

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
15 October 2009

Mayor and Councillors
Corowa Shire Council.

Councillors,

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 20 October 2009.

1. PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS AND REGISTER

The Local Government Act 1993 Section 449 and 450 (A) requires Pecuniary Interest Returns for the period of 30 June 2009 for Councillors and Designated Staff to be tabled at the October meeting of Council. These documents will be tabled on meeting day.

For Council's information.

2. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are due to be called for Citizen of the Year to be presented on Australia Day 2010.

Council in previous years has invited nominations for Citizen of the Year in Mulwala, Corowa and Howlong and Australia Day functions have been held in each centre to present these awards. A Young Citizen of the Year award is also presented in Howlong each year.

A copy of the nomination form is enclosed for Councillor's information. Consideration should be given at this meeting as to whether Council wishes to confirm the current format for Citizen of the Year and Australia Day functions in the Shire.

For Council's consideration.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

The following is a summary of the budget position for the 3 month period for the current Management Plan.

	Original Forecast	Revised Forecast at 30.09.2009
Water and Sewerage Operations	\$ 2,959.00 Surplus	\$ 2,017.00 Surplus
Domestic Waste Management	\$ 3,379.00 Surplus	\$ 12,386.00 Surplus
Howlong Town Improvement	\$ 874.00 Surplus	\$ 1,855.00 Surplus
General Operations	\$ 20,036.00 Surplus	\$ 34,548.00 Deficit
Total	\$ 27,248.00 Surplus	\$ 18,290.00 Deficit

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A financial summary providing details of income and expenditure to 30 September 2009 accompanies this report.

Although the Management Plan has been operating for only 3 months there has been a number of changes to income and expenditure as can be seen by the revised deficit figure of \$18,290.00. This deficit will need to be monitored as the financial year moves forward.

Following is a summary of the major adjustments that have been made in the 3 month reporting period of the Management Plan. The 2008/2009 carryover income has also been included where expenditure has occurred.

On page 2 valuation fees have increased significantly over last years cost with an additional amount of \$9,782.00 above the estimate.

Rates and charges have been adjusted in accordance with the levy for water, sewerage, town improvement and general rates. In particular on page 6 domestic waste and non-domestic waste charges have seen a movement of \$5,051.00 from non-domestic to domestic due to a change in category. On page 8 allowance has been made for increased water access income \$306,998.00 due to the new State Government pricing policies adopted by Council following the preparation of the Management Plan. This money is held in reserve. A similar situation applies on page 9 where sewerage access charges increased by \$42,000.00 which has been offset against the transfer from sewerage reserve.

On page 10 Art and Historical Society expenditure \$17,950.00 is for the "Book of Memories", this amount is to be reimbursed by the Corowa Historical Society. An adjustment on page 12 has been made to allow for RTA Grants formally advised since the adoption of the Management Plan i.e. Regional Roads \$14,000 and State Roads \$43,130.00, these items of expenditure are offset by matching income. The same for State Roads independent orders page 13 \$300,000.00. On the most recent financial statement of Corowa Tourism income is expected to be down \$18,262.00 (page 14). The additional town improvement works at Howlong adopted by Council at the September meeting have been included on page 15.

In regard to the Financial Assistance Grant allocation on page 16 Council has received \$23,825.00 less in Financial Grants. Of this amount \$17,541.00 relates to end of year adjustment in the grant based on the 2008/2009 grant.

On page 16 the purchase of the Sports Club land and building has been included at \$710,000.00. The expenditure on toilet blocks on page 17 in Savernake and the Mulwala Cemetery are offset by contributions from organisations or the Mulwala Services CDSE funding. The fencing costs requested by the EPA at the Corowa tip \$14,034.00 has been financed from the waste reserve. The Howlong Treatment Plant investigation costs page 19 of \$10,600.00 were commissioned prior to 30 June 2009 with these funds being held in the sewerage reserve for payment.

Expenditure on the Community Infrastructure Program has been included on page 21. This program finished on 30 September with the final figures being available in the 31 December financial report.

MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS

Administration.

Office Equipment - Admin

Miscellaneous computer purchases ongoing.

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Office Equipment – Engineering/Asset Management/Depot

Ongoing.

Road Plant

Report under preparation.

Workshop Plant and Equipment Replacement

Ongoing.

Works Depot Improvements

Not commenced.

Civic Centre

Ongoing.

Public Order and SafetyBush Fire Prevention Equipment

Allocation approved.

HealthHowlong Health Centre – Additional Rooms

Completed.

Domestic Waste ManagementCorowa Landfill Rehabilitation

Ongoing.

Housing and Community AmenitiesDrainage – Corowa (Aitken Street)

Design commenced.

Drainage – Corowa (West Trunk)

Survey completed.

Drainage – Mulwala (Investigation & Strategy)

Not commenced.

Old Karinya House Upgrades

Design under review.

Howlong Tip - Fencing

Not commenced.

Corowa WaterEngineering Design for Development Supply

Not commenced.

New Services

Ongoing.

Mains Replacement

Hume Street (Dock to Cotton) – Construction commenced.

Guy Street (Evelyn to Tower) – Under design.

Riesling St – Edward Street – Design complete.

Water Treatment Plant – Rising Main Interconnection

Not commenced.

Netherby Pump Station – Intake

Not commenced.

Netherby Pump Station – Replace Gantries

Not commenced.

Victoria Pump Station – Replace Gantries

Not commenced.

Treatment Plant – Replace Header Pipe

Not commenced.

