from surrounding areas as well.

Jordan has provided information regarding Albury Council's Scholarship and puts forward a proposal for a similar Scholarship to be considered by Corowa Council. (See report attached and further information included with the agenda).

Jordan will be present at the Council meeting and will join Councillors for morning tea.

For Council's information.

2. SEALING OF RATE BOOK AND ABANDONMENTS 2009/2010

As part of the audit/accounting procedures of Council it is necessary to approve the final sealing of the rate book for 2009/2010 and accept rates arrears and overpayments as at 30 June 2010. The documentation relating to this adoption will be tabled at the meeting.

The following rates and charges totalling \$443.58 have been abandoned during the 2009/2010 rating year:-

RATES & CHARGES ABANDONED - 2009/2010				
DATE	ASSESS NO	NAME	REASON FOR ABANDONMENT	AMOUNT
17.06.10	47790-50000-4	Forests NSW	Cancelled lease	\$159.50
30.06.10		Miscellaneous Ratepayers	Abandon Odd Cents	\$284.08
Total:				\$443.58

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the final sealing of the rate book for 2009/2010, adopt the rate arrears and overpaid rates as presented in the trial balance listing and approve the abandonments as detailed above.

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3. JUNE 2010 STOCKTAKE

As a result of the 25 June 2010 stocktake the following store items to the net value of \$678.71 were adjusted.

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

Write On

208 litres	Distillate	248.89
1100 litres	Emoleum	820.38
20 litres	Oil	76.72
		<u>1,145.99</u>

Write Offs

393.5 litres	ULP Petrol	467.28
		<u>467.28</u>

Net Write On**\$ 678.71**4. COMMUNITY CALENDAR IDEAS – 2011, 2012 AND BEYOND

Council's Community Development Officer, Wendy Thompson has had discussion with Members of Corowa Tourism and Federation Arts with respect to introducing a new section to the Art Show encouraging participant artists to paint landscapes/scenes from within the Shire. As an added incentive to encourage participation it is envisaged that the best entries could, subject to suitability, be used in the 2012 Calendar. It is not possible due to the timing of the event in January 2011 to use this option for the 2011 Calendar.

I have sought input from Staff and Councillors with respect to concepts, ideas that may result in a suitable outcome for a 2011 Calendar.

- Historical vehicles that gather every year in Corowa – old military vehicles, old tractors etc. Not sure if there are any old aircrafts and aircraft.
- Volunteer groups and other Community groups within the district.
- An exposé on local roads featuring the different standards and maintenance processes.
- What about construction staff and equipment on the job?
- Parks of the Corowa Shire, including villages (Savernake, Balldale) rural (Redlands and riverside reserves) and Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala.
- Sporting Clubs of the Corowa Shire including football/netball, cricket, bowls, hockey, tennis, swimming, athletics, etc.
- How about a Calendar with "Green Ideas" Water Saving Tips, Energy Savings Tips and more.
- Federation Festival/Australia Day parade and it might work for a calendar.
- Photographing the different legs of Council i.e. the different departments – parks & gardens, works gangs, treatment plants, library, tourism, office, resource centres, etc. etc.
- Maybe past Citizens of the Year from each of the towns.

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RECOMMENDED that Council confirm that the 2012 Community Calendar feature Art Works from the Federation Art Show and that Council sponsor the \$500 Acquisitive prize for the new section featuring Corowa Landscapes and Scenes.

5. RECONCILIATION AS AT 29 JULY 2010

Balance as per Bank Statement :

General Account	0000 0022	\$ 42,942.22
Business Online Saver Account	1042522	\$ 2,001,749.33
Cash Deposit Account (CDA)		

Investments		\$ 9,604,381.52
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Sub Total		\$ 11,649,073.07
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Plus Deposits not yet lodged

Corowa	29-Jul-10	\$ 366.90
Mulwala	28-Jul-10	\$ 60.00

\$ 426.90

Sub Total		\$ 11,649,499.97
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Less Unpresented Cheques		\$ 36,690.23
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Balance as per General Ledger		\$ 11,612,809.74
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6. INVESTMENTS HELD 29 JULY 2010

The attached list of investment securities is held as at 29 July 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 29/07/2010

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	30/06/2010	6.42	92	30/09/2010
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

Grand Total

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ATTACHMENT**COROWA MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
(PROPOSED CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS)****Eligibility**

- Be a current or past resident/student of the Corowa Shire Council local government area.
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- Be enrolled as a medical student at the University of NSW as a first year or fourth year medical student.
- Complete the Corowa Medical Student Scholarship application form.

Conditions of the Scholarship

- Applicants must provide a written or oral report about how the scholarship will support them.
- Successful applicants must spend a minimum of _____ weeks placement at the Corowa Medical Centre or Corowa Hospital.
- Successful applicants must provide a report of the above.

Note:

- This scholarship has been established to support local students from Corowa Shire Council local government area who have been accepted to study medicine at the University of NSW.
- Scholarships are made on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, moral character and interest and commitment to rural health.

ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers
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19 August 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 24 August 2010.

1. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A meeting with the Corowa Common Trust has yet to be arranged. I have spoken with the Secretary of the Trust and advised that we will arrange a meeting within the next couple of months.

For Council's information.

2. WORKS IN PROGRESS

- a) Council Depot Workshop – Corowa.
Focus Engineering have finished the steel fabrication required for this extension to the workshop and will commence installation in the next couple of weeks.
- b) Bayly and Lucan Street Intersection – Mulwala.
Work has been suspended on construction of the turning lanes, drainage improvements, cycle-path extension and watermain relocation at this busy intersection. Work will recommence when site conditions improve.
- c) Guy Street Watermain – Corowa.
Work is now complete on the replacement of the watermain in Guy Street Corowa between Tower and Evelyn Street.
- d) Gray and Parliament Street Watermain – Corowa.
Work will commence next week on replacement of the watermain in Gray and Parliament Streets Corowa.
- e) Waste Disposal – Howlong.
Contractors, A.P. Delaney & Co P/L have completed the earthworks on extensions to the waste disposal area at the Howlong tip. Installation of piped drainage will continue as the weather permits.
- f) Mulwala Tocumwal Road – Mulwala.
Work is continuing on the widening and reconstruction of this road from Savernake Road to the Old Barooga Road. As with most construction works at this time of year, delays due to wet conditions have been encountered.

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3. CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK SEWER MAINS & ASSOCIATED WORKS
CEMETERY ROAD, COROWA

Commencing on 24th July 2010, tenders were advertised for the construction of approximately 1820 metres of trunk sewer mains, 23 manholes and associated works for the Cemetery Road trunk sewer diversion. Tenders closed at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10th August 2010.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the tender received from B & K Robinson for the construction of trunk sewer mains and associated works adjacent to Cemetery Road Corowa be accepted.

