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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2010 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM.

17 June 2010

«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, 24 JUNE 2010**, commencing at **5.00 PM** and your attendance is requested.

* **Note:** 4.15 pm – presentation by Chas McPhail (Country Energy)

Yours faithfully

T V LOBB
GENERAL MANAGER

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..... General Manager Mayor

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

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

519 RESOLVED: Clrs Atchison and Crutcher that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held 20 May 2010 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED**.

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..... General Manager Mayor

17 June 2010

Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

1. VMO Positions at Grenfell Hospital, H1.1.2

The chair of the Weddin Health Council, Mr Peter Moffitt, has been involved in negotiations between Dr AlBadran and GWAHS, and he is available to give Council an update on those negotiations immediately after the commencement of the meeting.

Accordingly I hereby move:

- (i) that Council form a Closed Council to consider the General Manager's Report Item 1 to Closed Council,
- (ii) that the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Council because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, but;
- (iii) that Council invite Mr Moffitt to attend the consideration of this report in Closed Council, in accordance with clause 63(5) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

CLR M A SIMPSON
MAYOR

520 RESOLVED: Clr Simpson:

- (i) that Council form a Closed Council to consider the General Manager's Report Item 1 to Closed Council,
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- (iii) that Council invite Mr Moffitt to attend the consideration of this report in Closed Council, in accordance with clause 63(5) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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..... General Manager Mayor

522 RESOLVED: Cllr Crutcher and Cllr Niven that Council return to Open Council.

The resolution from Closed Council was not read out as it was considered to be confidential at this stage.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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

The following requests have been received:-

Nil

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.

Councillor	Item No.	Nature of Interest	Type	Left the Room
Cllr G McClelland	Director Environmental Services Item 3	Agent for Applicants	Pecuniary	Yes
Cllr Lobb	Closed Council Item 3	Wife of General Manager	Pecuniary	Yes

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 24 JUNE 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Australian Energy Regulator, U.1.5.1: Replying to your letter seeking advice from the AER about connecting Grenfell to a natural gas pipeline and the availability of a subsidy for mains delivery or reticulation of natural gas.

The AER has responsibility for approving the terms and conditions for access to certain natural gas transmission pipelines and distribution networks. The AER is currently considering revisions to Jemena Gas Networks's NSW Gas Network's NSW gas distribution network which services the neighbouring communities of Cowra and West Wyalong.

The AER does not have a role in approving the construction of pipelines or in arranging subsidies for the development of transmission mains or distribution networks. The provision of a subsidy to support the delivery of natural gas is a matter for government consideration.

523 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr N Hughes that Council write to Anthony Albanese, Maxine McKew and Katrina Hodgkinson enquiring in regards to the possible provision of a subsidy to support the delivery of natural gas to the Weddin Shire.

2. One Association, Local Government NSW, A3.8.2: Concerning One Association for Local Government in NSW.

The Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Associations of NSW, through their Presidents and Executives, have undertaken to progress the formation of One Association to represent and provide a strong and uniform voice for all NSW Councils.

My Taskforce colleagues and I will be presenting our recommendations for One Association at a special Convention to be held 16 & 17 August 2010 at Star City.

I wish to invite all Mayors, Councillors and General Managers to attend the Convention to participate in shaping the future of Local Government representation in NSW so that together we can progress this important goal.

524 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Halls that the Mayor and General Manager be Council representatives at the Local Government Special Convention to be held at Star City on 16/17 August 2010.

3. Mr Bill McSpadden, H1.7.10: Forwarding a petition of 704 signatories as below:

We, the below signed, call on the honourable Councillors of the Weddin Shire council to call a public meeting to formulate a strategy to ensure the continued operation of the Grenfell Hospital.

It has been commented upon that unless a Visiting Medical Officer is appointed soon the very immediate and long-term future of the hospital will be thrown in severe doubt.

We also call on the Weddin Shire Council, GWAHS and the NSW State Government to immediately have an emergency conference to arrive at a solution to this problem at the hospital as it has now been without a VMO since September 2009.

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This is not a fair go for elderly patients who are being convoyed to Cowra and it is not a fair go for the rest of the community who pay their taxes for public infrastructure such as hospitals and medical care.

525 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that Council support the Health Council in its endeavours and defer the proposed public meeting until all avenues to resolve the situation are exhausted.

526 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Halls that the Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

SUMMARY OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 24 JUNE 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the late correspondence be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters.

527 **RESOLVED:** Clr Lobb and Clr Hinde that the Late Correspondence be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters.

4. Shires Association of NSW, A3.18.3: Thanking all Mayors, Councillors and General Managers who attended the recent 2010 Shires Conference.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you all for support for a motion carried at the conference which deals with container deposit legislation. The State and Federal Environment Ministers will be meeting 5 July 2010 in Darwin to discuss this important issue.

I urge all councils to take part in this campaign to lobby for the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

528 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr McClelland that Council support the campaign to lobby for the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

5. The RLCIP Team, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, G2.18.1: Advising that the Prime Minister announced a third round of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

Under Round 3 of RLCIP, \$100 million will be made available in 2010-11, delivered as an allocation to all 566 of Australia's councils. The Prime Minister announced that each local government will be allocated the same amount of funding as for Round 2. (Weddin \$30,000).

Applications for Round 3 will open shortly.

Referred to Director Engineering and Director Environmental Services.
Noted

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6. Centroc, C1.5.1: Forwarding the nomination form for The Robert Wilson OAM Award, for Services in Progressing Local Government Regional Cooperation.

This award is for an individual councillor or council staff member for their efforts in Regional Cooperation Initiatives, where they have been nominated by their council. Nominations close on Friday 9 July 2010.

Noted

7. Merilyn Childs & Nella Booth, T5.14/2010: Forwarding their response to recommendation not to approve DA for change of use of 58 Main Street, Grenfell.

Copy forwarded to Councillors.

Clr McClelland previously submitted a written declaration of interest for the same application and left the room.

- 529 RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr Atchison that the letter be deferred to the Director Environmental Services' Report for consideration.

Clr McClelland returned to the room.

8. CENTROC, C2.7.3: Forwarding invitations and registration forms to the 2010 Centroc Summit at the Mount for all of your elected representatives.

Copy forwarded separately to Councillors.

- 530 RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Niven that the Mayor, General Manager, Clr Atchison and Clr Lobb be Council representatives at the Centroc Summit to be held on 29/30 July 2010 at Mt Panorama Bathurst.

- 531 RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr Niven that the Late Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

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..... General Manager Mayor

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Budget 2010/2011

I hereby move that the proposed amount set aside in the 2010 budget for a Toilet Block at O'Briens Hill, be deferred and the amount be transferred to the Parks and Gardens.

Clr Geoff McClelland

Comments by General Manager:

1. The above Category B projects were prioritised by councillors at the Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 29 March 2010 as follows:

B5	O'Briens Hill (Stage 1)	\$25,000
B8	Parks & Gardens (M&R) – additional	\$50,000

2. Funding has been allocated in the draft Budget down to Project B7.
3. Funding for Project B5 (O'Briens Hill) is proposed to be drawn from the reserve for Future Capital Projects.
4. It is usually considered undesirable to utilise funding for capital works to carry out work of a recurrent nature such as Parks and Gardens maintenance.

MOTION: Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that the proposed amount set aside in the 2010 budget for a Toilet Block at O'Briens Hill, be deferred and the amount be transferred to the Parks and Gardens

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

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17 June 2010

Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

2. Invitation to China, C2.2.7

I have received an invitation to attend a seminar in China on August 31 to Sept 3, 2010.

The Chinese Government of Jinlin Province has extended the offer of everything at their cost in China and I would have to pay for my travel and insurance. This I am prepared to carry at my personal cost. Council has never paid any money for my overseas trips though financial support was kindly offered but declined in the past.

The trip is to attend the First Emerging Industries Forum in Shanghai which is specialising in solar panels and alternative energy and this will fit well into the future trends of the Shire as residents strive to keep energy costs down.

I am still in the process of having the Federal Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency look at the proposal to see if it is a sound proposition and an Assistant Secretary of that Department would welcome a debrief on my return if I do travel.

It would assist me greatly if Council would resolve that I travel to the Forum in China as Mayor of Weddin Shire and provide me with a letter of introduction.

CLR M A SIMPSON
MAYOR

532 **RESOLVED:** Clr Simpson and Clr Atchison that Clr Simpson attend the Forum in China in his capacity as Mayor and a letter of introduction be provided.

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..... General Manager Mayor

The Mayor and Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

1. CENTROC Meeting, C2.7.3

The quarterly CETROC board meeting was held at Cowra on 27 May 2010 and was attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager.

Matters of significance were:

- an address by the RTA on the Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan for the Bells Line of Road, funded by State and Federal Governments;
- an address by consultants on the development of a joint website to market the region to the health workforce. This is estimated to cost between \$95,000 and \$160,000 with the respective contributions to be determined;
- a decision to progress with a draft options paper for the Regional Resilience Strategy.
- Country Energy to be requested to support solar panel initiatives by member councils,
- a decision to progress an MoU with Regional Development Australia.
- information on the proposed CENTROC Summit at Bathurst on 29 and 30 July.
- a review of cost saving measures for member councils : Weddin totals \$39,926.
- a recommendation that councils budget for Central NSW Tourism in 2010/2011 but withhold any payments pending ongoing discussions.
- a decision to develop options for the councils of Harden, Boorowa, Young and Upper Lachlan who may join the new South Eastern Region of Councils (SEROCC)
- discussion of grant opportunities under the Strengthening Basic Communities program.

The next meeting will be in Bathurst on 29 July 2010.

For Information
Noted

2. LGMA Forum, P1.2.4

The annual Local Government Managers Association Forum was attended in Sydney on 31 May 2010 by Clrs Simpson, N Hughes and Lobb, and the General Manager.

Matters of significance were:

- an address on management of recreational centres/pools by the YMCA;

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- an address on changes to superannuation regulations and entitlements by Peter Lambert (LGSS), including an admission that LGFS may have to be wound up.
- An address by Ross Woodward (DLG) on the outcomes from the recent Leaders' Seminar;
- An interactive panel session on Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in local government, concentrating primarily on the Mayor and General Manager but including discussion on:
 - a clearer distinction of powers,
 - a four year term for mayors,
 - the cultural change from the 1919 Local Government Act,
 - ongoing problems with the Code of Conduct,
 - various options for handling complaints,
 - the invidious position of the General Manager in assessing complaints about councillors,
 - a clearer distinction between policy and operational matters.

Parts of the Forum were interesting and informative but it was not up to the standard of previous years.

**For Information
Noted**

3. Shires Association Conference 2010, A3.18.3

The annual Shires Association Conference was held in Sydney on 1 & 2 June and was attended by Clr Simpson, Clr N Hughes and General Manager.

