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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM.

14 May 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, 21 MAY 2009**, commencing at **5.00 PM*** and your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

T V LOBB
GENERAL MANAGER

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* **Note:** Address by Mr Bob Evans – SES at 4.30 pm

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

APOLOGY: Clr Crutcher

539 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Lobb that the apology be accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

540 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr McClelland that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 16 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:-

1. Jonathon Mills, Consultant, Urbis
re Telstra telecommunications Facility T5.9.2009.
2. Chris Taylor, Regional Manager, Telstra
re Telstra telecommunications Facility T5.9.2009.

ADDRESS – TELSTRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Mr Jonathon Mills a Consultant with Urbis and Mr Chris Taylor, Regional Manager, Telstra addressed Council in regard to the concerns raised by various residents in regard to the proposed construction of the above facility.

The Director Engineering arrived at 5.10 pm during the address.

The Mayor thanked Mr Mills and Mr Taylor for their presentations and advised that the development application will be considered later in the meeting.

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	General Manager's Report Item 9	Member of SES	Non - Pecuniary
	General Manager's Report Item 13	Receiver of Gift	Pecuniary
Clr Atchison	General Manager's Report Item 9	Member of SES	Non – Pecuniary
Clr Lobb	General Manager's Report Item 13	Member of Rotary	Non - Pecuniary

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 21 MAY 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Department of Local Government, A3.9.3: Forwarding Circular No 09-17 concerning the maximum interest rates on overdue rates and charges.

The Minister for Local Government has determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2009/2010 rating year will be 9%.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt the interest rate of 9% as above.

541 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Niven that Council adopt the interest rate of 9% as above.

2. The Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts, C1.4.1: Requesting permission for the use of the Art Gallery, Hallway and Conference Cinema Room for the Art Exhibition held over the long weekend in June.

The dates required are Saturday 30th May through to Tuesday 9th June. Hoping that this will be acceptable with Council for the staging of the Art Exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be granted.

542 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Hinde that the request be granted.

3. Western Region Academy of Sport, C1.2.1: Writing to you regarding Weddin Shire Council's 2009/2010 contribution to the Academy's operations for the amount of \$190.

We are very appreciative of this contribution as it allows us to ensure quality sports development for the regions many talented athletes and coaches.

On behalf of the Board and athletes of the Academy, I thank you for your past contributions and look forward to your ongoing support.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council contribute \$190 as requested.

543 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that Council contribute \$190 as requested.

4. Local Government and Shires Association, A3.8.2: Concerning LGSA subscriptions 2009-2010.

A new formula has been developed, which is now in its final phase of discussions between both Associations.

The basis of the formula has each council paying a base of \$10,000, plus a per person charge that decreases as population increases.

To smooth the implementation of the formula the Executive has determined that no council will have an increase of more than 8% over the previous year's subscription. At the other end of the scale no council will pay less than their prior year's subscriptions.

The comparison for Weddin Shire is:-

2008/09 subs (actual)	\$12,584
2009/10 subs (new formula)	\$15,310
2009/10 subs (8% increase)	\$13,591

544 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that Council strongly object to the increase and request a full list of the changes.

5. Australian Local Government Association, A3.8.3: Inviting you and your council colleagues to this year's National General Assembly of Local Government on 21 to 24 June 2009 in Canberra.

Past assemblies have developed the case for programs such as the Roads to Recovery program and, more recently, the stimulus package spending on community infrastructure. However, never before has there been more issues at stake at the national level for local government.

Over recent years, local government has significantly increased our level of engagement with the Australian Government.

Your council's involvement in the 2009 National General Assembly is vital in order to assist ALGA to maintain recent momentum and to drive improved outcomes at the national level for local government and the communities we serve.

Noted

6. Grenfell Junior Soccer Club Inc, P2.1.6: Writing to you on behalf of the Executive of Grenfell Soccer Club.

Copy forwarded to Councillors

Referred to Director Environmental Services

Clr N Hughes declared a non-significant conflict of interest in items C6 and C7 as his grandchildren play soccer and stayed in the room.

Noted

545 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr Atchison that the Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

546 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that Late Correspondence be received and dealt with.

SUMMARY OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 21 MAY 2009.

7. Grenfell Soccer Club, P2.1.6: Forwarding an amended proposal for a canteen/change rooms at Top Lawson Oval.

RECOMMENDATION: that the amended proposal be approved in principle subject to:-

- i) construction to be sympathetic with the nearby structure, and
- ii) a formal DA being submitted and approved.

547 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the amended proposal be approved in principle subject to:-

- i) construction to be sympathetic with the nearby structure, and
- ii) a formal DA being submitted and approved.

8. Gulgong Heritage Harness Association, C1.4.1: Seeking permission to conduct the annual pilgrimage horse drive over the roads as mentioned in the accompanying itinerary.

Gulgong Heritage Harness Association is affiliated with the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc and this drive, consisting of approximately 37 horses and 29 drawn wagons plus escort vehicles is run as a club event, and is covered by insurance.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council approve the application subject to approval of the Police and the Local Traffic Committee.

548 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Halls that Council approve the application subject to approval of the Police and the Local Traffic Committee.

9. Gulgong Heritage Harness Association, C1.4.1: Advising it is running the Henry Lawson Drive again and this year we are travelling from Gulgong to Grenfell.

During this event we will be taking the opportunity to promote the towns of Gulgong and Grenfell and associated Henry Lawson Festivals through media and distribution of flyers. Our group will also be participating in your Festival parade.

Close to one third of the cost goes out as donations to schools and community halls and your donation of \$1,000 has been greatly appreciated in past years.

We, the committee would like to extend to you the opportunity to again make a donation of \$1,000 towards this years trip (2009). Mid Western Regional Council has also been approached for a donation of the same amount and we are currently waiting for that application to go through Council.

RECOMMENDATION: that a contribution of \$1,000 be provided.

549 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Niven that a contribution of \$1,000 be provided.

10. Urbis, T5.9.2009: Forwarding a briefing note to be circulated to all the Weddin Shire Councillors prior to the Council meeting of 21 May 2009 in regard to DA 9/2009. Proposed Telstra Telecommunications Tower.

Copy forwarded to Councillors

Noted

11. Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, G2.18.1: Concerning the Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects.

I regret to advise that your application for funding has not been successful at this time. The Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects received more than 480 applications, which sought in excess of \$2 billion in funding from the Australia Government. As you may be aware, \$550 million was available for allocation.

Noted

- 550** **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr McClelland that the Late Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Rural Local Roads Programme, C2.8.1

Notice is hereby given of the following motion:

“that all Councillors participate in a bus tour of priority roads and projects in the Rural Local Roads Programme.”

Signed: CLR GB HALLS

Comments by Clr Halls:

- i) A previous bus tour was found beneficial for Councillors not familiar with the roads.
- ii) Holding a bus tour early in the term of a new Council is considered the best time.

- 551** **RESOLVED:** Clr Halls and Clr Lobb that all Councillors participate in a bus tour of priority roads and projects in the Rural Local Roads Programme.

2. Appointment of Doctor, C2.8.1

Notice is hereby given of the following motion:

“that Council actively seek the permanent appointment of another doctor with full VMO status for Grenfell.”

Signed: CLR BR HINDE

Comments by General Manager:

- i) the Mayor and General Manager will be meeting with Greater Western Area Health Service on 15 May to discuss the situation with the local doctors.
- ii) depending on the outcome of this meeting, it may be preferable to defer consideration of the motion above.

MOTION: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that Council actively seek the permanent appointment of another doctor with full VMO status for Grenfell.

552 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that the matter be deferred for consideration until Item 18 of the General Manager’s report.

3. Country Week, C2.8.1

We the undersigned hereby give notice to the following motions for Council’s May 2009 meeting:-

1. Notice of Motion

“that resolution 513 be rescinded”.

2. New Motion (if the motion above is passed):

“that Weddin Shire Council take part in the Country Living Expo formerly known as Country Week in August 2009.

“Further, that a new strategy be developed in conjunction with staff and Councillors that can be adopted and used at the promotion in Sydney”.

Signed: CLR MR CRUTCHER

CLR BR HINDE

CLR MA SIMPSON

Note: Resolution 513 is as follows:

“that Council not attend the Country and Regional Living Expo in 2009.”

Comments by General Manager:

The recent history of this matter is as follows:-

- i) A debriefing on the Open Day/Market Day/Country Week promotions was carried out on 6 March 2009.
- ii) The debriefing was reported to Council’s March meeting (Director Corporate Services Report Item 6).
- iii) The report stated “After reviewing the events the general consensus was thatCouncil not attend Country Week in 2009 after conducting a cost/benefit analysis”.
- iv) Country Week convenor Mr Peter Bailey addressed Council’s April meeting prior to the decision being taken.

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

553 RESOLVED: Clr Simpson and Clr D Hughes that resolution 513 be rescinded.

554 RESOLVED: Clr Simpson and Clr N Hughes that Weddin Shire Council take part in the Country Living Expo formerly known as Country Week in August 2009.

Further, that a new strategy be developed in conjunction with staff and Councillors that can be adopted and used at the promotion in Sydney.

Clr McClelland returned to the room.

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The Mayor and Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Newell Highway Round Table, R2.8.4

The Mayor and General Manager attended a Newell Highway Round Table organised by Dawn Fardell MLA, Member for Dubbo, at Parkes on 15 April 2009.

The purpose of the meeting appeared to be two-fold: to promote the Newell Highway and the various towns along its length, but also to recognise and to consider the ways to alleviate the affects of the increasing heavy vehicle traffic.

The meeting was addressed by:-

- Clr Ken Keith Mayor of Parkes,
- Dawn Fardell, Member for Dubbo,
- Hon Michael Daley, Minister for Roads,
- Dr Soaines Job, RTA Traffic Officer,
- Kelly Kendry, Newell Highway Promotions Committee,
- representatives of the Police, the trucking industry, the NRMA, other politicians and some councils.

The Minister announced the launch of the RTA's Newell Highway Safety Review in response to increasing fatalities in 2009, although statistics indicate that NSW still has the best safety record in Australia.

Specific safety improvements mentioned were: attention to junctions, sealing approaches, improving tree clearances, recoverable batters, urban speed limits and wide centre linemarking.

Many speakers raised the need for improved rail services and interchanges, additional rest areas, additional passing lanes, drug testing (other than alcohol) and licences for caravans.

The meeting concluded with the appointment of a task force comprising five organisations and at least five councils. The task force will need to be well directed to be productive.

For Information

Noted

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2. Rail Branch Lines, T3.8.1:

Previous reports refer.

A meeting of the Mayors and General Managers of the affected councils, being Blayney, Cowra, Harden, Weddin and Young, was held at Cowra on 17 April 2009.

Weddin and Young Councils advised they had committed funding of up to \$10,000 to engage a consultant to prepare a viability report on the affected lines. Cowra and Blayney Councils were to consider the matter shortly by way of Mayoral Minutes, and the Mayor of Harden undertook to do likewise.

Leaving aside the funding, there was general agreement that the Councils (separately from Lachlan Regional Transport Committee) should resist the closure of the nominated branch lines, being:-

- the Cowra-Koorawatha line
- the Greenethorpe-Koorawatha line
- the Koorawatha-Demondrille line

It was also agreed that the group should seek the reopening of the Blayney to Cowra line, so that the overall route was again available as a strategic line.

The decisions made by the meeting were:-

- i) to advise the Minister for Transport of the intended report and seek support and possible assistance;
- ii) to prepare a brief for the required study.

On resolution of the funding and assuming a favourable response from the Minister, a suitable consultant will be engaged by one of the Councils acting on behalf of the group.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

555 **RESOLVED:** [Clr Hinde and Clr Atchison that the action be confirmed.](#)

3. Mayoral Round Table, C2.7.9:

The Mayor and General Manager attended the quarterly Mayoral Round Table at Cowra on 28 April 2009, organised by Mick Veitch MLC. The guest speaker was the Hon Michael Daley, Minister for Roads.

Matters discussed included the following:-

- the Government's decision not to cut expenditure on road maintenance,
- a change to the heavy vehicle fatigue laws,
- the pro rata increase in road fatalities for 2009,
- the difficulties in getting the road safety message to young drivers,
- the need for a road safety partnership with local government,

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- an offer to join the councils meeting with the Minister for Transport about rail branch line closures,
- the pending announcement on the long awaited road classification review,
- the disproportional cost of heritage bridges within the timber bridge maintenance programme.

The next meeting will be hosted by Bland Shire.

For Information

Noted

4. GMAC Meeting, C2.7.15

I attended the CENTROC General Managers meeting at Orange on 30 April 2009.

Matters discussed and decided are summarised as follows:-

- an address on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM),
- an address on sustainability,
- advice that BLEG has agreed to prepare a three year Management Plan.
- disappointment at the confidential briefing for the Central West Transport Study by SKM, including its apparent content,
- action to overturn the RTA's rejection for the Newnes Option for BLE,
- advice to be forwarded on local fundraising for Cancer Care West,
- foreshadowed problems with CENTROC's telecommunications application under the Federal Government's new policy,
- ongoing training arrangements,
- preparation of an ERM template for CENTROC councils,
- comparison of electricity tenders,
- the State Government's new Filming Protocol,
- arrangements for the "Summit on the Mount" at Bathurst 22 May 2009 which will involve many members of Country Labor.
- progress with the internal audit arrangements.

The next meeting will be held at Bathurst on 22 May 2009.

For Information

Noted

5. Policy for Fees, Expenses and Facilities for Councillors 2009/2010, C2.4.10

A copy of the 2008/2009 Policy (No. 1.6.2) is included in Councillors Policy Folders.

Council is required to review its policy for each financial year by the preceding 30 June, so the 2009/2010 Policy is due to be considered now. There is no need to place the policy on public exhibition each year if the changes (if any) are minor.

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The only proposed change is the inclusion of the adopted annual fees for Councillors and the Mayor, which have not been announced at this stage. However other changes may be made if so desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Policy for Fees, Expenses and Facilities for Councillors 2008/2009 (version 1.6.2) be amended by the inclusion of the adopted fees for Councillors and the Mayor, and adopted as the 2009/2010 Policy.