Treatment Plant – Pump Gallery Flood Prevention

Not commenced.

Telemetry System – Base Station

Under supply.

Mulwala WaterNew Services and New Meters

Ongoing.

Mains Replacement

Bayly Street / Lucan Street Inter – Not commenced.
Havelock Street (Sturt to Inglis) – Design complete.
Old Mill Road – Design complete.

Pump Station – Pontoon at Raw Water Intake

Not commenced.

Water Treatment Plant - Clarifier

Survey completed.

Telemetry System – Base Station

Under supply.

Howlong WaterMains Replacements

Sturt Street (Hawkins to Clarke) – Design completed.

New Services

Ongoing.

Telemetry System – Base Station

Under supply.

Corowa SewerageMains Replacement

Hay Street – Under design.
Sanger Street roundabout under bore – Not commenced.

Mains Upgrades

Bowling Club M/H replacement – Not commenced.
Bowling Club rising main bypass – Not commenced.

Pump Station Upgrades

Albury Road – Not commenced.
Sanger Street – Not commenced.

Pump Station OHS Provision

Not commenced.

Treatment Works – Odour Control

Construction 50% complete.

Treatment Works – Relocation Investigation

Study commissioned.

Treatment Works – Measuring Plume

Construction 50% complete.

Treatment Works – Effluent Disposal to Golf Club

Not commenced.

Trunk Sewer Main – Cemetery Road

Under design.

Floodwater/Infiltration Works

Not commenced.

Telemetry System – Base Station

Under supply.

Mulwala SeweragePump Station Upgrades

Melbourne Street – Not commenced.

Pump Station OHS Provisions

Not commenced.

Pump Station Upgrades

Bayly St Replacement incl rising – Construction 75% completed.
Inglis Street – Construction completed.

Telemetry System – Base Station

Under supply.

Howlong SeweragePump Station OHS Provisions

Not commenced.

Pump Station – Lowe Street Platform

Not commenced.

Pump Station Upgrades Vents

Not commenced.

Telemetry System – Base Station

Under supply.

Treatment Plant – Groundwater Monitoring Bores

Not commenced.

Treatment Plant – Flow Meters

Not commenced.

Recreation and CultureHowlong Swimming Pool

Commenced.

Playground Equipment – John Foord Oval (APEX)

Under supply.

Reserves - Corowa Swimming Pool

Ongoing.

Parks - Honour Avenue Landscaping & Artworks

Construction completed.

Parks Improvement –Federation Avenue (McDonalds)

Design completed.

Corowa Parks – Tables and Chairs

Not commenced.

Boat Ramps

Construction 75% complete.

Corowa Library & Resource Centre (Walls, Floors)

Commenced.

Corowa Foreshore Plan

Not commenced.

Transport and CommunicationRoads to Recovery (Hume Street)

Not commenced.

Roads to Recovery – Corowa By-Pass

Not commenced.

Roads to Recovery – Freyers Road

Construction 20% complete.

Urban Roads Corowa Alfred Street

Under design.

Urban Roads Corowa Short Street

Not commenced.

Urban Roads Corowa Henry Street

Not commenced.

Urban Roads Mulwala Dunmore St (Melbourne to Hume)

Completed.

Urban Roads Mulwala Melbourne St Streetscape

Construction not commenced.

Urban Roads Mulwala Romney St / North St

Design completed.

Urban Roads Howlong Jude Street

Completed.

Paved Footpath – Corowa High School

Completed.

Paved Footpath – Parliament Street

Not commenced.

Kerb & Gutter Honour Avenue (Service Road)

Under design.

Cycleway Construction

No funds.

Aerodrome – Airport Improvements

Construction commenced.

Aerodrome - Resealing

Under design.

Aerodrome – Survey and Design

Not commenced.

Paved Footpath - PAMP

Under design.

Economic AffairsIndustrial Land – Promotion, Landscaping & Legal Cost

Ongoing.

Ball Park Caravan Park –Improvements

Commenced.

Saleyards

Design commenced.

Saleyards Record Management Building

Contract let.

HOWLONG TOWN IMPROVEMENT WORKSWalking / Cycle / Horse Trails

Not commenced.

Memorial Park – Electricity Supply and Facilities

Not commenced.

Hume Street Kerb & Gutter – Hawkins to Pell

Under design.

Russell St Kerb & Gutter – from Hume St

Not commenced.

Hawkins St Kerb & Gutter –High to Larmer

Not commenced.

Victoria Street Seal – East from Read

Not commenced.

Orchard St/Bank St Intersection

Not commenced.

Jude Street Drainage – River Discharge

Not commenced.

Meredith St/Kennedy St Drainage

Design complete.

Hawkins St Drainage

Not commenced.

Memorial Park Rotunda

Construction commenced.

RECOMMENED that the adjustments to income and expenditure as reported to 30 September 2009 be adopted.

4. MEETING DAY

- 11.00 am Margaret O'Dwyer Tourism NSW will be making a presentation on the work that Tourism NSW and Tourism Vic are undertaking to establish a cross border Murray Regional Tourism Organisation.
- 3.15 pm An Australian Citizenship Ceremony will be conducted for Ms Hua Peng and Mr Troy Alarcon.

5 COMMON SEAL.

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

- 14/09/2009 Sale of Lot 24 DP1115068 to Vincent.
28/09/2009 Transfer of Land – Corowa Flour Mill.
28/09/2009 Sale of Lot 20 DP 1133854 to Crane.

