



# **Warrumbungle Shire Council**

**Council meeting**

**Thursday, 21 July 2011**

**to be held at the Poplars Motor Inn,  
Coonabarabran**

**commencing at 11.00 am**

***MAYOR***

Councillor Peter Shinton

***DEPUTY MAYOR***

Councillor Murray Coe

***COUNCILLORS***

Councillor Kerry Campbell

Councillor Tilak Dissanayake

Councillor Ray Lewis

Councillor Mark Powell

Councillor Victor Schmidt

Councillor Ron Sullivan

Councillor Denis Todd

***MANAGEMENT TEAM***

Steve Loane (General Manager)

John McHugh (Acting Director Corporate Services)

Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services)

Tony Meppem (Acting Director Environmental Services)

Rebecca Ryan (Director Community Services)

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Date: 15 July 2011

Cr Peter Shinton  
Mayor  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Cr Shinton

## **AGENDA**

I submit the following report for Council's consideration at its meeting to be held on 21 July 2011. I further attach relevant reports from the Directors to me for the consideration of Council.

### **Forum**

#### **Declaration of Pecuniary interest and conflicts of Interest**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** of the ordinary meeting of Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 16 June 2011

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS** of the Warrumbungle Shire Traffic Advisory Committee held on 30 June 2011

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS** of the Warrumbungle Shire Consultative Advisory Committee held on 23 June 2011

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## **Matter to be dealt with “in committee”**

- 1C Tender for the Supply of Bitumen and Sealing Aggregate**
- 2C Industrial matter**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

The items relate to Tenders and Legal Proceedings and are classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) (c) and (g) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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**STEVE LOANE**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

## ANNEXURE 1

### 1.1 Report from Manager Human Resources

#### Background

Over the past several years Council has experienced a distinct shortage of professional technicians throughout the whole organisation. Despite advertising campaigns to attract applicants for specialist positions Council has found it extremely difficult to attract suitable applicants. Over the previous several months vacancies have increased, not only in the professional area but also with outdoor staff. These vacancies occurred for a variety of reasons; staff retiring, moving away from the area for personal reasons and staff chasing better paid positions.

Since the June Council Meeting the following positions have been successfully filled.

- Supervisor Road Maintenance – Internal – Formally Tractor Operator Coona
- Trainee Plant Operator Coolah – External
- Trainee Plant Operator Dunedoo - External
- Grader Operator (Dunedoo) – Internal – Formally Roller Driver Dunedoo
- Concrete Truck Operator (Coolah) – Internal – Formally Concrete Labourer
- Part Time Cook (Yuluwirri Kids) - External
- Child Care Assistant - External
- Roller Operator (Dunedoo) – Internal – Formally Labourer Dunedoo
- Manager Road Operations – Internal – Formally Design Engineer

#### Vacant positions on current organisational structure as at July 8

##### Technical Services – 16 Positions

Technical Assistant Water Services – Advertised internally – Offer yet to be made

Manager Asset & Design – Advertised externally with no applications. Remuneration offered \$67,845 pa well below regional average wage paid. Council needs to re advertise this position with an appropriate additional market value before being readvertised.

2 Design Engineers – to be advertised externally one vacancy to fill position vacated by internal staff member offered position at Manager Road Operations. Second vacancy not advertised for a considerable time. Applications to close July 29

GIS Officer – Not advertised since staff vacated position – to be advertised internally

Supervisor Water & Wastewater Southern End – This position is currently being filled by a staff member as higher duties.

Road Contracts Manager - Advertised externally with no applications.

Tractor Driver (Coolah) – Advertised internally with no applications – being advertised externally applications close August 5

Concrete Crew Leader (Coolah) – Advertised internally with no applications – Advertised externally, applications close July 15

Grader Driver (Coolah) – Advertised externally, applications to close July 15

Truck Driver (Coolah) - Advertised internally with no applications – being advertised externally, applications close July 15

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Tractor Driver (Coonabarabran) – Advertised internally no applications, advertised externally to close August 5

Supervisor Mendooran – Position not previously advertised

Apprentice Plumber (Coonabarabran) – Previously employed with Central West Group Apprentices. HR is currently investigating cost comparison of Council employing apprentice.

2 x Part Time Recycling & Waste Officer – This is a new position and is being advertised internally no applications Externally closes early August

## **Community Services – 5 Positions**

Child Development Officer Part Time – Advertised internally no applications external closes August 5

Trainee Child Carer (Indigenous) – Advertised externally – insufficient applications – decision to readvertise later in year to attract applications from HSC students

Administration Officer FSS – Advertised internally no applications external closes August 5

Youth Development Officer – Position yet to be finalised – report to be given to Council at August meeting.