556 RESOLVED: Clr Lobb and Clr Atchison that the Policy for Fees, Expenses and Facilities for Councillors 2008/2009 (version 1.6.2) be amended by the inclusion of the adopted fees for Councillors and the Mayor, and adopted as the 2009/2010 Policy.

6. DA for Telecommunications Tower at O'Briens Mine Reserve (Telstra), T5.9.2009

As previously notified, the Lands Department has requested Council's approval (as trustee for the reserve) to the signing of the DA for Telstra.

This approval would in no way be an approval for the development, only for the lodging of the application. It is not considered that the development (if approved) would interfere with Council's use of the reserve, so there does not appear to be any grounds for refusing the request.

In the circumstances I have notified the Lands Department that Council has no objection to the signing of the DA but that this should in no way be construed as implying the approval of the development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

557 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Halls that the action be confirmed.

7. Rail Branch Lines, T3.8.1

Following approaches by Mick Veitch MLC, arrangements have been made for the Mayors and General Managers of the five affected councils to meet with Hon David Campbell, Minister for Transport, in Sydney on 3 June. This will coincide with the Shires Conference.

Mr Veitch advises it would be preferable to table a supporting report if possible. Accordingly a brief is being prepared for a two stage study from which a preliminary report is to be available by 1 June. Stage 2 will only be authorised with the Minister's concurrence.

By good luck or otherwise, Weddin Shire has become the lead council in this matter and will need to engage the consultant on behalf of all five councils. Payment will be equally apportioned.

At this stage Blayney, Cowra, Weddin and Young Councils have committed up to \$10,000 each, and Harden is yet to advise its decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

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558 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the action be confirmed.

8. Meeting with Greater Western Area Health Service, H1.7.10

Following discussions about the local doctor situation, the chair of the local Health Council (Peter Moffitt) and the Cowra/Grenfell Health Service Manager (David Wright) have offered to meet with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager on 15 May 2009.

A report will be given to the Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the late report be received.

559 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Atchison that the late report be received.

9. Address on SES Funding, E1.5

The Lachlan Regional Coordinator, Mr Bob Evans, has offered to address Council on the new funding arrangements for the SES.

The address has been scheduled for 4.30 pm prior to the Council meeting.

For Information

Clrs Simpson and Atchison previously submitted written declarations of interest and stayed in the room.

Noted

Note: Mr Evans addressed Council prior to the Council meeting.

10. Membership of Arts OutWest, C1.3.16

As previously advised, Arts OutWest has accepted Council's offer to join up until 30 December 2009 on a trial basis, at an estimated cost of \$1,184.

Following referral to Councillors, Arts OutWest has been advised that membership will commence from 1 May to ensure the Lawson Festival is benefitted.

Council needs to nominate its delegate, with the next meeting being at Orange on 19 May ie prior to the meeting. It may be desirable if a Councillor or community representative could attend on an interim basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:-

- i) Council's membership of Arts OutWest be confirmed from 1 May to 31 December 2009,**
- ii) the Memorandum of Understanding be signed on behalf of Council,**
- iii) Council's delegate be determined.**

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- 560** **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr N Hughes that:-
- i) Council's membership of Arts OutWest be confirmed from 1 May to 31 December 2009,
 - ii) the Memorandum of Understanding be signed on behalf of Council,
- 561** **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr N Hughes that Clr Lobb be nominated as Council's delegate to Arts OutWest.

11. Council Photograph, C2.2.1

A print of the Council photograph will be available at the meeting.

For Information

MOTION: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that the existing photo be utilised.

AMENDMENT: D Hughes and Clr Lobb that the General Manager be granted delegated authority to engage the photographer for a second photograph.

Upon being put to the meeting the amendment was **CARRIED** and became the motion.

- 562** The new **MOTION** was put to the meeting and was **CARRIED**.

12. Integrated Planning and Reporting, C2.10.7

The Government's long-awaited changes in the form of integrated planning and reporting have now been announced, and are being exhibited for comment. Submissions on the draft Bill and Regulation close on 12 June and the draft guidelines and manual on 3 July.

These changes will formally introduce the beginning of the ten year strategic plan and subsidiary document requirements.

Information sessions are to be held around the State and senior staff will try to attend a convenient session. Interested Councillors may also wish to attend.

A submission may be lodged should a matter of consequence arise.

For Information

The Mayor and General Manager gave a verbal report on the meeting at Dubbo attended that morning.

Noted

13. Presentation to Mayor, A3.27.1

The General Manager declares an interest in this matter as an officer bearer of the Grenfell Rotary Club.

The Grenfell Rotary Club paid a return visit to the Windsor Rotary Club on 14 and 15 March 2009.

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During the visit the Mayor was presented with a book and set of wine glasses by a representative of the Hawkesbury City Council. The items have been included in Council's Gift Register and are valued at approximately \$45 (total).

Under clause 8 (Personal Benefit) of the Code of Conduct, recipients may retain gifts of "token" value.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's Consideration

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

Clr Lobb previously submitted a written declaration of interest and stayed in the room.

Clr N Hughes took the Chair.

563 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Halls that approval be granted for the Mayor to retain the gifts.

Clrs Simpson returned to the room and resumed the Chair.

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14. Review of Rates for 2008/2009, R1.4

Following my report to Council's April 2008 meeting, Council resolved to support a number of objectives as follows (Res No. 532):

- *to increase the yield component for Ordinary Residential,*
- *to adjust the discrepancy in ad valorem rates between Main Street Business and Ordinary Business,*
- *to progressively adjust the Village ad valorem rates to a common figure.*

The table of rates adopted at Council's May and June meetings incorporated these objectives. The current rate components for 2008/2009 are shown in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 – Rate Components for 2008/2009

Category	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield (Actual)
Grenfell Residential	224	0.8170	453,857
Ordinary Residential	180	0.3542	88,603
Main Street Business	231	2.0121	58,898
Ordinary Business	231	1.9342	62030
Bimbi Residential	65	0.8083	2654
Caragabal Residential	65	0.9842	8277
Greenethorpe Residential	65	0.5582	15996
Quandialla Residential	65	1.4734	12335
Farmland Rate*	175	0.2885	1,048,281
Mining*	555	5.345	0
TOTAL			1,750,430

(a) **Review of Rate Components**

There is no definitive answer to how the rate components for different categories should compare to one another. Never-the-less the following general observations can be made:-

- **“Main Street Business”** would be expected to be higher than **“Ordinary Business”** to reflect the advantages of being in a centralised position.
- the four **villages** have widely varying Ad Valorem rates which would be expected to be closer together. Quandialla would be expected to be the highest because of the pool, whereas Greenethorpe appears disproportionately low for its higher valuations.

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(b) Review of Rate Yields

The revaluation in 2007 distorted many established relativities between the various rating categories, and much time has been devoted to trying to re-establish reasonable relativities based on logic rather than historical values. However in the absence of specific guidelines Council will have to make its own decision as to what are the important factors.

The main factors are considered to be:-

- **Valuations** – by legislation, rates are based on the unimproved capital values as determined by the Valuer-General. They do not necessarily reflect market price.
- **Yield** – the total rates income for a particular category can be varied by Council. This enables the rates burden to be adjusted as different areas develop.
- the **average valuation per assessment**, the **average area per assessment**, the **average yield per assessment** and the ratio of **rates income (yield) to valuation** for each category. These are all useful for comparison purposes.

The following table illustrates the main rating factors:-

Table 2 – Factors for Rate Category Comparisons

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Category	Assessments (No.)	Valuation (Ave)	Area (Ave)	Yield (Ave)	Yield/Val (%)
Grenfell Residential	988	28,745		460	1.60
Ordinary Residential	183	85,875		470	0.56
Main Street Business	77	26,555		765	2.88
Ordinary Business	62	39,780		1,000	2.51
Bimbi Residential	17	11,270	4,530	155	1.38
Caragabal Residential	63	6,745	2,625	130	1.95
Greenethorpe Residential	105	15,650	2,505	150	0.97
Quandialla Residential	76	6,600	2,872	160	2.46
Farmland	977	311,250		1070	0.34
Mining	0				
TOTAL	2,548				

Comments on this table are:-

- **Ordinary Residential** – the Yield/Valuation figure (column 6) is comparatively low.
- **Ordinary Business** – the Yield/Valuation figure (column 6) is still high compared to Main Street Business.

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- **Bimbi Residential** – the large average lot size (column 4) is probably reflected in the high average valuation (column 3). Average rate yield (column 5) appears reasonable.
- **Caragabal Residential** – has a small average lot size (column 4) and a lower average valuation (column 3). The low average yield (column 5) appears reasonable.
- **Greenethorpe Residential** – has a small average lot size (column 4) but a high average valuation (column 3). The average rate yield/valuation (column 6) is disproportionately low and should be addressed.
- **Quandialla Residential** – has a medium average lot size (column 4) but a low average valuation (column 3). The high average rate yield (column 5) and Yield/Valuation (column 6) are reasonable because of the pool which costs Council more than the total rate yield for the village each year.
- **Farmland** – satisfactory.

Council may like to consider these comments when determining the rates for 2009/2010.

For Information

Noted

15. Consideration of Rates for 2009/2010, R1.4

The maximum permissible rates increase for 2009/2010 is 3.5%. This would raise an additional \$61,265.

The rates catch-up notified by the Department of Local Government for 2009/2010 is \$3,486. It is proposed to levy a net 3.6% increase in rates for 2009/2010, which would raise an additional \$63,000 (approximately) and leave a safety margin of approximately \$1,700.

The following objectives are drawn from the preceding report item:-

- Ordinary Residential – increase rate yield
- Ordinary Business – lesser increase
- Greenethorpe Residential – increase rate yield

Various options for the 2009/2010 rates are given in **Table 3**. However, the figures should be regarded as indicative and may change slightly in the final rates table.

General comments on Table 3 are:-

- the shaded sections of Options 2-5 are unchanged from Option 1, so that only the unshaded sections need to be examined.
- all options have a similar total Yield, by adjustment of the “Farmland” category: the resultant alteration to Farmland is marked “#”.
- except for Options 4 and 5, increases have been limited to a maximum of 5%. The adjustment process will still take several years.
- a full size copy of Table 3 is being forwarded with the business paper, for ease of comparison.

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Option 1

- uniform 3.6% increase over all categories,
- does not address the anomalies from 2008/2009 and is not recommended.

Option 2

- continuation of objectives from 2008/2009.

Options 3 and 4

- build on Option 2 by examining alternatives for the four village rates,
- increasing the Greenethorpe Residential yield by 10% increases the average rate by only \$17 pa.

Option 5

- based on Option 4 but applying 3.5% category increases instead of 3.6%,
- maintains Farmland rate at a more uniform level,
- recommended as the best compromise.

Also examined was an option of having uniform rates for all the villages. However this would have increased Greenethorpe by \$38 pa and decreased Quandialla by \$46 pa, and is not favoured.

It is anticipated that a Mining assessment will be introduced 2009/2010, which will result in a slight adjustment to Farmland.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the table of rates for inclusion in the draft Management Plan for 2009/2010 be based on Option 5.

MOTION: Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that the table of rates for inclusion in the draft Management Plan for 2009/2010 be based on Option 1.

564 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council adjourn for supper.

Council adjourned for supper: 6.54 pm
Council resumed at: 7.23 pm

565 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council resume.

566 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr N Hughes that Council now consider item B2 in the Director Environmental Services report.

B2. Development Applications for the Consideration of Council DA 9/2009 – Telecommunications tower and Associated Equipment

Applicant: Telstra Pty ltd
Owner: Department of Lands
Proposal: Telecommunications Tower and Associated Equipment
Site: Lot: 1402 DP: 720578 Cowra Road, Grenfell
Zone: 2(t) - Township

Precis

On the 6th April 2009 Council received a development application for the construction and operations of a 25m high monopole, with 3 Telstra panel antennas, the placement of a small equipment shed and security fencing around the compound.

The development was notified to adjoining and adjacent land owners for a period of 21 days and advertised in the Grenfell Record as per Council policy, with a number of submissions being received at the completion of the required period. At the completion of the notification period six (6) written submissions and an eighty-six (86) signature petition were received, of which a copy was forwarded to the Council.

The main concerns raised by the objectors related to the possible harm to public health as a result of the Electromagnetic Energy (EME) that is emitted from such structures.

The application has been forwarded to Council for determination, due to the fact there are community concern and interest as identified in the submissions and petition.

Background

This is the second application lodged for this development. The first was proposed beside the Telstra exchange in Camp Street, but was withdrawn after heritage concerns were identified. The current application was lodged after further consideration to visual appearance and serviceability to the community.

Description of the Proposal

The development application proposes the erection of a 25m high monopole, with 3 Telstra panel antennas, the placement of a small equipment shed and security fencing around the compound. The tower is to be used to enable 3G communication services to be introduced to the Grenfell Township.

Description of the Site

The site is currently a Crown reserve that form part of the O'Brien's Hill lease. The site of the proposed works is located on the western side of the existing Country Energy Substation. It is proposed that a lease area of 45m² be undertaken from the Department of Lands, this is however yet to be confirmed.

Zoning

The site is located within the 2T township zoning. The proposed development would be in accordance with the objectives of the Weddin LEP 2002 and is permissible with Council consent.

Planning Assessment

The proposal has been assessed in accordance with the matters for consideration under section 79C of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979; the key issues of the proposal have been identified in this report and are for Councils consideration. The full development assessment is available by request.

Site suitability

Context & Setting:

The proposed development is located on the western side of the existing Country Energy substation. Infrastructure is a commonplace element in the context of urban environments and the pole as shown in the development application is about 25 metres total height, some 0.67 m in diameter at its base and at the upper portion it is some 0.324 m. The proposed location of the telecommunications pole is in the location of which existing power supply infrastructure is also highlights. In its context I believe that this telecommunications facility will not have an adverse visual impact to warrant refusal of the application.

While the facility may be visible in the area it will not in my assessment have an unreasonable impact in its overall context given its narrow form and the relationship of the park to the topography of the area with the tree canopy in certain locations. In terms of the surrounding residential area the pole may and will be visible from a distance however, having regard to the topography and the slender nature of the pole as I described above it would not in my assessment be a significant impact or an intrusion into the visual landscape that would warrant refusal of the application.