6. RAFFLES.

- Corowa Federation Arts 21.09.09, 22.09.09, 23.09.09, 24.09.09, 25.09.09, 26.09.09,
14.10.09, 15.10.09, 16.10.09.

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Karinya Auxiliary 06.10.09, 07.10.09, 08.10.09, 09.10.09, 10.10.09, 11.10.09.
RSL Womens Auxiliary 17.10.09, 19.10.09, 20.10.09.

7. STREET STALLS.

Howlong Tennis Club 19.09.09.
Howlong Forum 26.09.09.
Howlong Cubs & Scouts 03.10.09.
Howlong Bridge Club 10.10.09.
St Thomas' Church 17.10.09.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
15 October 2009

General Manager
Corowa Shire Council

Dear Sir

I submit for your information and instructions where necessary the following report for the period ending 20 October 2009.

1. SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY - 105-109 HOVELL STREET HOWLONG

Enclosed with the agenda is a letter from David Kotthoff written on behalf of his clients James and Phyllis Edwards seeking Council consider the sale of the subject right of way to his clients for a nominal amount.

A plan of the subject land has also been provided with the agenda.

I have checked with Council's Engineering staff and am advised the right of way is of no benefit to Council's operations. The land is essentially useless to Council and requires maintenance mowing.

Council will need to consider whether to agree to the sale and if so provide direction with respect to the nominal value which they would consider appropriate for this sale.

RECOMMENDED that Council agree to the sale of the right of way at an agreed nominal value with all costs relating to the sale, including legal, survey and consolidation costs be borne by the applicants James and Phyllis Edwards.

2. END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Council's Auditors WHK Albury attended the offices during the period 28th to 30th September 2009 in order to audit Council's end of year accounts.

In accordance with the appropriate legislation and accounting standards Council is required to sign a declaration stating the following and to pass a resolution confirming the same. The signatories to this declaration are the General Manager, Council's Accountant, the Mayor and one other Councillor (suggest the Deputy Mayor).

RECOMMENDED that Council authorise the signing of the declaration that :-

The General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with:

- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, this Report:

- presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and
- accords with Council's accounting and other records.

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The Special Purpose Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with:

- The NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government"
- The Department of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality"
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- The Department of Water and Energy Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Reports:

- present fairly the Operating Result and Financial Position for each of Council's declared business Activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

3. RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

Balance as per Bank Statement :-

General Account 0000 0022		\$	125,447.22
Business Online Saver	1042522	\$	2,441,914.93
Cash Deposit Account (CDA)			
Investments		\$	11,343,527.96
		Sub Total	\$ 13,910,890.11
Plus Deposits not yet lodged			
Corowa	30-Sep-09	\$	5,174.47
Mulwala	30-Sep-09	\$	828.50
		\$	6,002.97
		Sub Total	\$ 13,916,893.08
Less Unpresented Cheques		\$	12,645.90
Balance as per General Ledger			\$ 13,904,247.18

4. INVESTMENTS HELD 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

The attached list of investment securities is held as at 30 September 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	Date Lodged	Investment Description	Amount Lodged	Rate	Maturity Date	Final Maturity
ASX Computershare	20-May-09	Nexus 4 Topaz Notes (Capital Guarantee)	\$500,000.00	0.96	20-Nov-09	23-Jun-15
Westpac	11-Jun-09	Term Deposit 25-2768	\$1,048,171.80	4.30	09-Oct-09	
Westpac	10-Jun-09	Term Deposit 26-2915	\$1,000,000.00	4.50	10-Feb-10	
Westpac	23-Jul-09	Term Deposit 26-1146	\$1,010,356.16	4.30	22-Nov-09	
ANZ	01-Sep-09	FRN Adelaide Bank Sub Debt	\$1,000,000.00	4.22	01-Dec-09	01-Dec-14
LGFS	21-Aug-09	Term Deposit	\$785,000.00	3.72	23-Nov-09	
Westpac	06-Jul-09	CDO Wollemi 2005-1 Trust	\$1,000,000.00	4.11	06-Oct-09	04-Jan-10
Westpac	04-Sep-09	Term Deposit 26-6828	\$1,000,000.00	4.80	04-May-10	
Westpac	30-Sep-09	Term Deposit 26-7820	\$2,000,000.00	4.95	28-Feb-10	
ANZ	22-Sep-09	CDO Flinders BB	\$1,500,000.00	4.78	22-Dec-09	20-Mar-12
ANZ	30-Sep-09	CDO BISHOPGATE	\$500,000.00	4.69	30-Dec-09	30-Sep-10

\$11,343,527.96

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ENGINEERING 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 20 October 2009.

1. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (i) Sanger Street Linemarking – Shell Service Station
This work has been included in the chevron marking of the main street but is not yet done.
- (ii) RTA Artwork.
The Brologas sculpture has been erected and landscaping undertaken. Some further work is required to remove switchboard and to plant backdrop trees.
- (iii) Fruit Fly.
This campaign has commenced with flyers delivered to households. Council is required to collect the removed trees and also manage baits and residents' tree removal application forms.

For Council's information.