Matters of significance raised at the conference were as follows:

- official opening by Premier Kenneally who stated that NSW was leading the way in recovering from the financial crisis.
- President Bruce Miller spoke on the pending State and Federal elections, the amalgamation of the Associations, modernising local government, and the failed attempt to take over the LGSS.
- an incisive address by Gordon Gregory, the Executive Director of the Rural Health Alliance, on the many problems with health services on rural, regional and remote areas.
- Barry O'Farrell MLA addressing decentralisation, a review of the EP&A Act, amalgamation by mutual agreement only, rate pegging, and council elections.
- Ray Brown, Mayor of Western Downs Council (Qld) addressing development pressures between agriculture and mining.
- a "motivational" address by Justin Herald, creator of the "Attitude" brand.
- John Robertson, the newly appointed Minister for Transport, on a 25 year plan for freight and upgrading of level crossings.

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- a Q & A (question & answer) session by Terry Jones, host of the ABC's TV show of the same name, with a panel of:
 - Hon Tony Kelly, Minister for Planning
 - Hon Barbara Perry, Minister for Local Government
 - Chris Hatcher, Shadow Minister for Inter-governmental Relations
 - Gladys Berejiklian, Shadow Minister for Transport.

Neither side was greatly impressive and whilst local government has many issues with the present government, it is uncertain whether a change will bring many immediate benefits.

- Linda Burney, Minister for Community Services on child protection measures.
- Phil Costa, Minister for Water, on the completion of the water study response.
- Libby Darlison on the status of the One Association Taskforce.

A total of 71 motions were dealt with by the Conference. The joint motion from Weddin and Parkes on a review of LGFS was comfortably carried despite strong behind-the-scenes pressure from the Executive to have it withdrawn. This having been passed, the second joint motion about supporting a review of the FuturePlus group by the United Services Union was voluntarily withdrawn.

During the Conference there were two workshops for General Managers concerning:

- Sustainability, Recruiting and Retaining Staff, and
- Code of Conduct.

Both workshops involved topical matters and were very worthwhile.

Clrs Simpson and Hughes also attended a workshop on "Financial Issues for Councillors" on the day after the Conference, and this was also reported as being of value to them.

For Information
Noted

4. Address by Country Energy, C2.8.1

Council resolved at its May Meeting to defer the address by the Regional Manager of Country Energy, Mr Chas McPhail, until immediately prior to the June Meeting.

It is anticipated Mr McPhail will commence at 4.15 pm.

One possible issue for discussion is whether Council with the support of Country Energy might be prepared to act as a facilitator for Solar Energy installations in the shire.

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..... General Manager Mayor

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5. Policy for Fees, Expenses & Facilities for Councillors 2010/11, C2.4.10

The adopted policy for 2009/10 is included in Councillors Policy Folders. At the May Meeting Council resolved to adopt the annual policy for 2010/11 with the only changes being administrative.

The Division of Local Government has subsequently advised that all such policies are required to be publicly exhibited prior to adoption, and this was able to be arranged so that it would expire on 23 June.

At this stage, no submissions from the public have been received but this may alter.

A copy of the policy as finally adopted will be forwarded to Councillors after the Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

- (i) **all submissions from the public be considered, if any,**
- (ii) **the draft policy for 2010/11 be adopted with any further amendments required by Council.**

533 **RESOLVED:** Cllr Atchison and Cllr Halls that the draft policy for 2010/2011 be adopted.

6. Rail Branch Lines, T3.8.5

Arrangements were made prior to his resignation for representatives of the five councils to meet with Transport Minister David Campbell during the Shires conference, In response to strong support from Mick Veitch MLC and Gerard Martin MLA (Member for Bathurst), the new Transport Minister John Robertson agreed to hold to the meeting. Minister Robertson advised he had been informally briefed by Mr Campbell and gave assurances that he would continue along the same lines as previously agreed, with the announcement of the Terms of Reference and membership of the Ministerial Taskforce by 22 June 2010. This means in effect that there has been no lost time from the change in Ministers.

The five councils have nominated the Mayors of Cowra and Weddin as their delegates to the Taskforce, and the Minister verbally advised his acceptance of these nominations, along with a General Manager (probably Weddin's) as an ex-officio member.

The Minister also stated he would appoint a Deputy Director General of Transport as the chair of the Taskforce. This appointment seems to indicate that the Taskforce is being given a level of importance within the Government, and should assist the committee to cut red tape.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that:

- (i) the Mayor's nomination to the Ministerial Taskforce be endorsed as a representative of the five councils, and;
- (ii) the General Manager's participation as an ex-officio member be endorsed.

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..... General Manager Mayor

RESOLVED: Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison that:

- (i) the Mayor's nomination to the Ministerial Taskforce be endorsed as a representative of the five councils, and;
- (ii) the General Manager's participation as an ex-officio member be endorsed.

7. Draft Management Plan 2010/2011, A3.4

The draft Management Plan for 2010/2011 was placed on public exhibition on 21 May 2010 up until 17 June 2010 and submissions from the public were invited.

a) Submissions and Amendments

To date no submissions have been received. Any submission received between the time of writing and 17 June 2010 will be required to be considered by Council prior to adoption, in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Council may make alterations to the rates, the budget, the proposed works or the fees and charges if it so desires, or it may decide to adopt the items as advertised.

Noted

b) Adoption

The recommendations in the following items are offered on the premise that the relevant component of the draft Management Plan is to be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the draft Management Plan for 2010/2011 as approved for public exhibition by Council at its meeting held 20 May 2010 and amended as above, be now adopted as the 2010/2011 Management Plan subject to any further amendments in the following report items.

RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that the draft Management Plan for 2010/2011 as approved for public exhibition by Council at its meeting held 20 May 2010 and amended as above, be now adopted as the 2010/2011 Management Plan subject to any further amendments in the following report items.

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8. Making of Rates and Charges

(a) General Rate:

The names and descriptions of the various rate categories are given in Section 12 of the draft Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT ordinary general purpose rates be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 on the land value of all rateable land in the Shire in accordance with the categories of rates named and defined as in the Management Plan with the rate name, rate in the \$, base rate, percentage of total yield and rate yield as in the Table following:-

Rate Name	Ad Valorem Amount Cents in \$	Base Charge \$	Base Charge % of Total per category	Rate Yield \$
Grenfell Residential	0.8697	238	48.79	484,403
Ordinary Residential	0.3977	187	35.38	96,721
Main Street Business	2.1334	246	30.07	62,168
Ordinary Business	2.0140	240	23.04	64,556
Bimbi Residential	0.8618	69	41.53	2,824
Caragabal Residential	1.0503	69	49.45	8,931
Greenethorpe Residential	0.7545	72	39.09	20,035
Quandialla Residential	1.5238	72	41.71	13,120
Farmland Rate	0.3065	185	16.34	1,114,413
Mining	5.6815	590	14.75	3,999
Total				1,871,170

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(b) Sewer Rate

RECOMMENDATION: THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT Sewerage charges be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 on rateable land except land which is more than 75 metres from a sewer of the Council and is not connected to the sewer and land from which sewage could not be discharged into any sewer of the Council charge as in the following table:-

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Rate Name	Ad Valorem Amount Cents in \$	Annual Charge \$	% of Total Charge	Yield \$
Sewerage Charges				
- Connected	Nil	225	96.55%	214,200
- Unconnected	Nil	75	3.45%	7,650

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Sewerage Charges				
- Connected	Nil	225	96.55%	214,200
- Unconnected	Nil	75	3.45%	7,650

c) Sewerage Service Charges

RECOMMENDATION: THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT Sewerage Service charges be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 on land which is not rateable to the sewer charge as in the following table:-

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Properties not Rateable to the Sewer Charge

	Each Water Closet per annum	Each Urinal Cistern Per annum
• School lands and lands used as a playground in connection with such school or as the residence of a caretaker, servant or teacher of any such school	\$51	\$44
• Land which belongs to a religious body and which is occupied and used in connection with any church or other building used or occupied for public worship	\$51	\$44
• Other land	\$85	\$44

538 RESOLVED: Cllr Crutcher and Cllr Atchison: THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT Sewerage Service charges be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 on land which is not rateable to the sewer charge as in the following table:-

Properties not Rateable to the Sewer Charge

	Each Water Closet per annum	Each Urinal Cistern Per annum
• School lands and lands used as a playground in connection with such school or as the residence of a caretaker, servant or teacher of any such school	\$51	\$44
• Land which belongs to a religious body and which is occupied and used in connection with any church or other building used or occupied for public worship	\$51	\$44
• Other land	\$85	\$44

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..... General Manager Mayor

(d) Waste Management/Recycling Charges:

RECOMMENDATION: THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT waste management/recycling service charges be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available with the charge name, and charge per service as in the following table:-

• Domestic Waste/Recycling - Grenfell:	\$222	per annum/bin	(\$2.85 per service)
• Domestic Waste - Greenethorpe:	\$207	per annum/bin	(\$7.96 per service)
• Commercial Waste Grenfell:	\$150	per annum/bin bulk	(\$2.88 per service)
• Vacant Land Charge	\$25		

539 **RESOLVED:** Cllr Crutcher and Cllr Atchison THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT waste management/recycling service charges be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available with the charge name, and charge per service as in the following table:-

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• Vacant Land Charge	\$25		

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ORDINARY REPORT

(e) Rural Garbage Charge

RECOMMENDATION: THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT the rural garbage charge be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 for each parcel of rateable land not paying a domestic waste charge, with the charge per service as in the following table:-

	Per annum \$
Farmland	\$25.00
Ordinary Residential	\$25.00
Villages (Caragabal, Bimbi, Quandialla)	\$25.00
Vacant Land Charge - Villages	\$25.00

540 **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison THAT WHEREAS a draft management plan incorporating a statement with respect to each ordinary rate and each special rate and each charge proposed to be levied was adopted by Council and advertised in the Grenfell Record newspaper on 21 May 2010 AND THAT after taking into consideration any submissions that have been made regarding the draft management plan prepared and exhibited the Council adopted the management plan on 24 June 2010 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT the rural garbage charge be now made for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 for each parcel of rateable land not paying a domestic waste charge, with the charge per service as in the following table:-

	Per annum \$
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Ordinary Residential	\$25.00
Villages (Caragabal, Bimbi, Quandialla)	\$25.00
Vacant Land Charge - Villages	\$25.00

f) Extra Charges:

RECOMMENDATION: that extra charges on rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable be charged **on a daily basis at the rate of 9% per annum for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.**

541 **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison that extra charges on rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable be charged on a daily basis at the rate of 9% per annum for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

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..... General Manager Mayor

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ORDINARY REPORT

(g) Fixing of Fees and Charges:

RECOMMENDATION: that the list of fees and charges as incorporated in Section 14 of the adopted Management Plan be now fixed as the fees and charges for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

- 542** **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison that the list of fees and charges as incorporated in Section 14 of the adopted Management Plan be now fixed as the fees and charges for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

(h) Voting of Expenditure:

RECOMMENDATION: that Council votes for expenditure for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 be now approved as the sums itemised in the estimates for the year incorporated in the adopted management plan totalling \$9,732,978.

