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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2009 COMMENCING AT 8.00 AM.

9 April 2009

«Name»

«Title»

Dear «Intro»

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF WEDDIN** will be held in the Council Chambers, Grenfell on **THURSDAY NEXT, 16 APRIL 2009**, commencing at **8.00 AM*** and your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

T V LOBB
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Ordinary Mtg 19 March 2009 and Extra-Ordinary Mtg 6 April 2009
3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
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5. CORRESPONDENCE (As per Precis attached)
6. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE
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(b) Director Corporate Services
(c) Director Engineering
(d) Director Environmental Services
(e) Delegates
9. MINUTES - The Henry Lawson Festival Ctee Mtg, 17/03/09
- Weddin Local Traffic Ctee Mtg, 3/04/09
- Tourism Ctee Mtg, 7/04/09
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11. TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS
12. QUESTIONS
13. CLOSED COUNCIL
14. REPORT ON CLOSED COUNCIL
15. CLOSURE

Note: there will be an address by Peter Bailey re Country Week – anticipated time 8.02 pm

PRESENT: The Mayor Cllr M A Simpson in the Chair, Cllrs J C Niven, G B Halls, D W Hughes, N W Hughes, R W Atchison, M R Crutcher, B R Hinde and G McClelland.
General Manager (T Lobb), Director Corporate Services (G Carroll), Director Engineering (W Twohill) and Director Environmental Services (S Wilson).

The Mayor on behalf of Council expressed sympathy to the Gault family on the passing of Mrs Hilder Gault.

501 RESOLVED: Cllr Crutcher and Cllr Hinde that Council send a sympathy card to the Gault family.

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

502 RESOLVED: Cllr N Hughes and Cllr Atchison that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 19 March 2009 and the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting, held 6 April 2009 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED**.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council has resolved that a ten minute “question time” be allowed at the beginning of each meeting, where members of the public can put their concerns before Council for discussion on the following basis:

- Requests to speak to be submitted in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- Requests to be accompanied by a copy of any questions.
- Each speaker to be allowed three minutes.

The following requests have been received:-

Nil

ADDRESS – COUNTRY AND REGIONAL LIVING EXPO

Mr Peter Bailey addressed Council in regard to the benefits of attending the Country and Regional Living Expo to be held at the Rosehill Racecourse on 7 – 9 August 2009.

The Mayor thanked Mr Bailey for his presentation and advised that Council will make a decision on our attendance at this meeting and inform him as soon as possible thereafter.

Cllr Lobb entered the meeting during Mr Bailey’s address at 8.19 am.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Declaration of Interest form has been forwarded with the Business Paper, for completion prior to the meeting.

Completed forms may be declared and handed in at this point.

Declaration forms were submitted as follows:-

Councillor	Item No.	Nature of Interest	Type
Clr Simpson	Correspondence Item 6	Member of Grenfell Rotary Club	Pecuniary
	General Manager Report Item 2	Member of Grenfell Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	Pecuniary
	Director Engineering Report Item 16	Chair Lachlan Valley Management Team Rural Fire Service	Non-Pecuniary
	Director Environmental Services Report Item B1 DA 2/2009	Member of Grenfell Rotary Club	Non-Pecuniary
	Director Environmental Services Report Item B1 DA 6/2009	Member of Grenfell Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	Pecuniary
	Local Traffic Committee Minutes Item 4.6	Member of Grenfell Rotary Club	Non-Pecuniary
Clr Lobb	Correspondence Item 6	Committee Member of Care West Lodge	Non-Pecuniary

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 16 APRIL 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Gold Trail, T4.4.1: Concerning the Gold Trail Development

It is important that at this stage of development, Grenfell form a committee which will come up with ideas for your town to realise its tourism potential. At this early stage we do not envisage any costs and assure you that when the time comes to do studies and develop our towns for the Gold Trail we will apply as a group and support each other in our development. Tourism NSW has already shown interest in the Gold Trail concept and we can expect support from them during the development of our venture.

At this stage we are hoping to hold our first Regional Committee meeting on the 28th May 2009 and one or two members of your committee will be required to attend and represent Grenfell.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council agree to participate in the project development with no commitment of funding. Further that the Tourism Committee act for Council in this matter and a representative be selected to accompany the Tourism Officer to meetings.

503 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that Council agree to participate in the project development with no commitment of funding. Further that the Tourism Committee act for Council in this matter and a representative be selected to accompany the Tourism Officer to meetings.

2. Local Government and Shires Association, U1.6.1: Inviting you to a forum for councils on the Inquiry into Secure and Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Non-Metropolitan NSW (Local Water Utilities Inquiry).

The purpose of the Local Water Utilities Inquiry Forum is to discuss and determine Local Government's position on the recommendations of the Local Water Utilities Inquiry and inform LGSA' and councils' responses to the inquiry.

The forum will be held at Sydney on Wednesday 22 April 2009.

To register for the forum please complete the delegate registration by 17 April 2009.

Noted

3. Department of Local Government, A3.9.3: Forwarding Circular No. 09-14 concerning the Variation of General Income for 2009/2010.

The Minister has announced a 3.5% increase for the rating year commencing 1 July 2009.

The Minister has not specified a percentage by which the amounts of annual charges for domestic waste management services may be varied for the rating year commencing 1 July 2009. The 'reasonable cost' determination applies.

Noted

4. CENTROC, C2.7.3: Concerning the CENTROC Summit at the Mount in Bathurst 22 May. To date the Hon Bob Debus, Senator Steve Hutchins and the Country Labor have accepted.

Could you please advise me ASAP of names of attendees from your Council I am assuming all General Managers and Board members will be attending.

Noted

5. The Hon John Cobb MP, H1.7.1: Writing with an urgent request that you support me in strongly requesting the State Government to reverse the current situation that has the Orange Based Rescue Helicopter Service restricted to daylight hours only.

We understand the Ambulance Service is currently reconsidering the issue of 24 hour servicing for Orange.

I am backing a Petition across the region to be presented to Parliament. Would you put the Petition on display on your front counter and promote it to the public.

Note: the Petition has been displayed on the front counter.

Noted

6. Care West Lodge Committee, H1.7.13: Concerning Care West Lodge

Copy forwarded to Councillors

Note: the General Manager declares a conflict of interest in this joint Lions/Rotary project as an office bearer of Rotary.

Clrs Simpson and Lobb previously submitted written declarations of interest and left the room.

Clr N Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Chair of Care West Lodge Committee and left the room.

504 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr Niven that Clr McClelland act as the interim Chair.

505 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Crutcher that Council donate \$5,000 as a contribution towards the building of Care West Lodge.

Clrs Simpson, Lobb and N Hughes returned to the room with Clr Simpson resuming the chair.

7. Grenfell Commodities Pty Ltd, T2.13.2: Concerning complaints about the dust at Grenfell Commodities.

We have purchased a dust extraction fan which will be installed in the next few days and we will trial it for three weeks. If it is suitable we will purchase as many as required to solve the dust problem as soon as possible. I will keep you informed of the progress over the next few weeks.

Referred to Director Environmental Services

Noted

506 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

9 April 2009

The Mayor and Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

1. NSW Grain Freight Review Forum, T3.6.1

I attended the above forum held at Parkes on 17 March 2009, together with representatives of Cabonne, Blayney, Lachlan and Warren Shires. Also represented were LGSA and Lachlan Regional Transport Committee.

Present were Mr Des Powell, Chair and Mr Steve Meyrick, Lead Consultant. In the introduction the three key questions were nominated as:-

- i) what are the logistics for grain movement in the future?
- ii) how will it be achieved and by when?
- iii) what is the best way to achieve it?

Points made by the attendees included the following:

- most recent consumption in NSW has been domestic,
- best guess for grain production is for a similar future, with the possibility of increasing crops to the north,
- variables include structural changes in the grain industry, grower control (storage) vs buyer control (contracts), and central purchasers (eg GrainCorp),
- possible different standards for main lines and branch lines,
- price distortion/subsidies at silos,
- reluctance of private business to invest in infrastructure unless protected,
- use of grain lines for other purposes eg cotton at Warren,

As previously reported, a submission was made on behalf of Council, and the other attendees appeared to have done likewise.

For Information

Noted

2. Senior Citizens Welfare Committee – Melyra Street Units, C1.3.3

This report refers to letter B4 from Gordon Garling Moffitt, a copy of which was forwarded to Councillors.

As reported by Mr Moffitt, the property was transferred to Council in 1979, possibly to facilitate a loan as the committee was not incorporated at that time. The Committee has since become incorporated and there is no reason for Council to continue to retain ownership.

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There are however some potentially substantial costs identified by Mr Moffitt, including:-

- (i) mortgage discharge
- (ii) legal fees Nil (pro-bono)
- (iii) legal expenses \$369
- (iv) stamp duty not known but expected to be waived

The amount of stamp duty depends on the improved valuation of the property, and if not waived could be up to \$200,000. Stamp duty is payable by the purchaser.

Another issue arises in the area of rates. Despite the fact that the land was apparently owned by Council, no rent was charged but rates were levied on and paid for by the Committee. This would be a perfectly reasonable arrangement but there does not appear to be any formal agreement to that end. This means that the Committee could seek to have rates reimbursed for the last six years, being a total amount of \$12,549.79. Clearly this would be unacceptable for Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council agree to transfer the land occupied by the Senior Citizens Committee, being lot 1 in DP 34170 and lot 21 in DP 57714, back to the Committee subject to:-

- i) all costs being borne by the Committee, and**
- ii) a formal undertaking being given not to claim for reimbursement of any rates since 1979.**

Clr Simpson previously submitted a written declaration of interest and left the room.

507 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Clr N Hughes act as the interim Chair.

508 RESOLVED: Clr Hinde and Clr Atchison that Council agree to transfer the land occupied by the Senior Citizens Committee, being lot 1 in DP 34170 and lot 21 in DP 57714, back to the Committee subject to:-

- i) all costs being borne by the Committee, and**
- ii) a formal undertaking being given not to claim for reimbursement of any rates since 1979.**

Clr Simpson returned to the room and resumed the chair.

3. Annual Shires Association Conference, A3.18.3:

The 2009 Shires Association Conference will be held in Sydney on 2 and 3 June 2009.

Council needs to nominate its official delegate for voting purpose. In previous years this has been the Mayor.

It would be appreciated if any other delegates could also be nominated.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's Consideration

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- 509** **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Clrs Simpson, Lobb and Halls be Councils representatives at the 2009 Shires Association Conference to be held in Sydney on the 2 – 3 June 2009.
- 510** **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that the Mayor be Councils official delegate for voting purposes.

4. Grenfell Community Hub, C2.7.6

The official opening ceremony went off well, with Senator Stephen Hutchins representing the Minister, Frances Sims representing State Library NSW, and Mayor Simpson representing Weddin Shire. All surrounding councils were represented by their Mayors or Deputy Mayors.

There was widespread acclaim for the new facility and some envy that it was achieved for only \$1.2m (GST exc). However it was a long path to fruition, with many people making significant contributions:

- the Information Technology Committee which oversaw the initial establishment of the POP and Internet Café under a full-time manager,
- Clr Simpson who pushed for the renovation from the early stages,
- the Property and Development Committee which became fully involved when the library renovation and possible art gallery were proposed, and oversaw the project to completion,
- Director Corporate Services (Glenn Carroll) whose funds management financed the facility without external borrowings, whose re-staffing of the CTC has enabled it to continue to operate at minimal cost to Council, and whose liaison with DOTARS has been crucial,
- Sarah Clifton whose determined liaison with the ACC and DOTARS resulted in the Federal grant.
- Alan Lindsay, whose redesign of the roof and interior strongly influenced the final layout, and whose general expertise and ongoing liaison with the architect and builder was invaluable and overcame many on-the-job problems,
- Anne Gault, many of whose suggestions for the library were incorporated in the final design,
- Chris Lobb, who assisted Jan Parlett with the interior decorating of the Hub and with Joan Bolton has spent many hours establishing the new gallery as a showpiece,
- contractor Alan Banks, architect George Ferguson and signwriter Sharon Fenson who have worked very cooperatively throughout the project to achieve high standards.

A number of other employees and contractors have also made contributions in various ways.

The completed Community Hub is a great example of a successful team effort, and should prove of great benefit to the local community for many years.

For Information

Noted

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5. Greenethorpe Rail Protest, T3.8.1

As previously advised by email, a public protest day was held at Greenethorpe on 8 April to protest over the "suspension" and possible closure of the Greenethorpe to Koorawatha line and others.

The meeting was attended by Lee Reannon MLC and Katrina Hodgkinson MLA, Member for Burrinjuck, both of whom gave strong support for the retention of rail. Other speakers included the Mayors of Cowra, Young and Weddin, the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee and GrainCorp. Also in attendance were Clrs N Hughes and D Hughes and the General Manager.

The meeting attracted local TV and print media but did not determine a course of action apart from undertakings by the politicians.

At this stage only Young Council has taken up Weddin's proposal for the affected councils to engage a consultant to develop a case on economic grounds to retain the lines. A meeting of the respective Mayors is being considered to expedite a decision, failing which the matter will be in the hands of the State Government.

For Information

Noted

6. Council Photograph, C2.2.1

Arrangements for the Council photograph have again been made, with the photographer to be in attendance at about 10.00 – 10.30 am. This should coincide with the morning tea break.

For Information

Noted

7. Management Plan 2008/2009 – March 2009 Quarterly Report, A3.4

In accordance with Section 407 of the Local Government Act a review of the annual Management Plan is to be presented each quarter.

Comments on significant matters relating to the principal activities as at 31 March 2009 are as follows:

Part A - Management Plan

1. Administration

- a) Management Plan including three year programme in progress. New server purchased. Obtained a new IR5075 Canon photocopier.
- b) Annual Statements for 2007/2008 completed, audited and submitted to the Department.
- c) Ongoing training arranged by CENTROC as required. Job assessments completed. Consultative Committee meeting held on 9 February 2009. Safe Work Method Statements are being reviewed.
- d) All plant maintained in good order.
- e) Weekly staff meetings held to program engineering work. Equipment maintained regularly.

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- f) New depot – operating well. Beautification ongoing old steel to be removed.
 - g) 2008 Local Government Elections and Referendum conducted successfully.
2. Public Order and Safety
- a) Attend meetings when scheduled with Rural Fire Service. Upgrade/replacement (as required) to be reviewed 1 July 2009.
 - b) Animal Control Officer actively policing Companion Animals Act and carrying out usual pound keeping and stock duties. Complaints dealt with as received.
 - c) Provide assistance to SES as required. One LEMC meeting held on 2 March 2009.
3. Health
- a) Public nuisances attended to as required. Complaints dealt with as received.
 - b) Food premises have been inspected and follow up action is continuing. Complaints dealt with as received.
 - c) Notices complied with for unauthorised pools. Pool regulations have been publicised.
 - d) Inspections and enforcement for noxious weeds continuing. Noxious Weeds advertised in local newspaper.
 - e) Dental equipment relocated to Burrangong Street Surgery, replacement dentist to be sought.
 - f) Doctors surgeries maintained as required. Lease for Weddin Street surgery renewed. Preliminary investigation for possible Medical Centre commenced.
4. Community Services and Education
- a) No funding identified for aged housing.
 - b) Youth on Line facilities continue to operate from the Community Technology Centre, now reinstated to Community Hub.
 - c) Social Plan elements reported in Part B.
5. Housing and Community Amenities
- a) Development applications processed as received and continuing in accordance with legislative requirements. Heritage Advisory service continuing with bi-monthly meetings of committee, twelve month strategy adopted. New local heritage grants being assessed.
 - b) State of Environment Regional report prepared for 2007/2008.
 - c) Efficient domestic kerbside collection services at Grenfell and Greenethorpe with trade (commercial) service in Grenfell. Master Plan adopted for Grenfell landfill, with works commenced and planned for completion by July 2009. Manning of the facility to commence in July 2009. Proposal for kerbside recycling services to commence in Grenfell in July 2009.
 - d) Maintenance of cemeteries continuing. About 90% of graves excluding the general cemetery have been verified in the field.
 - e) Public conveniences maintained satisfactorily.
 - f) Pollution complaints attended to as received.
 - g) Repairs and minor maintenance carried out at Council's residences.
 - h) State Government and Council funding available to commence Flood Study. Reported to February Council meeting.