The applicant has appeared to have considered the pre-cautionary principles that have been formed by the Australian Communication Industry Forum (ACIF) Code, this prescribes that carriers should indentify the likelihood of an area being a community sensitive location and take account of this in regard to selection of the site, public consultation and the eventual design of the telecommunications site.

Health Concerns

Technological hazards:

This is the area of most perceived concern by the submissions that have been received, the unknown risks associated with Electromagnetic Energy (EME), is an understandable concern to all parties.

The Australian Standard RPS3 is an authoritative and scientifically credible standard to protect the health and safety of people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiofrequency fields in the frequency range of 3kHz to 300 GHz.

From the information provided by the applicant the nearest property is exposed to 0.0024% of the maximum exposure limits and the Hospital being 0.011% of the maximum exposure.

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If the information provided is accurate and factual (which must be assumed) then the EME generated by the proposed base station will comply by significant margins of safety with the basic restrictions and corresponding prescribed levels Australian Standard RPS3. Such compliance ensures that the general public will not experience thermal or athermal effects and thus Council would have trouble refusing the application on these grounds.

Conclusion

The concerns raised during the notification period are generally considered to be very rational concerns, which have been addressed within the report above. The health issues are particularly sensitive and form a very emotional part of an application of this nature.

A notable exclusion from the submissions was the Grenfell District Hospital who did not lodge any concerns about the proposal.

I consider that the proposal meets the Weddin LEP 2002 requirements from both a prescriptive and objective view. Having consideration of the concerns raised by objectors, the pre-cautionary principles, Australian Standard RPS3 and the 79(c) Assessment requirements. I believe that there is no planning related ground on which this development as submitted could be refused.

It is also notable that whilst researching this application, Land & Environment Court Case studies for similar applications were referenced. With two cases being appealed to the Land & Environment Court after they were refused by Council, both of the referenced cases were approved by the Court as the harm to health could not be substantiated, as the standard was achieved. Copies of these cases are available.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council resolve to APPROVE Development Application No 9/2009 - Telecommunications Tower and Associated Equipment, subject to the conditions outlined below.

1. SPECIAL - OPERATIONAL

- (1) The electromagnetic emissions from the facility shall comply with the Radio communications (Electromagnetic Radiation – Human Exposure) Standard 2003 as prescribed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority.
- (2) Within the period of 3-6 months after the date of commissioning the tower, testing shall be carried out at the public boundary of the properties as listed below:
 - 95 Cowra Road, Grenfell
 - 105 Cowra Road (8 O'Brien St), Grenfell
 - Grenfell District Hospital
 - Grenfell Community Church and
 - Grenfell Public School

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The testing is to indicate that the actual levels of maximum cumulative radiofrequency electromagnetic energy at those locations as emitted by the subject phone tower is no greater than the predicted levels expressed in Appendix A of the *Environmental EME Report* as submitted by *Urbis* dated March 2009 . A copy of the tests demonstrating that the actual levels are no greater than the predicted levels must be submitted to the Council within 14 days of the date of testing.

- (3) The applicant is to provide certification of the operation of the communication facility in accordance with the approved electromagnetic energy (EME) levels, prior to the commissioning of the facility.

Reason: the operational conditions are to ensure compliance with the EME health requirements and protection to public health.

2. BUILDING

- (1) The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans as submitted with the Development Application and any supporting documentation, as stamped and approved by Council, except as otherwise provided by conditions of this consent.

Reason: to ensure the development is carried out in accordance with the submitted application as assessed by Council.

3. PRINCIPAL CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

- (1) Prior to commencement of work, the person having the benefit of the Development Consent and a Construction Certificate shall:
 - a) appoint a **Principal Certifying Authority** and notify Council of the appointment (if Council is not appointed), and
 - b) notify Council of their intention to commence the erection of the building (at least 2 days notice is required).

The Principal Certifying Authority shall determine when **inspections and compliance certificates** are required.

Reason: to ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

- (2) A **Construction Certificate** must be obtained from Council or an Accredited Certifier prior to work commencing. A construction certificate certifies that the provisions of Clauses 79A-79H of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Regulations, 1998 have been satisfied, including compliance with the Building Code of Australia and conditions of Development Consent.

Reason: to ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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- (3) Details from a suitably qualified and insured Structural Engineer will be required prior to the issue of the **Construction Certificate** in regard to:-
- footings;
 - reinforced concrete slabs;
 - retaining walls;
 - structural steelwork;
 - wall bracing and tie-down requirements;
 - the structural engineer, in producing a design is to complement the Geotechnical Engineer's Stability Report to make a clear statement that "any structure designed and erected in accordance with the plans and specifications will achieve the performance requirements described in Clause 1.3 of AS 2870-1996 and any other relevant codes and structures."
- (4) A final **Occupation Certificate** must be issued by the Principal Certifying Authority prior to occupation or use of the development. In issuing an occupation certificate, the Principle Certifying Authority must be satisfied that that the requirements of section 109H of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997 have been satisfied.

Reason: to ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

- (5) The building works are to be inspected during construction by the Council or by an "Accredited Certifier" (as applicable) and documentary evidence of compliance with the relevant terms of the approval/standards of construction detailed in the Building Code of Australia and Council's established development standards (as listed under Advisory Conditions which form part of this consent), is to be obtained prior to proceeding to the subsequent stages of construction, encompassing not less than the following key stages:-
- (i) *Footings and Concrete Slabs: When the footings have been excavated and all steel reinforcement has been placed in position.*
 - (ii) *Sub floor bearers and joists: Prior to the laying of the floor and when ant caps are in place.*
 - (iii) *Structural framework: When complete, all external walls and roof cladding must be in place prior to inspection. Internal plumbing should be in place and under pressure.*
 - (iv) *Roof frame: Prior to the installation of the ceiling lining and eaves soffit lining.*
 - (v) *Internal House Drainage: When all internal drainage work is installed and prior to concealment. Drainage should be under water test.*
 - (vi) *External House Drainage: When all external drainage work is installed and prior to concealment.*
 - (vii) *Wet area waterproofing: prior to lining or laying tiles.*
 - (viii) *Stormwater Drainage: When the stormwater and roofwater drainage system has been completed.*
 - (ix) *Completion: Upon compliance with all conditions of approval and prior to occupation.*

Note: 48 Hours notice is required prior for all inspections

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Reason: To comply with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Amendment (Quality of Construction) Act 2003.

4. LIMITATIONS OF THE CONSENT

- (1) All building work must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Building Code of Australia.

Reason: to ensure compliance with the legislation and standards.

5. CONSTRUCTION

- (1) Before commencement of any work, a sign is required to be erected in a prominent, visible position:
 - stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is not permitted,
 - showing the name of the person in charge of the work site and a telephone number at which that person can be contacted outside working hours, and
 - the house and lot number of the property.

This sign must be removed when the building work has been completed.

Reason: to ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

6. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC PLACES

- (1) If the work involved in the erection or demolition of a building is likely to cause pedestrian or vehicular traffic in a public place to be obstructed or rendered inconvenient, or building involves the enclosure of a public place, a hoarding or fence must be erected between the work site and the public place.
- (2) If necessary, an awning is to be erected, sufficient to prevent any substance from, or in connection with, the work falling into the public place.
- (3) The work site must be kept lit between sunset and sunrise if it is likely to be hazardous to persons in the public place.
- (4) Any such hoarding, fence or awning is to be removed when the work has been completed.

Reason: to ensure that public safety is maintained during the construction period.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY

- (1) Work shall be confined to normal working hours, namely 7.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, and 7.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays. (No work is permitted on Sundays or public holidays).

Reason: to minimise nuisance to adjoining neighbours.

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Division required *Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008.*

- 567** **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that Development Application No 9/2009 for a Telecommunications Tower and Associated Equipment be approved subject to the conditions outlined above.

DIVISION REQUIRED:

Councillors For: Clrs Simpson, Halls, D Hughes, N Hughes, Atchison and Hinde.

Councillors Against: Clrs McClelland, Lobb and Niven.

- 568** **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Lobb that Council return to the General Manager's report (item 15).

15. Consideration of Rates for 2009/2010, R1.4 (continued)

AMENDMENT: Clr Lobb and Clr Atchison that the table of rates for inclusion in the draft Management Plan for 2009/2010 be based on Option 5.

Upon being put to the meeting the amendment was **CARRIED** and became the motion.

- 569** The new **MOTION** was put to the meeting and was **CARRIED**.

Table 3 - Schedule of Rating Options 2009/2010

Category	2008/2009			OPTION 1				OPTION 2				OPTION 3			
	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield (Actual)	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield
Grenfell Residential	224	0.8170	453,857	3.6	232	0.8484	470,178	3.6	232	0.8484	470,178	3.6	232	0.8484	470,178
Ordinary Residential	180	0.3542	88,603	3.6	186	0.3675	91,791	5.0	180	0.3824	93,035	5.0	180	0.3824	93,035
Main Street Business	231	2.0121	58,898	3.6	240	2.0802	61,018	3.6	240	2.0802	61,018	3.6	240	2.0802	61,018
Ordinary Business	231	1.9342	62,030	3.6	240	2.0021	64,263	2.0	235	1.9745	63,272	2.0	235	1.9745	63,272
Bimbi Residential	65	0.8083	2,654	3.6	67	0.8407	2,750	5.0	68	0.8512	2,787	3.6	67	0.8407	2,750
Caragabal Residential	65	0.9842	8,277	3.6	67	1.0246	8,575	0	65	0.9842	8,277	3.6	67	1.0246	8,575
Greenethorpe Residential	65	0.5582	15,996	3.6	67	0.5805	16,572	5.0	68	0.5877	16,796	5.0	68	0.5877	16,796
Quandialla Residential	65	1.4734	12,335	3.6	67	1.5318	12,780	0	65	1.4734	12,335	3.6	67	1.5318	12,780
Farmland*	175	0.2885	1,048,281	3.6	180	0.2993	1,086,008	3.6#	180	0.2992	1,085,704	3.5#	180	0.2990	1,085,095
Mining*	555	5.345	0	0	575	5.5374	0	3.6	575	5.5374	0	3.6	575	5.5374	0
TOTAL			1,750,430				1,813,935				1,813,402				1,813,499

* to be mutually adjusted

Category	OPTION 4				OPTION 5				OPTION 6				OPTION 7			
	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield	Increase	Base Charge	Ad Valorem	Yield
Grenfell Residential	3.6	232	0.8484	470,178	3.5	232	0.8469	469,752								
Ordinary Residential	5.0	180	0.3824	93,035	5.0	180	0.3824	93,035								
Main Street Business	3.6	240	2.0802	61,018	3.5	240	2.0773	60,958								
Ordinary Business	2.0	235	1.9745	63,272	2.0	235	1.9745	63,272								
Bimbi Residential	3.6	67	0.8407	2,750	3.5	67	0.8392	2,747								
Caragabal Residential	3.6	67	1.0246	8,575	3.5	67	1.0227	8,567								
Greenethorpe Residential	10.0	70	0.6771	18,475	10.0	70	0.6771	18,475								
Quandialla Residential	3.6	70	1.4864	12,780	3.5	70	1.4838	12,767								
Farmland*	3.3#	180	0.2984	1,083,271	3.4#	180	0.2986	1,083,880								
Mining*	3.6	575	5.5374	0	3.5	575	5.5321	0								
TOTAL				1,813,354				1,813,453								

* to be mutually adjusted

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16. Draft Management Plan 2009/2010, A3.4.1

The Local Government Act requires the draft plan to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum 28 days before being adopted by Council prior to 30 June 2008. There is only just sufficient time to place the draft plan (with amendments if any) on public exhibition for 28 days, then formally adopt it (as amended) at the normal June Meeting after consideration of any submissions. The need for a special meeting will be avoided if possible.

The budget for the draft Management Plan is being forwarded separately, with the remaining sections to be made available at the meeting. Comments on some components are as follows:

a) **Revenue Policy**

The same four prime **categories** of land have been retained for 2009/2010, being:

- farmland
- residential
- mining
- business

Alternatives for rate adjustments and increases are discussed in the preceding report. The particular option adopted by Council will be incorporated into the Management Plan.

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b) **2009/2010 Budget**

Priorities for the budget were determined at Council's Extra-ordinary Meeting on 6 April 2009. A balanced draft budget has been prepared and is being separately forwarded.

At the first attempt it was not possible to fund all the category A projects in full, nor any category B projects requiring additional funding (ie down to B5 only). Accordingly not only was the list of category A projects reviewed, but the schedule of reserves including incomplete works was examined with the following suggested outcomes:-

A12	Prepare LEP and DCP (commencement deferred)	\$10,000	delete
A35	Industrial Area – contingency (included in reserves)	\$5,000	delete
Reserves - Incomplete Works (not required)			
	Town Planning – prepare DCP	\$50,000	delete
	OHS Consultancy	\$25,000	delete
	Recycling – upgrade	\$3,000	delete
	Grenfell Pool – recycling	\$23,180	delete
	Quandialla Pool – recycling	\$17,650	delete
	Lawson Oval – upgrade grandstand	\$14,792	delete
	Industrial Land – purchase	<u>\$25,000</u>	delete
		<u>\$113,622</u>	
Reserves - Contract Defects		<u>\$50,000</u>	delete
	Total Changes	<u>\$178,622</u>	

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With these changes, the Plant Fund has been allocated \$248,000, which is considerably less than the estimated figure of \$290,000.