- 543** **RESOLVED:** Clr Crutcher and Clr Atchison that Council votes for expenditure for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 be now approved as the sums itemised in the estimates for the year incorporated in the adopted management plan totalling \$9,732,978.

T V LOBB
GENERAL MANAGER

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

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..... General Manager Mayor

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S LATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the following report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters therein.

- 545** **RESOLVED:** Cllr Atchison and Cllr N Hughes that the following report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters therein.

9. Review of Policies, C2.4.3

Councillors agreed at the Policy Review Workshop on 17 May 2010 to consider amendments to the following policies:

Policy No. 12.3.2 – Incentives for New Business (Shops)
Policy No. 12.4.2 – Incentives for New Business (General)
Policy No. 12.5.2 – Incentives for Expansion of Existing Businesses
Policy No. 8.3.4 – Use of Parks, Reserves & Sporting Grounds.

Amended draft policies have been prepared and copies forwarded to Councillors. On acceptance by Council the draft policies will be placed on public exhibition.

Policy No. 7.2.2 – Grenfell Sewer Contributions Plan is being separately reported.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that draft Policies No. 12.3.3, 12.4.3, 12.5.3 and 8.3.5 be approved for public exhibition.

- 546** **RESOLVED:** Cllr McClelland and Cllr N Hughes that draft Policies No. 12.3.3, 12.4.3, 12.5.3 and 8.3.5 be approved for public exhibition.

T V LOBB

GENERAL MANAGER

- 547** **RESOLVED:** Cllr D Hughes and Cllr Halls that except where otherwise dealt with the General Manager's Late Report be adopted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' ORDINARY REPORT

17 June 2010

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 May 2010:

Bank Account	
Westpac	<u>\$601,004.19</u>
Investments	
LGIS	
Total Investments	<u>\$3,500,000.00</u>

Noted

CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I certify that the Cashbook for each Bank Account has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statement as at 31 May 2010.

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 May follows:

Rates Receipts	293,426.40
Accounts Receivable	62,122.50
Government Grants	651,020.00
Agency Collections	72,289.68
Caravan Park Fees	5,010.00
Interest on Investments	29,410.28
Other Income	16,274.63
Total	<u>\$1,129,553.49</u>

For Information

Noted

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..... General Manager Mayor

THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' ORDINARY REPORT

3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2009/2010:

Following are the up to date maintenance figures as at 31 May 2010.

ITEM	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Rural Roads Maintenance	541,565	538,256
Grenfell Town Streets Maintenance	161,993	125,632
Village Maintenance - Caragabal	6,000	5,451
Village Maintenance - Greenethorpe	6,000	3,030
Village Maintenance - Quandialla	6,000	8,217
Garbage/Recycling Collection	92,400	71,601
Greenethorpe Collections	8,500	5,981
Trade Waste Collection	23,000	10,719
Grenfell Waste Depot Manning/Plant Hire	84,000	84,056
Tips Working Expenses	29,000	35,444
Noxious Plants	74,000	41,159
Parks & Gardens	178,028	171,732
Library Expenditure	110,755	87,244
Baths Income	-22,000	23,436
Baths Expenditure	106,514	98,654
Caravan Park Income	-32,000	54,445
Caravan Park Expenditure	64,691	59,698

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THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' ORDINARY REPORT

RTA GRANT WORKS

DESCRIPTION	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
2009/10 State Roads (SH 6)	898,137	898,137
2009/10 National Roads (SH 17)	410,000	205,955
2009/10 Regional Roads Block Grant	425,000	313,561
2009/2010 REPAIR Program MR398	300,000	264,449
3 x 3 Program - MR 398	68,000	8,088

2009/2010 Rural Local Roads	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Maintenance general	22,000	22,941
Reseals	99,000	92,792
Caragabal - Quandialla	33,000	2,970
Gerrybang Road	64,000	69,480
Pinnacle Road	67,000	105,972
Driftway Road	90,000	114,071
Grenfell Streets Construction	39,000	36,851
Grenfell Kerb and Gutter	29,000	12,521
Grenfell Streets - Footpaving	33,000	24,923
Warraderry Street Drainage	111,000	9,990
Reconstruct Village Streets	5,864	527
Taylor Park Playground Equipment	9,000	9,988
Manganese Road Drainage	27,000	32,389
Burrett/Vaughn Streets	5,000	450
Gravel Resheeting	110,000	88,708
Overexpenditure 2008/2009	53,096	53,096
Total	796,960	677,669

2009/2010 Roads to Recovery	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Grenfell Reseals	80,000	78,584
Gerrybang Road	122,000	123,412
Rural Roads Reseals	120,000	120,761
Old Young Road	128,876	127,095
Total	450,876	449,852

For Information
Noted

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

Reference is made to the report to the May 2010 Council Meeting advising of the status of debt recovery in regard to rates and debtors.

As reported to the May Meeting the debt recovery process is ongoing and a new round of debt recovery for both debtors and rates is in progress which is following the same debt recovery process as has previously occurred.

The sale of land for overdue rates will be conducted in 2010.

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Noted

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..... General Manager Mayor

5. Grenfell Library, C2.6.29

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

- Arranging the Summer Reading Club Awards Afternoon Tea to be held on 26th July.
- Commenced the programme of stock weeding with weeding of the adult paperbacks, auto/biographies and the junior non-fiction. Other print collections will be weeded over coming months.
- Pre-School StoryTimes were presented on 5th and 19th May.
- Currently preparing an entry for the New South Wales Public Libraries Marketing Award based on the events surrounding the visit of the Aussie Cookbooks Exhibition from the State Library last December.
- A report on February's Family History Research Resources Seminar was published in the most recent Public Library News magazine.

For Information
Noted

6. Economic Development, C2.6.21

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

- Council's Economic Development Strategy review is in progress. Ian Mackey from Cre8 Community Growth and Development has received a poor response to the surveys and is now seeking further responses. The draft report and the final report to be completed after surveys collated.
- GBDC session "Marketing without Money" held on Thursday 27 May with Samantha Hain as guest speaker and approximately 20 people attending. Aussie Hose customer service training is also being organised for various businesses late June or early July.
- Planning to attend the EDO forum on Tuesday 15 June at Cowra.
- Planning to conduct a presentation to high school students on June 8 regarding the Open Day.

For Information
Noted

7. Tourism/Promotions, C2.6.2

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

- Sending all bird groups in Australia invitations and flyers to encourage them to visit the Weddin Shire. A bird fair will be held at Leeton in September 2010.
- The Weddin Shire Tourism brochures are currently being distributed to surrounding areas.
- Attended a meeting to discuss the Gold Trail Projects future direction in Young on 25 May. The funding application is to be resubmitted possibly in July 2010 and a gold trail brochure is to be developed.

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- The Henry Lawson Bust project is completed.
- "Information Bay" signage from Civic Guide to be ordered. Received a draft of the sign back from Civic Guide which is currently being reviewed. The signs to be placed at the Obelisk and Railway Station.
- The "Whats On in Grenfell" newsletter for June/July forwarded to recipients on the mailing list.
- Advertising schedule and other arrangements for the Henry Lawson Festival finalised.

For Information
Noted

8. Grenfell Internet Centre, C2.6.28

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

- Developing other income streams such as designing and printing funeral service booklets and various cards. Examples to be featured in a window display.
- Tech Talk articles submitted in the Grenfell Record on a regular basis. An article on Scams to be submitted in due course. They are being well received by the public.
- Window displays addressed and constantly changing. Photos of the Shire in flood will be featured on a power point presentation.
- A new computer game "Age of Empires" has been sourced and loaded on all of the computers. Promotion of the game in progress. Grant funding application submitted to source additional computer games unsuccessful.
- A flyer mail out to households promoting the services available conducted. Further mail out being considered.
- Updating festival website and designing documents.
- Visiting local businesses to discuss services available at the Internet Centre.

For Information
Noted

9. Half Yearly Audit, A1.6

As reported to the May Council Meeting Council's auditors Morse Group of Orange have advised they will be conducting the half yearly audit on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 June 2010.

The half yearly audit report will then be presented to the July 2010 Council Meeting.

For Information
Noted

GLENN CARROLL
DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES

548 **RESOLVED:** Clr Lobb and Clr Crutcher that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services Ordinary Report be adopted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows:

1. Works Report (13 June 2010)

1.1 Classified Roads Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as Slashing, Patching and Guide-posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- SH6
 - General Maintenance
 - Construct & seal 2kms of Warrakimbo Rehab
 - Repaired 2 culverts within rehab area(Warrakimbo)
 - Removed 2 trees on the Cowra approach
 - Removed fallen tree
- SH17
 - General Maintenance
 - Erected new intersection signs on three intersections
 - Removed fallen tree
- MR398
 - General Maintenance
 - Attended and supplied traffic control for Cattle truck accident & buried dead cattle
- MR236
 - General Maintenance
- MR237
 - General Maintenance
- MR239
 - General Maintenance

1.2 Rural Local Roads Programme

Routine maintenance such as Slashing, Patching & Guide Posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

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..... General Manager Mayor

1.3 Rural Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as Slashing, Patching & Guide Posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- General Maintenance
- Sprayed and removed suckers on Derribong & Adelargo Roads
- Completed headwalls on Stewarts Road pipes
- Gravel patched & graded Stockroute & Langfields Road
- Maintenance graded Hunters Road, Beasleys Lane & Stewarts Roads
- Repaired pipe culverts Hancock-Flynns Road (1 culvert to be repaired)
- Removed large fallen tree at the Grenfell cemetery.

1.4 Urban Maintenance/Construction

- General maintenance
- Repaired/replaced GTA signs
- Repaired North Street footbridge
- Installed drainage pipe Railway car park
- Started Vaughn Park playground area
- Installed new BBQ in Taylor Park
- Washed down Main Street footpaths
- Cleaned GTA K & G with hired Street sweeper
- Sealed Railway car park
- Spraying paths Commonwealth Bank Cleared & fertilized Camp Street roundabout
- Prepared GTA for Henry Lawson Festival

For Information
Noted

2. Other Works

2.1 Parks & Ovals Report

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

- General Maintenance
- Removed 4 dead trees
- Planted trees – 4 Taylor Park, 3 Henry Lawson Birth Place

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2.2 Cemeteries

The following graves have been prepared from: 5 April 2010 to 9 May 2010:-

Grenfell Lawn	–	1
Grenfell	–	Nil
Bimbi	–	1
Caragabal	–	Nil

2.3 Sewer Mains

Four (4) sewer chokes have been attended to during the month.