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6. Sewerage

- a) Sewer mains breaks and blockages repaired as required. Some sewer mains have been inspected by camera. Sewer main in lane behind Bogolong Street was unable to be viewed by the Interflow camera in December 2008. The section of broken main was replaced. Some sewer lids have been replaced.
- b) Soil and water samples analysed and annual report submitted.
- c) All employees accredited for sewer works and mains maintenance. Department of Commerce conducted OH &S audit with report submitted.

7. Recreation and Culture

- a) Refurbishment and upgrade of Library building completed. Purchase of furnishings in progress. New books and equipment being purchased.
- b) Museum Advisor working well with local committee. Tourism Officer assisting local committees.
- c) Grenfell and Quandialla Pools closed 29 March with no major problems during the season. Further OHS improvements to be undertaken in off season. Repainting of the Quandialla pool completed.
- d) Parks and ovals satisfactorily maintained. Upgrade of Taylor Park playground equipment to commence shortly. Roof replaced on tank in Henry Lawson Oval which was damaged by a falling limb. Inspections and required maintenance completed.
- e) Grant funding application again submitted for O'Brien Hill upgrade, not successful. To be submitted when the Australian Tourism Development Program (ATDP) reopens.

9. Mining, Manufacturing and Construction

- a) Construction Certificates processed. Staged inspections as per requirement of Act. All critical stage inspections are being conducted as per legislative requirements.

10. Transport and Communications

- a-i) All programmes undertaken, Rural Local Roads program to continue.
- g) Tree planting - minimal trees planted due to continuing drought.
- i) Streetlighting provided and maintained by Country Energy.

11. Economic Affairs

- a) Caravan Park facilities maintained. Current operations under review with a facility upgrade proposed for next four years.
- b) Meeting of Grenfell Business Development Committee (GBDC) attended by Councillors, Senior Staff and Development Officer. Tourist attractions such as the Weddin Mountains being promoted. Installation of sound system of Henry Lawson Bust to commence in new future. Open Day/Market Day held on 25 October 2008 with two telecasts by "A Current Affair". Policies adopted by Council to encourage developers.
- c) Bank building residence occupied by Council staff member. Leasing of commercial area to be considered.
- d) Industrial blocks offered for sale as enquires received. Purchase of additional industrial land to be considered as land is sold. Industrial Estate drainage plan being prepared.
- e) Investigation and testing of old gasworks site completed, report received. Final report submitted to DECC, remediation action plan pending.
- f) New equipment and software to be obtained at the CTC to provide state-of-the-art equipment and a higher standard of service. Training to continue in new building. Regular CTC column in local paper making people aware of government service available. Photographic printing, computer repairs and sales in progress.

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- g) Taxi service operating well. Lease extended for a further twelve months.
- h) Henry Lawson Festival plaque for 2008 guest installed. Arrangements progressing for 2009 Festival.

12. General Purpose Revenues

- a) Rate notices determined and issued on time. Rating classifications reviewed. Property transfers attended to promptly.
- b) Grant funding constantly being sought. Surplus funds invested to maximise return and preserve capital.

Part B - Social Plan

- a) Suitable range of children books to be purchased for the new Library. Maintenance of skatepark ongoing.
- b) Cycleways – publicised in Social Plan.
- c) Taxi lease renewed. IT communications improved with broadband now available in Grenfell.
- d) Dentist equipment relocated to Burrangong Street Surgery. Ongoing consultation with doctors. Assistance provided to Mens Shed.
- e) Letters of welcome issued to all new landowners on arrival.
- f) Shop accesses being considered for improvement.
- g) CTC obtained new software for training courses. People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds welcome. New printer purchased. Operating well.
- h) Vandalism reported as required. Vandalism cost recorded. Ongoing reporting to Police. Community service workers given meaningful work beneficial to ratepayers when with the Weddin Shire.

For Information

Noted

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GENERAL MANAGER

At this point Clr Atchison delivered a vote of thanks to the General Manager for his significant contribution to the development of the Grenfell Community Hub.

511 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the General Manager's Report be adopted.

THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' ORDINARY REPORT

9 April 2009

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 March 2009:

Bank Account	
Westpac	<u>\$869,956.70</u>
Investments	
LGIS	
Total Investments	<u>\$4,000,000.00</u>

CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I certify that the Cashbook for each Bank Account has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statement as at 31 March 2009.

The investments shown above are made with the Local Government Investment Service. I certify that these investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, the Regulations and Council's investment policies.

For Information

Noted

2. A Summary of Income For The Month of March follows:

Rates Receipts	97,020.68
Accounts Receivable	29,425.91
Government Grants	647,823.37
Agency Collections	9,270.14
Interest on Investments	-
Insurance Claim Reimbursement	16,250.00
Other Income	14,888.22
Total	<u>\$814,678.32</u>

For Information

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3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2008/2009:

Following are the up to date maintenance figures as at 31 March 2009.

ITEM	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Rural Roads Maintenance	541,824	458,918
Grenfell Town Streets Maintenance	146,536	145,959
Village Maintenance - Caragabal	7,118	9,810
Village Maintenance - Greenethorpe	6,000	11,378
Village Maintenance - Quandialla	6,000	12,641
Garbage Collection	51,000	35,328
Greenethorpe Collections	8,500	4,345
Trade Waste Collection	23,000	7,924
Tips Working Expenses	82,000	72,157
Noxious Plants	73,000	42,313
Parks & Gardens	163,000	128,143
Library Expenditure	108,090	82,615
Baths Income	-21,000	20,053
Baths Expenditure	112,127	81,957
Caravan Park Income	-31,500	31,138
Caravan Park Expenditure	67,113	45,542

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RTA GRANT WORKS

DESCRIPTION	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
2008/09 State Roads (SH 6) Maintenance	100,000	86,443
2008/09 National Roads (SH 17) Maintenance	100,000	41,612
2008/09 State Road (SH6) Ordered Work	308,081	162,205
2008/09 National Road (SH17) Ordered Work	308,081	144,579
2008/09 Regional Roads Block Grant	496,393	162,795
2008/2009 REPAIR Program MR398	300,000	204,917
3 x 3 Program - MR 398	68,000	0

2007/2008 Rural Local Roads	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Maintenance general	21,543	57,302
Reseals	85,000	84,969
Caragabal - Quandialla	97,000	21,725
Gambara Road	46,000	72,107
Nowlans Road	109,000	109,000
Sandy Creek Road	186,000	110,586
Bimbi - Quandialla	55,000	55,000
Pinnacle Road	29,000	29,000
Gravel Resheeting	108,000	108,000
Total	736,543	647,689

2008/2009 Rural Local Roads	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Maintenance general	30,000	80,093
Reseals	95,000	20,634
Caragabal - Quandialla	95,000	9,025
Nowlans Road	65,000	98,945
Sandy Creek Road	180,000	0
Bimbi - Quandialla	35,000	18,669
Pinnacle Road	60,000	1,559
Driftway Road	42,521	14,777
Grenfell Streets Construction	66,104	56,312
Grenfell Kerb and Gutter	61,964	29,957
Grenfell Streets - Footpaving	44,000	0
Reconstruct Village Streets – Ex - Reserves	0	0
Gravel Resheeting	100,000	159,158
Total	874,589	489,129

2008/2009 Roads to Recovery	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Grenfell Reseals	80,000	7,612
Greenethorpe – Gambara Road 4 km	72,000	75,277
Rural Roads Reseals	150,000	33,983
Gerrybang Road Causeway	100,000	106,133
Total	402,000	223,005

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4. Grenfell Community Hub, C1.6.7

The official opening of the Grenfell Community Hub took place on Friday 3 April 2009.

The project which has been a joint initiative/partnership involving the three levels of government was officially opened by Senator Steve Hutchins. Other official attendees included the Member for Calare Mr John Cobb, Frances Sims from the NSW State Library together with various Local Government representatives, Councillors and members of various committees.

The total cost of the project was approximately \$1.2 million (GST Exc.) with the Federal Government contributing \$345,600, the State Government \$150,000 and Weddin Shire Council \$700,000.

The project has been ongoing for approximately nine years and to see it finally come to fruition is very exciting. The persistence, perseverance and patience displayed is a credit to all concerned which has certainly paid off with Council receiving approximately \$500,000 in grant funding towards the project as detailed above.

The funding has certainly assisted in the provision of a State-of-the-Art facility that will service Weddin Shire residents for many years into the future.

A final report on the Community Hub project detailing final costings will be presented to Council in due course.

For Information

Noted

5. Debt Recovery – Rates and Debtors, A1.7

Reference is made to the report to the March 2009 Council meeting advising of the status of debt recovery in regard to rates and debtors.

The debt recovery for both rates and debtors is continuing with legal action now in progress for ratepayers and debtors who have not responded. A statement of liquidated claim or summons has been served for outstanding debtors with judgement for these debtors obtained and further legal action undertaken. Similar action for outstanding rates is currently in progress with thirty one (31) summons served. Judgement has been obtained for the twenty one (21) ratepayers who had not responded. Since judgement day nine (9) of the twenty one (21) ratepayers have responded leaving twelve (12) ratepayers who have legal action continuing against them. This action is in the form of eight (8) writs of execution and four (4) garnishees. Seven (7) of these ratepayers have either paid or made arrangements to pay, with no response from the remaining five (5).

The sale of land for overdue rates will be conducted in 2009.

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Noted

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6. Budget Review, 31 March 2009, A1.6

The budget review for the period ended 31 March 2009 is now presented for Council adoption with the variations to the original budget summarised.

RECOMMENDATION: that the budget review for the period ending 31 March 2009 be adopted as presented including the variations therein.

512 **RESOLVED:** Clr Lobb and Clr Atchison that the budget review for the period ending 31 March 2009 be adopted as presented including the variations therein.

7. Budget Review Variances - Administration - A1.6

Please find detailed below explanations regarding variances in the budget review dated 31 March 2009 for the administration department. The variances that are self explanatory have not been reported on, however councillors are certainly able to make enquiries if they have concerns in any area that has not been reported:

- **Income from Loans Repaid** – additional revenue of \$3,426 due to a deferred debtor repaying their outstanding amount in full.
- **Election Expenses** – a saving of \$6,089 due to election costs not being as high as previously advised.
- **Fire Protection Grant** – additional grant monies due to additional costs incurred by Council in the 2007/2008 financial year.
- **Grenfell Internet Centre** – additional revenue received due to increased efficiencies in sourcing income streams.

For Information

Noted

8. Country Week, T4.3.7

Reference is made to my report to the March 2009 Council meeting regarding Council's attendance at Country Week 2009.

Council subsequently resolved to defer a decision on our attendance until after Mr Peter Bailey addresses Council at the April 2009 Council meeting. Mr Bailey has accepted Council's invitation and will be in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

Council will need to make a decision at this meeting to allow arrangements to commence if Council resolves to attend.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's Consideration

Clr McClelland declared a pecuniary interest as a Real Estate Agent and left the room.

513 **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Lobb that Council not attend the Country and Regional Living Expo in 2009.

Clr McClelland returned to the room.

9. Local Government Elections, C2.1.7

As Councillors are aware the Local Government Elections were held on Saturday 13 September 2008.

In regard to the elections the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters Ms Cherie Burton MP has advised that the committee is currently conducting an inquiry into the administration and conduct of the elections.

Councils have been invited to make a submission to the inquiry by Wednesday 13 May 2009 if they so desire.

Council has received the final cost and invoice for the election and referendum which totalled \$24,640(GST Inc). This cost was well below the original estimate of \$35,640 (GST Inc) which also included the referendum.

As Council budgeted \$30,000 in this financial year the account has been paid in full. If Council decides not to make a submission the matter is now finalised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's Consideration

514 RESOLVED: **Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison that Council take no further action.**

10. Local Government Superannuation – Defined Benefits Scheme, P1.7.4

A Local Government Superannuation Employer Forum was held in Dubbo on Monday 6 April 2009 to discuss the proposed increase in Employer Superannuation Contributions and Council was represented by the Mayor and Director Corporate Services.

Mr Peter Lambert Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme addressed the Forum in regard to the following:-

- based on the Actuarial Valuation results the scheme currently has a deficit of \$297m.
- surplus/deficits are a normal part of a defined benefits scheme cycle.
- Councils made significant savings when the scheme was performing well.
- as at the 31 January 2009 the scheme had returned -9.68 although the markets rebounded during March 2009.
- Employees who are on salary packages will be severely affected as the employer contribution is deducted from employees packages. Options for employees include:-
 - reduce contribution rate
 - exit the retirement scheme
 - enter into a new contract

Realistically the only option for employees on salary packages is to reduce their contribution rate.

A major problem for both Council and employees is that if investment markets worsen there is no guarantee that the superannuation board may again increase the employers contribution rate.

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Council needs to vehemently object to the proposed increase in employer contributions and this could possibly be done as a late motion to the Shires Association Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council submit a late motion to the Shires Association Annual Conference vehemently objecting to the proposed exorbitant increase in Council's contribution to the Local Government Superannuation Defined Benefits Scheme.

515 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council submit a late motion to the Shires Association Annual Conference vehemently objecting to the proposed exorbitant increase in Council's contribution to the Local Government Superannuation Defined Benefits Scheme.

11. Tourism Strategic Plan, T4.3.1

Council's Tourism Strategic Plan which has previously been adopted by Council has been reviewed with a copy attached for Councillors information.

The plan which has been adopted by the Tourism Committee now requires formal adoption by Council.

It is planned to review the plan on a twelve (12) monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council formally adopt the reviewed Tourism Strategic Plan as presented.

516 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr D Hughes that Council formally adopt the reviewed Tourism Strategic Plan as presented.

12. Grenfell Library, C2.6.29

Activities by the Librarian over the last month include the following:-

- The traditional Seniors Week morning tea was held in the Uniting Church Hall on Tuesday 17 March 2009.
- Exchanges of stock were made with all three Deposit Stations during the month.
- Members of the Grenfell Scouts and Cubs visited the Library on Monday 9th March 2009.
- Additional shelving still to arrive.
- Plans are in hand for a visit to the new library by Housebound clients in April and a suitable 'special guest' for the Summer Reading Club Awards Afternoon Tea is being sought.
- A brief article about the 2007 "Sweet/Suite for Seniors" programme was published in the January/February issue of "InCite", a nationally-circulated magazine of the Australian Library and Information Association.

For Information

Noted

13. Economic Development, C2.6.21

Council's Economic Development Manager has been involved in the following activities:-

- Updating Council's Economic Development Strategy. Review to be arranged.
- Pursuing people interested in relocating to the Weddin Shire emanating from the Open Day Campaign.
- Arranged the Grenfell Business Development Committee (GBDC) breakfast meeting on Wednesday 11 March 2009 with the guest speaker being Mr Bruce Buchanan from the Orange Business Enterprise Centre (BEC). Approximately forty (40) business people attended. The next breakfast meeting will be held on Thursday 11 June 2009 which will be based on customer service.
- Mr Peter Gordon from the BEC will again visit Grenfell on Thursday 9 April 2009 to conduct one on one sessions with business people.
- Alvario Marques, Community Economic Development Manager with the Department of State and Regional Development (DSRD) has suggested a grant funding source to review Council's Economic Development Strategic Plan. To be pursued.
- The Economic Development Managers Networking meeting in Young on Thursday 26 February 2009 suggested that Council's could place a "Start your Business Here" online program on their websites. To be pursued.
- Attended a BEC luncheon in Orange with Sydney Real Estate Agent Mr John McGrath as guest speaker. It was an informative and inspirational session which encouraged people to focus on the positives and not dwell on the negatives.