4. SALEYARDS

The contractor Lotic has been progressing as well as could be hoped given the weather conditions. Conditions have become very difficult considering the earthworks nature of the contract. A two week time extension has already been approved with a similar period likely to be approved soon. This will delay the completion of the contract to late October.

Variations have totalled \$79,347.05 at this point in time. The allowance was \$60,000 being 5% of the cost estimate. Further variations are expected.

For Council's information.

5. PLANE CRASH

A plane crash landed at the Aerodrome on Tuesday 10 August 2010 at about 8.30am. There were no casualties. The plane's wheels did not engage and the plane belly landed in the middle of the main runway. The aerodrome was closed until 2.00pm. The plane was removed by crane to the apron and the following day the wing was removed and the plane was transported off site by road. An emergency response was activated with the main problem being fuel on the runway and the risk of fire.

The plane was a single engine Cessna 210 belonging to Wagga Air Centre and was on its daily mail run into Corowa. The pilot had been endeavouring to land in rain and cross wind conditions. Reasons for the undercarriage failing are not known at this time but is the subject of inquiry by the Air Traffic Safety Bureau. The second runway was not available for landing as it is currently closed due to pavement failure.

For Council's information.

6. DRAG RACING MEETING

The Corowa and District Drag Racing meeting scheduled for Sunday 15 August 2010 at the Aerodrome was cancelled due to wet conditions. The cancellation was enacted on the Thursday when it was evident that the site was flooded and rain was forecast for the weekend. It is being rescheduled for Sunday 26 September 2010.

For Council's information.

7. COROWA RECYCLED WATER

As previously advised Corowa Golf Club has withdrawn from the recycled water project and a detailed review of the recycled water options is now needed. Related to this matter is a study being undertaken by the Department of Commerce (DOC) on the alternative site options for the construction of the new sewerage treatment plant at Corowa. This study is

long overdue and has not been provided for in this year's budget. DOC has advised that it will be received before the end of August.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the recycled water report be undertaken after the STW alternative site options report has been received.

8. COROWA CEMETERY

The central rose garden at the Corowa Cemetery is being rehabilitated. The original bush roses had become unsightly and were beyond pruning. They have been removed and are to be replaced with a new planting design comprising bush roses, carpet roses, rosemary, lavender, dianella and correa. This garden is for placing of ash memorials but individual plants are not dedicated to specific memorials in this garden.

For Council's information.

9. RURAL ADDRESSING

The Rural Addressing project is proceeding well with the majority of road name signs erected. Subject to funds available when all signs are erected, additional signs for other roads will be purchased and installed.

The next stage in the process is to gazette or re-gazette the names of roads that have been in common use for many years and which Council has maintained – eg. COADS TANK ROAD – has always been known by this name but there is no record of gazettal. The process of advice to the Geographical Names Board followed by gazettal is about to occur.

A number of additional roads without names have been discovered and it is appropriate to consider naming these roads at this time. These roads and suggested names are:

- Road linking Hopefield Road and Balldale Road – suggested Pastoria Park Road, the name of an adjoining property.
- Road between Savernake Road and Tocumwal Road – suggested Lambruck Lane, the name of an adjoining property.
- Road west of Savernake Road, and north of Sloane Siding Road – suggested Dick Plains Road, the name of the Parish of Dick Plains.
- Road between Hopefield Road and Mahonga Lane known as Hunters Road – recommended the name Hunters Road be retained.
- Road north of Emu Park Road and west of Oak Lodge Road – suggested Exchange Road, because of the presence of the telephone exchange at the intersection with Emu Park Road.
- Road between the Riverina Highway and Warmatta Road, formerly known as Smiths Road – suggested name Yarunga Road, the name of an adjoining property. (NB. Smiths Road occurs in another area of the Shire.)
- Road between Tom Roberts Road and Woodlands Road, formerly known as Smiths Road – suggested name Burrupine Road, the name of an adjoining property. (NB. Smiths Road occurs in another area of the Shire.)

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council consider names for each of the above roads so that the process leading to gazettal can commence.

10. YARRAWONGA-MULWALA BRIDGE

Preliminary planning for the proposed new bridge at Mulwala is progressing. When the new bridge is constructed and opened the existing river crossing which includes the steel main river bridge and the concrete approach spans will be de-classified as State owned assets

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and ownership will revert to Corowa and/or Moira Shires. The timing of the transfer of ownership may depend on some maintenance commitments that need addressing before the Councils will accept the responsibility.

The next Steering Committee Meeting is due to be held on 30 September 2010 and it is likely that this matter will be raised. A joint stance by Corowa and Moira Councils at this meeting may be desirable.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council seek to engage with Moira Shire Council to establish a future strategy for transfer of ownership and responsibility of the bridges prior to the next Steering Committee Meeting.

JJ BABBS
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT.

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The General Manager
Corowa Shire Council.

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 24 August 2010.

1. BUILDINGS.

The following construction certificates are listed for Council perusal.

2010/07	13 Alfred Street, Corowa	Dwelling Alterations
2010/091	51 Romney Street, Mulwala	Shed
2010/098	266 Lavis Road, Corowa	Dwelling Adds & Alts
2010/099	67 Hammer Street, Howlong	Dwelling
2010/107	Hume Street, Corowa	Artificial Lake
2010/111	45 Betterment Parade, Corowa	Dwelling
2010/115	42 Hume Street, Mulwala	Shed & Carport
2010/123	137 Sturt Street, Howlong	Dwelling Addition
2010/131	141-155 Golf Club Drive, Howlong	Dual Occupancy
2010/132	24 Airlie Street, Corowa	Shed
2010/135	60 Inglis Street, Mulwala	Garage
2010/138	241 Redlands Road, Corowa	Verandah
2010/139	184 Adams Street, Corowa	Dwelling & Shed
2010/141	Cnr Corowa & Tocumwal Roads, Mulwala	Shed
2010/143	13 Hoac Court, Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2010/144	Lot 8 Martin Street, Balldale	Dwelling Restump
2010/146	112 Katrina Circuit, Corowa	Garage
2010/147	53 Beryl Drive, Corowa	Carport
		TOTAL \$1,102,731.00

2. BUILDING STATISTICS - 2009/2010

A total of 206 Construction Certificates were recorded in the 2009/2010 financial year with a monetary value of \$20,013,473.00.

The approvals consisted of the following:

- 54 new dwellings - 23 in Mulwala, 10 in Corowa, 18 in Howlong and 3 within the rural area of the Shire. The average cost of these dwellings was \$207,350 with a total value of \$11,196,896.
- 36 alterations and additions were approved with a range in valuation totalling \$880,462.
- 98 outbuildings totalling \$1,661,159.
- 17 commercial buildings with a range of values totalling \$3,136,984.