2.4 Private Works

- Attended sewer choke for a ratepayer
- Supplied traffic control, backhoe & truck for a truck accident at Bimbi

2.5 Vandalism

- Vaughn Park & Taylor Park burnt toilet rolls & general extra mess with some Graffiti to be removed \$230.00

Total Cost: \$230.00

Progressive Cost Urban: \$6,575.00

Progressive Cost Rural: \$500.00

(from 1/7/2009 to date)

**For Information
Noted**

3. Future Works

3.1 Rural

- General Maintenance
- Guide post & line marking Warrakimbo Rehab
- Start Holy Camp intersection
- Shoulder grade New Forbes Road
- Gravel patch & Maintenance grade Wheatleys Road

3.2 Urban

- General Maintenance
- Plant out Camp Street Roundabout
- Complete Vaughn Park playground
- Commence Weddin Street Rehabilitation (subject to gravel)

**For Information
Noted**

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4. CENTROC WOLG, C2.7.16:

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

For Information
Noted

5. Plant Report

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

Plant No	Plant Item	Maintenance
	General Plant	General maintenance
	RFS vehicles (24)	Annual services
PI 3952	Kenworth	Repair air leaks
PI 3953	New garbage truck	Major service, fit new cameras
PI 4053	Cat 12H grader	12,000 hr service
PI 4067	Toyota Fork lift	Major service
PI 4083	Dynapak	Major service
PI 4098	Patching Truck	Replace cylinder gasket near motor
PI 4102	Cat120M grader	Repair split hydraulic pipe

For Information
Noted

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

The Roads Asset Management Plan is nearing completion.

For Information
Noted

7. RTA RMCC Contract, R2.54.4

Routine maintenance works on SH6 & SH17 continue.

Stage 2 of the rehabilitation of SH6 (2km section west of “S” bends) have been completed within budget and specification.

Planning has commenced for the tentative rehabilitation project on SH17 with a proposed start date in mid 2010/2011.

For Information
Noted

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8. Noxious Weed Report – April, C2.6.16

The Noxious Weeds Officer has carried out the following works:-

- Spraying roadside shoulders on SH6 from Cowra boundary to Marsden.
- Spraying roadside shoulders on SH17 from Marsden to Forbes boundary.
- Spraying suckers on Derribong Lane.
- Spraying and removal of suckers on Adelargo Road.
- Spraying roadside shoulders on Keiths Lane.
- Inspection of Bimbi Cemetery for Noxious Weeds.
- Spraying Cowra Road picnic areas.
- Spraying Blackberries at Bumbaldry.
- Spraying Blackberries at Tyagong Creek, Cowra Road.
- Administration work on inspections to commence in June 2010.

For Information
Noted

9. Main Street Bins, R2.4.19

Contact was made with Coolamon Shire Council's staff in relation to the street bins and covers in Coolamon's Main Street.

The 120 litre bin enclosures are about \$1800 for the single version and about \$2600 for the double version and are made by Street Furniture Australia. Photos will be available on the noticeboard.

The 40 litre round bin surrounds were fabricated by a local Coolamon welder some 10-15 yrs ago and costs are unknown.

For Information
Noted

10. Central West Transport routes (CENWEST) Review, A3.6.24

The Director Engineering attended the Central West Transport Routes (CENWEST) community workshop in Cowra on Thursday 27 May 2010.

The three roads under discussion were:

- Great Western Highway from Lithgow to Bathurst;
- Mid Western Highway from Bathurst to Marsden,
- Mitchell Highway from Bathurst to Nyngan (including Barrier Highway).

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The purpose of the workshop was to provide a safety review of the roads and discuss road safety issues along these roads.

A review of the crash data was carried out and participants had an opportunity to raise particular issues at various sections of the roads.

Following this information being received the RTA proposed to travel along the entire network and view first hand the specific problems raised.

As is to be expected, the Mid Western Highway through this Shire did not have many safety issues but Rygate Square, the intersections of Gambarra Road, Greenethorpe-Bumbaldry Road and other roads with SH6 were raised, for safety consideration.

For Information
Noted

11. IPWEA Annual Conference, P1.2.5

I attended the Annual IPWEA Annual Conference, the Roads Congress and the Field Days from 16-20 May 2010 at Wollongong.

The theme was “Enhancing Skills, Empowering Communities”.

The following papers were presented to the Roads Congress (one day):-

- Clr Allan Ezzy, LGA – welcome
- Noreen Hay, MP – asset management, timber bridge program to end June 2011, road safety program \$170M over 5 years.
- Professor Harry Clarke (economist) – user charges on roads.
- Michael Wells (RTA) – Intelligent access programme.
- Jeff Roorda (consultant) – road asset management plans.

A Congress communiqué was also developed.

The following papers were presented to the IPWEA Conference:-

- Murray Erbs – a history of Weight of Loads at Moree.
- Michael Brearley, Wingecarribee – procurement, ICAC, DLG Tendering guidelines.
- Simon Williams – 3D ground penetrating radar.
- John Ross – Project Social Responsibility – Value of Legacy projects in infrastructure delivery programs.
- Tony Reed – Coastal walk extension at Wollongong.
- Andrew Spyron – detection of unmarked graves in cemeteries.
- Stewart Hayes – City of Canada Bay Sea level rise adaptation response.
- Anthony McMahon – Batemans Bay Foreshore.

The field day was attended by the Director Engineering (½ day) and some of Council’s staff.

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Noted

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12. 2009/2010 FAG Programme, R2.52.1

Council approved the allocation of \$111,000 for the Warraderry Street drainage works in the 2009/2010 FAG programme.

However, the brief for the Emu Creek (Grenfell) Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan has included the investigation of the Warraderry Street catchment.

Accordingly, it is proposed to not carry out the work as per the 2009/2010 FAG but to carry over the project until the Emu Creek (Grenfell) floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan is completed.

For Information
Noted

13. Central Tablelands Water – Strategic Business Plan, U1.6.7

The Director Engineering attended a workshop to review a draft update of the Central Tablelands Water 2005 Strategic Business Plan as Weddin is a constituent council. The workshop was convened following the Central Tablelands Water June Ordinary Meeting at Molong on 9 June 2010. Engineers from Cabonne and Blayney were also present.

The Central Tablelands Water Strategic Business Plan contained a number of issues which does not affect Weddin Shire Council directly, such as enlarging Lake Rowlands or a new dam downstream from Lake Rowlands.

However, pipeline “K” replacement from Gooloogong to Grenfell was raised as an issue for Weddin Shire Council.

Central Tablelands Water will incorporate the results of the workshop into the Updated Strategic Business Plan.

For Information
Noted

14. ICAC Training, A3.7.9

The Director Engineering attended ICAC workshop at Orange on 12 May 2010.

The workshop covered the following topics:-

- Identifying and managing corruption risks;
- developing internal reposting systems;
- managing protected disclosures;

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- conducting internal investigations;
- the costs of corruption to the organisation;
- reasons for corruption occurring;
- organisational culture and corruption prevention
(The way things are done around here)

Several case studies were considered.

For Information
Noted

15. Purchase of Dense Graded Base (DGB), R2.54.4

Previous tender report to Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 6 April 2009 refers.

Tenders for the supply and delivery of 10,000 Tonnes of DGB for RTA rehabilitation works were advertised and closed on Tuesday 31 March 2009 (Tender T1/2009).

Council did receive Three (3) tenders and resolved as follows:

That:-

- a) Council accept the lowest tender from Millers Metals (\$21.50 + GST per tonne) subject to the project being funded,
- b) the General Manager be authorised to negotiate with Millers Metals the rise and fall adjustment if the project is funded within six months of the acceptance of the tender,
- c) if work is not approved within six months then fresh tenders will be invited.

Council has purchased approximately 4,400 Tonnes of DGB for the rehabilitation works on SH6 on the basis of the tender T1/2009, which Millers Metals supplied at the tender rate of \$21.50 + GST per tonne.

However, the tender time resolved by council has been inadvertantly exceeded.

Covering approval to this purchase is required.

It is also proposed to call Tenders for the supply of up to 10,000 Tonnes of DGB for future works for the period to end 30 June 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- (a) approve the purchase of approximately 4,400 tonne of DGB from Millers Metals at the T1/2009 Tender rate of \$21.50 + GST per tonne.
- (b) Call tenders for the supply of up to 10,000 Tonne of DGB for future works up to 30 June 2011.

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..... General Manager Mayor

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RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr Niven that Council:

- (c) approve the purchase of approximately 4,400 tonne of DGB from Millers Metals at the T1/2009 Tender rate of \$21.50 + GST per tonne.
- (d) Call tenders for the supply of up to 10,000 Tonne of DGB for future works up to 30 June 2011.

W TWOHILL

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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

17 June 2010

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

Dear Sir

I wish to report to Council as follows:-

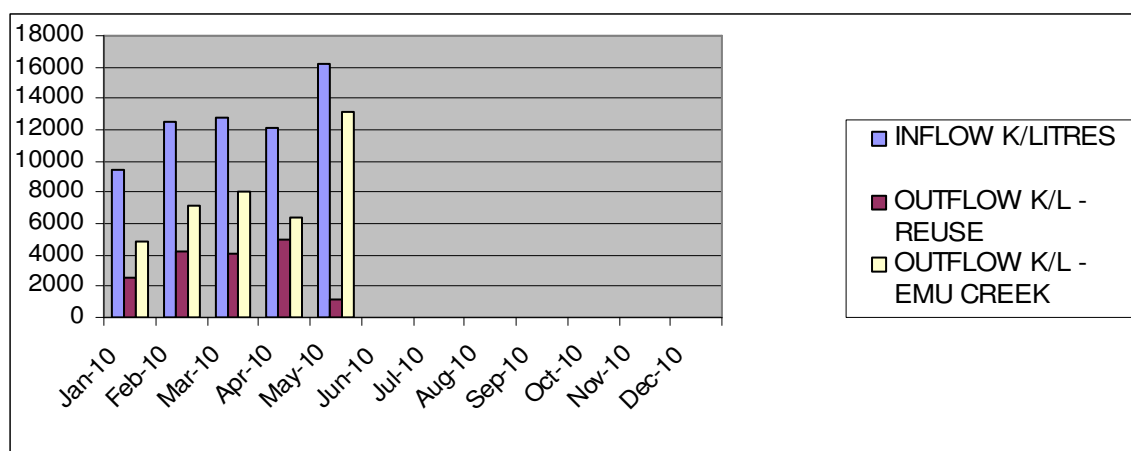
A. Public Health and Environmental Matters

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1

Total inflow through the Works during May 2010 was 16,248 k/litres with the daily average of 524.12 k/litres. With outflow for irrigation for reuse being 1,143 k/litres and discharge to Emu Creek being 13,141 k/litres.

The highest daily recording of 1153 k/litres occurred for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 26 May 2010 and the lowest of 404 k/litres for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 3 May 2010.

A total rainfall of 95.5mm was recorded for the month.