For Information

Noted

14. Tourism/Promotions, C2.6.2

Council's Tourism Manager has been involved in the following activities:-

- The advertisement for Wingspan Magazine has been published and enquiries are being received requesting brochures. The article is still to be written with several people declining the invitation to write it. Other bird groups still being invited to the Weddin Shire.
- The Weddin Shire Tourism brochure is currently being distributed to local and surrounding Visitor Information Centres.
- Arrangements for the 2009 Henry Lawson Festival continuing.
- As a follow on from the Information/Thankyou Day conducted for the CWA ladies from the Visitor Information Centre topographic maps of Grenfell have been sourced to sell in the CWA Shop.
- Attended a workshop in Parkes on 16-17 March in regard to event management and sponsorship.
- Tourism Strategic Plan reviewed to be presented to the April Tourism meeting before being submitted to Council for formal adoption.
- Assisting in the promotion of the upcoming Grenfell Picnic Races to be held on Easter Saturday 11 April 2009.
- Planning on attending the Sydney Caravan and Camping Show on Saturday 25 April 2009 to work on the Central West NSW Tourism stand to promote the Weddin Shire.

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- Currently purchasing two pull up banners. One (1) banner will have a map of Grenfell in relation to Sydney and Canberra. The second banner will have assorted photos of Grenfell selling the lifestyle. It may be worth considering an additional banner specifically on the festival using the design which has been confirmed for the festival flyers.
- Planning on attending the Hawkesbury Show from 1 – 3 May 2009 as part of our City-Country Alliance with Hawkesbury City Council to promote various events in the Shire. This will be a perfect opportunity to promote Grenfell and the Weddin Shire to potential visitors. We have been requested by Hawkesbury staff to consider offering a weekend in Grenfell giveaway. This could include free accommodation for two, a meal, entry to 'Wallangreen' Sculpture Garden and the Museum. Alternately, accommodation for two over the festival weekend with free entry to the concert, guineapigs, exhibitions etc. This will cost no more than \$300. Cabonne the other country alliance will have a similar promotion running.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council approve the weekend in Grenfell giveaway concept with the funding of up to \$300 to be sourced from the Advertising Advantages of Area Vote.

517 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Crutcher that Council approve the weekend in Grenfell giveaway concept with the funding of up to \$300 to be sourced from the Advertising Advantages of Area Vote.

15. Grenfell Internet Centre, C2.6.28

Council's Grenfell Internet Centre Manager has been involved in the following activities:-

- Currently developing other income streams such as designing and printing funeral service booklets and Christmas cards which are selling well. Grenfell themed calendars are being investigated.
- Mobile Phone classes successfully completed. \$2,560 grant secured.
- Conducted additional mobile phone and computer classes during Seniors Week. Seniors Week funding of \$520 secured.
- Tech Talk articles submitted in the Grenfell Record on a regular basis. They are being well received by the public.
- Customers have increased dramatically since relocation to the Community Hub.
- Window displays to be addressed.
- Visiting local businesses to discuss services available at the Internet Centre.

For Information

Noted

GLENN CARROLL
DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES

518 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Atchison that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' Report be adopted.

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STATEMENT OF INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS - GENERAL FUND

RESERVE	BALANCE AS AT 1/07/2008	TRANSFER TO RESERVES	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	BALANCE AS AT 31/03/2009	VARIATION
E.L.E.	1,146,994.26		20,764.00	1,126,230.26	20,764.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT PLANT	83,629.00 176,348.72		17,322.00	66,307.00 176,348.72	17,322.00 0.00
RURAL/TOWN/VILLAGE FUNDS	116,229.00			116,229.00	0.00
LIBRARY UPGRADE	207,105.00	50,000.00	295,938.00	-38,833.00	245,938.00
NEW DEPOT	23,558.00	140,000.00	127,269.00	36,289.00	-12,731.00
GRENFELL TIP IMPROVEMENTS	95,386.00	150,000.00	15,242.00	230,144.00	-134,758.00
SHIRE WORKS - Internal Loan Repayment	44,802.98			44,802.98	0.00
GRAVEL PIT MAINTENANCE	21,133.80			21,133.80	0.00
RLR PROGRAMME	407,480.00		318,628.00	88,852.00	318,628.00
MISCELLANEOUS WORKS	412,876.00		54,801.00	358,075.00	54,801.00
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	71,857.00			71,857.00	0.00
FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS	196,452.00	129,710.00	321,240.00	4,922.00	191,530.00
NEW COUNCIL RESIDENCE	10,760.00		10,760.00	0.00	10,760.00
CONTRACT DEFECTS- SH17 & SH6	50,000.00			50,000.00	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	56,337.53		2,548.00	53,789.53	2,548.00
TOTAL	3,120,949.29	469,710.00	1,184,512.00	2,406,147.29	714,802.00

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List of Uncompleted Works as at 31 March 2009

	\$
• Grenfell Flood Study	36,227
• Environmental Assistance (Septic Tanks)	6,816
• Heritage Operations - George Street Plan	5,000
• Quandialla Pool Upgrade	4,698
• Sloanes Cottage Upgrade	14,292
• Medical Centre Improvements	37,653
• Stormwater Funds	25,598
• Caravan Park – Upgrade Facilities	10,330
• AJ & MP Ray – Derribong Road Upgrade	0
• Administration Building – Replace Air Conditioner	3,000
• Consultancy Fee – Policy Formation	20,000
• Administration Building – Repair and Repaint	8,939
• OHS Consultancy	25,000
• Town Planning – Prepare DCP	5,000
• Lawn Cemetery Beam	0
• Recycling – Upgrade Collection Points	3,000
• Grenfell Swimming Pool Recycling Project	23,180
• Quandialla Swimming Pool Recycling Project	17,650
• Taylor Park Upgrade	30,000
• Industrial Area – Contingency Survey	5,000
• Industrial Area – Drainage Improvement	10,000
• Henry Lawson Oval – Grandstand Upgrade	14,792
• Museum Roof Upgrade	0
• Consultancy Fee – Asset Valuation	6,500
• Rural Heritage Study	10,000
• Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM)	10,400
• Purchase Industrial Land	25,000
Total	<u>\$358,075</u>

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SUMMARY OF VARIANCES TO 31st MARCH 2009

	\$
<u>2008/2009 Budget Estimated Result</u>	0.00
December Quarterly Result B/F	-18,329.00
 <u>Additional Revenue /Savings</u>	
Certificate Fees - Sec 603	1,000.00
Sundry Income	1,000.00
Income from Loans Repaid	3,426.00
Administration Building Insurance	356.00
Valuation Fees	652.00
Members Insurances	165.00
Election Expenses	6,089.00
Fire Protection - Grant	5,000.00
Board of Fire Commissioners Levy	48.00
Youth Week Grant	230.00
DWM Charges	244.00
Tip Recycling Revenue	2,711.00
Sundry Income	95.00
K & G Contributions	18,295.00
Grenfell Technology Centre	7,209.00
Extra Charges	656.00
	<u>47,176.00</u>
 <u>Additional Expenditure/Costs</u>	
Works Depot - Dalton Street	1,155.00
Works Depot - South Street	25,000.00
Workers Compensation	30,987.00
Impounding Expenses	60.00
SES Capital Purchase - Vehicle	14,550.00
Rural Garbage Levy	160.00
Sewerage Rates	98.00
Library Grant	1,128.00
Local Special Projects Grant	390.00
P & G - Water Recycling Project	3,713.00
Hawksebury City Council Alliance	1,012.00
Pension Rebates	1,646.00
	<u>79,899.00</u>
 Deficit as at 31/03/09	 <u><u>-51,052.00</u></u>

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WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL							
BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31st MARCH 2009							
	2008/2009 ESTIMATES			AS PER REVIEW			
	Income	Expenses	NET	Income	Expenses	NET	
Operating Income & Expenditure							
Administration - Corporate Services	27,960	1,006,700	(978,740)	33,460	1,004,585	(971,125)	
Administration - Engineering	85,660	683,583	(597,923)	165,062	880,323	(715,261)	
Public Order and Safety	60,900	445,598	(384,698)	65,900	445,610	(379,710)	
Health	55,700	189,268	(133,568)	75,031	209,515	(134,484)	
Community Services and Education	1,000	1,000	0	1,230	1,000	230	
Housing and Community Amenities	410,738	699,087	(288,349)	418,850	703,408	(284,558)	
Sewerage Service	216,914	297,397	(80,483)	229,306	306,276	(76,970)	
Recreation and Culture	48,500	632,217	(583,717)	47,372	633,921	(586,549)	
Mining, Manufacture & Construction	1,200	23,000	(21,800)	1,200	23,000	(21,800)	
Transport and Communication	3,403,340	5,243,113	(1,839,773)	3,702,928	5,542,695	(1,839,767)	
Economic Affairs	86,427	318,767	(232,340)	98,844	322,324	(223,480)	
General Purpose Revenues	3,225,615	0	3,225,615	3,279,310	0	3,279,310	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	7,623,954	9,539,730	(1,915,776)	8,118,493	10,072,657	(1,954,164)	
Capital Funding & Expenditure							
Administration - Corporate Services	125,085	127,000	(1,915)	141,480	127,000	14,480	
Administration - Engineering	0	290,000	(290,000)	127,269	417,269	(290,000)	
Public Order and Safety	360,000	370,000	(10,000)	410,404	434,954	(24,550)	
Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Community Services and Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Housing and Community Amenities	200,000	259,214	(59,214)	330,747	398,469	(67,722)	
Sewerage Service	239,105	230,000	9,105	239,105	230,000	9,105	
Recreation and Culture	5,500	45,500	(40,000)	866,812	939,093	(72,281)	
Mining, Manufacture & Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transport and Communication	1,121,000	1,110,000	11,000	1,147,564	1,110,000	37,564	
Economic Affairs	10,000	12,000	(2,000)	74,940	77,224	(2,284)	
General Purpose Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	2,060,690	2,443,714	(383,024)	3,338,321	3,734,009	(395,688)	
OPERATING RESULT	9,684,644	11,983,444	(2,298,800)	11,456,814	13,806,666	(2,349,852)	
ADD : Total Depreciation		2,298,800	2,298,800		2,298,800	2,298,800	
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET RESULT	9,684,644	9,684,644	0	11,456,814	11,507,866	(51,052)	

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DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
ADMINISTRATION		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
CORPORATE SERVICES		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Certificate Fees - Sec. 603	1/350	7,000		6,825	1,175	8,000	1,000
Sundry Income	1/1250	11,000		11,800	200	12,000	1,000
Lease of Council Property	1/1251	1,200		1,150	50	1,200	
Merchant Service Fee Recovery	1/1252	500		396	104	500	
Tsf from Reserves - Office Equipment		0		0	0	0	
Tsf from Reserves - Asset Valuation		0	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	
Agency Fee Commission	1/600	8,260		5,789	2,471	8,260	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		27,960	3,500	29,460	4,000	33,460	2,000
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Administration Buildings M & R	1/2500	7,000		2,276	4,724	7,000	
Furniture M & R	1/2550	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
Office Equipment M & R	1/2600	43,000		38,955	4,045	43,000	
Map Info - Annual Maintenance & Licence Fee		7,000	1,045	8,045	0	8,045	
Administration Buildings Cleaning	1/2850	15,000		9,220	5,780	15,000	
Administration Buildings Rates	1/3000	2,100		1,692	408	2,100	
Administration Building Light & Power	1/3050	12,200		6,663	5,537	12,200	
Administration Building Insurance	1/3100	9,000		8,644	0	8,644	(356)
Depreciation - Buildings,F&F,Office Equipment		56,000		0	56,000	56,000	
Salaries & Allowances	1/3400	455,867		323,458	132,409	455,867	
Travelling	1/3420	16,100		4,346	11,754	16,100	
Accrual of Leave	1/3430	54,133		26,017	28,116	54,133	
Consultancy Fees - Asset Valuation		10,000	3,500	13,500	0	13,500	
Advertising	1/3500	18,100		14,583	3,517	18,100	
Printing & Stationery	1/3510	14,600		11,541	3,059	14,600	
Postages	1/3520	10,600		6,965	3,635	10,600	
Telephone	1/3530	14,100		12,942	1,158	14,100	
Bank Charges	1/3580	6,000		4,279	1,721	6,000	
Valuation Fees	1/3590	16,000		15,348	0	15,348	(652)
Audit Fees	1/3600	22,650		0	22,650	22,650	
Legal Expenses	1/3620	12,000		11,074	926	12,000	
Sundry Administration Expenses	1/3610	12,000		6,602	5,398	12,000	
Sale of Land for Overdue Rates		12,000		0	12,000	12,000	
Insurance : Fidelity Guarantee	1/3650	860		603	257	860	
Insurance : Misc, Members' Accident	1/3660	9,200		7,748	1,452	9,200	
Insurance : Statutory Liability (Clrs & Staff)	1/3670	7,200	18	7,218	0	7,218	
Interest on Overdraft	1/3900	500		24	476	500	
Mayoral Allowance	1/4000	19,000		13,192	5,808	19,000	
Members Fees	1/4010	86,440		60,400	26,040	86,440	
Members Travelling & Subsistence	1/4020	3,800		3,501	299	3,800	
Delegates Expenses	1/4030	7,600		5,880	1,720	7,600	
Members Insurances	1/4040	1,950		1,785	0	1,785	(165)
Members Training		5,000		0	5,000	5,000	
Subscription to Shires Association	1/4050	12,000	584	12,584	0	12,584	
Election Expenses	1/4070	30,000		23,911	0	23,911	(6,089)
Miscellaneous Expenses -Donations	1/5600	9,200		3,146	6,054	9,200	
Operating Expenses		1,019,200	5,147	666,142	350,943	1,017,085	(7,262)
Less : Contribution by Other Functions		(12,500)		(12,500)	0	(12,500)	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1,006,700	5,147	653,642	350,943	1,004,585	(7,262)
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Internal Loan Repayment -No.1 Grenfell Tip		7,358		0	7,358	7,358	
Internal Loan Repayment -No.2 Grenfell Tip		11,856		0	11,856	11,856	
Transfer from Reserves -Office Equipment		84,000		17,322	66,678	84,000	
Income from Loans Repaid	1/2302	21,871	12,969	38,266	0	38,266	3,426
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		125,085	12,969	55,588	85,892	141,480	3,426
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Office Equipment	1/6400	84,000		17,322	66,678	84,000	
Office Equipment - Provision for Replacement		40,000		0	40,000	40,000	
Council Chambers - Replace Airconditioners		3,000		0	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		127,000	0	17,322	109,678	127,000	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(980,655)	11,322	(585,916)	(370,729)	(956,645)	12,688