2. WORKS IN PROGRESS

- (i) Bayly Street - Mulwala
Replacement of the Bayly Street sewer rising main is now complete. Contractors will be engaged to complete the upgrading and connection works at the pump station.
- (ii) Pedestrian Bridge - Mulwala
Construction of the pedestrian bridge across the canal in Melbourne Street Mulwala is now complete.
- (iii) Toilets - Mulwala Cemetery and Balldale
Construction of both toilet blocks is complete and they are now open for use.
- (iv) Jude Street Howlong Reconstruction - Corowa
Reconstruction of Jude Street Howlong from Pearce to Sturt Streets is also complete.
- (v) Freyers Road (Roads To Recovery)
Construction has commenced at Fergusons Road and is progressing south towards Spring Drive. To date the first kilometre has been lime stabilised and gravel pavement is being placed.
- (vi) Hume Street Watermain - Corowa
Replacement of the 200mm diameter trunk watermain in Hume Street South Corowa has commenced. The job extends from Federation Avenue to Lucan Street.
- (vii) Playground Equipment Morris Park Corowa and Apex Park Mulwala.
Installation is completed. Both jobs will require fencing - at Morris Park to separate traffic from the site and at Apex Park to secure children from traffic and the water.
- (viii) Memorial Park Rotunda.
Restoration of this building has commenced.

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- (ix) Corowa STW.
New weirs have been installed and air blowers installed at Edward St pump station as part of the odour control project.
- (x) Sewerage Pumps.
New pumps have been installed at Roden Street and Inglis Street pump stations.
- (xi) Sewerage Reticulation Modeling.
Software has been purchased for \$21,000 as budgeted to model the systems in each town, especially Corowa where the system network is contributing to the odour problem at the STW.
- (xii) Sutcliffe Park.
The gravel footpath has been extended to join the new concrete footpath. A seat has been relocated in Guy Street for the use of Southern Cross Care walkers.
- (xiii) Breast Screening Service.
BreastScreen NSW Greater Southern has acquired a semi-trailer size mobile mammogram screening unit which they propose to bring to Corowa in early 2010. It would be set up at the rear of the Memorial Hall. Further details are pending.
- (xiv) Water Supply Reservoirs.
Reservoirs in each town have been inspected by divers to check for condition in particular the reservoir at the Corowa WTP.
- (xv) Federation Avenue Drainage.
The swale drain in front of the Corowa Caravan Park has been completed.
- (xvi) Aerodrome Take Off Gradient.
This is being reassessed with CASA so as to achieve maximum clearance and therefore maximize permissible building height over the new industrial area.

For Council's information.

3. WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Department has advised that high security licence allocation has been increased to 97% and in accordance with their recommended policy Council can now revise their water restriction levels to a level decided by Council. With the recent rainfall storage levels in Hume and Dartmouth dams are together greater by about 3% than they were this time last year. At this time last year Council was operating on Level 2A restrictions which allowed for garden and lawn watering for 8 hours each week.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council revise the water restriction level to 2A.

4. BALLDALE BORE

Investigations undertaken last financial year indicated that drinking quality borewater existed within a reasonable pumping distance from Balldale. This work was a follow on from the feasibility study which was done to determine affordable options for a potable supply to the town. The report indicated that a bore supply if it existed would be best and that failing this that a desalination plant would be the next best choice. Pumping from Corowa or Howlong or direct from the Murray River were the least favourable options.

Good quality water has been identified near the Balldale Road/Lavis's Road intersection which is about 5km from the existing pump station. The site has power nearby and is on a direct route to join into the existing rising main. The water is potentially of a quality which would not need treatment other than for standard disinfection. The site needs further investigation to prove it's capability. It will cost an estimated \$20,000 to undertake the work.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that a test bore be drilled to establish water quantity and quality to confirm its suitability for a potable supply to Balldale. (Funds to be provided.)

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5. HUME STREET COROWA WATERMAIN

This 200mm dia trunk main is being partially replaced in this years budget. The main is 1500m long but the first 500m from Federation Avenue to Lucan Street is breaking regularly and is being replaced. The budgeted amount is \$55,000 but this estimate has been revised as a result of the need to reconnect about 8 water services which have been connected to the trunk main when they should be connected to the 100mm dia reticulation main. All of these services will need to be underbored. The additional cost will be of the order of \$15,000. It is proposed that this additional expenditure be taken from the Victoria Street P/S gantry job which is budgeted for \$25,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Hume Street Watermain budget be increased to \$70,000 with funds to be taken from the Victoria Street P/S gantry budget.

6. BALL PARK LAGOON FORESHORE REHABILITATION

The design work for the rehabilitation of the river bank around the point adjacent to the lagoon has been progressed with the new plan resubmitted to Industries and Investment (Fisheries) for approval.

The work comprises retaining wall construction using ElcoRoc geofabric bags, geotextile liner and sand backfill. Preliminary work requires trimming and relocation of snags and logs to maintain fish habitat in the deeper water while providing a safe zone in the shallower water. Cost of the ElcoRoc bags is \$40,000. Installation work is estimated at a further \$40,000.

The ElcoRoc bags are very suitable for the application although they have their disadvantages. The benefit of them is that they are soft enough to be user friendly for barefooted swimmers and expensive power boats. They are also capable of being installed without heavy machinery and using relatively unskilled labour i.e. volunteer labour. Their disadvantage is that they will have a limited life and they do have a look of a non-permanent wall. They are to be trialled initially with 100 having been purchased and are to be installed shortly around the most at risk tree. This will then allow the project to continue with confidence.

A meeting has been held with the Lagoon Committee and the Department of Water and Energy on site to endorse the plan and coordinate the rehabilitation of the riverbank from the Bayden Powell Lodge to Rowers Park. The Department agrees with the methodology proposed for the point recognizing the area as a predominant recreation zone. Upstream from this area to the end of the Ball Park reserve they are prepared and actively interested in undertaking bank rehabilitation using a more natural methodology of logs placed against the bank with the reed phragmites planted in behind it. They indicate that this would be done out of the Department's funds and could be able to progress next year. Further communication to establish this plan of attack is to be expedited.