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Noted

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2. Animal Control, A4.4.4

Animal control activities for May 2010 were:

a. Companion Animals

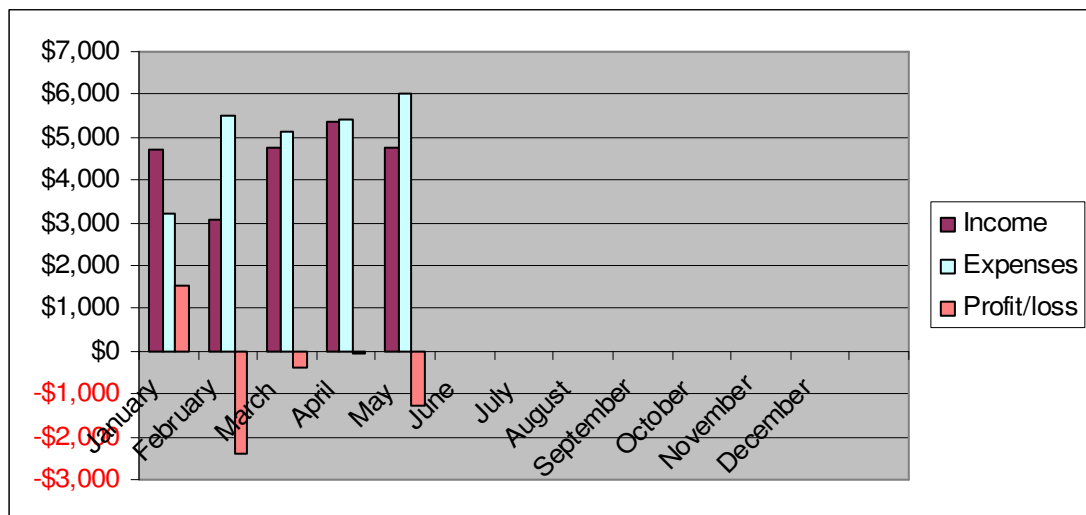
Animals Impounded:	1 (Dog)	Animals Destroyed:	4 (Dogs)
Animals Sold:	0	Animals Released:	0
Animals Surrendered:	0		

For Council's Information
Noted

3. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3

Income for the month of May 2010 was \$4,755.00 with expenditure of \$6,026.90 resulting in an operational loss of \$1,271.90 for the month.

There were 161 sites occupied for the month of May 2010.



For Council's Information
Noted

4. Retirement of Employee, P4.20123

Long serving employee Michael Brown (commenced 1 August 1966) has recently retired after a prolonged period sick leave. Michael started on the Council as a labourer and continued through to be a ganger before taking the position of Sewerage treatment plant operator in November 2001.

A short presentation is being arranged for the meeting, to acknowledge his service.

For Council's Information
Noted

5. DWE – NSW Performance Report 2008/2009, C2.10.1

The Department Water and Energy has released its annual report giving comparative information on a number of key performance indicators for all local water utilities NSW.

Before considering the figures as shown it is important to understand what the performance marks against. Best Practice involves a triple bottom line (TBL) approach that includes, the social, environmental and economic factors which form together to create the Best-Practice Management module used by the department to assess the performance of water and sewer operations. The key performance indicators of the TBL are as follows:

- Utility Characteristics – number of connections, business planning etc,
- Social (charges/bills) – best practice pricing on all sewer services,
- Social (Health) – population connected to sewer,
- Social (level of service) – complaints,
- Environmental – natural resource management
- Environmental – environmental performance,
- Economic (financial) – return on asset,
- Economic (efficiency) – operational and management costs.

Weddin Shire Council has a compliance of 67% with all requirements of Best Practice; this is a marked improvement for the previous year which was 44%.

As a general comment, Weddin performs very well in the operational compliance, with the financial return and non-residential charging being the areas of lowest score.

A summary of this Council's performance compared with the State median follows, with further details available from the Director Environmental Services.

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COMPARATIVE INFORMATION 2008/2009

Key Performance Indicator	Unit	Weddin	State Median
Rate per residential assessment	\$	225	470
Rate per non-residential assessment	c/kl	0	100
Operating cost per property	\$	185	340
Economic real rate of return	%	-1.9	1.1
Complaints odour – per 1000 properties	no	0	0.4
Recycled Water – % of effluent recycled	%	25	10

For Council's Information
Noted

6. Unauthorised development – Scrubby Plains, T2.13.1

As I verbally advised Council at the May meeting, it was brought to my attention that unauthorised building works may have been undertaken at a property on the Gap Road around 17km from Caragabal. An inspection of the property was planned and upon my arrival I was met by a number of uniformed Police, who had arrived on the site earlier that day to investigate other associated problems.

An inspection of the property was conducted with escort from the Police with the following works and activities found:

Compound area

A fully enclosed compound that was only accessible from the double gated entry had been created around a shed had been converted into a habitable building, toilet and shower building, complete with some type of onsite sewerage management system, four large dog kennels had been built to contain some of the 18 dogs, two caravans and two small sheds completed with circle compound.

Three people were permanently occupying this area, with petrol driven generators supplying the power.

Camp ground

A track ran from the compound area for approximately 150m to a small building that contained a camp type kitchen and a toilet, again onsite sewerage management system. Further along the cleared track, were cleared camping areas totalling 14 sites, many which still had tents erected upon them.

Five female backpackers had been camping on the site for around a week, with several others having left the day before the inspection.

Action

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The backpackers were removed from the property on the day of inspection and a number of orders have been issued on the property which require all activities to cease and the structures be vacated and buildings to be demolished. As the matters were deemed a threat to life, an emergency order to vacate was issued. This order was subsequently breached a few days later and a penalty notice issued.

Due to the serious nature of the unauthorised works and associated occupation, four infringement penalty notices have been issued with a total value of nearly \$4,000.

The operator of the activities has done a runner, with his location unknown. But as he never had any formal ownership or lease all actions have been taken against the owner who was fully aware of the operations.

For Council's Information
Noted

7. Building Professionals Board (BPB) Accredit Council Building Surveyors, A3.34

As Council has been previously reported, the independent accreditation of Council Building Surveyors has commenced with all building certification work done by Council from 1 September 2010 to be done by an accredited Council or Private Building Surveyor.

To ensure that I have the accreditation prior to the commencement date I have to submit the application for accreditation to the BPB in the coming weeks.

One part of the application requires Council to make a recommendation for accreditation which is to be signed by the General Manager. Below are the matters that are needed to be considered when making the recommendation.

In making a recommendation to which this clause applies, a council must take into account the following:

- (a) the requirements of the accreditation scheme that are relevant to the category of accreditation sought by the applicant for accreditation,
- (b) any assessment guidelines for the making of such recommendations issued by the Board and in force at the time the recommendation is made,
- (c) the qualifications of the applicant,
- (d) the experience of the applicant as known to the council and as documented by the applicant and, in particular, the type of certification work undertaken by the applicant as indicated in the application,
- (e) whether the council is of the opinion that the applicant is a fit and proper person.

The abovementioned recommendations are required at any and each time a new building surveyor is employed by Council in any form. It is therefore recommended that delegation to be given to the General Manager to recommend accreditation levels as appropriate as required.

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..... General Manager Mayor

RECOMMENDATION: that Council resolve to:

1. Delegate the General Manager to determine and recommend an individual for accreditation to the Building Professionals Board for the purpose of carrying out certification work on behalf of council.
2. Add the following clause as 16A to the General Manager delegations:
To recommend and sign applications for Building Surveyors to apply for accreditation, under the Building Professionals Act 2005 and Building Professionals Amendment (Accreditation of Council Employees) Regulation 2010.

551 RESOLVED: Cllr Atchison and Cllr Crutcher that Council:

1. Delegate the General Manager to determine and recommend an individual for accreditation to the Building Professionals Board for the purpose of carrying out certification work on behalf of council.
2. Add the following clause as 16A to the General Manager delegations:
To recommend and sign applications for Building Surveyors to apply for accreditation, under the Building Professionals Act 2005 and Building Professionals Amendment (Accreditation of Council Employees) Regulation 2010.

8. Policy No. 7.2.2 – Draft Grenfell Sewer Contribution Plan, C2.4.15

Council at its policy workshop held on 17 May 2010 review the Grenfell Sewer Contribution Plan and decided to have the policy amended to include the Water Directorate *Section 64 Determinations of Equivalent Tenements Guidelines (standard ET Figures Tables)* as the method for determining the ET value of developments.

These amendments have now been completed and are included in the Draft Grenfell Sewer Contribution Plan which has been separately forwarded.

The main changes are the inclusions of a new definition and an additional paragraph being 1.7 – determining Number of Standard ET's.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council resolve to approve the Draft Grenfell Sewer Contribution Plan for advertising it in the local media in accordance with the legislative requirements.

552 RESOLVED: Cllr Lobb and Cllr N Hughes that Council approve the Draft Grenfell Sewer Contribution Plan for advertising in the local media in accordance with the legislative requirements.

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
15/2010	Bilby Homes	Dwelling with attached garage	\$350,000	PTL: 133 DP: 750614 “Lurline” Dixons Lane QUANDIALLA 2721

For Council’s Information
Noted

2. The undermentioned applications were received and determined as Complying Development subject to standard conditions.

CDC NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
5/2010	LJ & GR Howell	2 Bay Shed with Skillion	\$8,000	Lot: 7 Sec: 6 DP: 758473 14 Weddin Street GRENFELL NSW 2810

For Council’s Information
Noted

3. **Development Applications for the Consideration of Council**
DA 14/2010 – Change of Use Shop to Dwelling

Applicant: M Childs
Owner: R & M Thomas
Site: Lot: 5 DP: 976775 58 Main Street, Grenfell
Zone: 2(T) - Township

Précis

This application was lodged on the 11th May 2010, which then saw the proposal advertised in the local newspaper and notified to adjoining properties, with one submission being received.

The application has been referred to Council for consideration due to the fact the application is recommended for refusal.

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Description of the Proposal

The proposed development involves the Change of Use from a shop (café) to a residential dwelling. This will include internal alterations and the construction of a 29.4m² timber deck at the rear of the building.

Description of the Site

The site is only 290.9m² with the 1881 constructed two storey building having a floor area of 141.95m². The building was originally the Grenfell Emporium and in the mid 2000 converted into a Café/restaurant, but still retains its 19th century format.

The building site is within a well established retail area of the town, with a restaurant (preparing to reopen) to the east and the Salvation Army shop on the western side.

Zoning

The site is within the 2(t) township zone and within the Heritage conservation area of the Main Street.

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, full assessment is available on request; the key issues of the proposal in this report are for Council's consideration.

Development controls

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 22 – Shops and Commercial Premises: this SEPP allows for changes of use from a shop to another kind of shop or commercial premises as long as the consent authority is satisfied that the change will only have a minor environmental impact and is within keeping with the objectives of the zone.

Council's Policy for Development in Grenfell & Environs sets out sectors for certain activities, with particular attention in this case to the Village Commercial sector that captures the Main Street area. The preferred land uses in this sector are: retail, office and other commercial uses.

Although a dwelling is not prohibited it is clearly not a preferred type of development that is intended within this sector and therefore it could be claimed not to satisfy the requirements of the SEPP 22 as detailed above.

Compatibility and Streetscape

This is the single biggest concern in assessing the application to change the use from a shop to a dwelling, especially in the locality and existing approved use of the adjoining property.