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DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
ADMINISTRATION		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
ENGINEERING & WORKS		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Private Works	1/2000	60,000	20,000	52,312	67,688	120,000	40,000
Apprenticeship Subsidy	1/1350	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	
Diesel Fuel Rebate Grant	1/1351	14,200		0	14,200	14,200	
Sundry Income	1/1900	2,000		0	2,000	2,000	
Sale of Old Materials	1/2100	4,000		0	4,000	4,000	
Tsf from Reserves - A/L Long Service Leave		0		17,902	0	17,902	17,902
Vehicle Lease Back	1/5908	5,460		4,254	1,206	5,460	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		85,660	21,500	75,968	89,094	165,062	57,902
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Engineering Staff Salaries	1/5010	338,507		213,147	125,360	338,507	
Engineering Leave Entitlements	1/5040	47,645		13,227	34,418	47,645	
Less : contbn by Domestic Waste M'tment	1/5060	(7,500)		(7,500)	0	(7,500)	
Less : contbn by Sewer Fund	1/5061	(8,000)		(8,000)	0	(8,000)	
Engineering Office Expenses	1/5100	10,000			1,737	10,000	
Engineering Travel Expenses	1/5450	44,000		23,104	20,896	44,000	
Depreciation - Buildings,F&F,Equipment		13,350		0	13,350	13,350	
Insurance : Public Liability & Indemnity	1/5200	85,250	3,050	88,300	0	88,300	
Private Works	1/5540	52,000	20,000	101,556	10,444	112,000	40,000
Works Depot Expenses -Dalton Street	1/5300	0	12,404	13,559	0	13,559	1,155
Works Depot Expenses -South Street	1/5315	80,000		80,412	24,588	105,000	25,000
LESS : charges to works (overheads)	1/5907	(285,000)		(223,418)	(61,582)	(285,000)	
Engineers Other Expenses	1/5460	3,000		737	2,263	3,000	
ELE - Annual Leave	1/5710	73,631		86,889	0	86,889	13,258
ELE - Sick Leave	1/5720	40,000		35,010	4,990	40,000	
ELE - Long Service Leave	1/5730	50,000		54,644	0	54,644	4,644
Superannuation	1/5760	270,000		255,864	14,136	270,000	
Public Holidays	1/5770	46,000		26,028	19,972	46,000	
Workers' Compensation	1/5790	52,000	46,242	129,229	-	129,229	30,987
OHS Requirements	1/5795	26,000		17,958	8,042	26,000	
Accident Pay	1/5780	5,000		0	5,000	5,000	
Fringe Benefits Tax	1/5810	14,200		7,044	7,156	14,200	
Staff Training	1/5900	43,000		39,440	3,560	43,000	
LESS : charges to works (oncost)	1/5906	(265,000)		(221,485)	(43,515)	(265,000)	
Plant Running Expenses	1/6010	560,000		569,739	190,261	760,000	200,000
Plant Depreciation		290,000		0	290,000	290,000	
LESS : Plant Hire charged to works	1/1700	(895,000)		(845,765)	(249,235)	(1,095,000)	(200,000)
Sundry Expenses	1/5550	500		0	500	500	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		683,583	81,696	457,982	422,341	880,323	115,044
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Transfer from Reserves - South Street Depot		0	125,140	127,269	0	127,269	2,129
Transfer from Reserves - Plant Purchases		0			0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		0	125,140	127,269	0	127,269	2,129
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Plant Replacement	1/6500	290,000		75,101	214,899	290,000	
New Depot South Street		0	125,140	127,269	0	127,269	2,129
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		290,000	125,140	202,370	214,899	417,269	2,129
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(887,923)	(60,196)	(457,115)	(548,146)	(1,005,261)	(57,142)

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DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY							
		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUES							
Fire Protection							
Grants & Subsidies	1/7050	55,000		60,000	0	60,000	5,000
Sundry Income	1/7300	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
Animal Control							
Dog Registration Fees	1/7400	3,200		2,018	1,182	3,200	
Dog Impounding Fees	1/7420	1,600		624	976	1,600	
Livestock Impounding Fees	1/7530	100		0	100	100	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		60,900	0	62,642	3,258	65,900	5,000
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Fire Protection							
Board of Fire Commissioners Levy	1/8050	20,500		20,452	0	20,452	(48)
RFS : Fire Fighting Fund Contribution	1/8100	92,548		63,857	28,691	92,548	
Bush Fire Equipment M & R	1/8200	55,000		37,248	17,752	55,000	
Bushfire Expenses - Council Responsibility	1/8210	5,000		2,330	2,670	5,000	
Bush Fire Depreciation		232,000		0	232,000	232,000	
Fire Trail Maintenance	1/8205	3,000		0	3,000	3,000	
Animal Control							
Impounding Expenses	1/8550	25,000		25,060	0	25,060	60
Straying Livestock	1/8600	4,000		294	3,706	4,000	
Emergency Services							
S.E.S. Working Expenses	1/8930	7,700		3,044	4,656	7,700	
S.E.S. Depreciation		850		0	850	850	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		445,598	0	152,285	293,325	445,610	12
CAPITAL REVENUE							
SES Capital Contribution - Vehicle		0		50,404	0	50,404	50,404
Bushfire Equipment	1/7055	360,000		0	360,000	360,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		360,000	0	50,404	360,000	410,404	50,404
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Dog Pound Upgrade		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
SES Capital Purchase - Vehicle		0		64,954	0	64,954	64,954
Bushfire Equipment	1/8297	360,000		0	360,000	360,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		370,000	0	64,954	370,000	434,954	64,954
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(394,698)	0	(104,193)	(300,067)	(404,260)	(9,562)

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DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
HEALTH		Budget 1/7/08	Variation Approved	Actual To Date	Revised Estimate	Revised Budget	Variation Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Fines & Costs							
Licenses & Fees	1/9350	3,000		200	2,800	3,000	
Septic Tank Inspection Fees		20,000		3,272	16,728	20,000	
Tsf from Reserves - Septic Tank Inspections		0	15,056	15,056	0	15,056	
LCMA - Roadside Environment Grant	1/9761	0	4,275	4,275	0	4,275	
Noxious Plants & Environmental Protect.							
Grant	1/9700	22,000		20,000	2,000	22,000	
Fees & Fines	1/9750	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
Dental Surgery							
Rent -Dental Surgery	1/10050	0		0	0	0	
Medical Centres							
Rent	1/9950	9,700		7,268	2,432	9,700	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		55,700	19,331	50,071	24,960	75,031	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
Health Department Salaries	1/10210	117,693		90,966	26,727	117,693	
Health Surveyor Travel	1/10220	8,000		6,412	1,588	8,000	
Leave Entitlements	1/10230	13,975		10,491	3,484	13,975	
Environmental Assistance - Septic Tanks	1/10240	0	15,056	15,056	0	15,056	
Health Office Expenses	1/10250	3,500	916	4,270	146	4,416	
Less : contribution by other functions							
- Building Inspections	1/10283	(20,000)		(20,000)	0	(20,000)	
- Garbage	1/10284	(5,000)		(5,000)	0	(5,000)	
- Sewerage	1/10286	(10,000)		(10,000)	0	(10,000)	
- Town Planning	1/10282	(15,000)		(15,000)	0	(15,000)	
Destruction of Noxious Plants	1/10410	73,000		42,313	30,687	73,000	
Destruction of Noxious Pests	1/10350	2,500		0	2,500	2,500	
Waste Oil Collection Expenses	1/10351	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
Tsf to External Restrictions - LCMA Grant		0	4,275	4,275	0	4,275	
Dental Premise Expenses	1/10810	0		0	0	0	
Medical Centre Expenses -Weddin Street	1/10766	4,500		3,373	1,127	4,500	
Medical Centre Expenses - Main Street		4,500		3,532	968	4,500	
Medical Centre Depreciation		10,600		0	10,600	10,600	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		189,268	20,247	130,688	78,827	209,515	0
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Medical Centre Improvements -Tsf from Reserves		0		0	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Medical Centre Improvements		0		0	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		0	0	0	0	0	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(133,568)	(916)	(80,617)	(53,867)	(134,484)	0

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DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Youth Services							
Youth Week Grant	1/10950	1,000		1,230	0	1,230	230
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		1,000	0	1,230	0	1,230	230
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Youth Services							
Youth Week Expenses	1/11600	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
CAPITAL REVENUE							
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		0	0	0	0	0	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		0	0	1,230	(1,000)	230	230

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DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES							
		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Dwellings							
Dwelling Rents	1/12200	12,272		7,847	4,425	12,272	
Town Planning							
Development Application Fees	1/12310	30,000		11,735	18,265	30,000	
Construction Certificate Fees		35,000		10,723	24,277	35,000	
Planning Certificates	1/12320	12,500		6,345	6,155	12,500	
Subdivision Fees	1/12330	5,000		960	4,040	5,000	
Local Heritage Fund -Grant	1/12250	8,200		0	8,200	8,200	
Local Heritage Advice		7,000		0	7,000	7,000	
Garbage Services							
Domestic Waste Management Charges	1/12500	188,554	15	188,813	0	188,813	244
Commercial Waste Collection Charges	1/12700 et al	26,332		26,332	0	26,332	
Tsf from Reserves - Leave Entitlements		0		2,862	0	2,862	2,862
Rural Garbage Levy		24,380		24,220	0	24,220	(160)
Waste Management Sundry Income	1/12650	500	2,000	2,214	286	2,500	
Tip Recycling Revenue		15,000		17,711	0	17,711	2,711
Cemeteries							
Site Fees	1/13600	4,500		3,065	1,435	4,500	
Gravedigging	1/13615	12,500		10,681	1,819	12,500	
Lawn Cemetery	1/13630	28,500		26,186	2,314	28,500	
Sundry							
Sundry Income	1/13800	500	345	940	0	940	95
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		410,738	2,360	340,634	78,216	418,850	5,752
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Dwellings							
Housing M & R	1/14010	12,000		3,995	8,005	12,000	
Housing Insurance & Rates	1/14020	5,000	459	5,459	0	5,459	
Housing Depreciation	1/14030	7,000		0	7,000	7,000	
Town Planning							
Salaries (Contribution to Health Salaries)	1/14100	15,000		15,000	0	15,000	
Office Expenses	1/14150	3,000		1,267	1,733	3,000	
Heritage Operations - Local Building Fund	1/14159	16,400		0	16,400	16,400	
Heritage Costs - Advice	1/14156	14,000		10,794	3,206	14,000	
Town Planning - Prepare LEP		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Town Planning - Consultancy Fees	1/14170	12,000		0	12,000	12,000	
Sundry Expenses	1/14160	100		0	100	100	
Waste Management							
Administration (Contribution to Admin.)	1/14500	4,000		4,000	0	4,000	
Supervision (Contribution to Health)	1/14510	5,000		5,000	0	5,000	
Supervision (Contribution to Engineering)	1/14520	7,500		7,500	0	7,500	
Employee Costs	1/14610	26,000		11,174	14,826	26,000	
Leave Entitlements	1/14615	6,500		9,362	0	9,362	2,862
Vehicle Running Expenses	1/14650	25,000		14,791	10,209	25,000	
Greenethorpe Collections	1/14723	8,500		4,345	4,155	8,500	
Domestic Waste Depreciation	1/14680	10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Grenfell Depot Maintenance	1/14700	63,000		61,485	1,515	63,000	
Depot (Tip) - Caragabal	1/14710	9,500		3,751	5,749	9,500	
Depot (Tip) - Quandialla	1/14730	9,500		3,306	6,194	9,500	
Interest on Internal Loan -No.1	1/14990	987		0	987	987	
Interest on Internal Loan -No.2		10,400		0	10,400	10,400	
Recycling Expenses	1/14565	37,000		17,534	19,466	37,000	
Greenethorpe - Recycling Station		4,000		1,181	2,819	4,000	
Clean Up Australia Campaign	1/14690	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
Street Cleaning	1/15000	18,000		5,017	12,983	18,000	
Trade Waste Employee Costs	1/15500	14,000		3,906	10,094	14,000	
Trade Waste Vehicle Running Expenses	1/15510	9,000		4,018	4,982	9,000	

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HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES (Continued)		Budget 1/7/08	Variation Approved	Actual To Date	Revised Estimate	Revised Budget	Variation Inc-(Dec)
Drainage Assets Depreciation	1/16010	205,000		0	205,000	205,000	
Pollution Control	1/16600	15,500		6,149	9,351	15,500	
Cemeteries							
M & R	1/16800	15,000		8,552	6,448	15,000	
Lawn Cemetery	1/16830	13,000		11,138	1,862	13,000	
Grave Digging	1/16815	13,000		7,899	5,101	13,000	
Lawn Cemetery Grave Digging	1/16835	7,000		4,363	2,637	7,000	
Cemeteries Depreciation	1/16850	5,000		0	5,000	5,000	
Sundry							
Public Conveniences	1/17000	53,000		44,502	8,498	53,000	
Public Clock	1/17500	500		21	479	500	
Public Clock Depreciation		200		0	200	200	
Tidy Towns	1/16610	1,000		0	1,000	1,000	
Other Land & Buildings	1/17700	6,500		1,367	5,133	6,500	
State of Environment Report	1/16650	1,000	1,000	2,000	0	2,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		699,087	1,459	278,876	424,532	703,408	2,862
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Internal Loan No.2 - Grenfell Depot Improvements		150,000		15,242	134,758	150,000	
Sale of Residence - Dagmar Street		0	129,710	129,710	0	129,710	
Tsf from Reserves - Lawn Cemetery Beam		0	1,037	1,037	0	1,037	
Recycling - Internal Loan		50,000		0	50,000	50,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		200,000	130,747	145,989	184,758	330,747	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Grenfell Tip Improvements -Internal Loan No. 2		150,000		15,242	134,758	150,000	
Recycling - Kerbside Pickup & Bins		50,000		0	50,000	50,000	
Transfer to Reserves -Compactor Replacement		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Stormwater Drainage Warraderry Street - Step 1		30,000		0	30,000	30,000	
Tsf to Reserves - Sale of Residence		0	129,710	129,710	0	129,710	
Lawn Cemetery Beam		0	9,545	9,545	0	9,545	
Internal Loan Repayment - No.1 Principal		7,358		0	7,358	7,358	
Internal Loan Repayment - No.2 Principal		11,856		0	11,856	11,856	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		259,214	139,255	154,497	243,972	398,469	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(347,563)	(7,607)	53,250	(405,530)	(352,280)	2,890

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SEWERAGE SERVICES		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Rates	3/81001	201,414	478	201,794	0	201,794	(98)
LESS : Pensioner Rebates	3/81003	(30,000)		(28,658)	(1,342)	(30,000)	
Charges : Non-Ratable Properties	3/81201	14,500		13,770	730	14,500	
Interest on Investments, etc	3/81305	13,000		0	13,000	13,000	
Fees & Fines	3/81740	1,000		685	315	1,000	
Sewer Connection Fees	3/81745	0	3,133	3,133	0	3,133	
Tsf from Reserves - ELE		0		8,879	0	8,879	8,879
Sundry Income	3/81755	500		0	500	500	
Pensioner Rate Subsidy	3/81820	16,500		14,227	2,273	16,500	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		216,914	3,611	213,830	15,476	229,306	8,781
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Management							
Administration (Contribution)	3/82100	8,000		8,000	0	8,000	
Health (Contribution)	3/82200	10,000		10,000	0	10,000	
Engineering (Contribution)	3/82250	8,000		8,000	0	8,000	
Operations							
Treatment Works : Energy Costs	3/82301	6,700		3,116	3,584	6,700	
Treatment Works: Repairs, etc	3/82305	15,000		11,758	3,242	15,000	
Treatment Works : Wages	3/82303	36,397		30,643	5,754	36,397	
Treatment Works : Other Costs	3/82309	4,000		586	3,414	4,000	
Treatment Works : Develop Sec 64 Plans		5,000		0	5,000	5,000	
Mains : M & R	3/82321	27,000		20,116	6,884	27,000	
Mains : Other Expenses	3/83325	3,000		0	3,000	3,000	
Sewerage System Depreciation	3/83323	139,000		0	139,000	139,000	
Miscellaneous							
Rates	3/83531	4,100		3,286	814	4,100	
Other	3/83571	500		0	500	500	
Employment							
Employee's Leave Entitlement	3/83591	20,000		28,879	0	28,879	8,879
Workers' Compensation	3/83594	2,000		0	2,000	2,000	
Superannuation	3/83600	6,200		0	6,200	6,200	
Staff Training	3/83595	2,500		0	2,500	2,500	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		297,397	0	124,384	181,892	306,276	8,879
LESS : Depreciation		139,000		0	139,000	139,000	
Net Operating Result		58,517	3,611	89,446	(27,416)	62,030	(98)
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Contributions to Sewer Extensions		9,105		0	9,105	9,105	
Transfer from Reserves -Sewer Mains Rehabilitate		100,000		0	100,000	100,000	
Transfer from Reserves -Sewer Treatment Works Rehabilitate		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Transfer from Reserves -Pump Station		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Transfer from Reserves - OHS Improvements		100,000		0	100,000	100,000	
Transfer from Reserves -Sewer Mains Extensions		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		239,105	0	0	239,105	239,105	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Sewer Mains - Rehabilitate		100,000		0	100,000	100,000	
Sewerage Treatment Works - Rehabilitate		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Sewerage Scheme - Pump Station		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Sewer Treatment Works - OHS Improvements		100,000		0	100,000	100,000	
Sewer Mains Extension	3/84001	10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		230,000	0	0	230,000	230,000	0
Net Capital Result		9,105	0	0	9,105	9,105	0
Funds Available to							
Rates & General Revenue		67,622	3,611	89,446	(18,311)	71,135	(98)