The proposed changes also enable an increased number of category B projects to be included, as follows:-

B1	Taylor Park - continuation of improvements (plus carryover)	Nil	B
B2	Doctors surgeries – renovations (ex reserves)	Nil	B
B3	Lawson Bust - sound system (plus carryover)	Nil	B
B4	Railway Park complex – seal access and carpark (ex reserves)	30,000	B
B5	O'Briens Hill (stage 1) - toilets (seeking grant) (ex reserves)	*70,000	B
B6	Parks and Gardens - extra (Operational)	10,000	B
B7	Consultancy for 10 year plan - provision	25,000	B
B8	Pound upgrading (plus carryover)	5,000	B
B9	Council Chambers - replace A/C (plus carryover)	9,000	B
B10	Caravan Park – upgrading (Stage 1)	20,000	B
B11	Grenfell Pool – investigate amenities block	10,000	B

The category B projects which missed out on funding are as follows:-

B12	Mapping – add utilities (water, sewer, etc)	20,000	B
B13	Lawn Cemetery – new beam (2010/11?)	25,000	B
B14	Henry Lawson Statue – provision	10,000	B

These proposals may be altered by Council if desired, and any resulting variations will need to be adjusted either in the Plant Fund or category B.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:-

- i) items A12 and A35 be deleted (saving of \$15,000),**
- ii) the incomplete works reserve be decreased as suggested (saving of \$113,622, rounded to \$113,000),**
- iii) the reserve for Contract Defects be deleted and funds utilised for the Plant Fund (\$50,000) on the understanding that any future requirement may have to be sourced from the Plant Fund.**
- (iv) the budget (as amended) be adopted.**

570 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Lobb that:-

- i) items A12 and A35 be deleted (saving of \$15,000),**
- ii) the incomplete works reserve be decreased as suggested (saving of \$113,622, rounded to \$113,000),**
- iii) the reserve for Contract Defects be deleted and funds utilised for the Plant Fund (\$50,000) on the understanding that any future requirement may have to be sourced from the Plant Fund.**
- (iv) the draft budget be adopted.**

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c) Licence Fees and Charges

The draft schedule of fees and charges for the 2009/2010 Management Plan is being separately forwarded prior to the meeting.

Increases have generally been kept to a maximum of 5%, but a number of categories are being reassessed and some new ones have been inserted.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the draft schedule of fees and charges be reviewed and amended where desired.

571 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that the draft schedule of fees and charges be adopted.

d) Draft Management Plan 2009/2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the draft Management Plan for 2009/2010 (as amended) including rates, budget, licence fees and charges, be approved for public exhibition.

572 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Atchison that the draft Management Plan for 2009/2010 including rates, budget, licence fees and charges, be approved for public exhibition.

17. Organisation Structure, C2.5.1

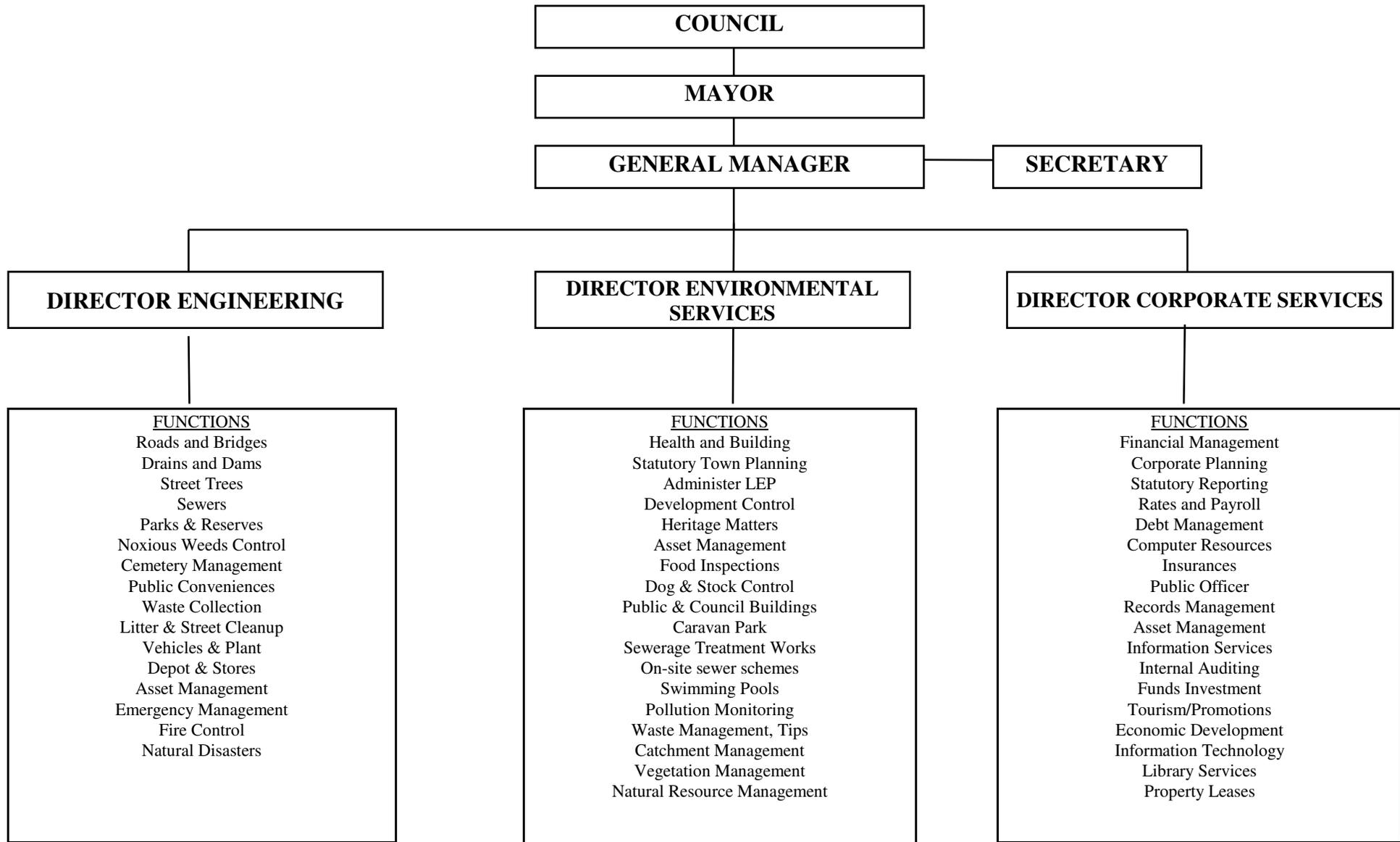
The Organisation Structure adopted in 2008 is still applicable and no changes are proposed. It is reproduced on the following sheet.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Organisation Structure be confirmed.

573 RESOLVED: Clr Lobb and Clr Niven that the Organisation Structure be confirmed.

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL - ORGANISATION STRUCTURE (as at 15 May 2008)



Adopted: 15 May 2008

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18. Meeting with GWAHS, H1.7.10/H1.1.2

Report Item 8 above refers.

On 15 May the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager met with the Cowra/Grenfell Nursing Manager, David Wright, and the chair of the Weddin Health Council Peter Moffitt.

Mr Wright advised that one Grenfell doctor was on leave from VMO duties and that arrangements had been made to care for patients by a combination of skilled nurses and on-call medical officers. At this stage the arrangements were considered to be working well with only one complaint being received by GWAHS.

Mr Wright was aware that the surrounding towns had long delays in getting appointments, and he was advised that some inter-town people were utilising Grenfell doctors.

Mr Wright also advised that the present nature of the Grenfell Hospital, particularly with the MPS, may help insulate it from any severe service cuts. Acute cases were being transferred to Cowra or Orange, but were returned when and where possible. He considered a strong community health presence was important in helping older people stay out of hospital.

The present situation at the hospital may mean this is a good time to take stock of the shire's future health requirements in relation to doctors, surgeries, accommodation and the proposed medical centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Executive conduct talks with the two Grenfell doctors to ascertain their situations and report to the next Council meeting.

574 **RESOLVED:** **Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that the Executive and Mr Peter Moffitt conduct talks with the two Grenfell doctors to ascertain their situations and report to the next Council meeting.**

Deferred consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2 – Appointment of Doctor

The motion was withdrawn by Clr Hinde with the consent of the seconder.

19. Mid Lachlan Alliance, C2.9.7

The Mayor and General Manager attended the quarterly meeting of the Mid Lachlan Alliance at Condobolin on 23 April 2009.

Matters discussed or decided were:-

- moves to resurrect meetings of the professional sub-committees,
- a letter to be forwarded to the Federal Minister for Agriculture in support of rural counsellors,
- the State and Federal Ministers to be advised of the Mid Lachlan Alliance's willingness to liaise and advise on the drought,
- other councils to consider supporting Weddin's late motion to the Shires Conference about superannuation,

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- the guidelines for “Broadband to the Home” to be clarified,
- the security of the new SES levy to be ascertained.

The next meeting will be held in Forbes on 31 July 2009.

For Information

Noted

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GENERAL MANAGER

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

THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' ORDINARY REPORT

14 May 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 30 April 2009:

Bank Account	
Westpac	<u>\$130,853.79</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 30 April 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 April follows:

Rates Receipts	35,554.29
Accounts Receivable	121,618.95
Government Grants	-
Agency Collections	14,158.93
Interest on Investments	1,698.63
Workers Compensation Reimbursement	13,968.87
Other Income	14,392.05
Total	<u>\$201,391.72</u>

For Information

Noted

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3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2008/2009:

Following are the up to date maintenance figures as at 30 April 2009.

ITEM	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Rural Roads Maintenance	541,824	483,780
Grenfell Town Streets Maintenance	146,536	159,081
Village Maintenance - Caragabal	7,118	9,220
Village Maintenance - Greenethorpe	6,000	11,676
Village Maintenance - Quandialla	6,000	13,114
Garbage Collection	51,000	38,848
Greenethorpe Collections	8,500	4,757
Trade Waste Collection	23,000	8,806
Tips Working Expenses	82,000	75,748
Noxious Plants	73,000	44,856
Parks & Gardens	163,000	132,761
Library Expenditure	108,090	89,616
Baths Income	-21,000	20,053
Baths Expenditure	112,127	83,133
Caravan Park Income	-31,500	37,646
Caravan Park Expenditure	67,113	49,369

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RTA GRANT WORKS

DESCRIPTION	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
2008/09 State Roads (SH 6) Maintenance	150,000	141,157
2008/09 National Roads (SH 17) Maintenance	100,000	48,679
2008/09 State Road (SH6) Ordered Work	450,000	421,887
2008/09 National Road (SH17) Ordered Work	308,081	155,067
2008/09 Regional Roads Block Grant	496,393	293,024
2008/2009 REPAIR Program MR398	300,000	146,357
3 x 3 Program - MR 398	68,000	0

2007/2008 Rural Local Roads	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Maintenance general	21,543	54,923
Reseals	85,000	84,969
Caragabal - Quandialla	97,000	65,163
Gambara Road	46,000	72,107
Nowlans Road	109,000	109,000
Sandy Creek Road	186,000	158,381
Bimbi - Quandialla	55,000	55,000
Pinnacle Road	29,000	29,000
Gravel Resheeting	108,000	108,000
Total	736,543	736,543

2008/2009 Rural Local Roads	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Maintenance general	30,000	22,512
Reseals	95,000	22,254
Caragabal - Quandialla	95,000	0
Nowlans Road	65,000	99,073
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	56,405
Grenfell Kerb and Gutter	61,964	29,957
Grenfell Streets - Footpaving	44,000	363
Reconstruct Village Streets – Ex - Reserves	0	0
Gravel Resheeting	100,000	159,158
Total	874,589	424,727

2008/2009 Roads to Recovery	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Grenfell Reseals	80,000	9,952
Greenethorpe – Gambara Road 4 km	72,000	75,277
Rural Roads Reseals	150,000	38,844
Gerrybang Road Causeway	100,000	106,133
Total	402,000	230,206

For Information

Noted

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4. Grenfell Community Hub, C1.6.7

Reference is made to the report to the April 2009 Council meeting advising that a report on the Community Hub detailing final costings will be presented to Council.

The audited final report has been forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. The final report includes the final costings which are detailed below:-

	Budget	Expenditure
	(GST Exc)	(GST Exc)
	\$	\$
Contract		
- AL Banks	970,217	970,217
- Variations		<u>69,943</u>
		1,040,160
Extras		
- Additional Expenditure		<u>131,806</u>
	Total Expenditure	1,171,966
	Less: Grant Funding	<u>495,600</u>
	Net Cost to Council	<u>676,366</u>

With the final report including costings submitted to the Department and now Council the project is officially completed.

For Information

576 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr N Hughes that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the contractor Mr Alan Banks for his workmanship and cooperative manner in construction of the Grenfell Community Hub.

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

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

The current round of debt recovery for both rates and debtors has been exhausted with very good results achieved. As the process is on-going a new round of debt recovery for both debtors and rates has commenced which will follow the same debt recovery process as has previously occurred.

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

For Information

Noted

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6. Henry Lawson Bust Project, T4.3.1

Reference is made to the Tourism meeting held on Tuesday 7 April 2009 whereby it was resolved to request Council to consider providing additional funding of \$3,000 to enable the above project to proceed.

The current financial status of the project is detailed below:-

	\$ (GST Exc)	
Equipment	8,000	(Utilising Local Poetry Reciters)
Installation/Site Preparation	<u>2,000</u>	
Total Cost	10,000	
Allocated Funding	<u>7,000</u>	
Funding Required	<u>3,000</u>	

If Council resolves to allocate the additional funding the project will commence immediately.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's Consideration

577 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr N Hughes that funding of \$3,000 be provided to allow the project to commence.

7. Grenfell Library, C2.6.29

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

- All students from the Grenfell Public School visited the Community Hub (including the library) on 7th and 8th April as part of Heritage Week activities. Several children joined the Library as a result of the visit.
- Exchanges of stock were made with all three Deposit Stations during the month.
- Additional shelving arrived.
- It may be necessary to close the library for the week leading into the Henry Lawson Festival to allow the Art stewards to use the hallway and prevent unauthorized early viewing of exhibits.
- The librarian will absent on Long Service Leave from 15th May to 6th June. In her absence the library will be managed by Mrs Marguerite Walmsley.

For Information

Noted

8. 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.

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- Arranging the next Grenfell Business Development Committee (GBDC) breakfast meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 June 2009 with the guest speaker being Mr Peter Gordon from the Orange Business Enterprise Centre (BEC). Mr Gordon has been attending Grenfell on a monthly basis to assist local businesses and is establishing an excellent relationship with various business people. Mr Gordon's last visit to Grenfell was on Wednesday 13 May 2009 where he conducted 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. Currently being pursued.
- "Start your Business Here" online program currently being placed on Council's website. To be pursued.