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The adjoining restaurant and possible future uses of the other surrounding shops and commercial buildings in the local area could be seriously restricted now and in the future should a dwelling be permitted in the middle of these types of businesses.

For example the restaurant may wish to have a band or function that would otherwise have little to no impact on the surrounding properties, but if people were trying to sleep in the adjoining building it may create major interference with the private amenity of the residents.

Although the current applicant is fully aware of the existing uses of the surrounding buildings, this does not remove the occupant's rights to raise concern about disruptive and nuisance noise or activity generated from normal commercial activities.

All of the local shops within this area have shopfronts that are generally open and display merchandise for sale or display, by changing the use to residential this is likely to result in blinds being permanently drawn for privacy thus detracting from the appearance of the Main Street area.

Fire Safety and Other Considerations

Clause 93 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000 requires Council to consider the fire safety for a building which is subject to a change of use to ensure the building is suitable for the proposed use.

In inspecting this building there are a number of substantial changes required should it be converted into a dwelling.

Submissions

At the close of the public notification period one submission was received. The submission raised concerns about a residential property adjoining a restaurant that will be reopening in late 2010 and the potential problems that may be raised by the residents due to the late night restaurant noise.

A copy of the submission was forwarded to all Councillors.

Commentary

The applicant has prepared a good submission which uses examples of buildings in the local area that have been converted from commercial to residential. Two of the examples were purpose built with dwellings on the upper floor which housed the manager of the day, with one being subsequently fully converted to a full dwelling. All of the examples given have no commercial buildings directly abutting.

The potential conflict of the uses between the commercial and residential developments both now and in the future is very real and should be avoided where possible. The only way to ensure that this does not occur is to not allow residential development within primarily commercial areas.

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..... General Manager Mayor

Once a development changes use it is rare for them to be convert back into its previous use, thus in this case the retail shop that is of historic value for the use as well as the building character could be lost forever.

Conclusion

Having considered the 79C evaluation as required by the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and public submission, it is my belief that the proposed change of use to a residential dwelling is not compatible with the retail and commercial nature of the local properties and fails to satisfy the general requirements of Council's Policy for Development in Grenfell & Environs.

RECOMMENDATION: that Development Application 14/2010 for the Change of Use from Shop to a Residential dwelling at Lot: 5 DP: 976775, 58 Main Street, Grenfell, be REFUSED for the following reason:

The proposed change of use to a residential dwelling is not compatible with the retail and commercial nature of the adjoining properties and fails to satisfy the general requirements of the Council's Policy for Development in Grenfell & Environs.

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

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

At this point Clr Simpson advised supper will now be served.

Clr McClelland returned to the room.

553 RESOLVED: Clr Lobb and Clr Niven that Council adjourn for supper at 6.53 pm.

554 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr N Hughes that Council resume at 7.24 pm.

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

555 RESOLVED: Clr Lobb and Clr N Hughes that Development Application 14/2010 for the Change of Use from Shop to a Residential dwelling at Lot: 5 DP: 976775, 58 Main Street, Grenfell, be REFUSED for the following reason:

The proposed change of use to a residential dwelling is not compatible with the retail and commercial nature of the adjoining properties and fails to satisfy the general requirements of the Council's Policy for Development in Grenfell & Environs.

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

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..... General Manager Mayor

For: Ctrs N. Hughes, G Halls, D Hughes, W Atchison, C Lobb and M Simpson.

Against: Ctrs J Niven, M Crutcher and B Hinde.

Clr McClelland returned to the room.

S WILSON

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- 556** **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr D Hughes that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services Ordinary Report be adopted.

REPORT ON AGM OF ARTS OUT WEST HELD IN MANILDRA ON SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2010

The AGM was held to determine the Board for the next term, and to present the Annual Report for 2009.

As Weddin Shire Council Delegate, I was reelected to the Board

The 2009 Annual Report reflects the broad range of activities undertaken by the organisation throughout the year, as its mission to promote, educate, facilitate and advocate for arts and cultural development for the communities of the Central West.

The report for Weddin Shire Council for 2009 is as follows:

Weddin Shire Council officially rejoined Arts OutWest regional arts program from June 2009. Support through the arts media program began in May 2009.

The second half of 2009 involved Arts OutWest getting to know our arts and cultural community and facilities and building networks.

Highlights include:

- Community forum on the Arts with Weddin Community
- Grant writing workshop with regional Arts NSW Funding Manager in July here in Grenfell
- Executive Officer, Tracy Callinan and Communications Officer, Maryanne Jaques, met with and toured Grenfell art facilities including Grenfell Art Gallery, Maleesha Art gallery and Wallengreen Sculptures

Artstart project:

- Stencil Art Workshop with Chris Tamm at Grenfell Community Health Centre

Arts media program stats:

- 35 events promoted
- 87 radio promotions
- 1 ABC interview in Arts OutWest spot
- Events were covered a number of times on an Arts OutWest radio spot

Weddin Shire Council contributes to the regional arts program

On a per capita basis, 2009	\$525
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Estimated value of Arts OutWest services to communities in Weddin Shire Council area 2009

Arts media program at \$150 per event promoted	\$5250
ArtStart projects	\$1500
Grant writing workshop	\$1000
Plus estimated core services delivered	over \$960

A copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements are available from myself if any Councillor would like to look through them

Councillor Chris Lobb

557 **RESOLVED:** Cllr Lobb and Cllr Atchison that the delegates report on Arts Out West be noted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

DELEGATES REPORT ON THE CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER MEETING HELD 9 JUNE 2010 IN MOLONG

The following is a précis of the items discussed at the June 2010 meeting of Central Tablelands Water and is submitted for Council's information:

2010/2011 Management Plan

Council resolved to formally adopt the 2010/2011 Draft Management Plan without change. The Management Plan incorporates a capital works program of \$249,405 reflects an estimated surplus of \$24,142.

Budget Review Statement to March 2010

The Budget Review Statement, to the 31st March 2010, was presented to the April meeting of Council with a revised estimated surplus for the year of \$125,044.

Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Council resolved to endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairman and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water. The maximum fees payable for 2010-2011 are \$7,980 for Councillors and \$13,110 for the Chairman.

2008/2009 NSW Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Report

The NSW Minister for Water, has released the *2008/2009 NSW Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Monitoring Report* which shows that local water utilities continue to make good progress in complying with the requirements of the *Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines 2007*.

The report shows that Council is 100% compliant with all requirements of the Best-Practice Guidelines. It should be noted that the report indicates that Council is now achieving full cost recovery.

Strategic Business Plan (SBP)

Under the recently released Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, County Councils must prepare their SBP, Capital Works Plan and Financial Plan in consultation with their constituent councils.

Council resolved to conduct a SBP workshop and invite the General Managers and Directors of Engineering from its three constituent councils to attend and participate.

Following the SBP workshop, the General Manager agreed to consider the various suggested amendments and additions and submit a further draft to each constituent council for comment before presentation for consideration to the August meeting of Council.

Reservoir Levels

All reservoir levels have been maintained between 50% and 100% capacity.
Lake Rowlands level at 31 May was 62% of capacity.

Cr. G McClelland

Cr B Hinde

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RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Niven that the Central Tablelands Water Delegates report be noted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

**REPORT ON THE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE MEETING OF
THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CANBERRA FROM
14-18 JUNE 2010.**

1. The matter of the capped S94 fees caused some councils great worry.
2. The motions were debated at length with far too much “picky” points on wordings with a string of amendments until the thrust of the motions were blurred. This pedantic attitude was unnecessary as the motions were going to be knocked into shape by legal persons after the conference. I had the shortest speech of 12 seconds and it won.
3. The political parties delivered their full message, Warren Truss for Nationals, Andrew Robb for Liberals, Anthony Albanese for Labor and Bob Brown for the Greens. All had some excellent points and all were received very well by the Mayors.
4. The LGSA has toned down somewhat on the cry to lift rates cap as they now realise that it is not the whole answer and much, much more funding is required for Local Government to work. They are still seeking some rates freedom. They may be concerned that Govt. may lift rates and drop other support.
5. Constitutional Recognition is now very important as a recent High Court decision has thrown Federal direct funding to councils in doubt. Roads to recovery and any direct grants are examples of funding in doubt.
6. There has been two referendums in the past on this matter, 1974 and 1988 and both lost. All politicians of every party say they will support the referendum.
7. Kevin Rudd says every councillor will have to work hard to get success and he has granted \$250,000 to Association to push for a win which he says will be difficult.
8. Kevin Rudd says he will fully fund HACC operations. Further details as they are released.
9. Kevin Rudd says there will be another \$100 million for councils but it may be for projects applied for already or in the pipeline. This may be further clarified by 24/6/2010
10. The Local Government Awards saw Brewarrina and Lachlan pick up presentations in a glittering ceremony in the Parliament Theatre. These were Australian Awards.
11. The Carbon Tax in this or any other name is not dead and in some form or other it is being touted by every party.
12. There seems to be more thrust on Energy Efficiency as a starting point.
13. The first meetings were held in the Canberra Convention Centre and we shifted to Parliament House on Thursday night.
14. There were large numbers of Councils represented from all over Australia.
15. Climate Change is “IN” as far as all political parties are concerned and it appears that every expert says it is a fact.

Clr. Maurice Simpson
MAYOR

559 RESOLVED: Clrs Atchison and Clr N Hughes that the Report on the National General Assembly and the meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government be noted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

REPORT ON FINANCIAL SKILLS FOR COUNCILLORS WORKSHOP HELD IN SYDNEY ON 3 JUNE 2010.

The Deputy Mayor and Mayor attended a financial training session sponsored by Price Waterhouse Coopers at the Margaret Street rooms of the Shires Association in Sydney on June 3, 2010.

The course was developed by Dennis Banicevic who had a lot to do with the design of the current reporting system that is now required to be used by Local Government. The course was co-ordinated by the Local Government Learning Solutions.

1. There is a copy of a set of example financial papers on the table to be passed around to Councillors.
2. Both the delegates had difficulty getting an understanding of the special financial issues facing Councils.
3. The example of depreciation caused much confusion as the presenter seemed to be of the opinion that it could be disregarded if there was ongoing work to remedy any faults. Ex. How could a road depreciate when it has been maintained?
4. There appeared to be more need to establish a risk register.
5. The ratios required by statute vary from account to account. It all depends on whether the restrictions are internal or external and there are severe penalties for removing funds from some accounts to use for another purpose. Special permission can be obtained in some cases.
6. It is obvious that the Internal Auditor now required by law must be addressed and the various methods of doing Internal Audits is now being investigated by Senior Staff.
7. It was very clear that the Councillors will be held liable for incorrect accounting and signing off on financial statements that are non complying.
8. More financial training is required by Councillors

Clr Maurice Simpson
MAYOR

Clr Nevin Hughes
DEPUTY MAYOR

560 **RESOLVED:** Clr Lobb and Clr N Hughes that the report on Financial Skills for Councillors be noted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
MONDAY 17 MAY 2010 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM**

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

2. **APOLOGY:** Nil (Director Engineering was absent by approval).