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RECREATION & CULTURE		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Library							
Grants/Subsidy	1/20100	20,000		18,872	0	18,872	(1,128)
User Charges & Fines	1/20200	4,000		1,408	2,592	4,000	
Other	1/20300	500		15	485	500	
Museum							
Sundry Income	1/20750	500		0	500	500	
Baths							
Baths Fees	1/20801	21,000		20,053	947	21,000	
Parks, Gardens & Open Space							
Parks, Gardens & Sporting Grounds	1/20900	2,500		2,187	313	2,500	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		48,500	0	42,535	4,837	47,372	(1,128)
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Library							
Administration (Contribution)	1/23000	500		500	0	500	
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	1/23010	1,500		276	1,224	1,500	
Telephone & Postage	1/23020	2,600		1,706	894	2,600	
Salaries	1/23050	43,702		36,437	7,265	43,702	
Temporary Assistants	1/23055	3,000		0	3,000	3,000	
Staff Training		1,500		0	1,500	1,500	
Travel Expenses	1/23060	2,000		0	2,000	2,000	
Leave Entitlements	1/23065	5,188		312	4,876	5,188	
Buildings M & R, Insurance, Rates etc	1/23110	5,800	437	6,237	0	6,237	
Furniture & Fittings M & R	1/23120	2,000		292	1,708	2,000	
Equipment M & R	1/23125	7,000		5,091	1,909	7,000	
Depreciation - Building,Books,Equipment	1/23130	58,000		0	58,000	58,000	
Maintenance of Books	1/23200	1,400		272	1,128	1,400	
Purchase of Periodicals	1/23220	1,500		744	756	1,500	
Lighting Power & Heating	1/23240	4,900		2,146	2,754	4,900	
Cleaning Expenses	1/23250	2,700		2,607	93	2,700	
Other	1/23260	2,800		1,918	882	2,800	
Sundry							
Subsidy to Band	1/24500	500	(30)	470	0	470	
Community Arts Centre Expenses	1/24502	500		0	500	500	
Railway Station Expenses	1/23610	3,000		2,402	598	3,000	
Festival Expenses	1/25000	5,000		1,161	3,839	5,000	
Museum							
Museum Building M & R, Rates	1/23510	4,200		1,339	2,861	4,200	
Museum Advisor (Shared)		2,000		0	2,000	2,000	
Museum Depreciation	1/23530	4,800		0	4,800	4,800	
Swimming Pools							
Wages	1/26000	54,192		42,854	11,338	54,192	
Leave Entitlements		6,435		0	6,435	6,435	
Buildings M & R	1/26010	8,500		7,084	1,416	8,500	
Operating Expenses	1/26025	43,000		32,018	10,982	43,000	
Quandialla Baths Subsidy	1/26100	17,000		17,000	0	17,000	
Quandialla Baths - Repainting	1/26110	25,000	1,297	26,297	0	26,297	
Depreciation - Buildings,Pools	1/26015	85,000		0	85,000	85,000	
Parks & Gardens							
Expenses	1/27500	155,000		119,850	35,150	155,000	
Employee Leave Entitlements	1/27875	8,000		4,706	3,294	8,000	
Depreciation - Buildings,Equipment	1/27900	64,000		0	64,000	64,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		632,217	1,704	313,719	320,202	633,921	0

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RECREATION & CULTURE (Continued)		Budget 1/7/08	Variation Approved	Actual To Date	Revised Estimate	Revised Budget	Variation Inc-(Dec)
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Local Special Projects Grant	1/20120	5,500		5,110	0	5,110	(390)
Library Development Grant		0	118,040	118,040	0	118,040	
Local Community Infrastructure Grant - (LCIG)		0		100,000	0	100,000	100,000
Tsf from Reserves - Museum Roof Upgrade		0	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	
Tsf from Reserves - HLO Grandstand Upgrade		0	7,040	7,208	0	7,208	168
Tsf from External Reserves - Water Recycling Project			5,423	9,476	0	9,476	4,053
Tsf from Internal Reserves - Library Refurbishment			192,676	295,938	0	295,938	103,262
Tsf from External Reserves - Library Refurbishment		0	311,040	311,040	0	311,040	
		5,500	654,219	866,812	0	866,812	207,093
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Library Books Purchase	1/29100	17,000		10,056	6,944	17,000	
Local Special Projects	1/29106	5,500	2,063	7,563	0	7,563	
Library Equipment Purchase	1/29110	3,000		1,792	1,208	3,000	
Grenfell Swimming Pool - OHS Improvements		20,000		3,373	16,627	20,000	
Museum - Roof Upgrade		0	26,115	26,115	0	26,115	
Company Dam Upgrade - Surveillance Report	1/29120	0	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	
Henry Lawson Oval - Grandstand Upgrade	1/29122	0	7,040	7,208	0	7,208	168
Parks & Gardens - Water Recycling Project		0	5,423	13,189	0	13,189	7,766
Tsf to External Restrictions - LCIG		0		100,000	0	100,000	100,000
Tsf to Reserves - Library Development Grant		0	118,040	118,040	0	118,040	
Library Refurbishment		0	503,716	606,978	0	606,978	103,262
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		45,500	682,397	894,314	44,779	939,093	211,196
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(623,717)	(29,882)	(298,686)	(360,144)	(658,830)	(5,231)
DDIN SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31.03.2009							
MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION		Budget 1/7/08	Variation Approved	Actual To Date	Revised Estimate	Revised Budget	Variation Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Building Certificates	1/30060	1,000		40	960	1,000	
Sundry Income	1/30200	200		10	190	200	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		1,200	0	50	1,150	1,200	0
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Building Control Staff (Contribution)	1/31050	20,000		20,000	0	20,000	
Building Office Expenses	1/31200	3,000		2,199	801	3,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		23,000	0	22,199	801	23,000	0
CAPITAL REVENUE							
		0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
		0	0	0	0	0	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(21,800)	0	(22,149)	349	(21,800)	0

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TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Regional Roads (Block Grant)	1/35410	570,000		424,500	145,500	570,000	
Bimbi Bridge Construction Grant		454,000		444,000	10,000	454,000	
Transfer from External Restrictions - Bimbi Bridge		130,000		0	104,000	104,000	(26,000)
Tsf from Reserves -2007/2008 FAG Programme		0	249,818	318,628	0	318,628	68,810
RLR (FAG Component)-2008/2009	1/83001	769,678	15,842	589,140	196,380	785,520	
Roads to Recovery Programme		402,000		392,828	9,172	402,000	
State Highway 6 - M & I	1/35310	408,081		85,750	322,331	408,081	
State Highway 17 - M & I	1/35210	408,081		85,750	322,331	408,081	
Repair Program(MR 398)		160,000	(10,000)	150,000	0	150,000	
3x3 Council Determined Works	1/35700	68,000		51,000	17,000	68,000	
Street Lighting Subsidy	1/32100	31,000		0	31,000	31,000	
Tsf from Reserves - Village Streets		0	734	1,118	0	1,118	384
Sundry Sales(Royalties)	1/49000	2,500		838	1,662	2,500	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		3,403,340	256,394	2,543,552	1,159,376	3,702,928	43,194
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Regional Roads (Block Grant)	1/50973	170,000		162,795	7,205	170,000	
Bimbi Bridge Construction		984,000		681,130	276,870	958,000	(26,000)
Rural Local Roads (FAG Component)- 2007/2008		0	249,818	318,628	0	318,628	68,810
Rural Local Roads (FAG Component)- 2008/2009		769,684	15,836	489,135	296,385	785,520	
Roads to Recovery Programme		402,000		223,005	178,995	402,000	
State Highway 6 - M & I	1/50970	408,081		290,054	118,027	408,081	
State Highway 17 - M & I	1/50972	408,081		290,054	118,027	408,081	
Repair Program(MR 398)		160,000	(10,000)	102,458	47,542	150,000	
3x3 Council Determined Works		68,000		533	67,467	68,000	
Town Streets	1/53110	156,515		145,959	10,556	156,515	
Rural Roads	1/53310	523,252		458,918	64,334	523,252	
Village Streets	1/53110	18,000	734	19,118	0	19,118	384
Street Lighting Charges	1/53190	64,000		52,938	11,062	64,000	
Footpaths M & R	1/53140	3,000		517	2,483	3,000	
Car Park Maintenance	1/69000	1,500		1,119	381	1,500	
Depreciation - Roads,Bridges,Footpaths		1,100,000		0	1,100,000	1,100,000	
Tree Planting M & R	1/53170	7,000		934	6,066	7,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		5,243,113	256,388	3,237,295	2,305,400	5,542,695	43,194
CAPITAL REVENUE							
K & G Contributions	1/34006	15,000	8,269	41,564	0	41,564	18,295
Footpath Contribution		6,000		0	6,000	6,000	
Town & Shire Works	1/2303	1,100,000		0	1,100,000	1,100,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		1,121,000	8,269	41,564	1,106,000	1,147,564	18,295
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Tree Planting Construction	1/63170	10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Town & Shire Works	1/63126	1,100,000		0	1,100,000	1,100,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		1,110,000	0	0	1,110,000	1,110,000	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(1,828,773)	8,275	(652,179)	(1,150,024)	(1,802,203)	18,295

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ECONOMIC AFFAIRS		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUE							
Caravan Park							
Income	1/70050	31,500		31,138	362	31,500	
House Rent	1/70060	0		0	0	0	
Tourism & Industry Promotion							
Sundry Income	1/70300	100		0	100	100	
Tourism - New Brochure Contributions	1/70307	0	2,660	2,660	0	2,660	
Sale of Books, etc	1/70310	100		0	100	100	
Other							
Bank Building Rent	1/70750	4,727		3,636	1,091	4,727	
Local Development Assistance -Tsf from Reserves		10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
Open Day/Country Week - Transfer From Reserves		5,000	2,548	2,548	5,000	7,548	
Grenfell Technology Centre -Revenue		35,000		42,209	0	42,209	7,209
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		86,427	5,208	82,191	16,653	98,844	7,209
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Caravan Park							
Wages	1/72000	35,945		29,049	6,896	35,945	
Employee Leave Entitlements	1/72011	4,268		1,252	3,016	4,268	
Electricity & Gas	1/72050	8,000		3,161	4,839	8,000	
Rates & Insurance	1/72060	4,900		4,593	307	4,900	
Working Expenses	1/72040	14,000		7,484	6,516	14,000	
Depreciation - Buildings,Other Structures	1/72030	15,000		0	15,000	15,000	
Tourist & Industry Promotion							
Advertising Advantages of Area	1/72130	12,000		9,334	2,666	12,000	
Contribution to Tourist Association	1/72300	1,580	(3)	1,577	0	1,577	
Office Expenses	1/72120	1,000		861	139	1,000	
Development/Tourism Officer		51,440		44,421	7,019	51,440	
Leave Entitlements		6,107		0	6,107	6,107	
Tourism - Clerical Assistance		5,000		0	5,000	5,000	
Local Development Assistance		20,000		0	20,000	20,000	
Grenfell Open Day		20,000		11,248	8,752	20,000	
Country Week Expenses		8,000	2,548	10,548	0	10,548	
Tsf to Reserves - Economic Development Initiatives		25,000		0	25,000	25,000	
Centroc Contribution		10,927		9,685	1,242	10,927	
Hawkesbury City Council Alliance	1/72436	0		1,012	0	1,012	1,012
Community Technology Centre (CTC) Expenses		50,000		44,332	5,668	50,000	
Bank Building							
M&R, Insurance, Rates	1/10760	12,900		9,179	3,721	12,900	
Depreciation	1/10762	3,000		0	3,000	3,000	
Industrial Subdivision							
Rates & Current Costs	1/72601	3,200		3,111	89	3,200	
Other							
Taxi - Operating Expenses	1/70800	6,500		2,686	3,814	6,500	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		318,767	2,545	193,533	128,791	322,324	1,012
CAPITAL REVENUE							
Tsf from Ext.Restrictions - Old Gas Works Site		0	62,608	64,940	0	64,940	2,332
Sales of Industrial Land	1/70700	10,000		0	10,000	10,000	
		10,000	62,608	64,940	10,000	74,940	2,332
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
Industrial Subdivision	1/72600	5,000		0	5,000	5,000	
Old Gas Works Site Remediation		0	62,608	64,940	0	64,940	2,332
Main Street Promotion - Henry Lawson Festival Plaques		0	284	284	0	284	
Henry Lawson Bust - Sound System		7,000		0	7,000	7,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		12,000	62,892	65,224	12,000	77,224	2,332
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		(234,340)	2,379	(111,626)	(114,138)	(225,764)	6,197

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GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES		Budget	Variation	Actual	Revised	Revised	Variation
		1/7/08	Approved	To Date	Estimate	Budget	Inc-(Dec)
OPERATING REVENUES							
General Rates	1/81001	1,751,747		1,749,265	2,482	1,751,747	
LESS : Pensioner Rebates	1/81003	(102,000)		(103,646)	0	(103,646)	(1,646)
Extra Charges	1/81101	11,600		12,256	0	12,256	656
Legal Fees Raised	1/81201	5,000		3,832	1,168	5,000	
Interest on Investments	1/82020	285,000		187,767	97,233	285,000	
Interest from Internal Loan - No.1	1/82050	987		0	987	987	
Interest from Internal Loan - No.2		10,400		0	10,400	10,400	
Interest on Advances/Loans		1,040		0	1,040	1,040	
FAG (General Purpose Component)	1/83000	1,205,741	54,685	945,319	315,107	1,260,426	
Pension Rate Subsidy	1/83500	56,100		51,410	4,690	56,100	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		3,225,615	54,685	2,846,203	433,107	3,279,310	(990)
OPERATING EXPENSES							
		0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL REVENUE							
		0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES							
		0	0	0	0	0	0
Funds Available to/(Required from)							
Rates & General Revenue		3,225,615	54,685	2,846,203	433,107	3,279,310	(990)

9 April 2009

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows:

1. Works Report (5 April 2009)

1.1 Classified Roads Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as slashing and patching has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

SH6 - general maintenance
- clearing blocked culverts after storm event
- constructed and sealed Mogongong intersection
- constructed and sealed Lynchs Road intersection
- clearing table drains of suckers
- cleaned stockpile sites

SH17 - general maintenance
- cleared stockpile sites

MR 398 - general maintenance
- prepare widening for sealing

MR 236 - general maintenance

MR 237 - general maintenance

1.2 Rural Local Roads Programme

400 metres of Bimbi – Quandialla road widening has been prepared for sealing. This will complete the full length of the road.

1.3 Rural Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as slashing, patching and guide posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month.

- general maintenance
- maintenance grading carried out on Brundah Hall Road, Chapples Lane, Adelargo Road, Lynches Road, Adams Lane, Stock Route Mogongong, Bembricks Lane, Bobelar Lane, Lewis Lane, Barkers Road and Dunkleys Lane
- removed fallen tree from Wheatleys Road
- sprayed Bimbi Cemetery

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1.4 Urban Maintenance

- general maintenance
- sprayed cemetery for Spiney Burr Grass
- sealed Melyra Street construction
- cleared rubbish around recycled area in George Street
- cleaned out and fenced sludge pond at the Sewerage Treatment Works

For Information

Noted

2. Future Works

2.1 Rural

- general maintenance
- widen Caragabal – Quandialla Road (about 1 km) from six metres wide to seven metres wide
- widen 1 km of Pinnacle Road
- seal and guide post Bimbi Road

2.2 Urban

- general maintenance
- construct and seal back lanes in East and Vaughn Streets
- commence kerb and gutter construction in Wood Street
- call quotations for footpath construction in South Street and Warraderry Street
- commence final works in Taylor Park

For Information

Noted

3. Other Works

3.1 Parks and Ovals Report

Routine maintenance has been carried out during the month such as gardening, weeding, mowing and spraying.

- general maintenance
- trimmed hedges in South Street at the Henry Lawson High School
- trimmed Grevillea at Forbes Street intersection
- repaired seats in Memorial Park

3.2 Cemeteries

The following graves have been prepared from 9 February to 8 March 2009:-

Grenfell Lawn	– 1
Grenfell	– 1
Bimbi	– nil
Caragabal	– nil

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3.3 Sewer Mains

Three (3) sewer choke has been attended to during the month.