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- 7 industrial buildings with a range of values totalling \$1,263,547.
- 15 other construction certificates such as retaining walls, fences etc \$1,874,425.
- 10 subdivisions. These certificates will result in the creation of an additional 25 allotments with development costs of \$2,927,212.

To compare the 2008/2009 year with 2009/2010 the following observations are offered:

- A decrease in the number of new dwellings from 57 to 54 (includes unit development).
- An increase in the value of new dwellings from \$10.4 million to \$11.2 million.
- The average cost of a new dwelling increased from \$182,337 to \$207,350.
- A decrease in the number of alterations and additions from 53 to 36.
- The value of alterations and additions decreased from \$1.1 million to \$0.9 million.
- A decrease in the number of outbuildings from 128 to 98.
- An increase in the value of outbuildings from \$1.4 million to \$1.7 million.
- A decrease in the number of subdivision allotments from 59 to 25.
- An increase in the value of subdivision development from \$1.0 million to \$2.9 million.
- A decrease in the number of construction certificates issued from 302 to 206.
- An increase in the value of the construction certificates issued from \$19.6 million to \$20.0 million.

For Council's information.

3. BUILDING PROFESSIONALS ACT 2005 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under the Building Professionals Act 2005 (BPA) all Local Government Building Surveyors are required to be accredited by the Building Professionals Board (BPB) by 1 September 2010. Without such accreditation building surveyors will be unable to issue construction certificates or complying development approvals.

Council's three building surveyors are all now accredited by the BPB.

Also under sections 66 and 68 of the BPA – Conflict of Interest – the BPB has determined that it is prohibitive for employees of a Council to certify an application by their own Council. Therefore for Council projects Council will need someone to certify its own construction. One such way is to make suitable arrangements with an adjoining Council.

To this end Berrigan Shire has written to Council proposing such an arrangement. It is anticipated that Berrigan Shire Council would complete the appropriate application form, provide plans, details and pay the relevant fees as determined by Corowa Shire Council in order to obtain Construction, Compliance and Occupation Certificates, in the same way as

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any applicant with development consent does at present. This arrangement could then be reciprocated for projects undertaken with Corowa Shire.

RECOMMENDED that Council enter into an agreement with Berrigan Shire Council to facilitate the issuing of Construction, Compliance and Occupation Certificates for Council construction projects.

4. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2009/291 – 2 LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
MODIFICATION OF CONSENT - 33-35 PAYNE STREET, MULWALA

An application for Modification of Consent under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) has been lodged by the owners of the land, R Payne and H Holcombe.

The modification sought relates to Condition 4 of the development consent. This states:

Condition 4: The developer to construct a hard standing area for the on-street but behind kerb parking of one motor vehicle for each allotment created. The standard of hard stand to be similar to that provided at other locations on Payne Street.

The modification sought by the applicants is the deletion of the condition. The following points are presented to support the application for modification:

- Assessment of parking habits in the street reveal that people do not use the existing car parking spaces, instead they park in driveways;
- No one else on the western side of the Street has been requested to supply parking. With these 2 blocks being the last remaining why this policy change?
- The parking on the eastern side of the Street it is assumed would have been assessed at the time of the major subdivision when Mr. Donaghy developed the land and should have had no relevance to blocks on the western side, which they haven't up until these last 2 blocks.

Under Section 96 of the EP&A Act a consent authority may modify consent if:

- It is satisfied that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted and before that consent as originally granted was modified;
- The application was notified in accordance with the regulations or a development control plan; and
- It has considered any submissions received concerning the proposed modification.

The modification if granted will still result in the development being substantially the same as the original consent. The modification relates to the provision of on-street parking.

The proposed modification was advertised in accordance with Council's policy. No submissions or comments were received in relation to the proposed modification.

Council's Engineering Department has examined the requested modification and has provided the following comments:

"Hard stands were installed by the developer on the eastern side of the road not as a condition but as an encouragement for approval of a 9 metre wide pavement and for residents to park off-road rather than on a narrower pavement. More modern developments including those within Corowa Shire see streets narrower than 9m with (and sometimes without) hard standing behind the kerbs.

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Hard standing will reduce the future maintenance of grass areas (and water usage) and minimize owner's use of full width gravel paving of the nature strips. They improve traffic safety on the narrower pavements."

For Council's determination.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2010/128 – 6 LOT SUBDIVISION
LOT 109 DP 752290 LITTLE BULL PLAIN ROAD

Development Application 2010/128 has been lodged with Council by Zamac Pty Ltd seeking consent to create a 6 lot subdivision of land at Lot 109 DP 752290 Little Bull Plain Road. See Schedule No. 1.

The land is located within a 1(c) (Rural Small Holdings Zone) and is adjacent to and north of the Sun Country Caravan Park (cnr Tocumwal and Little Bull Plain Roads). The objectives of this zone are to promote development of land identified as being suitable for rural residential or hobby farm development. See Schedule No. 2.

As part of the application a concession is sought in relation to the maximum area of allotments created.

The Corowa Development Control Plan No. 4 (Rural Small Holdings) states in relation to Lot Design Standards – the area of any allotment created are not more than 2 hectares (20,000 square metres).

The applicant seeks approval for allotment areas varying from 2.55ha to 3.05ha.

The objectives of the subdivision component of DCP 4 are to:

- Ensure all lots have access to utility services such as water, sewerage, power and drainage;
- Encourage a high level of neighbourhood amenity and traffic safety; and
- To encourage a design which will maintain the rural character of the area.

It is assumed that the maximum area for a subdivision allotment was included in the DCP to ensure that land designated Rural Small Holdings under the Local Environmental Plan would not become locked up by large lot subdivision and therefore hinders the attainment of the objective of the zone.

The lot is some 17.7ha in area with frontage to Little Bull Plain Road. There is a reasonably large area of land that is low lying and which would be unsuitable for rural residential development. The 3ha allotments will still provide suitable land area for dwelling development. The proposed 3ha allotments generally comply with the lot design standards for frontage to depth ratio that is not less than 1:4.

It is considered that in this instance the 3ha allotment size subdivision meets the objective of Council's LEP for the 1(c) (Rural Small Holding Zone) and also the objectives of the subdivision component of DCP 4.

RECOMMENDED that for the purpose of assessing Development Application 2010/128 Council resolves to permit a variation to the Lot Design Standards of Development Control Plan No. 4 (Rural Small Holdings) to a maximum allotment area of 3.052ha.

6. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2010/130

PROPERTY: 33 Lang Street, Mulwala

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- OWNERS: A & C Weir
- PROPOSAL: To construct a two storey dwelling, garage, pool and ancillary structures.
- EXISTING USE: Vacant property
- ZONING: Residential 2(a)

1.0 BACKGROUND

A development application was lodged for consent to erect a two storey dwelling, garage, pool and ancillary structures at 35 Lang Street, Mulwala.