Trainee Social Services (Indigenous) – New position to be advertised later in year to attract applications from HSC students

## **Corporate Services – 7 Positions**

Director for Corporate Services – Position not yet advertised – currently filled by staff member for a short term contract. Contract to end September

Manager External Reporting and Strategy Planning – Advertised externally, applications close July 29.

Sub Accountant (Coonabarabran) – Advertised applications close July.

Admin/Finance Officer (Coolah) – Not advertised evaluating position requirements.

2 x Cleaners (Coonabarabran and Coolah) – Not yet advertised. Exploring comparison of contract against employing staff.

Trainee Administration (Coonabarabran) - New position to be advertised later in year to attract applications from HSC students

## **Environmental Services – 2 Positions**

Director of Environmental Services – Position not yet advertised – currently filled by Contract Consultant.

Pool Supervisor – Mendooran – Currently filled by seasonal casual employee

## **Summary**

Currently there are a total of **THIRTY** vacancies which are either being advertised internally, externally or are being considered for advertising. When positions are filled internally the appointment generally creates another internal vacancy which is advertised internally thus creating a domino effect or if no suitable applications received the position is advertised externally.

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Generally speaking the above numbers are well above the normal vacancy levels and, given that a percentage of these may be filled over the next few weeks, it is anticipated that the overall vacancy level should improve when the next report is submitted to Council.

HR undertook a Local Government Remuneration Survey in which both metropolitan and regional councils participated. The results of the survey show that in most cases the remuneration paid by Warrumbungle Shire Council at the professional and manager level is below the median paid in other regional councils. This makes the job of attracting suitably experienced and qualified applicants very difficult, in some cases impossible.

Due to its voluminous size, Councillors may view this survey on request.

Within Council's Salary System provision has been made to offer a market value to those positions which are difficult to fill and are classified as a skills shortage. This provision has never been used but there is an opportunity to build this market value into the offered salary at the time of advertising. This provision is a strategy which HR believes would help to fill the current vacancies identified as skills shortages.

The position of Manager for Water Services was removed from the organisational structure several years ago due to the possibility of an alliance with several other regional councils. This situation has not occurred and it is felt that this position should now be reinstated into the organisational structure.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the position of Manager for Water Services is reinstated into the organisation's structure to ensure efficient and effective management of water services within Council.



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## **1.2 Warrumbungle Shire Community Strategic Plan Name and Logo Competition**

Council agreed to offer a \$500 prize pool to residents of Warrumbungle Shire to suggest a name and logo for the twenty (20) year Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

It is vital that the CSP have its own identity and logo to give it carriage of the importance Council gives it, to ensure the objectives and performance criteria are different to any other of our many organisational strategies or business plan. Be that a Shire wide planning document such as the LEP, a Council activity such as Warrumbungle Water or Yuluwirri Kids or indeed the organisation itself; the CSP is a community owned, multi layered, cross government, cross organisation, cross community and integrated document.

It will be translated into the four (4) year Delivery Plan and one (1) year Operational Plan; with linkages to the ten (10) year Long Term Financial Plan, four (4) year Workforce Management Plan and ten (10) year Asset Management Strategy.

A number of Councils have adopted a similar approach to highlight and differentiate this CSP from anything past and engage the community into taking ownership of where we want to be in 20 years time. Some are attached for Councillors interest.

So what's in a name? The name of the CSP should encapsulate perhaps the following; the community, unity, identity, kinship, cooperation, society, future, plan, ideas, design, tactic, direction and vision and reflect the people are the Council and Council are the people.

A logo will add the colours, a local trait, a picture, the distinctness to this strategy and can add another dimension to represent the CSP. It may be a picture, the name of towns, the shape of the shire, the CSP name acronym or a design. If a suitable logo cannot be determined, Council may find the CSP name in keeping with the current Warrumbungle Shire Council logo would be acceptable. The CSP logo in words might flow and look the same in colour and shape or be simply the lower case font as we have for 'warrumbungle shire council' so that it can fit well.

Entries closed at midday on Friday 15 July 2011 and these entries have been provided to Councillors under separate cover. Council will need to adopt an appropriate CSP name and logo concept to enable graphic design and allow for promotion and marketing opportunities before the Community forums commence.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council Consideration

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## **1.3 NSW Local Government Grants Commission 2012 Local Government Elections**

### **– Proposed Meeting with NSW Electoral Commission, Moree**

Council is in receipt of an invitation from Moree Plains Shire to attend a briefing session to be held in Moree 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 to discuss the pros and cons of Councils resuming the responsibility of conducting Local Government Elections. Terry Jessop from the NSW Electoral Commission will be in attendance to speak on the matter.

Please see enclosed letter, Circulars 11-11 and 11-12 to Council, checklist and Ministerial media release included for Councillors' information.