3.4 Private Works

- slashed a block for a ratepayer
- sold one load of gravel to a ratepayer
- buried 130 sheep killed in a road accident
- sealed a driveway for a ratepayer
- cleared sewer for a ratepayer
- rolled a driveway for a ratepayer

3.5 Vandalism

Toilet seat broken in Main Street toilets \$100.

Taylor Park toilet cleaned up broken glass and burnt paper extra cleaning \$50.

Total Cost: \$150.00

Progressive Cost: \$7,385.00

(from 1/7/2008 to date)

For Information

519 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Niven that the cost of vandalism in the villages be recorded separately.

4. CENTROC Weight of Loads Group, C2.7.16

In the last month the CENTROC Weight of Loads Group detected one (1) breach totalling \$783.00.

For Information

Noted

5. Plant Report

Significant plant and vehicle maintenance, in accordance with the details as listed below, was carried out during the month:-

Plant No	Plant Item	Maintenance
	General plant	General maintenance
PI. 4083	Dynapac Self Propelled Roller	Electrical and alternator repairs, drum swap.
PI. 4094	Case 580 SLE Backhoe	Rear axle housing repairs.
	SES Truck	Full service.
	Fit registration labels to all plant.	Annual registration
PI. 5145	Broom Wade Compressor	Repair fuel tank, replace fuel pump.
PI. 4059	Case 580 Super K Backhoe	Repair hydraulics and cooling system.

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It is proposed to call tenders for:-

- PI 3542 Mitsubishi 5T Tipper which was purchased in March 1999 (159,000 km)
- PI 4082 Case Vibromax self propelled smooth drum roller which was purchased in July 1991 (10,057 hrs)
- PI 4091 Shibaura Mower CM 274 which was purchased in September 1999 (2,014 hrs)

These purchases have been approved as part of the 2008/2009 Plant Replacement Programme.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council call tenders for the replacement of PI 3542, PI 4082 and PI 4091.

520 **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Lobb that Council call tenders for the replacement of PI 3542, PI 4082 and PI 4091.

6. Engineers Alliance – Weddin, Forbes, Parkes and Lachlan, C2.9.9

The Asset Management Plan for roads is still being prepared.

For Information

Noted

7. RTA RMCC Contract, R2.54.4

Routine maintenance works on SH6 and SH17 continues until the end of the financial year.

The Newell Highway reseal was completed on 7 April 2009. Linemarking is yet to be carried out.

It was inadvertently reported at the March Council meeting that the work was completed.

All planned works and Work Orders for 2008/2009 are completed to the satisfaction of the RTA.

For Information

Noted

8. Noxious Weed Report – March 2009, C2.6.16

- Blackberry spraying including Tyagong Creek by staff
- Shoulder spraying highways and rural roads by a contractor
- Coordination Grant application to DPI completed
- LVWAC Regional Weed Plan grant application sent to coordinator
- Noxious Weeds Officer currently on alternate duties

For Information

Noted

9. Bimbi Bridge, R2.11.7

The approaches to Bimbi Bridge are planned to be sealed on Tuesday 7 April 2009. This will include the widened section of MR 398 and the Bimbi – Quandialla Road.

Council has been verbally advised by the RTA that the Minister will open the Bimbi Bridge on Tuesday 28 April 2009 at 10.00 am not Friday 24 April 2009.

The opening arrangements are progressing well.

For Information

Noted

10. Burrett Street/Vaughn Street Laneway, E3.3.1

Negotiations are continuing between the owner of the land beside the lane to be resumed for road widening.

For Information

Noted

11. Proposed Kerb and Gutter Construction, R2.12.2

The adopted 2008/2009 construction programme refers.

- Wood Street (west side) from Young Street to Rose Street 260 m)

RECOMMENDATION: that kerb and gutter works as listed below be carried out:-

- Wood Street (west side) from Young Street to Rose Street 260 m)

and that the owner for the time being of the land on the same side of the road and the adjacent to the work be charged for work of the kerb and gutter an amount to be fixed by Council not exceeding one half of the cost of so much of the work (and any other work incidental thereto) as is opposite and adjacent to the land.

521 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that kerb and gutter works as listed below be carried out:-

- Wood Street (west side) from Young Street to Rose Street 260 m)

and that the owner for the time being of the land on the same side of the road and the adjacent to the work be charged for work of the kerb and gutter an amount to be fixed by Council not exceeding one half of the cost of so much of the work (and any other work incidental thereto) as is opposite and adjacent to the land.

12. Proposed Foot Paving Construction, R2.12.1

The adopted 2007/2008 construction programme refers.

- South Street (north side) from East Street to Warraderry Street (120 m)
- Warraderry Street (west side) from Rose Street to Young Street) (254 m)

RECOMMENDATION: that foot path works as listed below be carried out:-

- **South Street (north side) from East Street to Warraderry Street (120 m)**
- **Warraderry Street (west side) from Rose Street to Young Street) (254 m)**

and that the owner for the time being of the land on the same side of the road and the adjacent to the work be charged for work of the kerb and gutter an amount to be fixed by Council not exceeding one half of the cost of so much of the work (and any other work incidental thereto) as is opposite and adjacent to the land.

522 **RESOLVED:** Cllr McClelland and Cllr Lobb that foot path works as listed below be carried out:-

- South Street (north side) from East Street to Warraderry Street (120 m)
- Warraderry Street (west side) from Rose Street to Young Street) (254 m)

and that the owner for the time being of the land on the same side of the road and the adjacent to the work be charged for work of the kerb and gutter an amount to be fixed by Council not exceeding one half of the cost of so much of the work (and any other work incidental thereto) as is opposite and adjacent to the land.

13. Budget Review Variances - Engineering - A1.6

Please find detailed below explanations regarding variances in the budget review dated 31 March 2009 for the engineering department. The variances that are self explanatory have not been reported on, however councillors are certainly able to make enquiries if they have concerns in any area that has not been reported:

Additional Revenue

- **Kerb and Gutter Contributions** - \$18,295 income from kerb and gutter works carried out.

Additional Expenses/Costs

- **Works Depot – Dalton Street** - \$1,155 due to fencing and cleaning up costs.
- **Works Depot – South Street** – \$25,000 maintenance of yard, pest control
- **Workers Compensation** - \$30,987 due to a current claim.
- **SES Capital Purchases - Vehicle** - \$14,550 approval obtain in Resolution No. 178 (September 2008 Council meeting).
- **Parks and Gardens Water Recycling Project** - \$3,713 due to additional costs associated with damage to take roof at Henry Lawson Oval and fencing around tanks.

For Information

Noted

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14. Grenfell Pre School, C1.8.5

The Grenfell Pre-School and Long Day Care Centre Incorporated has written to Council advising that the granite carpark is being eroded by stormwater and requesting the Shire to help by sealing the carpark at cost or no cost to the Centre.

It was explained to the Director of the Pre-School that the carpark would need to be prepared and some gravel placed over the granite so as to provide a better more durable surface for the seal prior to sealing. The Director is obtaining a separate quotation for this work.

The estimated cost to seal the driveway only is \$1,815.00 incl GST.

Council may wish to consider waiving the overhead being \$215.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's Consideration

523 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that Council fund the full cost of the required works.

524 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that the works be funded from the Local Development Assistance reserve.

525 RESOLVED: Clr Lobb and Clr Crutcher that Council adjourn for morning tea.

Clr Atchison left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Council adjourned for morning tea: 9.51 am
Council resumed at: 10.24 am

526 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr Niven that Council resume.

15. Grenfell Cemetery, P2.2.1

Approximately 90% of graves, excluding the General Cemetery, have been verified in the field.

Verification of the new Anglican and new Catholic sections with Mr Penrose still to be carried out, when it is cooler.

For Information

Noted

16. Tender – Bitumen Surfacing, T1.3.6.08

December 2008 Council meeting refers.

Council resolved to accept the tender from Downer EDI Works for the bitumen surfacing of roads at various locations within Weddin Shire to 30 June 2011. However the tender requires the affixing of the Council seal.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Council affix the Council seal to tender T1.3.06/08 Bitumen Surfacing.

527 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr D Hughes that Council affix the Council seal to tender T1.3.06/08 Bitumen Surfacing.

17. NSW Rural Fire Service Senior Management Team Meeting, E1.3.22

The Mayor and Director Engineering attended the Senior Management Team Meeting on Wednesday 25 March 2009 at the Weddin Fire Control.

The following matters were discussed:-

- 12 December 2008 – Bimbi Bridge hazard reduction burn,
- Bimbi Shed – bird droppings in shed. To be made bird proof,
- Eurabba State Forest – fair amount of material,
- Bentick State Forest to be burnt,
- bushfire danger period to end on 31 March 2009,
- brigade meetings – equipment audits to be carried out,
- diesel pumps – new Category 1 and Category 7 pump sucks out of truck diesel tank – when tank is quarter full, pump cuts out,
- exercise – Mortray State Forest 23 September 2009 include Forbes,
- Risk Management Plan – Greg Jackson to Bushfire Management Committee next month,
- Tanker Replacement Plan – ten year plan tabled,
- Hazard Reduction Plan to be claimed,
- three group vehicles – two for Headquarters, one for Bimbi.

NSW Rural Fire Service will provide official minutes.

For Information

Clr Simpson previously submitted a written declaration of interest and did not leave the room.

Noted

W TWOHILL
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

528 **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering's Report be adopted.

9 April 2009

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
PO Box 125
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report to Council as follows:-

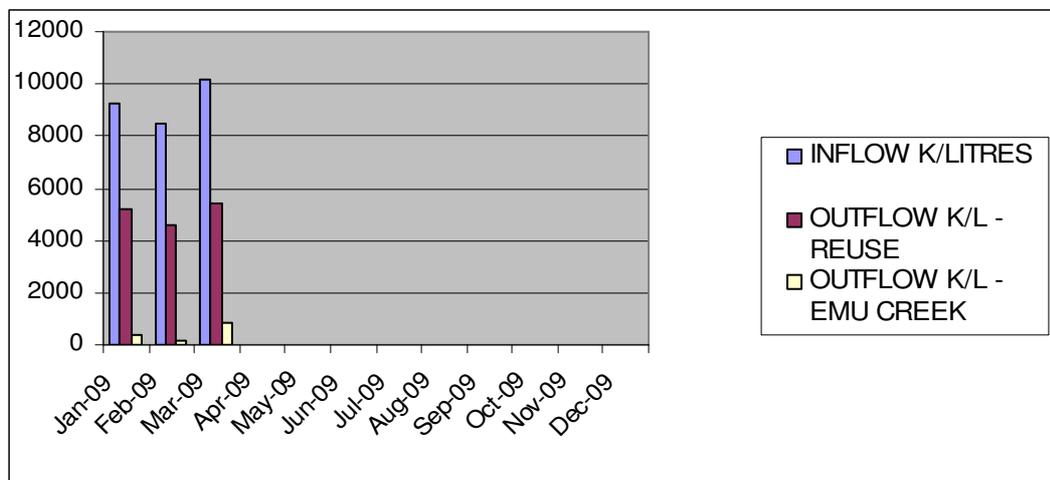
A. Public Health and Environmental Matters.

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1

Total inflow through the Works during March 2009 was 10174 K/Litres with the daily average of 328.19 k/litres. With outflow for irrigation for reuse being 5456.5 k/litres and discharge to Emu Creek being 870 k/litres.

The highest daily recording of 438 k/litres occurred for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 13 March 2009 and the lowest of 288 k/litres for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 4 March 2009.

A total rainfall of 49.5mm was recorded for the month.



Department Water and Energy inspected the sewer treatment plant in March of which the subsequent inspection report was noted in Council's correspondence. The items of work in relation to the sludge lagoon that were mentioned have now been completed with new fencing receivable area and screen being installed prior to the official letter received.

For Council's Information

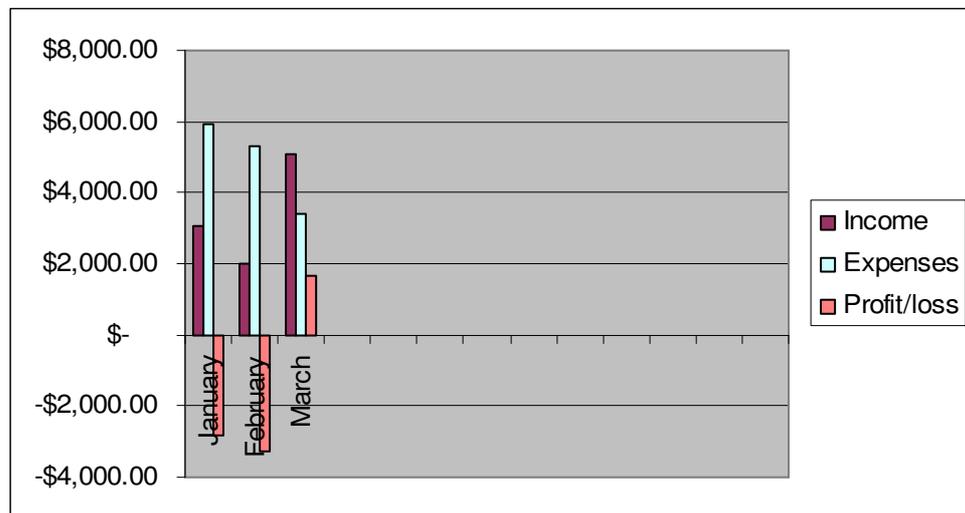
Noted

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT TO COUNCIL

2. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3

Income for the month of March 2009 was \$5,068.00 with expenditure of \$3,388.48 resulting in an operational profit of \$1,679.52 for the month.

There were 145 sites occupied for the month of March 2009.



For Council's Information

Noted

3. Animal Control, A4.4.4

Animal control activities for March 2009 were:

a. Companion Animals

Animals Impounded: 5 (2 Dogs, 3 Kittens)

Animals Sold: 0

Animals Surrendered: 2 (Dogs)

Animals Destroyed: 5 (2 Dogs, 3 Kittens)

Animals Released: 1 (Dog)

For Council's Information

Noted

4. Quandialla Swimming Pool, P2.3.2

The pool remained open during March with reduced days and hours in the second half of the month.

In total the pool was opened for 19 days during the month, with a total of 453 patrons. Giving an average of 24/day.

A swim-a-thon was held on the 8/3 to raise money for the Bushfire Appeal. A great day was had with over \$3,500 raised.

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT TO COUNCIL

The season concludes on the 6th April with the plant shut down and winterised on the 7th.

For Council's Information

Noted

5. Grenfell Swimming Pool, P2.3.1

Total Attendance: 1393

Daily Average: 48

Season Ticket Attendance:

Adult: 429

Child: 618

Cash Attendance:

Adult: 17

Child: 44

Season Ticket Sales:

Family: 2

Child: 0

Adult: 0

Pensioner: 0

Usage groups: 184

School Usage: 102

Water Usage: 669 kl

The pool closed for the season 29 March 2009.

2008/09 Season Report:

Total Attendance: 17195

Season Ticket Attendance:

Adult: 4095

Child: 6871

Cash Attendance:

Adult: 702

Child: 1534

Season Ticket Sales:

Family: 49

Child: 35

Adult: 28

Pensioner: 6

Usage Groups: 919

School Usage: 3074

Water Usage: 2961 Kl

The season has been quite erratic with the extreme variables in the weather temperatures, resulting in a marked decline in attendances.

There were no major accidents or incidents during the season.

For Information

Noted

6. Netwaste – Waste to Art, E3.3.15

The Waste to Art competition/exhibition was held at the Grenfell Railway Station on Friday 27 March between 3.00 – 6.30 pm, with the presentation held at 5.30 pm.

Winners of the categories were:-

2D Primary – Vanessa Knight
3D Primary – Hannah Oliver
Craftworks, Primary – Joshua Edwards
3D Secondary – Jack Holmes

These winners now progress to the Regional Competition held at Gilgandra on 8 May 2009.

Waste to Art was well supported with over 100 entries received.

The three judges that volunteered their time to select the category winners were: Mrs Chris Lobb, Mrs Pat Soley and Mrs Norma Walker all received a small gift of our appreciation at the Presentation.