Following advertising in accordance with Council's policy, one submission was received. The plans have been amended to address the concerns raised.

2.0 STATUTORY CONTROLS

2.1 The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires that the consent authority takes into account the following matters as are of relevance in its determination of a development application.

These include:

(a) The provision of:

- (i) Any environmental planning instrument, and
- (ii) Any draft environmental planning instrument that is or has been placed on public exhibition and details of which have been notified to the consent authority (unless the Director-General has notified the consent authority that the making of the draft instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and
- (iii) Any development control plan,
- (iiia) Any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 93F, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 93F, and
- (iv) The regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph).

That apply to the land to which the development application relates.

- (b) The likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality;
- (c) The suitability of the site for development;
- (d) Any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the Regulations;
- (e) The public interest.

2.2 COROWA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 1989 (LEP)

Pursuant to the provisions and requirements of the LEP, the land is zoned as 2(a) (Residential "A").

Objective of Zone

The objectives of this zone are:

- (a) To provide areas within towns where development is predominantly detached residential; and
- (b) To ensure that compatible non-residential development is facilitated where this is justified functionally and aesthetically.

2.3 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN NO. 6 – MULWALA

Provides a foreshore building line of 10m and a height limitation of 9m.

3.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with Council's policy and one submission was received. A copy is attached for information.

The plans have been amended to address the concerns as follows:

- Obstruction of lake view. The wall sheltering the BBQ area has been relocated one metre from the boundary and has been reduced in height to 3.6m. It is not located within the 10m foreshore building setback.
- Privacy. A batten screen has been provided to the windows on the north-east elevation. The batten screen is designed to allow sun to penetrate the building but confine the views from the building to the courtyard.
- Noise. The pool pump will be housed in a protective structure to dampen noise like other dwellings in the neighbourhood.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

It is considered that the environmental impact of this proposal is minimal. It generally complies with the Building Code of Australia; Council's Building Line Policy; and Development Control Plan No. 6 – Mulwala.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED that consent be granted subject to the following conditions.

The development being carried out in accordance with biodesign dated 4 June 2010 and as amended 5 August 2010, except where amended by the following conditions:

1. **INSPECTIONS:** When the building has reached the following stages, 48 hours notice is to be given to Council to enable an inspection to be carried out: For inspections phone: 02 6033 8960.
 - a. **COMMENCEMENT:** At the commencement of building work. (Note: This inspection can be carried out at the same time as the next required inspection) and
 - b. **PRE SLAB:** After excavation for and prior to the placement of any footings; and
 - c. **SLAB, FOOTINGS ETC:** Prior to pouring any in-site reinforced

concrete building element, pad footings, etc and

- d. **FRAME:** Prior to covering of the framework for any floor, wall, roof or other building element; and
- e. **WATERPROOFING:** Prior to covering waterproofing in any wet areas; and
- f. **STORMWATER:** Prior to covering any stormwater drainage connections; and
- g. **PLUMBING/SEWER:** Prior to covering any hot and cold water service pipes, sanitary drainage and sanitary plumbing systems while under pressure test.
- h. **FINAL:** After building work has been completed and prior to occupation or use of the building.

NOTE: If any of the mandatory critical stage inspections are not done, Council will not be able to issue an Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, (Clause 162A, 163) associated legislation and Council requirements.

Notice of Commencement: Notice of commencement of building work and appointment of the Principal Certifying Authority shall be lodged with Council, in writing, at least two days prior to commencement of construction. (See enclosed form).

2. **TERMITES:** A termite barrier system is required to be installed to deter concealed entry of termites into the building. The termite barrier system is required in accordance with Part 3.1.3 of the Building Code of Australia. A durable notice must be fixed to the building in a prominent position indicating: (1) the method of termite management, (2) date of installation of system, (3) life expectancy of barrier (if chemical barrier is used) and (4) scope and frequency of future inspections for termite activity. **NOTE:** Termite barrier systems can be provided by various means including chemical or physical barriers or a combination of both. Australian Standard 3660.1 provides detailed information.
3. **STREET NUMBER:** Prior to occupation of the dwelling the street number allocated to the premises shall be displayed so that it is clearly visible from the road adjacent to the front of the allotment.
4. **BASIX:** Under Clause 97A(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, it is a condition of this development consent that all the commitments listed in each relevant BASIX Certificate for the development are fulfilled.

In this condition:

relevant BASIX Certificate means:

- (a) BASIX Certificate that was applicable to the development when this development consent was granted (or , if the

development consent is modified under Section 96 of the Act, a BASIX Certificate that is applicable to the development when this development consent is modified); or

if a replacement BASIX Certificate accompanies any subsequent application for a Construction Certificate, the replacement BASIX Certificate; and

(b) BASIX Certificate has the meaning given to that term in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

5. **SMOKE ALARMS:** Provide smoke alarms in accordance with Part 3.7 of the Building Code of Australia. The alarms are to be located on or near the ceiling between each area containing bedroom and the remainder of the dwelling. The alarms must be connected to the mains power and have a battery backup.
6. **NOISE LEVELS:** The noise level generated from within the premises metered in accordance with the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW) shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 5 dB(A) at any point in the closest affected adjoining or non-adjoining building.
7. **STRUCTURAL DETAILS:** Prior to the commencement of construction, submit to the Council for approval, details from a practicing structural engineer certifying the structural integrity of the structural steelwork and footing system of the proposed building, pool and walls.
8. **FLOOR LEVELS:** The floor level of the building shall not be less than 300 mm above the finished level of the ground surrounding the building.
9. **TIE DOWN AND BRACING:** Details of the method of tie down and bracing for the building are to be submitted to Council prior to the construction of the frame.
10. **BALUSTRADES:** All balconies/decks 1 metre or more above ground level must be provided with an approved balustrades. Balustrades to be 1 metre above floor level for balconies and 865 mm above floor level for stairs. No part of the balustrade shall allow a 125 mm diameter sphere to pass through (BCA 3.9.2).
11. **ROOF TRUSSES:** Manufacturers details of the roof trusses showing bracing, tie down, connections and support points are to be provided to Council prior to the construction of the frame.
12. **ENGAGED PIERS:** The 110mm x 230mm engaged piers in the single skin brickwork are to be increased to 230 mm x 230 mm and spaced at a maximum 1.8 m centres. For wind speeds greater than W33 piers are to be reinforced with 1-Y12 bar tied into the footing. (BCA figure 3.3.1.2).
13. **EROSION CONTROL:** If the site conditions require it, approved methods of preventing erosion control movement of the soil must be provided. Adequate provisions must be made for drainage.
14. **USE OF PUBLIC LAND:** The naturestrip/footpath/roadway shall not be used for the storage of building materials i.e. sand, bricks, timber etc. The public land outside the property is to be maintained in its original condition to enable safe pedestrian access past the site at all times.