For Council's information.

7. MULWALA SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT

- (a) The appeal against the Land and Environment Court decision has been withdrawn by the appellant and negotiations are continuing so as to allow Council early access to the land required for the construction of the pipeline. A short term licence is being considered which will negate the need for a compulsory acquisition process to proceed.

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- (b) Council has applied to the Department of Water and Energy for Section 60 approval which is necessary to allow the use of recycled water on the Golf Course. After a very extended period and a number of requests for a response a reply has been received which is requiring substantial further information before approval is given. The consultant previously employed to prepare the application will be further employed to expedite the matter. A meeting will have to be organized with the Department representative from Sydney to clarify the issues. The impression given by the correspondence is that this water recycling project is not getting abundant support.

For Council's information.

8. DEED OF RENEWAL AND VARIATION OF LICENCE VODAFONE NETWORK PTY LTD

Vodafone have provided copies of the Deed of Renewal and Variation of Licence for the continued operation of their equipment at Council's water tower site in Tower Street Corowa. The documents require the fixing of Council's Common Seal.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approve the renewal of the licence and the fixing of the Council Seal to the licence documents.

9. POLLUTION OF SEDIMENTS IN LAKE MULWALA

A review has been undertaken of sediment pollution in Lake Mulwala as per the research paper titled "Baseline Assessment of Metals and Hydrocarbons in the Sediments of Lake Mulwala, Australia" by Baldwin & Howitt 2007 CSIRO. Specifically this review is in relation to pollution from Mulwala stormwater outlets.

In summary the paper concludes:

- Hydrocarbon concentration of 700mg/kg is considered an acceptable limit for health standards, actual levels in the lake have a mean of 150mg/kg. Therefore there is no immediate threat.
- Stormwater drains may be a cause of total petrol hydrocarbons but inconsistent levels were identified in the vicinity of the Mulwala and Yarrawonga drain outlets. Mulwala outlets have similar hydrocarbon levels to the central basin of the lake.
- No one source of contaminants could be identified for the hydrocarbons or any metals.

Although there does not appear to be a pollution issue that Council needs to address regarding hydrocarbons or metals there is still an issue of trash racks and screening of litter entering the lake. It is proposed to make some provision for trash rack installation in next years budget.

For Council's information.

10. LGSA WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE DENILIQUIN

Mr Lewis attended the last day of this conference in September to specifically hear the papers and discussion on the NSW Local Water Utility restructure program.

It was the general view that the restructure is moving very slowly and that it is not likely to amount to much in the near future. Nevertheless it was also apparent that it is still viewed

as a process that will benefit the water and sewerage industry and that if it is not progressing at the moment that is not to say that it is going away.

The benefits of an alliance approach have been previously discussed but specifically a joint approach to the application of the Best Practice Standards is worth progressing on a regional/RAMROC basis. At this point in time Council has to introduce Trade Waste Pricing as part of its new Best Practice sewerage pricing system. This is a task that is well suited to a cost sharing exercise with other Councils. It is proposed that rather than Council employ specific expertise to do this work that it be put to the RAMROC alliance as a joint project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approach the RAMROC Water and Sewerage Strategic Alliance Group to expedite the introduction of Trade Waste Pricing.

11. BITUMEN RESURFACING CONTRACT 2009/10 AND 2010/11 (OPTIONAL YEAR)

Four Tender submissions were received from contractors and are summarized in a Commercial in Confidence report included with the agenda.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept the schedule of rates tender from Sprayline and in doing so, award the optional year to that company based on satisfactory service within the first year (09/10) of the contract.

12. COROWA GOLF CLUB RECYCLED WATER

Council has budgeted \$40,000 to progress the survey and design for the Corowa Golf Club recycled water project. The project currently has an estimated cost of \$588,500 as costed in March 2008. It does not include costs within the Golf Club property to connect the new 2.25 ML storage to the course irrigation system which would be Golf Club costs.

Although there has been a lot of communication between Council and the Club over grant applications there has been no formal correspondence since January 2008. The report "Use of Reclaimed Water to Irrigate the Corowa Golf Course" was completed in April 2008 and was sent to the Club in May 2008 for their consideration. Council has met with the Club to discuss cost sharing arrangements but discussions have been inconclusive.

Council and the Club need to reach an agreement on a cost sharing arrangement. This will then allow respective parties to arrange their finances so that the project can proceed or stop. Council needs to propose what it considers an equitable arrangement. The amount of water involved should be based on 250ML which approximates the Club's usage and the available water.

A reasonable cost sharing arrangement, based on the Club's need for water and Council's need to dispose of water on a new site, is proposed as follows:

- Council and the Club share the capital costs 50/50
- That any grants that can be accessed be used to subsidise the Golf Club share.
- That the Club pay for the water on an annual basis for an amount to be agreed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council propose to the Corowa Golf Club that the project capital costs should be shared 50/50, that any grants should be accessed to support the Golf Club cost share, and that an annual charge for water be negotiated.

GR LEWIS
ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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GENERAL MANAGER _____

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
15 October 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 20 October 2009.

1. BUILDINGS.

The following construction certificates are listed for Council perusal.