For Information

Noted

9. 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. It is planned to attend a small bird fair at Rankin Springs in October to further promote the Weddin Bird Trails. A group of bird watchers from the Blue Mountains visited Grenfell over Easter and stayed at the Caravan Park. All bird groups in Australia have been sent invitations and flyers to encourage them to visit the Weddin Shire.
- The Weddin Shire Tourism brochure is currently being distributed to local and surrounding Visitor Information Centres with excellent feedback received.
- Arrangements for the 2009 Henry Lawson Festival continuing.
- Planning to attend the next Gold Trail meeting in Young on 28 May 2009.
- Assisted in the promotion of the Grenfell Picnic Races held on Easter Saturday 11 April 2009 which were very successful.
- Attended the Sydney Caravan and Camping Show on Saturday 25 April 2009 to work on the Central NSW Tourism stand. This was an opportunity to promote the Weddin Shire to potential visitors.
- Attended the Hawkesbury Show from 1 – 3 May 2009 to work on a stand in the Hawkesbury City Council's tent as part of our city-country alliance. This was a perfect opportunity to promote the Weddin Shire's attractions and events to a huge number of potential visitors in western Sydney- our prime tourist market. The "Weekend in Grenfell" giveaway proved popular. The winner will be attending the 2009 Henry Lawson Festival. Cabonne Shire, Hawkesbury's other country alliance had a similar promotion running valued at over \$500. Two hundred (200) names and addresses were obtained to add to our mailing list and a newsletter is nearly completed listing upcoming activities in the Shire that will be sent out every 2 months to continue to promote the Weddin Shire.
- Currently investigating a number of funding Opportunities for the O'Brien's Hill project. TQUAL which has replaced the Australian Tourism Development Program (ATDP) and the Heritage Projects (Jobs Fund) are two specific funding programs we will be submitting funding applications to.

For Information

Noted

10. 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 various cards which are selling well. Grenfell themed calendars are being investigated.
- Leisure Group classes will begin mid-May.
- CTC membership will be renewed at a cost of \$300. Entitles the CTC to source grant funding.
- Tech Talk articles submitted in the Grenfell Record on a regular basis, with an article on Skype recently published. They are being well received by the public.
- A flyer mail out to households promoting the services available will be conducted in the near future.
- Customers still increasing 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

11. Goods and Services Tax (GST) – Council Compliance, A3.20.3

The Department of Local Government requires Council to prepare a Certificate in the approved form as to its opinion on Councils administration of the GST.

The Statement which is to be signed in accordance with a resolution of Council basically states that adequate management systems and internal controls were in place, GST has been paid by Council and that no GST non-compliance events by the Council were identified or raised with the Australian Taxation Office.

The signed certificate will be forwarded to the Department of Local Government who will then provide the advice to the NSW Treasury for confirmation with the Commonwealth Commissioner of Taxation.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director of Corporate Services to sign the certificate on Council's behalf.

578 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director of Corporate Services to sign the certificate on Council's behalf.

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12. Half Yearly Audit, A1.6

Council's auditors Morse Group of Orange have advised they will be conducting the half yearly audit on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 June 2009.

The half yearly audit report will then be presented to the July 2009 Council Meeting.

For Information

Noted

**GLENN CARROLL
DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES**

579 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' Report be adopted.

7 May 2009

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows:

1. Works Report (10 May 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
- remove fallen tree

SH17 - general maintenance
- supply traffic control for B-Double accident

MR 398 - general maintenance
- erect guardrail on Bimbi Bridge and a culvert 4 kms from Bimbi towards Grenfell
- sealed 2 kms of widening at Bimbi

MR 236 - general maintenance

MR 237 - general maintenance

1.2 Rural Local Roads Programme

Sealed 400 metres of the Bimbi-Quandialla Road completing the full length of the road.

Started 1.4 kms of minor widening on the Caragabal – Quandialla Road from 6.5 metres to 7 metres seal.

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 Linters Road, Nowlans Road, Major West Road, Kangaroooby Road, Gannons Road, Thuddungra Road, Napiers Road, Yambira Road, Lynches Road, Reeves Road and Gaults Road
- mowed Bimbi Cemetery
- removed trees in tabledrains on Mortray Road
- redefined tabledrains on Holy Camp Road
- repaired washouts on Bobelar and Wirega Roads
- repaired fence at tip entrance

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1.4 Urban Maintenance

- general maintenance
- constructed new fence and concrete flume at the Sewerage Treatment Works sludge pond

1.4.1 Main Street Roundabout

A meeting was convened at 2 pm on Friday 1 May 2009 to finalise the design of the planting of the roundabout in Main Street.

Present were Sally Bourne (Consultant), Clrs Lobb and Atchison, Susan De Britt and the Director Engineering.

Sally Bourne tabled 2 planting options. The following planting schedule was adopted:-

- a) Photinia x Fraseri “Red Robin”
- b) Buxus ‘Falkner” (Japanese Box)
- c) Agapanthus White Dwarf
- d) Red Flower Carpet Rose – “Mainau Fever”

Sally advised that she would send the final drawings to Council together with the planting schedule and the soil conditioner required.

For Information

Noted

2. Future Works

2.1 Rural

- general maintenance
- widen 1 km of Pinnacle Road
- complete and seal Caragabal-Quandialla Road

2.2 Urban

- general maintenance
- construct and seal back lanes in East and Vaughn Streets
- commence kerb and gutter construction in Wood Street
- complete Taylor Park footpath and beautification as per original plan

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
- spray back lanes

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3.2 Cemeteries

The following graves have been prepared from 5 April to 10 May 2009:-

Grenfell Lawn	- 1
Grenfell	- nil
Bimbi	- nil
Caragabal	- nil

3.3 Sewer Mains

Seven (7) sewer choke has been attended to during the month.

3.4 Private Works

- carried out beautification on the Country Energy substation
- erect RTA school signs at Quandialla Central School
- supplied traffic control on SH17 for truck accident

3.5 Vandalism

Replace stolen toilet door at Caragabal \$350.

Small amounts of graffiti in Taylor Park \$50.

Nil vandalism in other villages.

Total Cost: \$400.00

Progressive Cost: \$7,785.00

(from 1/7/2008 to date)

For Information

Noted

4. CENTROC Weight of Loads Group, C2.7.16

In the last month the CENTROC Weight of Loads Group detected nil breaches.

For Information

Noted

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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. 2081	Toyota Hilux	Fit new Toyota with radios and lights.
PI. 2077	Toyota Hilux (extra cab)	Fit new Toyota with radios and lights.
PI 2075	Toyota Extra Cab	Detail, fit cage lifter, cages etc for Animal Control Officer.
PI. 2078	Toyota Dual Cab	Fit new Toyota with radios and lights.
PI. 1083	Taxi	Full service, fix seat belt, and repair electrical problems.
	Rural Fire Service Truck – Caragabal	Annual service.
PI. 4094	Case backhoe	Replace rear differential.

A second hand bogie axle 8 metres long semi tipper is being purchased from Tuggerah Demolishers for \$17,000 inc GST plus \$700 inc GST to Bathurst (Council to pick up) for the Grenfell Tip.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

580 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that the action be confirmed.

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.

Council has commenced planning for the sealing and heavy patching in 2009/2010.

For Information

Noted

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

- Noxious Weeds Officer currently on alternate duties
- Town streets have been sprayed
- Bimbi Cemetery and Grenfell Cemetery sprayed.

For Information

Noted

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9. Bimbi Bridge Opening, R2.11.7

The Bimbi Bridge was officially opened at 9.30 am on Tuesday 28 April 2009 by the Mayor.

The Hon Mick Veitch MLC was also in attendance.

There was a number of speakers being the General Manager, Mayor, Director Engineering, Mr Austin Morgan (RTA), Mr Bruce Robinson (community representative) and the Hon Mick Veitch MLC.

The ribbon was ably cut by the Mayor with the assistance of several school children.

Afterwards, those in attendance enjoyed a lovely morning tea catered by some of the Bimbi and surrounding area ladies.

The ladies were happy to provide morning tea using their own ingredients, to make cakes, slices and sandwiches, and tea, coffee and milk at their cost.

Council did offer to provide the necessary ingredients, but the ladies declined.

However, the ladies do use the Bushfire Shed frequently for functions and suggested that a donation towards improvements to the kitchen in the shed. It is suggested that a \$200 donation be provided towards the kitchen in the Bushfire Shed.

The rain held off for the function which was fortunate, although no one would have minded if it did rain.

Council engaged Hyder Consulting to provide an independent report on the cold joint on the north west corner of the Bimbi Bridge deck.

The report essentially agrees with the engineering report submitted by Bridging Australia being that the joint here is essentially an unplanned construction joint. These types of joints are permitted, provided they are properly formed. The old concrete/new concrete joint appears to have been formed reasonably well, although unlikely, future cracking at the joint cannot be ruled out.

Council has prepared an estimate to repair the cracked joint, traffic control costs and other Council costs in the event that cracking occurs.

Council will hold back as security for two years \$8,000 towards the cost of the work is required.

Bridging Australia has agreed to provide an extra year of warranty for the cold joint.

RECOMMENDATION: that:-

- i) Council donate \$200 for the upgrade of the kitchen in the Bimbi Bushfire Shed,**
- ii) the catering ladies be congratulated for their wonderful catering at the Bimbi Bridge opening.**

581 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr Halls that:-

- i) Council donate \$200 for the upgrade of the kitchen in the Bimbi Bushfire Shed,**
- ii) the catering ladies be congratulated for their wonderful catering at the Bimbi Bridge opening.**

10. Bimbi – Bench Seat, R2.7.99

Council has received a request from Gemma O’Halloran requesting permission to install a park bench type of seat adjacent to the war memorial at Bimbi in memory of her grandmother, Bessie Ingram, who passed away on 2 November 2008.

Mr Bruce Robinson confirmed the family connection with Bimbi.

It is suggested that the seat could be located either near the brick barbeque or closer to the Rural Fire Service Shed.

It would not seem to be appropriate to place the seat adjacent to the war memorial as it would not be in keeping with the memorial.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council offer no objection to supply and installation of the seat in Bimbi closer to the barbeque or the Rural Fire Service shed subject to:-

- **the style of the seat being approved,**
- **the installation to be carried out by Council at the cost of the applicant.**

582 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Lobb that Council offer no objection to supply and installation of the seat in Bimbi closer to the barbeque or the Rural Fire Service shed subject to:-

- the style of the seat being approved,
- the installation to be carried out by Council at the cost of the applicant.

11. 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

12. NSW Rural Fire Service Agreement, C2.6.17/E1.3.17

The NSW Rural Fire Service has advised Council that the current Service Agreement between Council and the Commissioner expired on 1 July 2009.

It is proposed to convene a meeting of the Bushfire Local Matters Committee at 8.00 am on Wednesday 16 June 2009 to consider the new agreement. Mr Ken Neville from NSW Rural Fire Service will be in attendance.

For Information

Noted

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13. Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Taylor Park, G2.18.1/P2.1.3

Council has investigated a number of playground layouts from four firms.

The higher quote from Playsafe being \$28,169.00 provided improved, and more robust equipment, and would suit Council's requirements.

The current playground pit dimensions do not provide adequate soft fall areas for the current playground and will need to be extended.

There is an existing large tree on the eastern side of the playground. It would be preferable to remove the tree prior to the construction of the new playground, but this tree provides excellent shade until early afternoon in the summer months. For this reason, it is proposed to retain the tree, but to consider planting other trees further to the east.

The estimated cost for the total project is:-

Playsafe playground equipment	\$28,169
Remove existing equipment	\$1,100
Excavate playground pit and retaining wall	\$3,050
Erect new equipment	\$4,800
Supply and install 38 m ³ soft fall	\$3,050
Total	\$40,169

Council at its December 2008 meeting resolved to allocate \$32,000 (ex GST) for the construction of playground equipment in Taylor Park. There will be a shortfall of \$8,200 to complete the project.

It is proposed to fund the shortfall from the 2009/2010 Grenfell Streets Construction Programme by revision.

Construction is planned to commence in July 2009.

RECOMMENDATION: that \$8,200 be allocated from the Grenfell Town Streets Construction Programme for 2009/2010.

583 **RESOLVED:** [Clr Lobb and Clr McClelland that \\$8,200 be allocated from the Grenfell Town Streets Construction Programme for 2009/2010.](#)

14. Weddin Shire Council Cemetery Operations Plan, P2.2.1

A draft Weddin Shire Council Cemetery Operations Plan has been developed for the Grenfell, Bimbi and Caragabal Cemeteries.

RECOMMENDATION: that the draft Weddin Shire Council Cemetery Operations Plan be advertised for comment and a copy be provided to the local Funeral Director for comment.

584 **RESOLVED:** [Clr McClelland and Clr N Hughes that the draft Weddin Shire Council Cemetery Operations Plan be advertised for comment and a copy be provided to the local Funeral Director for comment.](#)

15. Manganese Road, A3.30.09

A Meeting was convened between interested Manganese Road residents, Councillors and the Director Engineering on Thursday 7 May 2009 at 6.00 pm to discuss the proposed entrances to their properties.

The follow people were in attendance:

Kath Holz	Clr Geoff McClelland
Clr Barry Hinde	Clr Mark Crutcher
Bill Twohill	Clr Maurice Simpson
Rodney Cotter	
Sonia Cotter	

A proposed culvert design was tabled.

It was advised that several trees may have to be removed so as to make the tabledrain flow more efficiently.

Three (3) householders agreed to the proposed works. A letter will be sent to one other householder requesting to join the scheme.

There was some discussion in relation to precast versus cast insitu culvert bases. The three owners agreed to cast insitu concrete bases and advised that they would make their own parking arrangements.

Assuming that the fourth resident agrees, the estimated Council contribution will be \$24,000. This could be funded from the 2009/2010 Town Streets Construction Programme.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council's contribution of \$24,000 be funded from the 2009/2010 Town Streets Construction Programme.

MOTION: Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that Council's contribution of \$24,000 be funded from the 2009/2010 Rural Local Roads Programme.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was **LOST**.