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- 15. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The activities shall be undertaken in such a way as to not interfere with the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, ash, soot, dust, waste water, waste products or grit, oil or otherwise.
- 16. VEHICLE CROSSINGS:** Proposed motor vehicle kerb and gutter crossings shall be provided at the applicant's expense and in accordance with the requirements of the Council.
- 17. ROAD OPENING PERMIT:** Council requires any person proposing to do any work on a road or reserve to obtain a Road Opening Permit prior to commencement of any activity. "Activity" includes any work on Council property including excavations or construction of such things as driveways, footpaths, kerb and gutter, culverts, drains, sewers etc. A copy of Council's ROAD OPENING POLICY AND PROCEDURE is enclosed for your information. Permits are available from Council Office, Corowa. Prior to commencement of any work please contact the Council's Engineering Department.
- 18. EAVES GUTTERS:** High fronted eaves gutters are to be designed with an acceptable overflow measure to ensure overflowing gutters do not result in water entering the building. See Section 5 (Figure 5.3) of AS 3500.5.2000.
- Reason:** To comply with requirements of BCA Part 3.5.2.4(d) and AS 3500 and to minimise risk to building in event of blocked gutters due to hail, debris or overloading during a storm event.
- 19. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN NO. 6:** All works shall be completed in accordance with the Provisions and Requirements of Corowa Shire Development Control Plan No. 6.
- 20. SANITARY PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE:** All sanitary plumbing and drainage work shall only be carried out by a licensed plumber and drainer and no work is to be covered over or concealed from view until it has been inspected and approved by the Approval Authority.
- 21. STORMWATER:** All stormwater shall be piped to the existing stormwater disposal system.
- 22. SITING:** The dwelling shall stand wholly within the property boundaries without overhang or encroachment onto adjoining land.
- 23. INSPECTIONS:** For the purpose of inspection, the Council shall be given 48 hours notice at the following stages of construction:-
- (a) After the pool is in position and all steel reinforcement placed in position, and not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to concrete being placed in position.
 - (b) Within forty-eight (48) hours of the pool being completed.
 - (c) When the yard gully and sewer lines are installed, prior to backfilling.

NOTE: The pool shall not be used until a final inspection has been carried out by the Council, and approval to use the pool has been obtained from the Council in

writing.

- 24. POOL FENCING:** The pool shall be surrounded by a fence isolating it from other buildings on the land and from any public place adjacent to the land. The fence shall be of a type complying with the requirements of Australian Standard 1926.1-1993, "Fences and Gates for Private Swimming Pools". Construction of the fence, and self-closing gate(s) referred to above, shall be completed on the same day on which the pool is placed in position, and prior to the pool being filled with water.
- 25. POOL SIGNS:** An approved warning notice, complying with the requirements of Clause 8 of the Swimming Pools Regulation 1998, shall be erected in a prominent position in the immediate vicinity of the pool.
- NOTE: Copies of this warning notice may be purchased from the Council.
- 26. POOL EQUIPMENT:** Filtration, chlorination and other mechanical equipment are to be housed in a suitable structure located in a position to be approved by the Council's Building Surveyor. The structure to house such equipment shall be designed in such a manner that noise from the equipment cannot be heard beyond the boundaries of the property.
- 27. WATER DISCHARGE:** All backwash water or water discharged from the pool during emptying is to be discharged into the Council's sewer via a yard gully.
- 28. BACKFLOW PREVENTION:** A backflow prevention device (such as a dual check valve) is required to be installed on the supply line to any automatic pool filling device.
- 29. LAKE MULWALA:** All works shall be undertaken so as to ensure that there is no damage or lake wall erosion or adverse impact on Lake Mulwala. This approval does not authorise any works to be carried out on the lake wall or boat ramp.

7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

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

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/110 ESLER & ASSOCIATES

Application for 2 Lot Boundary Adjustment and 2 Lot Strata Subdivision on residential land being Lot 9; DP 758726 & Lot 1; DP 222840; 122-124 Melbourne Street, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2010/121 G & C WARD

Application for demolition of dwelling and construction of 2 townhouses on residential land being Lot 1; DP 708824; 8 Alfred Street, Corowa.