2009/150	Murray River – Victorian Side	Installation of Pump
2009/159	119 Hume Street Mulwala	Dwelling & Carport
2009/161	6 Katrina Circuit Corowa	Pergola
2009/162	17 Wing Crescent Mulwala	Dwelling & Shed
2009/171	Lot 1 Cnr Corowa Rd & Tocumwal Rd Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2009/176	40 Walker Street Corowa	Shed
2009/188	77-85 Savage Street, Mulwala	Shed
2009/190	41 Townsend Street Howlong	Dwelling
2009/191	37 Walker Street Corowa	Shed
2009/192	191-193 Lucan Street Mulwala	Shed
2009/193	78 Church Street South Corowa	Shed
2009/196	12 Beryl Drive Corowa	Verandah
2009/198	8 Norman Street Corowa	Verandah
2009/199	8 Hogg Court Corowa	Additions Dwelling
2009/200	38 Banff Street Corowa	Dwelling Restump
2009/201	8 Hay Street Corowa	Swimming Pool
2009/202	41 Heather Circuit Corowa	Dwelling & Shed
2009/203	7 Wing Crescent Mulwala	Dwelling
2009/205	24 River Street Corowa	Water Tank
2009/207	223 Federation Avenue Corowa	Carport
2009/208	84 Sturt Street Howlong	Carport & Patio
2009/211	"Quat Quatta" Riverina Highway Corowa	Additions Dwelling
2009/212	156 Melbourne Street Mulwala	Additions Club
2009/214	49 Heather Circuit Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2009/215	278 Honour Avenue Corowa	Dwelling
2009/218	77 Beams Street Mulwala	Dwelling
2009/225	180 Adams Street South Corowa	Swimming Pool
2009/228	102 Augusta Street South Corowa	Dwelling Alterations/Carport
2009/229	193 Lucan Street Mulwala	Swimming Pool

TOTAL \$1,801,037.00

2. COROWA SHIRE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Draft Floodplain Risk Management Plan was adopted by Council at its 15 January 2009 monthly meeting.

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The Plan was placed on public exhibition and interested persons were invited to examine and comment on the document.

Comments received were from Department of Water and Energy and Council staff. These comments have been included in the final document.

The document also contains a draft Flood Development Control Plan – Corowa Shire (Murray River) Flood Risk Management Development Control Plan No. 21. This DCP will replace Council's existing Floodplain Development Guidelines which was adopted on 21 June 1988. However there is one aspect of the Guidelines that are not part of the DCP which need to form part of the DCP. This relates to services and in particular sewer effluent management i.e.:

Services:

- A development that produces sewerage wastes shall not be developed on medium or high risk flood land unless it is connected to Council's sewerage system and arrangements suitable to Council have been made for the disposal of wastes in a manner that is not likely to cause pollution.

Initially there were some problems with the accuracy of the digital overlays and contour lines but these have now been rectified.

It is proposed that copies of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan be located at the Corowa and Mulwala Libraries, the Howlong Resource Centre and be placed on Council's website.

RECOMMENDED that the Corowa Shire Floodplain Risk Management Plan be adopted, incorporating the Corowa Shire (Murray River) Flood Risk Management Development Control Plan No. 21 AND THAT the clause relating to services form part of the Development Control Plan.

3. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2009/97 – 3 LOT SUBDIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND MODIFICATION OF CONSENT

An application for Modification of Consent under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) has been lodged by Walpole Surveying on behalf of Allied Mills Pty Ltd.

The modifications sought relate to conditions 7 and 8 of the development consent. These state:

Condition 7: All allotments shall be connected to Council's sewer system. This may require the construction of pumping stations. Such pumping stations must be constructed to Council's Engineering Department's standards.

Condition 8: Johnson Street and the intersection of Steel Street shall be upgraded to the standard specified by Council's Engineering Department.

The applicant presents the following points to support the application for modification:

- Proposed lots 1 and 3 are able to be connected to Council's existing sewer system. Lot 2 will require the construction of a pump station to lift effluent in the sewer system.
- The ultimate use of lot 2 has not been determined and therefore the location of the pumping station is unable to be determined.

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- The modification sought is that a Restriction on Use of Land be placed on the Certificate of Title that would notify new owners of their obligation to provide a connection to Council's sewer system.
- The modification is sought in relation to Condition 8 due to the fact the condition of consent does not take into consideration the impact of the existing lots currently enjoying road frontage and usage of Johnson Street.
- The modification sought is that the developer meets half the cost of the Johnson Street and Steel Street intersection upgrade.

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 modifications if granted will still result in the development being substantially the same as the original consent. The modifications relate to timing of sewer connection and road works to an adjacent street.

The proposed modification was advertised in accordance with Council's policy.

No submissions or comments were received in relation to the proposed modifications.

Council's Engineering Department has examined the requested modifications and has supported such.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that conditions 7 and 8 be modified to read:

Condition 7: All allotments shall be connected to Council's sewer system. This may require the construction of pumping stations. Such pumping stations must be constructed to Council's Engineering Department's standards. Notwithstanding this a Restriction of Use of Land be placed on the Certificate of Title for proposed Lot 2 that would notify new owners of their obligation to provide a connection to Council's sewer system before the use or development of the allotment proceeds.

Condition 8: Johnson Street and the intersection of Steel Street shall be upgraded to the standard specified by Council's Engineering Department and the developer shall meet half the associated costs.

4. COROWA SWIMMING POOL ENTRANCE FEES AND OPENING HOURS FOR 2009/2010 SESSION

The Managers of the Corowa Swimming Pool, Andrew and Sonia Palmer have advised that it is proposed to maintain the entrance fees for the 2009/2010 season the same as the 2008/2009 season with the exception of the Family Season Ticket will increase from \$190.00 to \$205.00.