3. **General Manager's Report**

3.1 **Purpose of Meeting** **Noted**

3.2 **Definitions** **Noted**

3.3 **Comparison with Other LGAs** **Noted**

3.4 **Policy No. 7.2.1 – Grenfell Sewer Contributions Plan.**

MOTION: Clrs N Hughes and D Hughes that it be a recommendation that the Grenfell Sewer Contributions Plan be amended to include the Tables in the *Section 64 Determinations of Equivalent Tenements Guidelines* as the method for determining the ET value for developments.

AMENDMENT: Clrs Crutcher and Hinde that multi-site developments (8 or more) be included under Accommodation (Short Term) as for Hotel/Motel/Resort Room.

LOST

The motion was then put and was **CARRIED**.

3.5 **Policy No. 12.3.2 – Incentives for New Business (Shops)**

RESOLVED: Clrs McClelland and Atchison that it be a recommendation that the following amendments be considered:

- (i) altering the business categories under Purpose and Application to “shops or commercial premises”;
- (ii) updating the clauses on Associated References, Review and Amendment, Adoption and History.

3.6 **Policy No. 12.4.2 – Incentives for New Businesses (General)**

RESOLVED: Clrs N Hughes and Lobb that it be a recommendation that the following amendments be considered:

- (i) altering the business categories under Purpose and Application to “value-adding industry or light industry”;

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..... General Manager Mayor

- (ii) updating the clauses on Associated References, Review and Amendment, Adoption and History.

3.7 Policy No. 12.5.2 – Incentives for Expansion of Existing Businesses

RESOLVED: Clrs Crutcher and McClelland that it be a recommendation that the following amendments be considered:

- (i) altering the business categories under Purpose and Application to “locally owned value-adding industry and light industry”;
- (ii) updating the clauses on Associated References, Review and Amendment, Adoption and History.

3.8 Policy No. 8.3.4 – Use of Parks, Reserves & Sporting Grounds

RESOLVED: Clrs Crutcher and Atchison that it be a recommendation that the policy be amended by a clause stating that swimming pools are not included.

3.9 Further Action

RESOLVED: Clrs D Hughes and Atchison that the proposed action be confirmed.

4. CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting close at 7.06 pm.

561 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that the report on the Council Workshop held 17 May 2010 be noted.

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, 31 MAY 2010 COMMENCING AT
4.30 PM (E1.1.5)**

1. PRESENT: Bill Twohill (Chair - Weddin Shire Council, LEMO), Gary Murphy, Ray Cawthorne (State Emergency Service), Karen Hancock (Grenfell Hospital), Angus Nielsen (Rural Fire Service MLVT), and Keith White (NSW Fire Brigades).

2. APOLOGIES: Shane Wilson

Resolved: A Nielsen and W Twohill that the apology be accepted.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved: A Nielsen and K White that the minutes of meeting held on 8 March 2010 be adopted as read.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Local Displan

To be updated at the next meeting.

Noted

4.2 Weddin Emergency Risk Management Plan

Resolved: A Nielsen and R Cawthorne that the Weddin Emergency Risk Management Plan dated February 2008 be adopted.

4.3 Weddin Shire Local Flood Plan

SES has provided final copy.

Noted

4.4 Police Radio

Shire after hours number is available.

Noted

4.5 Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme

Grant submitted.

Noted

5. MEMBERS REPORTS

5.1 Rural Fire Services

Tabled Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

Noted

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5.2 SES

- SES sign required
- a number of trees removed
- training carried out.

5.3 AMBULANCE

- 3 new officers started.

5.4 NSW FIRE BRIGADE

Nil

6. HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL

Hospital, Ambulance, NSW Fire Brigade and Rural Fire Service advised.

Noted

7. HOSPITAL

Reviewing Critical Operating Standards of Practice completed.

Noted

8. NEXT MEETING: Monday, 6 September 2010

9. CLOSURE: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

**BILL TWOHILL
(LEMO)**

562 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Lobb that the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein.

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..... General Manager Mayor

**MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010 AT 4pm AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

Present: Clr N Hughes, Clr Lobb, Clr McClelland, Clr Niven, T. Silvester, L. Eastaway, D. Allen, A. Carr, G. Carroll.

1. Apology: J. Hetherington

Resolved: Clr Lobb/ Clr McClelland that the apology be accepted.

2. Adoption of Minutes:

Resolved: Clr Lobb/ Clr McClelland that the minutes of the 6 April 2010 meeting be adopted.

3. Business Arising: - Nil

4. Correspondence:

In Weddin Wanderers – Weddin Mountain Tours

Out Weddin Wanderers – Weddin Mountain Tours

Noted

5. Projects:

- **Grenfell brochure** – completed and being distributed to surrounding areas. Excellent result.
- **Weddin Mountains Tours** – the National Parks new ranger may be able to conduct occasional tours however they would prefer a local tour guide to also be available. National Parks have offered to train local volunteers. Payment of volunteers by National Park is a possibility. Auburn to investigate and pursue.
- **O'Brien's Hill funding application** – master plan to be displayed. Project works to commence in 2010 subject to additional funding required being approved by Council in the 2010/2011 estimates.
- **Sound for Henry Lawson's Bust** – project completed. Auburn was thanked and congratulated for her co-ordination and facilitation of the project.
- **Bird Routes** - bird watching groups are being invited to the Weddin Shire. Bird Fair to be held at Leeton in September 2010. Review of bird routes to be held in due course.
- **Railway Station Development** – works commenced and should be completed before Henry Lawson Festival.

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- **Gold Trail Project** – regional grant funding application for \$500,000 unsuccessful. Feedback has been obtained and application to be resubmitted. In the meantime a gold trail brochure is to be developed promoting the trail. Council has been invited to participate at a cost of \$1000.

Resolved: L. Eastaway/ D. Allen that Council participate in the development of the brochure at a cost of \$1000 to be funded from the Advertising Advantages of the Area Vote.

- **Embrace the Lachlan Project** – as there is little benefit to Council it was proposed that this project lapse and Council concentrate on the Gold Trail and Ben Hall Trail Projects.
- **Ben Hall Trail Project** - brochure currently being developed depicting the Grenfell Historical Museum, Ben Halls Cave and Mt Wheoga. Auburn pursuing.
- **Website** – attractions and events to be promoted utilising the www.grenfell.org.au site.

6. Prioritising Events:

Priorities to be reviewed updated and submitted to the next tourism meeting.

Noted

7. Upcoming Events:

- Henry Lawson Festival – June 2010.
- Caragabal Sheep Races – 18 September 2010
- Jockey Club Race Day – 25 September 2010

8. General Business:

- Auburn advised that Mr John Larkin has advised that he is available to meet with the Tourism Committee to discuss visitor centres accreditation during the second week in July. Date to be confirmed. Committee members to be then advised.
- Auburn advised that the tourism newsletter had recently been distributed.
- Auburn advised that the old Forbes entrance signs are within the new signs.
- Auburn tabled a proposal from Rod Brown of Cockatoo Network to construct a brick mural of Henry Lawson.

Resolved: L. Eastaway/ N. Hughes that the offer be declined.

- D. Allen advised recent events in Greenethorpe included a Car Rally, Anglican Church Centenary and a Cancer Fundraiser at Iandra Castle. The 'Tour to Greenethorpe' will be held in early August 2010 which has excellent potential.

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- Doug advised that a book detailing the history of picnic racing in NSW is currently being written and Grenfell will be featured.
- Clr McClelland advised that the Historical Bus Tour will be conducted on Monday 14 June 2010 as part of the Henry Lawson Festival.
- Clr McClelland advised that the Stan McCabe statue project is still being pursued.
- Clr Lobb tabled Central NSW Tourism brochures and enquired if we advertise in it. Auburn advised we do however there are currently issues between NSW Tourism and the advertising company.
- Clr Lobb advised that the old Masonic Lodge may make a very good tourism information centre.
- Clr Lobb requested that a list of shire attractions be developed on an A4 page and delivered to the CWA Tourist Information Centre. Auburn to pursue.
- Clr Lobb enquired when the visit to Phillip Diprose's property to inspect his new venture will take place. To be arranged after the Henry Lawson Festival.
- Clr Niven advised that the Cobb & Co sign on the Cowra Road entrance to Grenfell requires attention.

Resolved: Clr Niven/ Clr McClelland that maintenance of the sign be investigated.

- Clr Niven advised that there was a story on the Henry Lawson Festival in last Saturday's telegraph.
- Clr Niven advised a way of promoting the Shire could be via Facebook. To be considered.
- Tanya advised that the Henry Lawson Festival is promoting the Festival via Facebook and has 347 members.
- Lisa advised that a book titled Walks, Tracks and Trails of NSW is to be published late next year.
- Clr N. Hughes advised that Iandra Castle had an excellent turnout to their last open day. Future opening dates to be obtained if possible. Auburn to pursue.

Next Meeting: 10 August 2010

Meeting Closed: 5.04 pm

563 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Niven that the minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein.

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..... General Manager Mayor

**MINUTES OF HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010
AT 5.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (C2.6.22).**

1. **PRESENT:** Clrs N Hughes, G McClelland, C Lobb, J Niven
Mr S Wilson (DES)(Chair), Mr I Pitt & Mrs P Livingstone
Observers: Mr TV Lobb & Mrs I Holmes
2. **APOLOGIES:** Clr M Simpson, Mrs S Jackson-Stepowski (HA), Mr A Hodgson and
Mr J Hetherington

Resolved: Clr Hughes and Clr Niven that apologies be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Tuesday, 6 April 2010.

Resolved: Mrs Livingstone and Clr Lobb that the minutes of 6 April 2010 be adopted.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

- 4.1 Grenfell Heritage Study/Expansion of the Grenfell Heritage Conservation Area
Mr Wilson (DES) advised still in progress. Pros and cons listing to be done.
- 4.2 Brick Maintenance & Re-Pointing Course
Mr Wilson (DES) advised that a letter was forwarded to NSW Heritage Council requesting consideration in providing a course and funding.
- 4.3 Village Studies
Mr Wilson (DES) advised still in progress. Pros and cons listing to be done.
- 4.4 Heritage Walk – Signs
Mr Wilson (DES) advised that a quote for signs has been received. Estimated cost per sign around \$400 - \$500. To be further considered
- 4.5 National Trust Heritage Festival
Mr Wilson (DES) advised that events were successful as per report to Council.
- 4.6 NSW Heritage Grant – Local Government Heritage Management Funding 2010-11
Mr Wilson (DES) advised that Council resolved to continue the Heritage Advisory service (\$1 for \$3 basis).