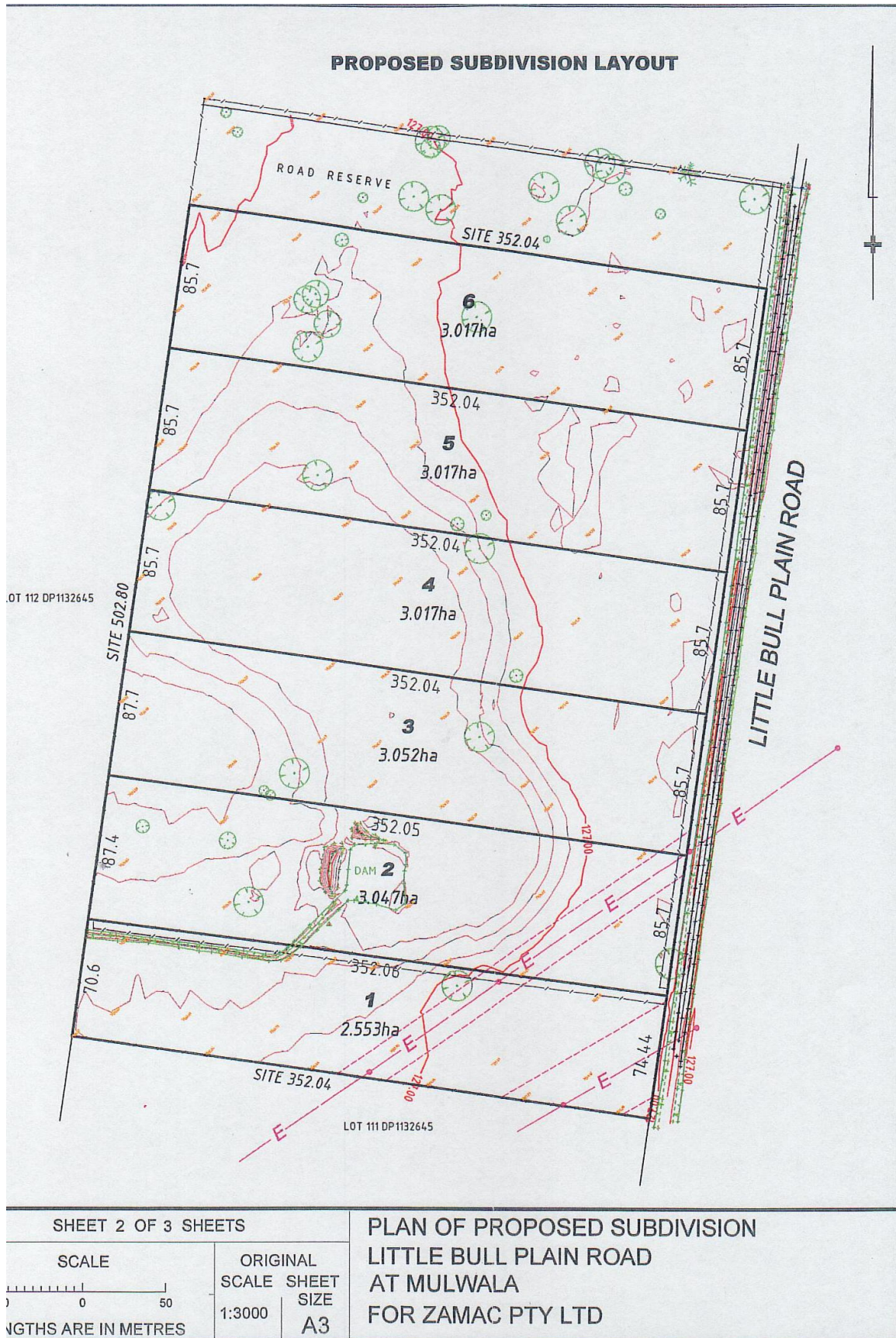
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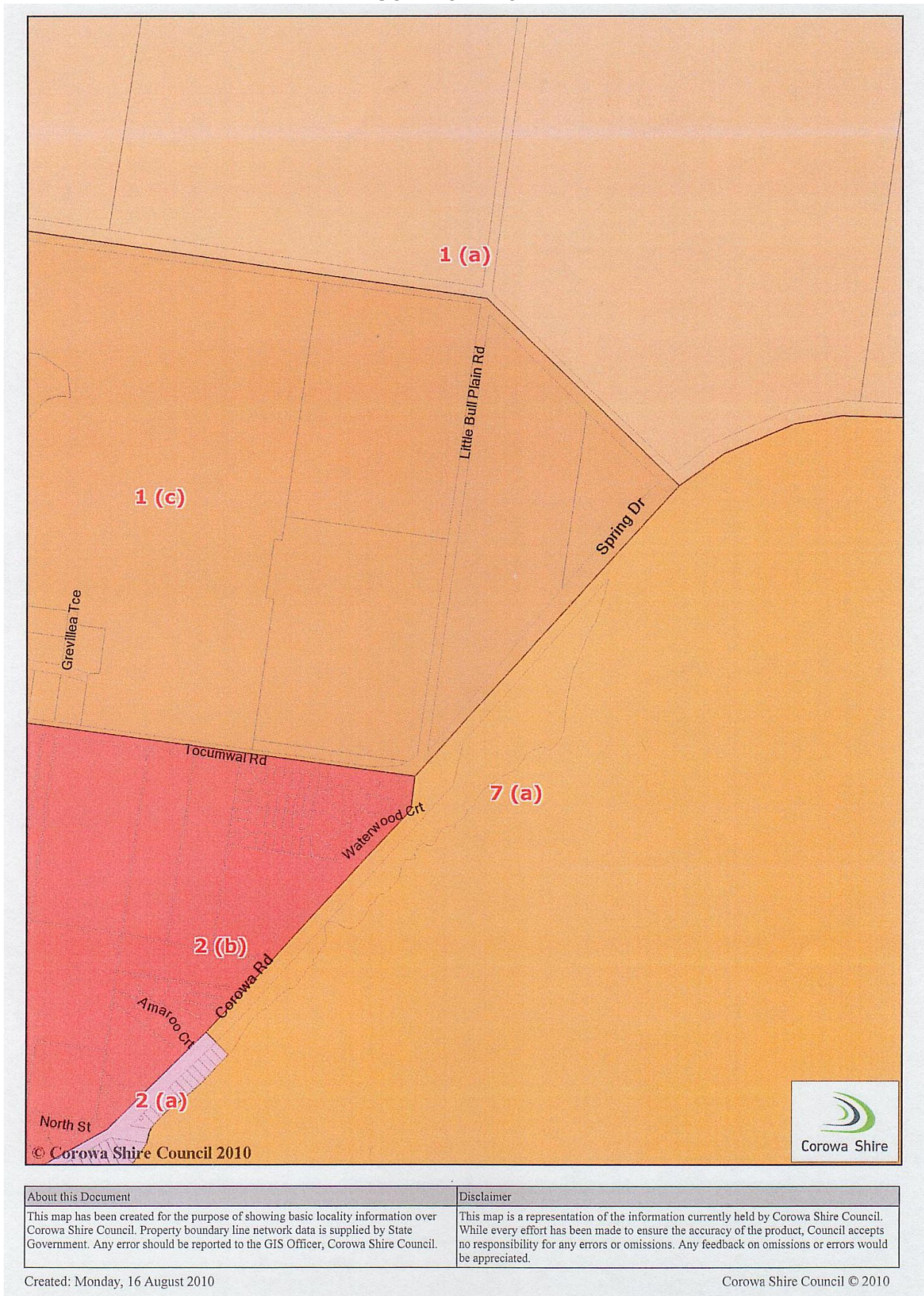


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NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ANIMAL INSPECTORS REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
19 August 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 24 August 2010.

The following training and meetings were attended:

1. Catchment Management Authority field day held at Savernake 22nd July 2010.
2. What pesky plant is that? This training was held at Wagga Wagga on 29th July 2010.

Continued working on the Regional submission, group funding projects and questionnaires.

Inspections throughout the Shire have continued on Council land. This includes roads, reserves and the inspection of Crown land.

Corowa Saleyards are inspected every 2nd sale as this is a requirement of the regional submission. Liaising with stock agents and local land owners in regards to matters relating to Noxious Weeds. No issues have been identified to date.

Due to continuing rain, it is highly expected that the growth of a number of Noxious Weeds will occur during Spring and Summer. These weeds include Horehound, St Johns Wort, Chilean Needle Grass, Spiny Burr Grass, Silverleaf Nightshade and Coolatai Grass.

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

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

PATRICK MINOGUE
SHIRE COUNCIL NOXIOUS WEEDS INSPECTOR

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MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST 2010 AT 2.02 PM.

PRESENT.

The Mayor, Councillor GJ Poidevin (Chairperson), Councillors DJ Davey, WB Bott AM, MS Shields, Mr BJ Corcoran (General Manager) and Mr B Parr (Director Environmental Services).