Council's lease for the pool states: "Admission charges, charges for season tickets and charges for family tickets are to be set by the Lessee and ratified by the Lessor and then advertised in the press by the lessee prior to the commencement of each season."

The proposed charges for the Corowa Swimming Pool and Opening Hours for the 2009/2010 season are as follows:

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Charges

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Fee - \$</u>	<u>Increase - \$</u>
Family Season ticket	205	15
Adult Season ticket	99	0
Child Season ticket	80	0
Adult	3.50	0
Supervising Adult – non-swimmer	2.00	0
Child	2.50	0
School Session	2.00	0

Opening Hours

November		12.00 noon to 6.00 pm
December	Monday – Friday	11.00 am to 6.30 pm
	Saturday – Sunday	10.00 am to 6.30 pm
January		10.00 am to 6.30 pm
February	Monday – Friday	11.00 am to 6.30 pm
	Saturday - Sunday	10.00 am to 6.30 pm
March		12.00 noon to 6.00 pm

It is proposed all closing may be extended by the Pool Managers discretion depending on attendance numbers and temperatures.

The pool season will commence on 1 November 2009.

RECOMMENDED that Council ratify the proposed entrance charges and opening hours for the Corowa Swimming Pool for the 2009/2010 season.

5. 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. 2009/154 MARY CASSAR FOR MACPROPERTY INVESTMENTS

Application for boundary re-alignment on residential land being Lot 5 DP 1082193 and Lot 1 DP 1133950, 7 and 8 Cameron Court Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/158 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE FOR JAMES & DOROTHY CROTHERS

Application to construct 2 lot subdivision on rural land being Lot 139 DP 752298 Bull Plain Road Mulwala.

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/170 MICHAEL STEWARD PTY LTD FOR DONALD HERBERT AND BERYL MAY BATTEN

Application to create 3 lot strata subdivision and common property on residential land being Lot 16 DP 732002, 9-11 Nixon Street Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/172 MICHAEL STEWARD FOR THOMAS DAVID O'CONNELL

Application to create 2 lot subdivision on Howlong township land being Lot 3 DP 581289, 30-32 Jude Street Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/183 MICHAEL STEWARD FOR LEIGH EDWIN MOUNT

Application to create 2 lot subdivision on Howlong township land being Lot 1 Section 41 DP 758528, 82-84 Hammer Street Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2009/185 MICHAEL STEWARD FOR WILLIAM ALBERT, JEAN AND BRIAN WILLIAM NICHOLS

Application to create 4 lot strata subdivision on residential land being Lot 14 DP 609186 Albert Street Corowa.

B PARR
DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ANIMAL INSPECTORS REPORT.

Council Chambers
COROWA 2646
15 October 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 20 October 2009.

Horehound control work has continued in the following areas:

- Buraja Ringwood Road.
- Sandford Road.
- Humeden Road.
- Lewis Lane
- Pattersons Road.

And all lanes adjacent to these roads.

The annual final report on Weed Control Coordination Assistance from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 has been completed for the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee.

The following training/events were attended:

- The 15th Biennial NSW Noxious Weeds Conference in Narrabri from the 14th – 17th September 2009.
- Henty Field Days Noxious Weeds display on 22nd & 24th September 2009. The display was coordinated with the Eastern Riverina Noxious Weeds Advisory Group. Noxious Weed Officers from the Riverina were there to answer enquiries about Noxious Weeds and chemical use.

Small amounts of Chilean Needle Grass were identified in Jude Street, Howlong and were removed. This sample will be placed on display at the Corowa Shire Council front offices to assist with public awareness and education.

Coolatai Grass was found on the Riverina Highway between Boomerang Road and Emu Park Road. This road has been identified as a travelling stock route and therefore the responsible agency to treat this Noxious Weed is the Livestock, Pest and Health Authority. Peter O'Shannessy has been advised and this weed has subsequently been removed.

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

NOXIOUS WEEDS REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 OCTOBER 2009.

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NOTICE OF MOTION.

Moved by Councillor Schirmer:

THAT the speed signs on Albury side of the Riverina Highway, just before the Walbundrie Road sign and towards Howlong, be changed to "80kms", until the "50kms ahead" sign. At present it is "100kms" until the "50kms ahead" sign, and that this motion be discussed at the Traffic Committee for ratification.

Some drivers need to apply their brakes dropping from 100kms to 50kms! There is also a school bus drop off opposite Fairway Close, Riverina Highway, and the Howlong Golf Club plan to reopen another entrance off the Riverina Highway in the future. The speed limit of 80kms would be a safer option.

NOTICE OF MOTION AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 OCTOBER 2009.

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MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2009 AT 4.10 PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that the apologies received from Councillors JE Doyle be accepted.

COUNCILLORS LAW AND SCHIRMER

1. POLICIES

(i) CEMETERY RESERVATIONS AND INTERMENT PREPAYMENT POLICY – NEW

RECOMMENDED that the draft Cemetery Reservation and Interment Prepayment Policy be adopted and implemented.

COUNCILLORS SCHIRMER AND LAW

(ii) STATEMENT OF BUSINESS ETHICS POLICY - REVIEW

RECOMMENDED that the reviewed Statement of Business Ethics Policy be adopted.

COUNCILLORS LAW AND LONGMIRE

(iii) COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY – REVIEW

RECOMMENDED that the reviewed Complaints Management Policy be adopted.