MOTION: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that Council's contribution of \$24,000 be sourced from the funding allocated in 2009/2010 for the Railway Park Complex.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was **LOST**.

585 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Niven that Council's contribution of \$24,000 be funded from the 2009/2010 Town Streets Construction Programme.

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W TWOHILL DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

586 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Halls that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering's Report be adopted.

14 May 2009

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

Dear Sir

I wish to report to Council as follows:-

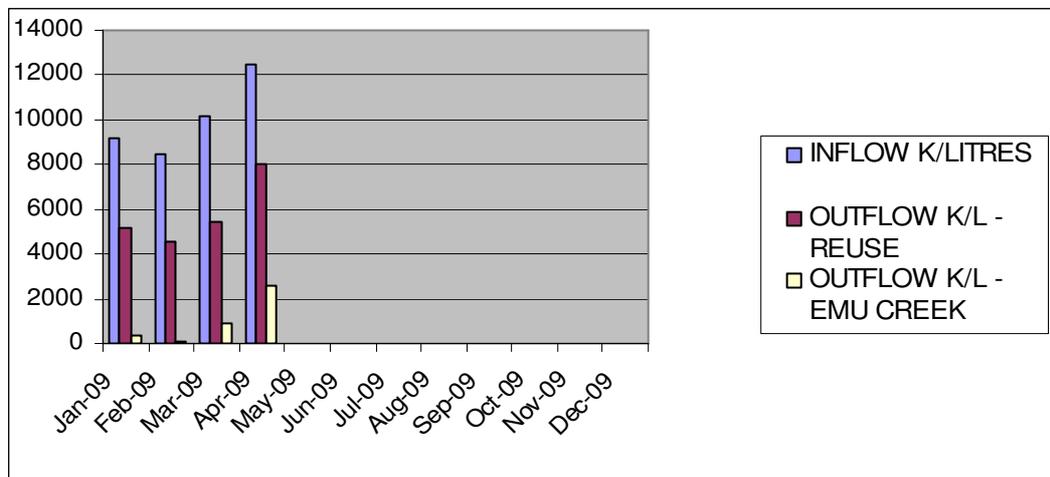
A. Public Health and Environmental Matters.

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1

Total inflow through the Works during April 2009 was 12481 K/Litres with the daily average of 416 k/litres. With outflow for irrigation for reuse being 8059 k/litres and discharge to Emu Creek being 2618 k/litres.

The highest daily recording of 1185 k/litres occurred for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 14 April 2009 and the lowest of 311 k/litres for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 2 April 2009.

A total rainfall of 115mm was recorded for the month.



For Council's Information

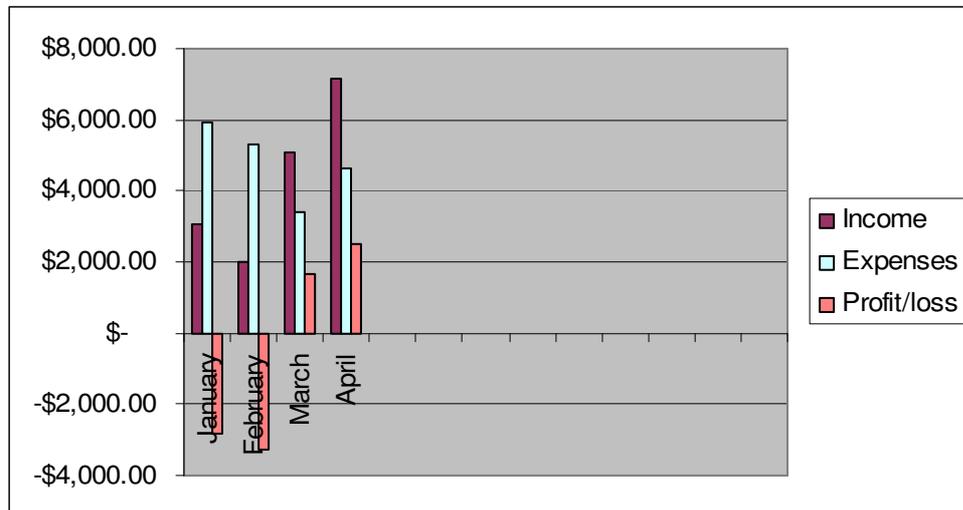
Noted

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2. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3

Income for the month of April 2009 was \$7,150.00 with expenditure of \$4,622.02 resulting in an operational profit of \$2,527.98 for the month.

There were 234 sites occupied for the month of April 2009.



Council's Information

Noted

3. Animal Control, A4.4.4

Animal control activities for April 2009 were:

a. Companion Animals

Animals Impounded: 5

Animals Sold: 1

Animals Surrendered: 0

Animals Destroyed: 2

Animals Released: 1

For Council's Information

Noted

4. Berrys Road Dogs, A3.22.6

The Class 4, Land & Environment Court action was to be before the Court on 1 May 2009, however the acting solicitor for the defendant, requested that the hearing be held over for a period of two weeks.

Justice Pain, the hearing judge for this case, made the order that the case be held over for two weeks, until 15 May 2009.

Due to the timing of the hearing a further verbal update will be given to Council at the meeting.

For Council's Information

Noted

5. Reprioritisation of the Standard Local Environmental Plan (LEP) Program, C1.3.31

On the 17th April 2009, the NSW Department of Planning advised of a reprioritisation of the LEP completion dates. The change in the timetable is due to the fact that the preparation of Standard Instrument LEPs is more intensive than originally anticipated.

The Department of Planning is looking to establish a clear list of priority LEPs which can be progressed to gazettal over the next two years. The criteria which will be used to prioritise these LEPs are:

1. Whether the LEP is already substantially progressed, in particular whether a section 65 certificate has been issued or is imminent or the LEP is otherwise significantly advanced.
2. Whether the LEP relates to a high growth area of the State with significant development pressures.
3. Whether the LEP is strategically important in meeting housing or employment targets set by the Metropolitan Strategy, Regional Strategy or Sub-Regional Strategy.
4. Whether current planning controls are outdated and creating significant planning issues.

Where an LEP is not placed on the two year priority list, it will be necessary for the Department of Planning to suspend work on that LEP in order that sufficient resources can be allocated to successfully delivering the priority LEPs. Work on delivering the next set of LEPs will occur following delivery of the two year priority list.

The Department of Planning will work with councils which are not allocated to the two year priority list to progress any spot rezonings that are justified and considered important to delivering housing, employment or other opportunities in a priority manner.

It is believed that as Weddin Shires LEP is relatively current compared too many around the state and we are not experiencing any substantial growth, our LEP will not make the current priority list. This will allow Council to prepare appropriate polices and or Development Control Plans to ensure that all desired controls are ready once the LEP is required.

For Council Information

Noted

6. Grenfell Men's Shed Short And Long Term Development Plan, C1.3.31

A plan/submission detailing the Grenfell Men's Shed long and short at the current rail site has been received.

The report details the current situation being experienced by the organisation, with respect to the lack of available space and the non compatible mix of activities being undertaken. The report has sets out some short (over 5 years) and long (5 to 10 years) goals that they wish to achieve to ensure the future of the Grenfell Men's Shed. See appendix A6 for full detail.

Short term:

1. Placement of a removable 40ft (12m) steel shipping container on stands over the existing track, alongside the existing building, for the storage of materials.
2. Placement of a 20ft (6m) transportable office at the Southern end of the platform.
3. Erection of a shade structure near the existing sculpture, for a visitor's rest area.
4. With Council assistance, the construction of a 6m x 6m roof structure on the southern end of the existing platform, to allow for undercover welding activities.

Long term:

Future progression and growth of the Grenfell Men's Shed is generally unknown, however it is hoped that one day a total tourist complex could be considered as being required. This would incorporate the current and proposed infrastructure and also the erection of a large 300m² shed.

Heritage

As Council is well aware the railway area is of high heritage significance, with any activities requiring development consent and input from council's heritage advisor. Initial comments have been sought, with the following comments made:

- The strategy is to keep structures in a linear row and to be industrial befitting a railway yard.

Further heritage considerations will form part of the Development application process.

General considerations

The land on which the good shed and the proposed works are to be located are lease to council, with a further sublease to the Grenfell Men's Shed inc. ARTC have indicated that they have no objection to the placement of readily removal structures, subject to Council having no issues.

Council does not need to assess the suitability of the proposed developments in the whole, but due consideration must be given for the suitability of the lands for the use of a development. A detailed assessment of the merit of each of items will be undertaken as part of the Development Application assessment.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council resolve to give in principle support to the use of the sub-leased ARTC land as described in the Grenfell Men's Shed Short and Long Term Development Plan.

587 **RESOLVED:** Clr Lobb and Clr Atchison that Council resolve to give in principle support to the use of the sub-leased ARTC land as described in the Grenfell Men's Shed Short and Long Term Development Plan.

7. Criterion Hotel – Proposed change to licensing conditions, H1.4.2

On the 30th April 2009, Council was advised of an application which was proposed to be lodged with the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority for the current 11:30pm lockout condition to be removed from the license of the hotel.

The application was lodged with the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority on the 6th May 2009, after which Council has 30 days in which it can lodge a submission or advice of its concerns about the proposed changes.

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT TO COUNCIL

It is understood that the hotel still intends on having a lock out, however it will be based on the current voluntary basis as per the other Liquor Accord Member Hotels.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council resolve to make a submission to the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority advising that there are no objections to the proposed variation to the licensing conditions, subject to:

- 1. The Police give concurrence to the proposal, and**
- 2. The Criterion Hotel voluntarily engage in the Grenfell Liquor Accord lock out arrangements.**

588 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that Council resolve to make a submission to the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority advising that there are no objections to the proposed variation to the licensing conditions, subject to:

- 1. The Police give concurrence to the proposal, and**
- 2. The Criterion Hotel voluntarily engage in the Grenfell Liquor Accord lock out arrangements.**

8. Environmental Development & Allied Professionals (EDAP), P1.2.9

On the 30th April to 1 May 2009 I attended the 60th EDAP, Western Group Regional Conference, which was held at Jenolan Caves House.

The presentations included senior representatives from the building, planning and environmental health fields, such as Department of Planning, Australian Institute of Building Surveyors and the NSW Food Authority to name a few.

Items for interest were:

- The further changes to the Complying and Exempt development SEPP, which will see the introduction of commercial and industrial developments and additional changes to the existing housing provisions.
- The Standard LEP template was discussed in brief, with no firm dates set for councils that will not be included in the first round of new reprioritisations.
- Compulsory food handler training is proposed to be introduced into NSW.

I would like to thank Council for the opportunity to attend this conference.

For Council Information

Noted

9. Grenfell Waste Depot Upgrade, E3.3.2

The physical upgrade works are well underway at the Grenfell Waste Depot, with the following being completed or underway:

- Preparation of the pad area completed.
- Bulk excavation now completed and formwork for the transfer area retaining wall being done in readiness for pouring.
- Placement of the bulk water supply tank.
- Placement of the shed concrete slab and office footings complete.

- Solar power, office and shed all ordered and due for delivery.

On an operational side, advertisements have been run for the Expressions of Interest for the operations/manning of the site. The Expressions of Interest closes on the 8th June, with the tender process of around 21 days to follow.

For Council Information

Noted

10. Grenfell Recycling, E3.3.2

Further to my previous report and subsequent Council resolution that local suppliers be given an opportunity to submit a price for the 1300 Mobile Garbage Bins that are required to be purchased for the recycling kerbside pickup.

Both the local supplies were invited and did submit quotes for the bins and after careful assessment of the quotes I am happy to advise that Oliver's Hardware being engaged to supply the bins, with the order having now been placed.

For Council Information

Noted

11. LCMA - Natural Resource Management Delivery Plan, E3.9.2

Background

Established in 2004 the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (LCMA) is the regional body that has specific responsibility to strategically plan natural resource management at a Catchment scale

The LCMA is seeking to make partnership arrangements with Weddin Shire Council that recognises the contribution Councils activities as a statutory land use planner, owner and manager of community and operational land, community leader, operator of infrastructure and facilities make towards Natural Resource Management. (NRM)

The LCMA has developed an NRM Delivery Plan to help develop a mutually beneficial partnership. The "Plan" is designed to increase the level of understanding between the LCMA and Council and provide a mechanism to develop long term commitment. Copy available for viewing.

The Plan

Council is carried out preliminary identification of NRM actions within the existing framework of Councils activities. NRM activities that rank highly with LCMA targets will then:

1. form the basis of a Natural Resource Management Plan,
2. plan funding opportunities and long term planning that aligns with Councils Management Plans.
3. be the vehicle for reviewing progress and establishing the following years actions and funding arrangements.

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT TO COUNCIL

Negotiations have concluded on the Natural Resource Delivery Plan and is included as appendix A10 for Council's Information.

One such opportunity is funding to consider the feasibility of establishing a manmade wetland for the purpose of stormwater retention for erosion reduction and improved water quality that discharges into Emu creek. LCMA is willing to contribute \$35,000 to this project, with Council committing in-kind support by way of the DES providing information and guiding the study.

LCMA have prepared a contract in advance, with the expectation of Council supporting the partnership between the LCMA and Weddin Shire as detailed above. The contract is a generic in nature; however it is designed to allow a degree of flexibility in the project delivery.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council:-

- 1. Commit to the agreed activities as set out in the Natural Resource Delivery Plan and enter into a Partnership with the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority.**
- 2. Enter into a contract LA_0207-01 with the LCMA for a Land and Biodiversity Audit, with the General Manager to sign the contract.**

589 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council:-

1. Commit to the agreed activities as set out in the Natural Resource Delivery Plan and enter into a Partnership with the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority.
2. Enter into a contract LA_0207-01 with the LCMA for a Land and Biodiversity Audit, with the General Manager to sign the contract.