APOLOGY

RECOMMENDED that the apology of Councillor FM Schirmer be accepted.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND SHIELDS

1. COROWA WASTE TRANSFER STATION

RECOMMENDED that Council pursue the current site option for the Transfer Station and due to the pressure being applied by the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Department of Planning's slow progress in progressing Council's LEP Council as a matter of urgency take up with the Department of Planning a spot LEP amendment for the site.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND SHIELDS

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2.43 pm.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST 2010 AT 3.07 PM

PRESENT

Mayor Councillor GJ Poidevin (Chairperson), Councillors WB Bott AM and FT Longmire, Agents: R Wynne (Paull & Scollard), R Monte (Landmark Operations), S Grantham (Elders), C Rixon (Corcoran & Parker), V Nesbitt (Peter Dargan & Co) and Todd Hunde (Brian Unthank), Producer Representative: K Barber and Council staff: D Carmichael, G Lewis, I Rich (Director Corporate and Community Services), J Babbs (Director Engineering Services) and B Corcoran (General Manager).

1. SALEYARDS CONFERENCE

Information was provided on the recent NSW Saleyards Conference and the proposal to have a National Association formed. NSW has agreed to this proposal however Victoria and South Australia are still considering their positions.

2. NLIS SHEEP MOVEMENTS BETWEEN PROPERTIES

The meeting was advised from 1 July 2010 the system was being used across the whole industry. The agents raised some issues in regard to the NLIS reporting system being undertaken by Council staff at the Saleyards. The issues were to be investigated.

3. NOXIOUS WEEDS AWARENESS PROGRAM

The meeting was advised that Noxious Weeds funding grants were today based on the awareness of noxious weeds and not so much on eradication.

4. BUDGET 2010/2011

Doug Carmichael advised the meeting on expenditure in the current 2010/2011 budget for the Saleyards indicating that most of the expenditure provided is earmarked towards maintenance along with capital works for the treatment of effluent from the Saleyards.

5. SALEYARDS IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDED that the plan prepared for a maximum 23,000 yarding be reassessed and costed for consideration at a November meeting.

C RIXON AND R MONTE

6. YARDS THROUGHPUT

The meeting was advised the stock through put for the yards to 30 June 2010 was 476,523.

7. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS

Geoff Lewis provided an overview to the meeting of the works being undertaken to treat wastewater from the Saleyards.

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8. FEES

RECOMMENDED that yard dues at the Saleyards be increased for the vendor to 70 cents plus GST and to the agents 12 cents plus GST and that these fees be effective from the first sale in September and the Agents Head Offices be advised of these increases.

R WYNNE AND C RIXON

9. SPECIAL SALES

The agents advised the meeting they were proposing to increase the number of Special Sales in the next 12 months to six. Doug Carmichael advised this may cause some cleaning down problems at the Saleyards and that he required early notice of the Special Sale. Doug also advised the Vet would like to meet with the agents to discuss a number of animal related issues in regard to using the Saleyards.

10. DIRT YARDS

It was agreed the opportunity should be investigated for providing an increase in dirt yards.

11. SECURITY

Doug Carmichael advised security at the yards was the agents responsibility in accordance with the current Saleyards Code of Practice.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5.52 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, 5 AUGUST 2010 AT 7.36 PM.

PRESENT

Mr Peter Wortmann	Chairperson, Corowa Ambulance
Councillor Fred Longmire	Corowa Shire Council
Mrs May Houlihan	Community Representative
Mrs Barb Robinson	Kalianna Community Transport
Mr Fred Robinson	Kalianna Community Transport
Mr Oscar Gentner	Kalianna Enterprises
Mr Keith Barber	Local Health Advisory Committee
Ms Beth Tidd	Corowa Community
Mrs Wendy Thompson	Corowa Shire Council
Mr Bruce Corcoran	Corowa Shire Council

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Nicole Moloney and Gwynneth Handberg be confirmed.

B ROBINSON AND B TIDD

MINUTES

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

K BARBER AND B TIDD

COROWA SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CENTRE

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Oscar Gentner from Kalianna Enterprises who presented a report on the Corowa Social Enterprise Centre and Piggin Cottages. Oscar advised the Enterprise Centre and Piggin units would be operated separately. Currently there were 7 organisations registering interest in taking up occupancy at the Enterprise Centre where there are 10 offices ready to be occupied.

Wendy Thompson arrived at the meeting.

Kalianna would be transferring training programs from Albury to Corowa with the local community being invited to participate in these programs. Respite program funding has been made available for aged and frail care in 2011. Some rooms on the Guy Street side of the building would be made available for day and weeklong programs in recreation and leisure. The training programs would include fitness, relaxation and games for local and Albury/Wodonga residents.

In regard to Piggin Cottages, 2 units had been furnished and were being used by the Hospital. The further 3 units were to be used for transition patients for people moving from rehabilitation to home and independent people moving to say Karinya. Currently there was a person working 5 days at the Centre.

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PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERSSocial and Community Planning, Corowa Shire

Wendy Thompson advised that at Unit Y, Grade 6 students who were going to High School next year were provided in conjunction with Greater Southern Area Health information on drug and alcohol awareness. Funding for 12 months had been provided for a playgroup worker and there had been problems experienced at a recent Blue Light Disco.

Councillor Longmire

Councillor Longmire advised he attended an ACSUM meeting where it was advised it was proposed to have a coming together of 1400 cancer related persons from the region at the Gateway Island on 29 August 2010 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.

Health Advisory Committee

Keith Barber advised the new wing at the Corowa Hospital was to be known as the Barkman Centre and the Corowa Community Cancer Network was a very positive initiative for the area to assist people affected by cancer.

Corowa Hospital

Peter Wortmann provided a written summary of activities from the Corowa Hospital which included:

- The Barkman Centre opened on 2 August.
- There had been no further information received in respect to the nursing home beds.
- A Health One planning meeting was to be held on 16 August.
- On the weekend of 7 August a Rural and Remote Expo was to be held in Sydney which would promote Corowa health services.
- In regard to recruitment current vacancies were being filled with short term contract agency staff. Recent interviews had been undertaken with overseas nurses to be placed in six hospitals in the area. If Corowa was successful in receiving one of these placements assistance would be needed in helping the recipients to settle into the community.

Peter also tabled a document on health reform in NSW that had just become available. The document related to a discussion paper on implementing the Federal Government's National Health and Hospitals Networks for Australia's Future in NSW. This document needed to be further considered to assess its impact on the Corowa Hospital with one note being that the regional health area involving Corowa had been further expanded to be known as Murrumbidgee.

Ambulance Service

Peter Wortmann advised he had no information to provide to the meeting however the Ambulance Services would be affected by the Health Reform in NSW document.

GENERAL BUSINESSInteragency Meeting

Wendy Thompson advised the Interagency meeting on 1 September 2010 would discuss Family Child Services funding relating to mapping social services available in the Shire which would form part of Council's Integrated Planning process.