For Council's Information

Noted

7. E-Ramp Funding Assistance C2.7.4

An application was made to NetWaste for funding assistance to improve the management of the Grenfell Landfill. The items to be funded include:

- i) Concrete bunded area for waste oil hut\$1,500
- ii) Establishment of household hazardous waste area\$2,500
- iii) Drainage and bunding around transfer and recycling areas\$6,000
- iv) Establishment of a stormwater settlement pond\$5,000
- v) Site signage \$2,000
- vi) ½ cost of an Environment Management Plan\$7,500

Council was advised that the NetWaste Steering Committee approved funding for these items to a sum of \$24,500 (+GST).

For Council's Information

Noted

8. Grenfell Recycling, E3.3.2

For some time it has been planned and discussed to implement kerbside recycling to the Grenfell residential and commercial areas, this has not previously occurred due to the inability to dispose of co-mingled loads of recycled waste materials. However, as a result of Cowra now committing to purchase an automated co-mingles sorting machine, with the offer for Weddin Shire to utilise the facility as per the previous agreement, except that mixed loads will be accepted. The Cowra facility is expected to be commissioned and able to take our co-mingled loads around November 2009.

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT TO COUNCIL

It is proposed that kerbside recycling of the Grenfell Township commence from 1 July 2009, which will involve a fortnightly picking of a 240lt mobile garbage bin (MGB), this is additional to the existing putrescibles MGB weekly service. The recycling will be stockpiled at the Grenfell landfill site until the Cowra facility is operational to take the mixed loads, which will then be transported to Cowra.

It is currently estimated that some 1300 MGB's are required to be purchased and then delivered to the households prior to 1 July 2009. Council can purchase the bins under the existing Local Government Procurement contract with Sulo MGB Australia, with the quoted cost being \$55,103 for 1300 MBG's, being green with yellow lids and the Weddin Shire Council embossed on the bin.

It is proposed that Council retain ownership of the MGB's and the property owner/occupier maintains the MGB, which spare parts and alike available through Council. The current garbage practices are that the owner of the property is also the bin owner and is fully responsible for the MGB. It is proposed that this practise be formalised via a policy in the coming year.

As a part of the implementation process, an education component will be undertaken which will inform the users of their responsibilities and benefits of recycling correctly. This is hoped to reduce the amount of contaminated waste that is put into the recycle system, as one contaminated item could result is the entire load having to be placed in landfill, which will then incur a charge by Cowra Shire Council.

Options for further service to the rural and Village areas are currently being considered, with a further report to be presented in the future.

As expected there will be an additional rating charge for the implementation and operation of the recycling service. Initial estimates for the implementation of recycling and manning of the Grenfell Waste Depot, is predicted to be in the range of a 15 to 25% increase to the existing garbage charge. Final figures will be present in the draft Management Plan 09/10.

RECOMMENDATION: that:-

- 1. Council approve the purchase of the 1300 Mobile Garbage Bins from Sulo MGB Australia via the Local Government Procurement contract BUS125-0512,**
- 2. Council approve the implementation of the kerbside recycling to the Grenfell Township area as of 1 July 2009.**

529 RESOLVED: Clr Crutcher and Clr McClelland that:-

- 1. Council approve the purchase of the 1300 Mobile Garbage Bins,**
- 2. Council approve the implementation of the kerbside recycling to the Grenfell Township area as of 1 July 2009.**

9. Budget Review Variances - Environmental, A1.6

Please find detailed below explanations regarding variances in the budget review dated 31 March 2009 for the Environmental Department. The variances that are self explanatory have not been reported on; however Councillors are certainly able to make enquiries if they have concerns in any area that has not been reported:

- Tip Recycling Revenue - \$2,711 – Payment of scrape steel sale to Sims metal via the NetWaste contract.**

For Council's Information

10. Grenfell Sewer Treatment Plant, S1.1.1

Some time ago a question was asked about the availability of land at the Grenfell Sewer Treatment Plant site, located on Memory Street, Grenfell.

There were two main purposes for the question, is there adequate space available for an additional storage pond if required, and a suitable location for the new Sewerage treatment Works.

The site consists of three lots of land, of which one is a Crown Reserve. The table below shows the sizes of each of the lots with the current treatment plant infrastructure being contained wholly within the boundaries of lot 270.

Lot No.	DP No.	Land usage	Size in Hectares.
270	754578	Treatment infrastructure	6.255Ha
265	754578	Emu Creek discharge	3.536Ha
7008	1030382	Crown Reserve	0.559Ha

As can be seen from the aerial photograph of the current site as attached, the treatment plant only takes a small area to the northern end of the site with the five settlement/staging ponds being well within the boundaries.

The current site configuration allows for the placement of a new treatment system in a couple of locations, being either south of the existing ponds or to the west of the current plant.

It is recommended that instead of increasing the storage capacity of the effluent (re-use) water that a treatment (disinfection) system be installed thus requiring a lesser natural UV treatment time in the ponds and then allowing water to be drawn from the 4th pond.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council not consider the purchase of any additional land adjacent to the Grenfell Sewer Treatment Plant at this time.

530 RESOLVED: Clr Crutcher and Clr Lobb that Council not consider the purchase of any additional land adjacent to the Grenfell Sewer Treatment Plant at this time.

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT TO COUNCIL

B. Development Applications – Building Matters:

1. **The undermentioned applications were received and determined subject to specified conditions, by the General Manager under delegated authority issued on 22 January 2009 (Res. No. 367):**

DA NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
2/2009	RF & GD Reynolds	Change of Use	\$0	Lot: 365 DP: 754578 Forbes Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
3/2009	Ellken Pty Ltd	Verandah Restoration	\$12,000	Lot: 2 DP: 1089059 Main Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
4/2009	Ms S Ings	New Dwelling	\$106,400	Lot: 1 DP: 234777 Edward Square GREENETHORPE 2809
5/2009	Ms RA Munck	Subdivision	\$0	Lot: 958 DP: 754578 Manganese Road GRENFELL NSW 2810
6/2009	Mr M Simpson Grenfell Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	Verandah extension & ramp	\$14,000	Lot: 21 DP: 577114 21A Melyra Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
CD 4/2009	Mr GJ Brenner	New Dwelling	\$225,379	Lot: 736 DP: 754578 Cowra Road GRENFELL NSW 2810
CD 7/2009	Mr GR & Mrs CR Hogan	Double Garage	\$9,500	Lot: 11 Sec: B DP: 11666 11 Talbot Street QUANDIALLA NSW 2721

For Council's Information

Clr Simpson previously submitted a written declaration of interest and left the room.

Clr N Hughes declared a non – pecuniary interest in DA 2/2009 as a member of Rotary and left the room.

531 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr Niven that Clr McClelland act as the interim Chair.

Noted

Clrs Simpson and N Hughes returned to the room with Clr Simpson resuming the chair.

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2. DA 14/2008 – Shed in Weddin Street

Previous reports to Council's November and December 2008 Meetings refer (in Closed Council).

The applicant has not yet submitted a formal response to Council's request to consider options for the building.

Council's insurer has been appraised of the situation and will continue to be informed of any developments.

For Council's Information

Noted

SHANE WILSON
DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

532 **RESOLVED:** Clr Halls and Clr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services' Report be adopted.

**DELEGATES REPORT – LACHLAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009 AT FORBES**

On Wednesday 11th March Councillors Chris Lobb, Bill Atchison and John Niven travelled to Forbes to attend an introductory session for councillors on natural resource management presented by Local Government and Shires Association.

A detailed and well presented paper explained the extensive protocols and administrative arrangements associated with natural resource management. Information that would have reference benefit for staff but no practical application for actual natural resource management.

A case study was mentioned involving Hastings Council where a senior council employee was found guilty of contravening environmental protection legislation. The individual fought the case and lost, Council pleaded guilty. Individual fined \$200,000 and Council \$270,000.

Lachlan Catchment Management Authority has advertised a similar presentation. Rather than concentrating on duplication of superfluous information, management could be dispensed with and staff far more gainfully employed on genuine natural resource management such as burr cutting.

CLR J NIVEN
DELEGATE

533 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Lobb that the Delegates Report – Lachlan Catchment Management Authority be noted.

REPORT ON CENTROC HEALTH WORKFORCE MEETING HELD AT ORANGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1 APRIL 2009.

At this meeting there were three councils represented by councillors, with two others being represented by staff. Clr Hughes was an apology and he was represented by the Mayor. Also represented was GPLogic, CSU, The Division of Rural Practice, GWHAS and CENTROC through its Executive Officer.

Two members from GWAHS informed the meeting of the following;

- ❖ They are developing an employment website
- ❖ Web page is still in draft form but should be completed by the end of April
- ❖ Website will aim at “branding” the region
- ❖ They have been working closely with Council’s E.D.Os
- ❖ Must be able to co-ordinate ALL websites on this subject and all websites must be unified. A question was asked as to who would own the website, and they could not give a definitive answer.
- ❖ Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo have the highest indifference to work/non work for RNs.
- ❖ GWAHS is giving flexibility support to RNs in the workforce. However, they clarified this statement to “in theory only”

The message out of the session was “how do we let people know” and the answer they have been able to come up with, was a website. The emphasis on the site will be that they look after their staff across the whole of the region. There is to be ‘a call to action’ on the website whereby each council will be required to update their section approximately every three months. If there is no update, then an urgent e-mail will be sent to the council to ascertain whether or not they want to continue using the site.

CENTROC is investigating the possibility of having its own website to look after the interests of its member councils. GPLogic, a company working out of Bathurst, have stated that it may be interested in helping CENTROC to establish and perhaps even manage the website. GPLogic is a company that specializes in finding placements for doctors, and if necessary, also their partners, in our communities. The CENTROC website would include real estate agents, schools, community assistance, etc. A select committee was set up to write up the guidelines for this scheme and the ‘plan’ should be ready to go to the CENTROC meeting in May. Part of the ‘brief’ is to investigate the cost of a major portal and the possibility of recuperating these by advertising sales space on the portal. Other sites may be considered as it was suggested that it may be possible for all costs to be recovered by such ads. Clr Atchison was elected as one of the three members of the website committee.

The major ‘bone of contention’ for the meeting was, perhaps, the major changes to the training of ENs in the health system. After the 30th April this year, all people wanting a career in nursing would be required to pay for their training themselves. The cost quoted for this from private companies was \$14,000 and would take approx. 1 year to complete. This figure does not include board and lodgings etc. They would then be required to serve 695 hours of non paid work in a hospital. When questions were asked about this, GWAHS representatives stated that we must progress forward and join with the other States for a unified training regime. It was stated by Weddin Shire representatives and representatives from the Division of Rural Practice that it was felt that this was a retrograde step and would possibly see the end of ENs in small rural hospitals. All council representatives present, could not reiterate this viewpoint strongly enough to the GWAHS representatives and that they believed this to be the backdoor entry for NSW Health to effectively close smaller rural hospitals, using the excuse of lack of available staff. However, from all reports that are available to us, it is a fait accompli and will occur regardless. It was stated by our reps that the level, not the quality, of service has fallen over the past years. One example of this was that the physiotherapy service that used to be provided by the Grenfell MPS was no longer in existence. The previous incumbent had left a number of years ago, and had not been replaced by GWAHS.

Clr MA Simpson

Clr RW Atchison

534 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr N Hughes that the Delegates Report – CENTROC Health Workforce Meeting be noted.

Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts held Tuesday 17th March 2009

Welcome: Present Jenny welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Present: A. Carr, J. Hetherington, R. Murphy, E. Needham, Merle Simpson, Maurice Simpson, R. Cawthorne, J. Grattan, J. Richardson, T. Lobb, C. Gardner, R. Gardner, C. Brown, K. Brus, C. Lobb, S. Jackman, T. Wood, J. Mitton, J. Smith, Glenn Carroll and J. Black.

Apologies: G. England and K. Smith. **Moved** E. Needham/ C. Brown. Carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting: No confirmation. No motion.

Business arising:

Roadside Signage: Discussion took place regarding the Roadside Signage. Chris Lobb suggested that the committee go ahead with the previous motion from the February meeting that Weddin Shire Council be written to regarding the three signs to a meeting of the traffic committee to obtain RTA approval.

Treasurer's Reports: As per attached list **Moved** G. Carroll/ M. Simpson that the report be accepted. Carried. Glenn advised that those who require Tax Invoices that they are available from him at the Council's Office.

Correspondence: As per attached sheet. **Moved** R. Cawthorne / R. Gardner that the inwards correspondence be received as read and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried. President Jenny advised the meeting that she has written to Mardi Bucknell in reply to her letter forwarded to the February meeting.

Co-ordinator's Reports:

Street Stalls: Auburn on behalf of Gaynor advised that there were about 65 acceptances altogether. Re availability of the paddock next to Bob Friend's Gallery for the bull ride it was **Moved** J. Hetherington / C. Brown that Maurice Simpson negotiate with Mr. Fox (owner) re using it and cleaning it up. Carried.

Promotions: Auburn reported on quotes she had obtained from Progress Printing for Programmes, 3000 Black and White, similar to last year for \$1000 plus GST. Book a Date Brochures 15000, full colour gloss paper with artwork for \$1450.00. The brochures will last more than one year and they will not go out of date. Auburn hasn't heard back from Court Press re quote. **Moved** C. Gardner / J. Hetherington that we go ahead with the Book a Date Card. Carried. **Moved** C. Lobb / G. Carroll that we get a quote from Court Press re programmes and to be left to the executive to decide. Carried.

Advertising: Much discussion was had on advertising on TV / Radio. **Moved** G. Carroll/ C. Lobb that advertising be with Rural Press / Prime TV Orange. Carried. Auburn also advised that the presenters of Cobb Co want to charge \$1000 to do it. Auburn to advise them their offer has been declined by the committee.

Safety: Re availability of exhibition sites, Maurice advised that he hasn't been able to get consent to use Mr. Fox's building in Main Street. Maurice advised that sites available would be Video Shop, The Kitchen Table and PFC Building for display purposes (to be inspected by Council's Shane Wilson) Maurice also advised that a decision be made for the helicopter activity and the selected site be forwarded to Safety. Risk Management forms to Ray.

King/Queen: Cate advised there is four confirmed entrants from Rotary, Dramatic Society, Grenfell Pre-School and Grenfell Primary School, two males and two females, plus one possibly from Lion's. Phyllis Miller from Forbes has agreed to be a judge. Jenny thought there was man in Cowra who could be contacted and that Phyllis Miller be asked if she knows of someone else from Forbes that may be interested.

Window Dressing: Elaine advised that she had received three entries so far.

Busking: Robyn advised that everything is OK.

Poetry on the Boards: Carly reported that a display had been placed in the Library Window. Town Band would be at the Railway Station between 9 and 9.45 onwards. Bunting could be provided by Central Tablelands Water for the Railway Station.

Luncheon: Merle said everything is in hand.

Children's Competition: Jenny Hetherington advised that she has written to all the schools.

Art: Chris advised admission charges be as for last year Family \$15, Single \$8, Child \$2. Has received one entry so far.

Photography: Tim advised that all sponsorship money has been received.

V.S.S: Sally advised that she has received 120 entries. Has no children's entries and has contacted the school. Judges OK.

Sunday Activities: Keith reported that he has made some measurements in Forbes Street and estimates there is sufficient space for 30 cars with a maximum of 40 cars.

Raffle: Bill has confirmed all prizes. Elaine and helpers will be selling raffle tickets outside IGA on 28th March and 1st April.

Concert: Moved J. Smith C. Brown that entry charges be increased to \$12 for adults and children to remain at \$5. Maurice Simpson advised that the charges need to be on the programme.

General Business:

National Anthem: C. Lobb suggested that Gerard Carroll be ask to sing, other suggestions were Stephanie Moffitt or Sing Australia.

T.V. Awards: The Judge is Michael Idato senior television writer for the Sydney Morning Herald. Gaynor has asked him to select which is, in his opinion the best fully Australian TV show either series or single production, either adults or children's.

Constitution: Jenny advised Peter Moffitt is preparing a draught. Copies will be made available. Festival executive has had no input.