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 5.1 | <u>HA Referral Memo – “Birangan” Homestead, G & M Amery (12/4/10)</u> | Noted |
| 5.2 | <u>HA Referral Memo – Quandt Café (12/4/10)</u> | Noted |
| 5.3 | <u>HA Referral Memo – Old Wentworth, M Nowlan & L Kemp-Nowlan (12/4/10)</u> | Noted |
| 5.4 | <u>Historic Towns in the Landscape Forum</u> | Noted |
| 5.5 | <u>HA Memo – (7/4/10)</u> | Noted |
| 5.6 | <u>NSW Heritage Council, Ben Hall Sites (28/5/10)</u> | Noted |

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1 Heritage Office – Completed Projects, Annual Report
Mr Wilson (DES) advised that the Annual Report was adopted at the last Council meeting. A report on completed projects was finalised also and both were submitted to NSW Heritage Office by 31 May 2010.
- 6.2 DA 17/2010 - ANZ Bank, 77 Main Street
Mr Wilson (DES) advised that a Development Application has been lodged with Council for refurbishment and alterations to the interior of bank building. The building is on our heritage list and will require advertising.

7. QUESTIONS

- Mrs P Livingstone commented on the old Hospital façade facing town, had recently been painted sympathetic to heritage.
- Cllr McClelland asked if shops in the Main Street could be inspected and letters written to owners suggesting necessary repairs.
- Cllr Hughes suggested that an appreciation letter to be written to GWAHS.

Resolved: Cllr Hughes and Mrs P Livingstone that an appreciation letter be forwarded to the GWAHS, for the recent painting of the old Hospital facade.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** 10 August 2010

9. **CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

564 RESOLVED: Cllr Lobb and Cllr Atchison that the Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein.

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..... General Manager Mayor

MINUTES OF THE GRENFELL FLOODPLAIN COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2010 COMMENCING AT 8.00 AM (C2.6.38)

1. **Present:** Clr Niven, Clr Atchison, Messrs W Twohill (WSC), T V Lobb (WSC), S Wilson (WSC), M Nirupan (WSC), B Gibbons (WSC), S Varathan (Department Environmental Climate Change and Water) and N Richardson (SES).

2. **Apology:** Nil

3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 25 March 2010 be adopted with correction N Richardson not M Richardson.

4. **Matters Arising:**

4.1 Draft Feasibility Study for Development of a Wetland to treat water exiting the Grenfell Urban Area.

Council resolved to carry out a full design with no commitment of funds.

Noted

5. **Tender Proposals – Emu Ck (Grenfell) Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (T3/2010)**

24 Tender documents were sent out and 5 tenders were received. The tenders closed 4 pm on 18 May 2010.

The following comments were made with respect to the 5 tenders:

- Bonacci Water P/L and Water Technology have not carried out this type of work and did not have attractive pricing.
- Cardno (NSW) P/L, SKM and Lyall & Associates are generally experienced companies in this project.
- Lyall & Associates had carried out the previous Grenfell (Emu Ck) Flood Study and has prior experience in this particular work.
- SKM is the only other consultant who visited site.
- Lyall & Associates give good value for money.

RESOLVED: S Wilson and Clr Niven that it be recommended that Lyall & Associates be the preferred conforming tenderer with SKM being the second preferred tenderer and Cardno (NSW) P/L being the third preferred tenderer.

6. **Next Meeting:** (Inception meeting with consultant) to be advised.

9. **Closure:** there being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20 am.

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

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..... General Manager Mayor

MINUTES OF THE MANEX MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2010 AT 2.30 PM (C2.6.10)

Present: T Lobb, G Carroll, W Twohill, S Wilson and Cllr M Simpson (Observer).

Apology: Nil

Minutes:

Resolved: G Carroll and S Wilson that the minutes of 17 May 2010 be adopted as circulated.

General Business:

1A Administration

- (i) Integrated Planning – Training courses to be attended. Preliminary programme of implementation to be prepared.
- (ii) 2010/2011 Management Plan – no submissions received. Reported in General Manager's report.
- (iii) GIPA Act – to commence 1 July 2010. Training held at Orange on 20 May 2010 attended by General Manager and Director Corporate Services.
- (iv) Fuel Cards – a change to be considered in line with Centroc Tender. Director Engineering to pursue.
- (v) Amended Policies – reported in General Manager's and Director Environmental Services reports.
- (vi) Division of Local Government Better Practice Review – progress report due 30 June 2010. General Manager and Directors pursuing.
- (vii) Code of Conduct Training – training of staff to be organised. General Manager and Directors to pursue.

1B Human Resources

- (i) Vacancies
 - Engineering – appointments made for Patch Truck Operator and Grader Operator.
 - Environmental – Sewer Attendants' position to be advertised in due course.
- (ii) Industrial Claim – reported in General Manager's report to Closed Council.

2. Public Order and Safety

Nil.

3. Health

- (i) Medical Centre – grant funding application submitted. Result should be announced in the near future.
- (ii) Hospital Dispute – reported in General Manager's report to Closed Council.

4. Community Services and Education

Nil

5. Housing and Community Amenities

- (i) Recycling Collection – ongoing education and bin checks being undertaken. Contamination decreasing. Director Environmental Services pursuing.

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6. Sewerage

- (i) Strategic Plan Review – process in progress however currently on hold as advice received the review can be undertaken in conjunction with the IWCM strategy study. Director Environmental Services and Director Engineering pursuing.
- (ii) Performance Report 2008/2009 – reported in Director Environmental Services report.

7. Recreation and Culture

- (i) Art Gallery – excellent exhibition during Henry Lawson Festival. New exhibition commenced 19 June 2010.
- (ii) Cinema – in recess during Henry Lawson Festival. To be reactivated in due course.
- (iii) Railway Park - works to seal access and carpark completed. Excellent result.
- (iv) Swimming Pool Grant – funding application unsuccessful. Drainage works and leak repairs to be now carried out.

8. Mining Manufacture and Construction

Nil

9. Transport and Communication

- (i) RTA Contract – reported in Director Engineering’s report.
- (ii) Other Programs **Noted**
- (iii) Rail Branch Lines – reported in General Manager’s report. Initial meeting of the Ministerial Taskforce Committee to be held in Cowra on July 8, 2010.

10. Economic Affairs

- (i) Economic Development Strategic Plan Review – reported in Director Corporate Services report.

11. General Purpose Revenues

Nil

12. Alliances

- (i) Hawkesbury City Council - no recent activities.
- (ii) Mid Lachlan Alliance – no recent activities.
- (iii) CENTROC – reported in General Manager’s report. Drought Management Plan commissioned and savings of \$39,926 reported for Weddin Shire.

13. Other Matters

Nil

14. Job List

Noted

Next Meeting: 12 July 2010 at 2.30 pm.

Closure: There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.51 pm

566 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr D Hughes that the Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting be noted.

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..... General Manager Mayor

MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2010 AT 5.00 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Ctrs M Simpson (Chair), B Hinde, C Lobb, G McClelland,
Messrs T Lobb, G Carroll, W Twohill, S Wilson and M Nirupan.

2. **APOLOGY:** Clr Crutcher.

Resolved: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that the apology be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Resolved: Clr McClelland and Clr Lobb that the minutes of 17 May 2010 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Nil

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nil

6. **REPORTS:**

General Manager's Report:

Nil

Noted

Director Corporate Services Report:

Report on Town Costings.

Noted

Director Engineering's Report:

Reports on Works Report, Other Works, Future Works, and Main Street bins.

Noted

Director Environmental Services Report

Reports on Sewerage Treatment Works, Caravan Park and Town Development applications.

Noted

DA 14/2010

Clr McClelland declared a pecuniary conflict of interest as a real estate agent but stayed in the room as a quorum could not be achieved if Clr McClelland left the room. The matter was not discussed

7. **BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**

Letter from Grenfell RSL regarding Memorial Park.

The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest as a member of the RSL but stayed in the room as a quorum could not be achieved if Clr Simpson left the room. The matter was not discussed

Noted

8. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

9. **NEXT MEETING:** 12 July 2010 at 5 pm.

10. **CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.16 pm.

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

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LIST OF INSPECTIONS, MEETINGS AND DEFERRED ACTIVITIES.

1. INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:

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| October 2007 | 1. <u>Payne's Gravel Pit:</u> Ward Councillors and Director Engineering to meet with new landowner (DE).
Initial Meeting Carried Out |
| December 2009 | 2. <u>Grenfell and Village Heritage Studies:</u> arrange meetings with affected property owners (DES).
In Progress |
| May 2010 | 3. <u>Country Energy:</u> invite to address June Council Meeting (GM).
Carried Out |
| | 4. <u>June Council Meeting</u> – defer until 24 June (GM).
Carried Out |

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

Nil

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TENDERS

T1.6.33

1. Emu Ck (Grenfell) Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan T3/2010:

Tenders for the Emu Ck (Grenfell) Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan were advertised and closed at 4 pm on 18 May 2010. Twenty Four (24) Tenders were sent out.

The following tenders were received:

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| 1. | Cardno (NSW) Pty Ltd | \$99,310 (excl. GST)
+ 9,931 GST |
| 2. | SKM | \$91,656.15 (excl. GST) |
| 3. | Bonacci Water P/L | \$116,942 (excl. GST) |
| 4. | Lyall & Associates Consulting Water Engineers | |
| | Conforming | \$69,370 (excl GST) |
| | Non-conforming | \$60,970 (excl GST) |
| 5. | Water Technology | \$139,000 (excl GST) |

The Grenfell Floodplain Committee considered the tenders at its meeting held on 9 June 2010 and resolved:

that it be recommended that Lyall & Associates be the preferred conforming tenderer with SKM being the second preferred tenderer and Cardno (NSW) P/L being the third preferred tenderer.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council accept the conforming tender from Lyall & Associates for the Emu Ck (Grenfell) Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan totalling \$69,370 excluding GST with SKM being the second preferred tenderer and Cardno (NSW) P/L being the third preferred tenderer.

568 RESOLVED: Cllr D Hughes and Cllr Atchison that Council accept the conforming tender from Lyall & Associates for the Emu Ck (Grenfell) Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan totalling \$69,370 excluding GST with SKM being the second preferred tenderer and Cardno (NSW) P/L being the third preferred tenderer, should Lyall & Associates or SKM respectively decline to proceed.

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

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 Councilor 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. “*

Note: *Questions may only be asked in relation to business already before the Council. Normal notice is required in all other circumstances. Matters of urgency are to be dealt with under clause 17(3).*

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.

- (1), 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.

Nil

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..... General Manager Mayor

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,
 - © 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,
 - © 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.

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..... General Manager Mayor

CLOSED COUNCIL (cont)

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:

569 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven 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.

574 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council return to Open Council.

REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

The Mayor read out the following resolution from the Closed Council:

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

2. Industrial Matter, P4.10085

RESOLVED that the action of signing and complying with the confidential Deed of Agreement in this matter be endorsed.

3. Performance Review – General Manager, P4.10041

RESOLVED: Cllr Atchison and Cllr McClelland that the voting process be by secret ballot.

RESOLVED that Cllr Simpson and Cllr N Hughes be Council representatives on the General Manager's Annual Performance Review Panel.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 15 July 2010.

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..... General Manager Mayor