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Oolong Aged Care Hostel

Bruce Corcoran advised tenders were being called for interested organizations to acquire and manage the Oolong Aged Care facility in Howlong.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday 2 September 2010 at 7.30 pm.

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

MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON MONDAY 9 AUGUST 2010 AT 4.00 PM.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS LAW AND DAVEY

3. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

An Asset Management presentation was made by Terry McDonell.

5.00 pm Councillor Wales arrived at the meeting.

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) Community Precinct.

RECOMMENDED that Council confirm the Community Precinct Project Steering Committee to progress and oversee the project include Mayor Cr Gary Poidevin, Deputy Mayor Cr Fred Longmire, Bruce Corcoran, Bob Parr, John Babbs, Ian Rich and Kristy Kay.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND DAVEY

2. DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

(i) Tourism Matters.

- Sun Country on the Murray Membership

RECOMMENDED that Council agree to the Rules and enquire into financial membership costs.

- Yarrawonga Mulwala Tourism Inc.

RECOMMENDED that Yarrawonga Mulwala Tourism Inc. be invited to address Council.

- Grand Prix Hydroplane World Championships 26-28 November 2010

RECOMMENDED that Council contribute \$3,000 sponsorship to the Grand Prix Hydroplane World Championships being held from 26-28 November 2010.

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- Corowa Golf Club

RECOMMENDED that Council contribute \$3,000 sponsorship towards the Murray Masters Pro-Am event in December 2010.

- Murray Regional Tourism

RECOMMENDED that Council write to Murray Regional Tourism question contribution level/equity?

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LONGMIRE

(ii) Purchasing and Tendering Policies and Procedures.

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the Local Government Procurement Tendering and Purchasing Suite as amended as Council's Tendering and Purchasing Policy and Procedure.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LAW

(iii) Codes and Policies Review.

Policies

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the following reviewed policies:

- Fraud Control Policy.
- Internet/Acceptable Use Policy for Employees.

COUNCILLORS LAW AND DAVEY

4. DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

(i) Development Application No. 2010/133 - 105 Lucan Street, Mulwala.

RECOMMENDED that Council adheres to the provisions and requirements of its Building Line Policy in relation to the side boundary setbacks for the proposed dwelling with attached garage described in Development Application No. 2010/133.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND DAVEY

(ii) DA 2010/137 - Houseboat/Mooring.

For Information.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.40 pm.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AERODROME USER COMMITTEE HELD AT THE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS, COROWA AERODROME ON TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2010 AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT.

Mr Geoff Lewis (Chairperson), Councillor MS Shields, G McKay, S McIntosh, M Braatz, R Lane, G Campbell, G Cofield, and T Hughes.

APOLOGY.

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from H Macauley, P Messina, P Connell and L Bungey be accepted.

BUSINESS:

- Agreed that Aerodrome closure notice for Drag Racing weekend should advise that fuel will not be available.
- Noted that the semi-trailer and loader used for unloading concrete barriers for Drag meeting should not traffic the runway to be resealed as it is weakened through moisture penetration.
- An annual program for drag meets is necessary for aerodrome users to plan their weekends.
- R Lane requested that the Messina apron be barricaded for drag meeting.
- Extensive discussion on drag racers and their use of the runway, costs, Council income in relation to this activity. Concern raised about frequency of meetings.
- Extensive discussion of the subdivision development, its progression and its exclusion in this year's budget.
- G Lewis to submit report to Council re development when subdivision design completed.
- Request for a budget summary for the next meeting.
- Gravel required in gateways for drag racing meeting.
- Drainage causing hangar rear access problems.
- Plane crash reported. Cessna 210 mail plane crashed same morning of meeting. Undercarriage did not lock and plane belly landed in wet and windy conditions. Main runway was closed from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. No injuries.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.45 pm.

AERODROME USER GROUP REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 24 AUGUST 2010.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010 AT 8.02 AM.

PRESENT

Mayor Cr Gary Poidevin (Chairperson), Councillors Daryl Davey, Gail Law and Fred Longmire, Gary Pysing, David Potts, Marjory Johns, Craig Spencer, Kristy Kay and Bruce Corcoran.

MINUTES

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

COUNCILLORS LAW AND DAVEY

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The meeting was advised that the RSL Club had been contacted in respect to the proposed closing of the bowling club greens. The Club advised it was not a Council matter and the Council would be advised of the RSL's decision when it was made. The Mayor advised that negotiations were continuing between the RSL and the bowlers as to the future of the bowling greens.

Craig Spencer arrived at the meeting.

TOURISM ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of Tourism was tabled.

COROWA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber President was unable to attend the meeting and a report was made by Craig Spencer. Craig advised the Chamber presently meets quarterly and there is a strong membership however poor participation. The Chamber currently operates as a conduit and advisory role for business interests and activities. The Chamber also supports the Phone book, Yabbie Race and Voucher book projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Business Awards

RECOMMENDED that a sub-committee be formed between the Corowa Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Council to progress a Business Awards Initiative.

COUNCILLOR LAW AND D POTTS

Gary Pysing left the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 8 September 2010 at Corowa commencing at 8.00 am.

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 9.34 am.

BUSINESS COROWA HOWLONG MULWALA STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 24 AUGUST 2010.

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PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION AND FOR INFORMATION1. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & AGEING

Replying to Council's letter supporting a regional cancer centre in Albury-Wodonga. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

2. AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION

Commenting on the release of the final report on the Melbourne-Brisbane Inland Rail Alignment Study. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

3. HOWLONG RSL SUB BRANCH AND BROCKLESBY CHAPTER

Suggesting a community flag pole could be made available at Lowe Square. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

4. COROWA FEDERATION ARTS COMMITTEE

Requesting Council to consider appointing their Committee as a Section 355 Committee under the Local Government Act. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

5. COROWA SHIRE TOURISM

Advising Council of their disappointment of the article that was placed in the Border Mail on 24 July 2010. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

6. PHYSIOFIX

Requesting a copy of their letter forwarded to Councillor Longmire be tabled at this meeting in respect to the Border Mail article on Saturday 24 July 2010. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

7. BARRY DONOVAN

Requesting Council's assistance in providing a venue for a Men's Shed at Howlong. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

8. MRS F DEVLIN

Expressing concerns regarding the proposed Corowa Bypass at the corner of Honour Avenue and Bullicourt Road. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

9. MURRAY ARTS

Forwarding a copy of the Board meeting minutes of the 11 June 2010. A copy of these minutes are included with the agenda.

10. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC.

Thanking Council for making the Council Chambers available for their meeting of 9 July 2010 and forwarding the minutes of this meeting. A copy of these minutes are included with the agenda.

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11. REROC

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2010. A copy of these minutes are included with the agenda.

12. MULWALA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meeting held on 2 August 2010. A copy of these minutes are included with the agenda.

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