Helicopter Rides: Auburn requires more information from Heliwest. Cost nil. Rides \$55 (about 10 minutes). Site preferred near the Railway Station. Committee to decide and Safety committee will decide any conflict with Carly's "Poetry on the Boards" **Moved** J. Hetherington/ C Gardner that the helicopter be invited. Carried.

Henry Lawson Statue: Letter was received from Council's Tourism Committee requesting the committee consider an "in principle" capital contribution towards the Statue. **Moved** E. Needham / K. Brus that the committee support in principle the construction of the Statue. Carried.

Marquee: J. Smith passed photos around of the stage marquee that Boorowa Woolfest had, cost \$3500 delivery and set up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 21st April at 7.30 pm.

535 **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Niven that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee Meeting be noted.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WEDDIN LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10.00 AM ON FRIDAY, 3 APRIL 2009 (C2.6.3)**

1. **PRESENT:** W Twohill, David Vant (RTA) Sharon Grierson (RTA observer), Doug Freudenstein (Local Member's Representative) and Patrick Smith (NSW Police).

2. **APOLOGIES:** M Simpson (observer)

Resolved: D Freudenstein and P Smith that the apology be accepted.

3. **MINUTES:**

Resolved: D Vant and P Smith that the minutes of the meeting held 6 February 2009 be adopted as read.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 **Glasson Street Quandialla**

Traffic counters information forwarded to Police. There appears to be no consistent major violations. The Police will continue to monitor the situation.

Noted

4.2 **Quandialla Progress Association – 40 Km/h Zone on Bland Road**

Council to provide a quote to the RTA to erect the signs. The signs are in the Depot, and have been paid for by the RTA.

Noted

4.3 **Main Street – Truck Parking**

The trial has been in operation since 4 August 2008 for six months. No written comments were received. Observations have shown that the zones are operating well. However, the loading zone outside Hargraves is to be extended five metres southerly to improve the parking and the lines to be marked at right angles to the kerb.

Resolved: D Vant and P Smith that the loading zones as amended be formalised.

4.4 **Warraderry Street School Crossing**

An amended plan from the RTA was tabled. Council to contact Sharon Grierson prior to signs being changed to amended plan.

Noted

4.5 **MR 239**

Classifier to be placed in the mid point of 80km/h speed zone.

Noted

4.6 **Signs – Approaches to Roads (Rotary)**

Sites to be inspected after the meeting.

Noted

4.7 **Rest Area**

Plan and costings to be submitted to RTA for concurrence and possible funding.

Noted

4.8 **Grenfell Business Development Committee**

Requesting road train access from Marsden to Grenfell.

The RTA has advised that the request is denied due to the current policy that road trains be restricted to west of the Newell Highway.

Noted

4.9 Proposed B-Double Routes

Assessments have been carried out on the following proposed B-Double routes

- South Street from MR 398 to West Street
- West Street from South Street to Camp Street
- Camp Street from SH6 to MR 398
- Caragabal – Quandialla Road.

Resolved: D Vant and P Smith that the proposed routes be gazetted as B-Double Routes.

4.10 Henry Lawson Festival

The Committee offered no objection to the proposed traffic plans subject to Police and RTA approval.

Noted

4.11 The Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Signs

To be referred to the RTA for comment.

Noted

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Letter from RTA

Guide sign replacement in Grenfell.

Noted

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 School Zone Audit

Carried out by the RTA.

Noted

M Simpson entered the room.

Meeting adjourned to inspect the proposed Rotary Signs Location.

The following locations were inspected.

Resolved: D Vant and P Smith that the signs be:-

- SH6 (west) – to be erected on grass area on north side at Rest Area,
- Young Road – to be placed on west side five metres south of railway guardrail,
- Camp Street – to be placed on south side of Camp Street just east of the Fitchs Lane intersection.

7. NEXT MEETING: Friday, 5 June 2009 at 10.00 am

CLOSURE: there being no further business to discuss the meeting closed 12.00 pm.

4.6 Signs – Approaches to Roads (Rotary)

Clr Simpson previously declared a written declaration of interest and stayed in the room.

536 RESOLVED: Clr Crutcher and Clr Niven that that the Minutes of the Weddin Local Traffic Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2009 AT 4pm AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS.**

Present:Clr J Niven, Clr N Hughes, Clr C Lobb, C.White, Lisa Eastaway, A Carr, G Carroll.

Observer: Clr M Simpson

1. Apology: Clr G McLelland

Resolved: Clr J Niven / L Eastaway that the apology be accepted.

2. Adoption of Minutes:

Resolved: Clr J Niven / Clr C Lobb that the minutes of the 10 February 2009 meeting be adopted with the word upgrade replaced by the word erect in No.9 point 3.

3. Business Arising: - Nil

4. Correspondence:

In

Out

- **Henry Lawson Festival**

Noted

5. Projects:

- **Grenfell brochure** - new brochure received. Excellent result.
- **Weddin Mountains Tours** - tours to be arranged by contacting National Parks. Tour guide is no longer available. However, Pam Livingstone is available as a tour guide to select areas. Weddin Mountains and Seaton's Farm to be promoted on website utilising photos. Groups from other towns such as Probus to be encouraged to make day trips. Auburn to pursue.
- **Sadie Mearns entered the meeting at 4.08pm**
- **O'Brien's Hill funding application** - funding application to be re-submitted when programme re-opens.
- **Sound for Henry Lawson's Bust** - quote for \$8,100 (GST exc) received. Additional funding of \$3000 required to fund ancillary works.

Resolved: Clr N Hughes / Clr C Lobb that Council be requested to consider providing the additional funding of \$3000 required to enable the project to proceed.

- **Bird Routes** - Advertisement submitted in Wings Magazine. Article to be submitted if an author can be located. Noel Cartwright may be interested. Other bird watching groups now being invited to the Weddin Shire. Auburn to pursue.

- **John Hetherington entered the meeting at this point 4.15pm.**
- **Railway Station Development** - The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) have provided funding for the refurbishment of the toilet block. The project, which is being undertaken in conjunction with Council and the Lions Club is nearing completion. Works to seal access and carpark subject to Council funding being approved in the 2009/2010 estimates process.

Resolved: Clr N Hughes/ L Eastaway that Council write to the Lions Club congratulating and thanking them for their efforts in establishing the toilet block.

- **Weddin Shire Curtain** - to be promoted as an attraction on our Tourism website.
- **Website** - attractions and events to be promoted utilising the www.grenfell.org.au site.

6. Prioritising Events:

- Initiatives prioritised with the addition of two promotions.

Resolved: Clr J Niven / Clr Lobb that the priorities as presented be adopted.

7. Upcoming Events:

- Grenfell Picnic Races - 11 April 2009
- Henry Lawson Festival - 5-8 June 2009
- Quandialla Car Rally - September 2009
- Quandialla Team Yarding - October 2009
- Grenfell Garden Club Stall - October 2009

8. Tourism Strategic Plan - the twelve month review of the Tourism Strategic Plan has been undertaken. The plan with the required alterations was submitted to the Tourism Meeting for endorsement. The plan is to be now submitted to Council for formal adoption.

Resolved: Clr J Niven / J. Hetherington that the draft Tourism Strategic Plan as reviewed be submitted to Council for formal adoption.

9. General business:

- The Gold Trail project which is an initiative to develop a tourism drive from Binalong to Forbes was launched at Young on Tuesday 3 March 2009 and was attended by various members of the Committee. Very exciting project with a lot of potential. Forwarded list of relevant attractions in the Weddin Shire. Awaiting further information from Young Shire Council in regards to the requirements for the development of the project. ie Feasibility Study, Sourcing Funding on a Regional Basis, promotional campaign, brochures for the drive and maps depicting locations of attractions.

- L. Eastaway advised that the outcome of the funding application for the development of a New Gold Display brochure will be known on 10 May 2009. Lisa also advised that the Museum is now open 5 days per week.
- Sadie Mearns reinforced Bimbi and Bumbaldry's potential as Tourist Destinations.
- Clr Lobb advised that the Art Gallery is proving to be very successful with people from all over Australia visiting. To be promoted on website utilising photos particularly of the curtain. Country Energy may fund the production of a brochure. There are plans to visit the Bathurst Art Gallery curator who is developing an Art Trail to possibly include Grenfell.
- Clr Lobb advised Bus Day Trips to Grenfell could include the Art Gallery, Museum, Main Street, George Street and Obelisk as well as various gardens.
- J. Hetherington advised 'Words Out West', which is an Orange publication and part of Arts Out West, is intending to promote poetry for the Henry Lawson Festival.

Next Meeting: 9 June 2009

Meeting Closed: 5.01 pm

537 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Lobb that the Minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
7 APRIL 2009 at 5.00 PM at the COUNCIL CHAMBERS (C2.6.22).**

1. **PRESENT:** Clrs N Hughes, J Niven, C Lobb, M Simpson,

Mr S Wilson (DES), Mrs P Livingstone, Mr J Hetherington, Mr I Pitt and Mrs S Jackson-Stepowski (HA)

Observers: Mr TV Lobb & Mrs I Holmes

2. **APOLOGIES:** Clr G McClelland

Resolved: Clr J Niven and Clr N Hughes that the apology be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Tuesday, 10 February 2009.

Resolved: Clr C Lobb and Mr I Pitt that the minutes of 10 February 2009 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

4.1 Old Morgue

Mr S Wilson (DES) read a copy of an unofficial letter from GWAHS

4.2 Grenfell Heritage Study

Mrs S Jackson-Stepowski (HA) completing significance ratings with a report to be tabled at the next meeting.

4.3 Sloane's Cottage

Mr S Wilson (DES) waiting to hear from tradespeople, further names suggested.

4.4 Judy Bryant – Historic School Sign

Mr S Wilson (DES) advised that the sign has been erected.

4.5 Brick Maintenance & Re-Pointing Course

Mr S Wilson advised that a letter is being finalised and will be forwarded to the builders/bricklayers. Concerns about local support identified as a likely issue.

4.6 Hawkesbury's Heritage Sites Visit

Mr S Wilson will advise Committee when Hawkesbury Heritage Committee has a few suitable dates.

4.7 RTA Signage

Correspondence received. Mr S Wilson to obtain sign styles/costing for street name signs.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 HA Referral Memo – Holy Trinity Retirement Village **Noted**

5.2 HA Referral Memo – 6-8 Forbes Street **Noted**

5.3 Community – Heritage Grant

Resolved: Clr C Lobb and Clr N Hughes that Council submit an application under Heritage Grant Scheme subject to concurrence of Museum and Library Committees.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Heritage Grants – 2009/2010
Mrs S Jackson-Stepowski (HA) suggested encouraging grant applications for general maintenance (down pipes, gutters etc) of Main Street buildings.

6.2 Grant Applications – Ready to go Projects
Mrs S Jackson-Stepowski (HA) suggested preparing projects ready for grant funding. Committee to suggest possible projects at next meeting.

6.3 Holy Trinity Church

Resolved: Clr N Hughes and Mrs P Livingstone that an appreciation letter be forwarded to the Church Committee, for the restoration of the church roof.

6.4 Plastic Otto Bins, Main Street
Mr S Wilson (DES) to look into options for screening or enclosing street bins.

6.5 Heritage Guide Workshop
Mr J Hetherington and Mrs P Livingstone attended a workshop in Forbes and gave brief report.

6.6 Heritage Week
Mrs P Livingstone advised that groups from the Grenfell Public School have been visiting the HUB.

7. QUESTIONS

Nil

8. **NEXT MEETING:** 16 June 2009

9. **CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

538 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr D Hughes that the Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE MANEX COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9
APRIL 2009 AT 2.30 PM (C2.6.8).**

Due to the unavailability of staff the Manex Committee Meeting was deferred.

Noted

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
14 APRIL 2009 AT 5.00 PM (C2.6.8).**

As there was no quorum, no meeting occurred.

Noted

LIST OF INSPECTIONS, MEETINGS AND DEFERRED ACTIVITIES.

1. INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:

October 2007 1. Payne's Gravel Pit: Ward Councillors and Director Engineering to meet with new landowner (DE).
In Progress

November 2008 2. DA 14/2008: negotiate mutually acceptable outcome with applicant (GM).
In Progress

February 2009 3. 2009/2010 Management Plan: consider priorities at Extra-ordinary meeting on 6 April 2009 (GM).
Carried Out

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

April 2008 1. Keeping of Dogs – Dagmar Street: reconsider after current legal action has been resolved (DES).
In Progress

November 2008 2. Village Heritage Study: arrange public exhibition before adoption (DES).
In Progress

January 2009 3. Community Hub: arrange official opening (Exec).
Carried Out

February 2009 4. Council Photograph: arrange prior to future Council meeting (GM).
Carried Out

5. Bimbi Bridge: arrange official opening with RTA (Exec).
In Progress

March 2009 6. Heated Swimming Pool Complex: arrange feasibility study if grant is successful (DES).
In Progress

7. Country Week: defer decision on attendance, invite organiser to address April Meeting (DCS).
Carried Out

QUESTIONS

Questions may be put to councillors and council employees in accordance with clause 25 of the Council's **Code of Meeting Practice**, as follows:-

- “(1) A councillor:*
(a) may, through the chairperson, put a question to another councillor, and
(b) may, through the chairperson and the General Manager, put a question to a council employee.
- (2) However, a councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to documents.*
- (3) The councillor must put every such question directly, succinctly, and without argument.*
- (4) The chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply or refusal to reply to a question put to a councillor or council employee under this clause. “*

Questions should not be used to introduce **business without notice**. This is covered in Clause 17 of Council's **Code of Meeting Practice**, as follows:-

- “(3), business may be transacted at a meeting of a Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the councillors. However, this can happen only if:*
(a) a motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting, and
(b) the business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency.
- Such a motion can be moved without notice.*
- (4), only the mover of a motion referred to in subclause (3) can speak to the motion before it is put.”*

Questions on routine **operational matters** should be directed to the General Manager or the appropriate Director separately from and/or prior to the meeting.

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| Clr N Hughes | - | enquired when the new operations as detailed in the final layout plan for the Grenfell Tip will commence.
→ Director Environmental Services advised 1 July 2009. |
| Clr Lobb | - | enquired if a bus trip of the whole Shire could be organised to assist Councillors in the estimates process.
→ General Manager advised it could be. |
| Clr Crutcher | - | enquired if Council has chosen an Arts OutWest delegate.
→ General Manager advised not as yet. |
| Clr Hinde | - | enquired if the position at the tip will be advertised.
→ Director Environmental Services advised the preferred option is to engage a contractor. |

CLOSED COUNCIL

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

The authority for Council to close a meeting to the public is given under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, for which the following excerpts apply:

[s 10A1 Which parts of a meeting can be closed to the public?

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- (1) **[Meetings may be closed]** A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
- (a) the discussion of any matters listed in subclause (2), or
 - (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.
- (2) **[Grounds for closure]** The matters and information are the following:
- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
 - (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
 - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
 - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
 - (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
 - (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
 - (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege
 - (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
- (3) **[Closure of Resolution to close]** A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.
- (4) **[Public's right to make representations]** A council, or a committee of a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before and part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

[s 10C] Notice of likelihood of closure not required in urgent cases

10C Part of a meeting of a council, or of a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may be closed to the public while the council or committee considers a matter that has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed, but only if:

- (a) it becomes apparent during the discussion of a particular matter that the matter is a matter referred to in section 10A(2), and
- (b) the council or committee, after considering any representations made under section 10A(4), resolves that further discussion of the matter:
 - (i) should not be deferred (because of the urgency of the matter), and
 - (ii) should take place in a part of the meeting that is closed to the public.

[s 10D] Grounds for closing part of meeting to be specified

10D (1)[Record of grounds for closure] The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(2) **[Details to be specified]** The grounds must specify the following:

- (a) the relevant provision of section 10A(2),
- (b) the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,
- (c) the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which the discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council form a Closed Council to consider the items listed below,

AND THAT the Press and the public be excluded from the Meeting of the Closed Council because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, as stated below:

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

Other items may be referred to closed council during the course of the meeting.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.12 am

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 21 May 2009.

.....General Manager.....Mayor