COUNCILLORS LAW AND LONGMIRE

PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDED that Council review and update the purchasing and procurement policy AND that the updated policy be included on Council's website.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND BOTT

4.40 pm Councillor Davey arrived at the meeting.

2. DELEGATIONS

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the audited Delegations of Authority.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LAW

POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 OCTOBER 2009.

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3. DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

(2) WATER AND SEWER CHARGES – NON-STRATA SUBDIVIDED UNITS

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken with respect to implementing a pensioner rebate arrangement for non-strata unit properties and that this position be conveyed to those interested and affected parties.

COUNCILLORS SCHIRMER AND LAW

(3) WATER CHARGES – NOT-FOR-PROFIT SPORTING BODIES

Councillors Wales and Longmire declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers. Reason - Council's Code of Meeting Practice 62 – Members of the Corowa Show Society Executive.

RECOMMENDED that Council waive the access charges with respect to the Corowa Tennis Club, Corowa Showgrounds including the Race Club and Pony Club not for profit sporting organisations.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND DAVEY

Councillors Wales and Longmire returned to the Chambers.

(4) PROPOSAL – REDUCED WATER AND SEWER ACCESS CHARGES FOR VACANT LAND

RECOMMENDED that Council agree to the concept of reduced Sewer Annual Charges for vacant allotments AND THAT further consideration of this matter be undertaken in conjunction with Management Planning for the 2010/11 Financial Year.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND LONGMIRE

(5) PROVISION OF LAPTOPS FOR COUNCILLORS

RECOMMENDED that a 3 month trial arrangement be undertaken by Councillors Davey, Longmire, Shields, Law and Wales in order to receive an appreciation of the paperless business paper and attachments AND THAT those Councillors participating be reimbursed by Council for the use of their laptops during the trial at a rate of \$40.00 per month plus the cost of upgrading any broadband plans if required.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND SHIELDS

(6) OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES – DEBT RECOVERY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

RECOMMENDED that Council confirm its agreement to engage the current debt collection agency in order to reduce the level of outstanding rates and charges by including in the process Court Action and Seizure of Goods commencing with ratepayers at least 12 months in arrears.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND SCHIRMER

RECOMMENDED that the Director Corporate and Community Services in accordance with the above recommendation review Council's Debt Recovery Policy for Council's consideration.

COUNCILLORS LAW AND DAVEY

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(7) COUNCIL ADVERTISING

RECOMMENDED that Option 3 - 8 columns X 19 cm plus colour at a total annual cost of \$59,956 for Free Press and Chronicle advertising be adopted and advertising activities be reviewed at least every 12 months.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND LAW

4. DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

(1) RIVERVIEW ESTATE (DA 2006/175) – REVIEW OF OPEN SPACE LOCATION

RECOMMENDED that Council not agree to the request to change the location of the Open Space condition provided in DA 2006/175.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND DAVEY

Voting

For: Councillors Poidevin, Davey, Bott, Schirmer and Wales.
Against: Councillors Law, Shields and Longmire.

(2) DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS DA 2009/154 – BOUNDARY RE-ALIGNMENT
7-8 CAMERON COURT, MULWALA

RECOMMENDED that Council make a contribution charge of \$1,150 in accordance with developer contributions applicable at the time of the original 27 lot subdivision.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND LONGMIRE

Voting

For: Councillors Bott, Davey, Law, Longmire, Poidevin, Schirmer, Shields and Wales.
Against: Nil.

5. (1) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2008/281 – RALPH ROBERTS
CONSULTING FOR TIMOTHY NAUGHTIN

Application to create 2 lot subdivision on residential and environment protection land being Lot 2 DP1095639, 14A Riesling Street, Corowa.

A letter from B & A Day and an email from Erica Naughtin on behalf of Tim Naughtin was tabled at the meeting for information.

Any action to be taken was deferred until Council has inspected the site and the legal information has been received commenting on the development application process.

RECOMMENDED that the notification Policy for Development Applications requiring notification be amended to include all property owners within 40 metres of the Development site.

COUNCILLORS DAVEY AND BOTT

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6. RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the specifications for Council's Riverfront Master Plan with the inclusion of all Service Clubs on page 7.

COUNCILLORS LONGMIRE AND LAW

7. COROWA SALEYARDS EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FEE

RECOMMENDED that GHD be commissioned to undertake the environmental assessment and detailed design and documentation for the Saleyards Wastewater Treatment and Reuse System for the lump sum of \$134,600 excl GST.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LONGMIRE

8. COROWA BY-PASS - RESOLUTION 288/09

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt a 80 Km curve option for the Corowa By-Pass from Bullicourt Road/Honour Avenue intersection to Norsemans Road to be included as Council's Roads to Recovery project AND M & E Nominees be advised of Council's decision.

COUNCILLORS BOTT AND LONGMIRE

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.05 pm.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION AND FOR INFORMATION1. COROWA GOLF CLUB

Providing information on the upcoming Murray Masters ProAm and requesting Council to provide sponsorship. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

2. COROWA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Requesting Council to provide assistance to the development application for the Circus which was held as part of the Corowa Show. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

3. EMPLOYEES UNION

Requesting permission to hold the Annual Union Picnic Day on 3 November 2009.

4. REROC

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meeting held on 26 August 2009.

5. COROWA NATIONAL FEDERATION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Forwarding a copy of the Committee's minutes of the meeting held on 19 August last.

6. MULWALA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meetings held on 7 September and 6 October 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR COUNCIL'S ACTION AND INFORMATION AS SUBMITTED TO AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON 20 OCTOBER 2009.

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