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
51/2008	Andy's Design & Drafting	Amenities Block	\$18,450	Lot: 3 DP: 1104225 110 Iandra Road GREENETHORPE 2809
7/2009	Department of Lands – Orange	Subdivision	\$0	Lot: 104 DP: 753110 Mid Western Highway CARAGABAL NSW 2810
8/2009	Andy's Design & Drafting	Alterations/Additions & Change of Use	\$42,500	Lot: 1 DP: 936836 6/8 Forbes Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
11/2009	Weddin Shire Council	Tip Upgrade	\$240,000	Lot: 1 DP: 1135553 Gooloogong Road GRENFELL NSW 2810
12/2009	Grenfell Country Club Ltd	POPE	\$0	Lot: 3 DP: 607625 Gooloogong Road GRENFELL NSW 2810
13/2009	Marshall Properties (Aust) Pty Ltd	POPE	\$0	Lot: 16 Sec: 1 DP: 7763 Second Street QUANDIALLA NSW 2721
14/2009	JL & EC Amery	Verandah	\$2,400	Lot: B DP: 370181 34 Rose Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
CD 9/2009	BM Ward	Carport & Awning to existing Double Shed	\$4,000	Lot: 1034 DP: 754578 "Chiltern Park" Quondong Road GRENFELL NSW 2810

For Council's Information

Clr Halls submitted a written declaration of pecuniary interest as a Board Member of the Caragabal Country Club (DA 7/2009) and left the room.

Noted

Clr Halls returned to the room.

B2. DA 9/2009 – Telecommunications tower and Associated Equipment

Previously dealt with.



S WILSON
DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

590 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Lobb that that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services' Report be adopted.

Delegates Report - Central Tablelands Water

The following is a précis of the items discussed at the April 2009 meeting of Central Tablelands Water (CTW) and is submitted for Council's information:

2009/2010 Management Plan

The General Manager presented the 2009/2010 draft Management Plan which provides for an increase of 12 cents per kilolitre (8%) in water consumption charges and a nil increase in the availability or access charge.

The 2009/2010 draft Management Plan reflects an overall estimated surplus of \$25,885 and an operating deficit of \$511,339.

Council's capital works and asset replacement program for 2009/2010 will be funded from reserves.

It is disappointing that Council will not achieve full cost recovery until 2012/2013, two years later than estimated at last year's Management plan meeting.

NSW Government Inquiry into Provision of Water & Sewerage Services

Council considered a rescission motion, seeking to rescind Council's resolution to support an alliance model based on the Lachlan region.

The rescission motion was carried and Council resolved:

“that the General Manager make a written submission to the Minister for Water to allow Council to remain as a stand-alone county council, independent of any proposed alliances.”

Lake Rowlands Dam - Enlargement Proposal

Consideration of the enlargement of Lake Rowlands has been put in abeyance until the \$500,000 Centroc Water Security Study has been completed.

Recently, the General Manager met with the Federal Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon. Bob Debus, and outlined the Lake Rowlands case. The Minister undertook to take the issue further and keep in contact with Council.

2006/2007 DWE Water Supply Performance Report

The General Manager reported that Council had recently received the 2006/2007 Water Supply Performance Report issued by the Department of Water and Energy (DWE).

The report shows that Council is compliant with all the required criteria with Best-Practice Water Management Guidelines.

Reservoir Levels

All reservoir levels have been maintained between 50% and 100% capacity.

Lake Rowlands level at 31 March was at 80% of capacity.

Cr. G McClelland

Cr. B Hinde

591 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that the Delegates Report – Central Tablelands Water be noted.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts held Tuesday 21st April 2009

Welcome: President Jenny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of King /Queen Entrants: Cate Gardner sought the meetings permission to introduce David Knapp Dramatic Society), Sammie Wood (Lion's Club), and Juanita Meier (Grenfell Public School) and thanked them for putting themselves forward for the competition. Absent D Cawthorne (Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre) and Claire Myer (Rotary Club).

Present: G. England, J. Wood, K. Smith, Merle Simpson, E. Needham, C. Gardner, R. Cawthorne, Maurice Simpson, J. Smith, T. Silvester, J. Graham, C. Lobb, R. Gardner, D. Knapp, J. Meier, A. Hooper, A. Carr, T. Wood, M. Roper, C. Brown, S. Jackman, G. Carroll, J. Milton and J. Black.

Apologies: were received from T. Matthews, G. Rolls, G. Lander, S. Wood and J. Hetherington. Moved C. Brown / J. Wood. Carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting: were confirmed. Moved C. Gardner / C. Lobb. Carried.
Minutes of the monthly meeting held 17th March were confirmed. Moved M. Simpson / E. Needham. Carried.

Business Arising:

National Anthem: Gerard Carroll not available, waiting on a reply from Stephanie Moffitt.

Helicopter: Another two weeks before they can visit. Maurice Simpson advised that all the emergency services had been advised and all were happy with arrangements proposed.

Treasurer's Report: as per attached sheet. Moved G. Carroll / Maurice Simpson. Carried.
Term deposit will roll over. Tax invoice to see Glenn. Auburn to be let know of any sponsorships.

Correspondence: As per list. **Moved** G. Carroll / G. England that the inwards correspondence be received as read and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Co-ordinator's Reports:

King / Queen: Cate reported that there are five entrants confirmed, three for Queen and two for King and all was going well. Rex Airlines has declined sponsorship and t Cate has local sponsorship. Two judges to date Phyllis Miller and her daughter from Forbes.

Poetry On the Boards: Carly advised that Sharon Fenson will take photos free of charge on the day and her name will be on the photos. No photos of children will be taken without parental approval. **Moved** Maurice Simpson / G. England that Sharon Fenson be approached to utilise the professional angle in what she does. Carried. Re safety Carly advised that barricades were available from Central Tablelands Water for use on the platform of the station. Ray to inspect.

Window Dressing: Elaine had nothing to report.

Official Luncheon: Merle advised everything is going to plan.

Art: Subscribers letters ready to go out. Official Opening will be 7.00pm for 7.30pm Thursday 4th June and Trevor Lobb will be the MC. Volunteers required for the door roster. Judges for Art and Porcelain require accommodation.

Award's Dinner: Tristen advised that Trevor Lobb will be MC and suggested the cost for attending be \$25. **Moved** C. Lobb / G. England that the cost be \$25. Carried. Bowling Club to provide sherry. Re nibbles, it was **Moved** C. Lobb / J. Graham that the Bowling Club be given \$50 towards the cost. Carried. John Willems and Elly Oliver to provide entertainment. Max Cullen to be contacted re doing a display of some of his works.

Craft Activities: Jenn Graham advised that she has four artists attending and is waiting on conformation of the Exhibition Centre as the venue.

Street Activities: Tania advised of a package deal for \$2000 for a total performance. Tanya has booked the Albion Hotel for them and they also need a secure change room. The Commonwealth Bank building will be available.

V.S.S.: Sally advised that the Short Stories were currently being judged. Three hundred and fifty seven entries received amounting to \$2990 in fees received.

Photography: Tim advised that entries were prevalent and all in under control.

Procession: Joy advised that all is organised.

Street Stalls; Gaynor has received 31 registrations, of which 15 were double sites. A lot from past attendees and some from an article Auburn put in a Market Magazine. Gaynor suggested a working be to clean up the lot for the bull ride. It was suggested that a quote be obtained from David Troth A.S.A.P.

General Business:

Tania Silvester advised that the Public School Merimba Band was available for performances.

Arts Out West: Glenn Carroll advised that Council was to join for the remainder of the year. General Manager Trevor Lobb has written to them and awaits a reply. **Concert:** President Jenny advised the attendance of Keith Porger, Geoffrey Graham, Belinda Walmsley, The Wong Family and the High School. Tickets organised and safely plan to Ray. Jenny has sent Arts Out West the information.

Three Year Business Plan: President Jenny advised that she has communicated with Alvara Marks re funding for review and three year business plan. Jenny was on the opinion that funding could be sought up to \$5000 on a dollar for dollar basis, application could be made for a community grant for marketing, sponsorship etc. for festival, may need to look at the festival's constitution managerial point of view.

Auburn Carr at Parkes Seminar: Auburn advised that the seminar, in part, was about how to get big sponsorship, say \$15000, how to look at what the sponsor will receive in return — get sole provider rights — festival wins. Marketing includes presentations and significant government and other sponsorship. Jenny suggested a review of festival activities for future funding before AGM in October. **Moved** Maurice Simpson / C. Brown that we look at proposal and commit funds for review. Carried.

Programme: Auburn advised that the programme was sent to the printer and will be back in two weeks and all advertising for the festival was under control with Rural Press papers and Style Magazine out on the 1st May.

Date Flyers: Auburn received the flyers back from Printers costing one cent each. **Car**

Clubs: Ron Gardner advised that Keith Brus had been talking to car clubs. Jenny has written a reply to the letter published in the Grenfell Record.

T.V. Award's: Gaynor will ring judge re the winner.

There being no further business, closed at 8.40 pm.

Next meeting – Tuesday 18 May 2009 at 7.30 pm.

592 **RESOLVED:** [Clr McClelland and Clr Lobb that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee Meeting be noted.](#)

MINUTES OF THE CINEMA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2009 AT 8.15 AM (C2.6.36)

1. **PRESENT:**M Moffitt, P Fletcher, J Mitton, W McSpadden and G Carroll.

2. **APOLOGIES:**Nil

3. **MATTERS ARISING**
Nil

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Resolved: M Moffitt and P Fletcher that G Carroll be elected Chairperson.

5. **CHARTER**

Noted

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Equipment, sound system, screen, chairs, furniture installed.
- Ad for volunteers to be placed in Grenfell Record. Training to be then organised. Glenn to pursue.
- Draft Community Survey tabled. To be sent out to residents. Press release to be issued advising residents of survey. M Moffitt/J Mitton/ G Carroll to pursue.

- Copyright/licencing requirements currently being investigated. Films to be initially sourced from Amalgamated Movies. W McSpadden to pursue.
- The following prices were proposed:-
 - \$20 Family
 - \$8 Single
 - \$5 Pensioner
 - \$5 Children (12 yrs)

Judy Mitton left the meeting at this point 8.59 am and did not return.

- Issues regarding the security system to be further considered.
- Film nights to commence July 2009.
- Opening night to be black tie.
- Frequency of films dependant on number of volunteers available.
- Primary school children to be accompanied by an adult.
- Eating/drinking to be further considered.
- Film clubs – formation to be considered.
- Advertising/marketing of films to be conducted well in advance.
- Police to be contacted to advise of film nights and to discuss their availability.
- No responsibility will be taken for attendees aged over twelve once they have left the building.
- Printing of tickets to be considered. Propose to sell tickets from Louisa's Locker.

7. **OTHER MATTERS**

7.1 **Blyth Spirit**

Noted

8. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 20 May 2009 at 5.30 pm.

9. **CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46 am.

593 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that that the Minutes of the Cinema Committee Meeting be noted.

MINUTES OF MANEX MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2009 AT 10.00 AM (C2.6.10).

Present: Messrs T Lobb, G Carroll, W Twohill and S Wilson.
Clr Simpson (observer).

Apologies: Nil

Minutes:

Resolved: G Carroll and S Wilson that the minutes of 16 March 2009 be adopted as circulated.

General Business:

1A Administration

- (i) Assets – Fair Valuation – road valuations deferred to 30 June 2010. Timeframe issued by the Department to assist in valuation process. Director Engineering and Director Corporate Services to pursue.
- (ii) 2009/2010 Management Plan – in progress. Estimates meeting held 6 April 2009. Draft Management Plan including estimates of income and expenditure to be presented to May 2009 Council Meeting. Rating options for 2009/2010 to be considered. General Manager and Directors to address respective fees and charges sections.
- (iii) Superannuation – Mid Lachlan Alliance to consider joining with Council's late motion to be submitted to the Shires Association Conference objecting to the proposed exorbitant increase. General Manager and Director Corporate Services to pursue.
- (iv) Complaints Register – working well. General Manager to follow up on any outstanding matters.
- (v) Easter – call out list was not distributed. To be distributed in future to alleviate communication problems.
- (vi) Department of Local Government Report – status report to 31 March 2009 to be prepared by General Manager.
- (vii) Shires Conference – to be held from 2 -3 June 2009 in Sydney. Councillors and Senior Staff encouraged to attend the conference at least once.

1B Human Resources

- (i) Vacancies
 - Environmental – employee returned from maternity leave one day per week. Employee who was relieving temporarily engaged four days per week. Position to be formally advertised next year.
 - Caragabal Tip Position – to be advertised.
- (ii) Job Evaluations – program operational. Evaluations now able to be undertaken. Assistance may be sourced locally or through the Mid Lachlan Alliance.
- (iii) Garbage Employees – new regulation from the Department of Local Government regarding Waste Management Employees to be considered. Director Environmental Services to pursue.

2. Public Order and Safety

- (i) Berrys Lane (Dogs) – response received from Council's solicitor. Hearing date set for 1 May 2009.

3. Health

- (i) Doctors Surgeries – maintenance check to be undertaken. Director Environmental Services to pursue.

4. Community Services and Education

Nil

5. Housing and Community Amenities

- (i) Recycling Collection Options – reported in Director Environmental Services report to April 2009 Council meeting. Garbage and recycling services to have a single charge.
- (ii) Grenfell Tip – Director Environmental Services currently arranging the commencement of works as per the layout plan approved by Council at the February 2009 Council meeting.
- (iii) Template LEP – deadline for completion deferred by Department. Weddin Shire considered a low priority.

- 6. Sewerage**
- (i) Mains Investigation – sewerage mains inspection report received from Interflow on 16 March 2009. Director Engineering to peruse and report to a future Council meeting. Sewerage Strategic Business Plan to be reviewed. Licence conditions emanating from the Business Plan and issued by DECC to be adhered to. Director Engineering and Director Environmental Services to monitor.
 - (ii) Water and Sewerage Inquiry – CENTROC currently formulating an alliance proposal. Central Tablelands Water endeavouring to maintain the status quo similar to Goldenfields Water County Council. General Manager to monitor.
- 7. Recreation and Culture**
- (i) Community Hub – reported in Director Corporate Services report to April 2009 Council meeting. Some outstanding works to be finalised. Director Environmental Services to pursue.
 - (ii) Library – operating well. Positive comments being received.
 - (iii) Art Gallery – operating well. Positive comments being received.
 - (iv) Cinema – inaugural meeting held Friday 24 April 2009. Arrangements underway.
 - (v) Infrastructure Program – application submitted for strategic project at Grenfell Pool, awaiting outcome. Community projects approved at \$100,000. Projects underway.
 - (vi) Grenfell Caravan Park – operational changes currently being considered by Director Environmental Services.
- 8. Mining Manufacture and Construction**
Nil
- 9. Transport and Communication**
- (i) RTA Contract – reported in Director Engineering’s report to April 2009 Council meeting.
 - (ii) Bimbi Bridge – to be opened Tuesday 28 April 2009. Director Engineering to pursue.
 - (iii) Other Programs – noted.
- 10. Economic Affairs**
- (i) Industrial Estate – to facilitate and expedite development Council’s solicitor currently exploring various special conditions and incentives that could be entered into future contracts for the purchase of Council’s industrial land. No recent enquiries in regard to purchase of land.
 - (ii) Caravan and Camping Show – attended by Council’s Tourism Officer in Sydney from 24-26 April 2009.
- 11. General Purpose Revenues**
Nil
- 12. Alliances**
- (i) Hawkesbury City Council – no recent exchanges or visits.
 - (ii) Mid Lachlan Alliance – meeting held Thursday 23 April 2009 in Condobolin. Sponsoring General Managers of professional groups encouraged to organise meetings.
 - (iii) CENTROC – meeting scheduled for 22 May 2009 in Bathurst.
 - (iv) Hawkesbury Show – to be held 1-3 May 2009. Opportunity to promote local events such as the Henry Lawson Festival.
- 13. Other Matters**
- (i) Community Broadband Development Fund – expressions of interest submitted for Caragabal and Greenethorpe. Awaiting further advice.
 - (ii) DA 9/2009 Urbis Services (Telstra) – various objections received. Director Environmental Services to conduct an assessment of the Development Application after closing date of submissions and report to Council.
- 14. Review of Job List**

Noted

Next Meeting: Monday, 18 May 2009 at 2.30 pm

Closure: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 11.51 am.

594 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr McClelland that the Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting be noted.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY, 5 MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 3.30 PM (C2.6.14)

1 PRESENT: Messrs W Twohill, M Martens (chair), S Wilson, W Schneider and N Baker.

2 APOLOGIES: G Carroll

Resolved: M Martens and W Schneider that the apology be accepted.

3 MINUTES:

Resolved: S Wilson and W Twohill that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2009 were adopted as read with an amendment to the minutes – 2 December 2008 should read W Schneider and S Wilson that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2008 were adopted as read.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Gas Leaks

Alternate heating estimates completed. No leaks to date, ongoing monitoring.

Noted

4.2 Evacuation plans

Community Hub completed. New Depot almost completed and Commonwealth Bank almost done.

Noted

4.3 Business Continuity Plan

In progress.

Noted

4.4 Sewer Machine

Most staff trained in its use.

Noted

4.5 Volunteers – training, SWMs

Still occurring.

Noted

4.6 SWM 39

To be reviewed (three employees).

Noted

4.7 CENTROC OH & S Working Party Peer Group Audit – Weddin Shire

Asbestos policy to be finalized.

Noted

4.8 Major Inspections of Playground Equipment Annually

Completed. To be filed in each park file.

Noted

4.9 Charter

Election not done yet. Director Engineering to call meeting.

Noted

4.10 Gloves

Gloves for garbage operator have been given to him. Another set ordered.

Noted

4.11 Sharps Training

Training has been carried out. SWMs to be completed.

Community sharps report form to go with SWMs.

Consider placing sharps containers on some utes.

Noted

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Animal Control Vehicle

Box on the vehicle to be moved and SWMs for winch to be completed.

Noted

6. INJURY FORMS

6.1 Fuel Trailer – electric plug faulty, repaired next day.

Noted

7. INSPECTION – COMMUNITY HUB

Completed. Non slip coating to be placed on tiles and lino near entrance. Rail to be placed on ramp.

Report to be submitted to Director Environmental Services for consideration.

Noted

8. FUTURE INSPECTIONS

Tip – after July 2009

Schedule of future inspections to be formulated.

9. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 11 August 2009 at 3.00 pm.

10. CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

595 RESOLVED: [Clr D Hughes and Clr Hinde that the Minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee Meeting be noted.](#)

**MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
12 MAY 2009 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE 3.00 PM (C2.6.12)**

1. PRESENT: M Martens, W Twohill, G Carroll, S Wilson, V Carter and Clr Atchison (observer).

2. APOLOGIES: Nil

3. MINUTES:

Resolved: S Wilson and G Carroll that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009 be adopted as read.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Induction Manual – in progress.

Noted

4.2 Job Re-evaluation

- Grader Operator
- IT/Finance Officer

Noted

4.3. Security at New Depot
Completed 12 May 2009.

Noted

4.4 Salary System

The Alliance is looking at engaging a person to look at the salary systems for the four shires.

4.5 Constitution

Now amended.

Noted

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Review of Caravan Park

Noted

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Caravan Park

Review of current employment arrangements being undertaken, with initial advice given to current staff as required under the award.

Noted

6.2 Grenfell Tip

To be manned under contract.

Noted

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 11 August 2009 at 3.00 pm.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

596 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting be noted.

**MINUTES FOR THE NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
3.30 PM ON MONDAY, 18 MAY 2009 (C2.6.13)**

1. **PRESENT:** Clrs D Hughes, G Halls and M Simpson (Observer).
Messrs M Martens and K Starr.

2. **APOLOGIES:** W Twohill

As there was no quorum, no meeting occurred.

Noted

MINUTES OF MANEX MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 18 MAY 2009 AT 2.30 PM (C2.6.10).

Present: Messrs T Lobb, G Carroll and S Wilson.
Clr Simpson (observer).

Apologies: W Twohill

Resolved: S Wilson and G Carroll that the apology be accepted.

Minutes:

Resolved: G Carroll and S Wilson that the minutes of 27 April 2009 be adopted as circulated.

General Business:

1A Administration

- (i) 2009/2010 Management Plan – draft Management Plan including estimates of income and expenditure to be presented to May 2009 Council meeting. Fees and charges included. Rating options for 2009/2010 reported in General Manager's report.
- (ii) Superannuation – Council in conjunction with another Mid Lachlan Alliance Council submitted a late motion to the Shires Association conference objecting to the proposed exorbitant increase. CENTROC to consider their position at the CENTROC meeting on Friday 22 May 2009. Various questions also submitted to the Local Government Superannuation Board. Awaiting response.
- (iii) Integrated Planning and Reporting – the Exposure Draft Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Bill 2009 has been released for public consultation. Councillors and senior staff to consider attending a training session.
- (iv) Draft Budget – balanced draft budget achieved. Review of Internal Reserves undertaken to reallocate financial resources. Reported in General Manager's report.
- (v) Telephone Audit – an initiative of CENTROC. Requires critical analysis to ascertain savings. General Manager and Directors to pursue.

1B Human Resources

- (ii) Vacancies - Caragabal Tip Position – to be advertised.
- (ii) Job Evaluations –
 - Administration – in progress.
 - Engineering – to commence.

2. Public Order and Safety

- (ii) Berrys Lane (Dogs) – advice received that the hearing date is now set for 12 June 2009.

3. Health

- (i) Meeting with GWAHS – General Manager to submit late report to Council.

4. Community Services and Education

Nil

5. Housing and Community Amenities

- (i) Recycling Collection – reported in Director Environmental Services report.
- (ii) Grenfell Tip – reported in Director Environmental Services report.

- 6. Sewerage**
- (i) Mains Investigation – licence conditions emanating from the Business Plan and issued by DWE to be adhered to. Director Engineering and Director Environmental Services to pursue.
 - (ii) Water and Sewerage Inquiry – CENTROC currently formulating an alliance proposal. Central Tablelands Water endeavouring to maintain the status quo similar to Goldenfields Water County Council. General Manager to monitor.
- 7. Recreation and Culture**
- (i) Community Hub – reported in Director Corporate Services report.
 - (ii) Library – may need to be closed for the Festival Art Show. Not the preferred option. General Manager and Director Corporate Services to pursue.
 - (iii) Infrastructure Program – advice received that Council’s funding application for the Grenfell Pool project was unsuccessful.
- 8. Mining Manufacture and Construction**
Nil
- 9. Transport and Communication**
- (i) RTA Contract – reported in Director Engineering’s report.
 - (iii) Bimbi Bridge – reported in Director Engineering’s report.
 - (iii) Other Programs – noted.
 - (iv) Rail Branch Lines – General Manager developed a consultancy brief on behalf of other participating Councils. Brief forwarded to the list of consultants. Further reported in General Manager’s report.
- 10. Economic Affairs**
- (i) Industrial Estate – special sale conditions being formulated. Awaiting response from Council’s solicitor.
- 11. General Purpose Revenues**
Nil
- 12. Alliances**
- (i) Hawkesbury City Council – heritage committee currently considering next visit.
 - (ii) Mid Lachlan Alliance – next meeting scheduled for 31 July 2009 at Forbes. Professional groups to organise meetings.
 - (iii) CENTROC – meeting scheduled for 22 May 2009 in Bathurst.
- 13. Other Matters**
- (i) Community Broadband Development Fund – no advice to date.
 - (ii) Local Government Week – to be held between 3 -9 August 2009. Arrangements to be considered.
 - (iii) Central West Tourism – recently announced a new grant funding opportunity. Director Corporate Services to pursue.
- 14. Review of Job List**

Noted

Next Meeting: Monday, 15 June 2009 at 2.30 pm

Closure: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 3.32 pm.

597 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr McClelland that the Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting be noted.

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
18 MAY 2009 AT 5.00 PM (C2.6.8).**

1. **PRESENT:** Clrs Simpson (Chair), Atchison, Lobb, Crutcher and Hinde.
Messrs T Lobb, G Carroll, S Wilson and N Perera.

2. **APOLOGY:** Nil

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Resolved: Clr Atchison and Clr Hinde that the minutes of 16 March 2009 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Nil

Clr McClelland entered the meeting at this point.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

5.1 Grenfell Junior Soccer Club Inc, P2.1.6 (C6):

Resolved: Clr Hinde and Clr Lobb that the letter be noted.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1 **General Manager's Report**

DA for Telecommunications Tower at O'Brien Mine Reserve (Telstra)

Noted

6.2 **Director Corporate Services' Report**

Reports on Town Costings, Grenfell Community Hub and Henry Lawson Bust Project.

Noted

6.3 **Director Engineering's Report**

Reports on Works Report, Future Works, Other Works, Burrett Street/Vaughn Street Laneway, Weddin Shire Council Cemetery Operations Plan and Manganese Road.

Noted

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Taylor Park

Resolved: Clr McClelland and Clr Lobb that \$8,200 be allocated from the Grenfell Town Streets Construction Programme for 2009/2010.

6.4 **Director Environmental Services' Report**

Reports on Sewerage Treatment Works, Caravan Park, Animal Control, Berry Road Dogs, Grenfell Men's Shed Short and Long Term Development Plan, Criterion Hotel – Proposed Change to Licensing Conditions, Grenfell Waste Depot Upgrade, Town DA's.

Noted

7. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE:

Nil

7.1 Rotary Park – Alcohol Free Zone

General Manager declared a conflict of interest as a Rotary Board Member and stayed in the room.

Resolved: Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison that Council support the initiative to bring Rotary Park into line with the Alcohol Free Zones in Taylor and Vaughn Parks.

7.2 Proposed Construction Schedules for Grenfell – 2009/2010 and onwards

Resolved: Clr Hinde and McClelland that the matter be deferred for further consideration.

8. QUESTIONS:

Nil

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 15 June 2009 at 5.00 pm.

CLOSURE: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

598 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the Minutes of the Town Works Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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

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

February 2009 3. Bimbi Bridge: arrange official opening with RTA (Exec).

Carried Out

March 2009 4. Heated Swimming Pool Complex: arrange feasibility study if grant is successful (DES).

No longer required

TENDERS

1. CENTROC Tender for Electricity 2009/2012, T1.8.7

Tenders for supply of electricity for three years from 1 July 2009 were invited by Bathurst City Council on behalf of the CENTROC Councils.

Tenders were received from Country Energy and Energy Australia. A comparison of the price categories for this Council is as follows:-

No	Category	Country Energy	Energy Australia
1.	Street Lighting Charges - Year 1	\$7,435	\$7,475
	- Year 2	\$7,975*	\$8,438*
	- Year 3	<u>\$8,104*</u>	<u>\$8,928*</u>
	Total	<u>\$23,534</u>	<u>\$24,841</u>
2.	Green Energy	6.5 c/kwh	5.67 c/kwh
3.	Contestable Sites - Year 1	\$11,361	\$12,580
	- Year 2	\$12,291*	\$24,165*
	- Year 3	<u>\$12,877*</u>	<u>\$27,087*</u>
	Total	<u>\$36,529</u>	<u>\$63,802</u>
4.	Other Sites - Year 1	\$24,907	\$23,728
	- Year 2	\$24,907	\$30,476*
	- Year 3	<u>\$24,907</u>	<u>\$33,045*</u>
	Total	<u>\$74,721</u>	<u>\$87,249</u>
	Grand Total	<u>\$134,784</u>	<u>\$175,892</u>

* indicates apportioned cost.

The Country Energy tender is cheaper overall for Weddin Shire even though it is higher in some categories in Year 1. This seems to be typical for all the other CENTROC councils too.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council accept the Country Energy tender for electricity supply 2009/2012 and sign the necessary documentation.

Further, that CENTROC be so advised.

599 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Halls that Council accept the Country Energy tender for electricity supply 2009/2012 and sign the necessary documentation.

Further, that CENTROC be so advised.

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.

- Clr D Hughes - enquired if the meeting with Police will be held next week.
→ Mayor advised it will be held next Wednesday 27 May 2009.
- Clr N Hughes - advised he was very impressed with the Waste to Art Exhibition he attended at Gilgandra.
- Clr Lobb - enquired regarding the process to erect tourism signage.
→ Director Engineering advised there are RTA requirements to adhere to and invited Clr Lobb to consult.
- advised the George Street recycling drop – off point requires attention.
→ Director Engineering advised that as from 1st July 2009 it will be removed.

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?

10A

- (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 9.39 pm

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 18 June 2009.

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