It is proposed that the General Manager and any interested councillor will attend this briefing 16<sup>th</sup> August. Council has notified its intention to attend.

Does Council wish to instruct the General Manager as to specific positions or questions to be asked on this matter?

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's consideration.

## **1.4 Regional Relocation Bill 2011**

Council is in receipt of notification from the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services regarding the Regional Relocation Bill 2011, (enclosed).

The 15<sup>th</sup> July date for acceptance will have passed by the July Council meeting and will default to an automatic agreement to participate in the scheme.

Does Council wish to opt in or out of the Regional Relocation Scheme ?

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council chooses to opt into the Regional Relocation Scheme and issue the attached press release .

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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### CALL TO THE WARRUMBUNGLES

With the passing of the Regional Relocation Bill 2011, a grant of \$7000 will be made available from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 to individuals and families who relocate from the metropolitan area of NSW to Regional NSW.

Councillor Peter Shinton, Mayor of Warrumbungle Shire Council, invites people who qualify for the assistance grant to “consider moving to **OUR** naturally beautiful area”.

Warrumbungle Shire takes in the towns of Baradine, Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Coolah, Dunedoo and Mendooran and is home to the internationally famous Siding Spring Observatory, Coolah Tops National Park, the Warrumbungle National Park and the Pilliga Forest.

“We have clean air, little traffic, all of the facilities you need and a great place to start and raise a family. You can further your career or simply follow that tree change” Peter said. “We have hospitals, schools, town water, sewer, garbage collection and excellent sporting facilities for all ages and most preferences”. “Above all” Peter said “we have Jobs”.

Warrumbungle Shire Council has approximately 30 positions available ranging from upper management in technical and administration to plant operating and labouring. “I am also sure there are other employers just waiting to hear from you” said Cr Shinton.

For the purposes of the Relocation Grant the “metropolitan area” of NSW has been defined as including Sydney and the surrounding Local Government areas of Wollondilly, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Gosford and Wyong, and the Wollongong and Newcastle Council areas.

A quick survey of local real estate agents indicates that there are approximately 95 quality houses, that fit the scheme category, currently available for sale.

With plenty of opportunity and space to grow, why not become a part of a warm and caring community where you are valued?

Mayor Shinton went on to say; “so what are you waiting for? Come and join us in the Warrumbungles and change your life forever”. You won’t regret it.

For further information contact the Warrumbungle Shire Council on 02 6849 2000 or [info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au) .

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## **1.5 Notice of Motion**

The following Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Lewis.

*'Productivity Council Plant: Rural Roads*

*Looking from the outside it appears to our ratepayers that productivity of our plant remains at a low level.*

*"That Council employs or contracts an accredited trainer to increase the skill levels of our outdoor (road) crews to help improve this situation."*

*Yours  
T R Lewis'*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's consideration.

## **1.6 Notice of Motion**

The following Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Lewis.

*'Ulinda Creek has been so named for at least the last sixty years and long time residents strongly object to this name change and can produce government maps to clearly show that the name Ulinda Creek is indeed the name of the watercourse at that point.*

*"That the signs 'Binnia Creek' be removed from Ulinda Creek South of Binnaway."*

*Yours  
T R Lewis'*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's consideration.

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## **1.7 Notice of Motion**

The following Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Todd.

*'Proposal to Upgrade Regional road no. 396 from the Deringulla abattoirs to Binnaway (distance of 19.2km) to allow B double transporter trucks to travel this section north and south:*

### *Rationale*

*This section needs to be physically upgraded to allow the B double transporters to access the Binnaway Saleyards from the north and B double transporters travelling from the south to access the Deringulla Abattoirs.*

*At present the only legal route to the Binnaway Saleyards from the north, is by Mollyan which adds an extra 28.9km in distance. The only legal route from the south to the Deringulla Abattoirs is also through Mollyan which adds another 45.1km to the trip.*

*At present the rate for B double transporters is approximately \$8.00 per kilometre for short hauls and \$5.50 per kilometre for long hauls, paid by the producer and meat companies. This price does not include any potential increase that may occur due to the Carbon Tax implementation next year.*

*At present this adds an extra cost of \$231 for a trip to the Binnaway Saleyards from the north (short haul) or \$158 for a long haul. Rates from the south to Deringulla Abattoir, at present, cost an extra \$360 for a short haul trip and \$247 for a long haul trip to the producer and abattoirs. To return home the long way back, incurs an extra \$150 in expenses to the truck operators, which they have to recoup somehow.*

*The Deringulla Abattoirs and Binnaway Saleyards are the few bright spots in the Warrumbungle Shire that provide much needed employment and services to the community. By upgrading the road to B double status will decrease costs substantially and provide an incentive for these companies and stock producers to continue to trade.*

*Yours*

*D Todd"*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's consideration.

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## **1.8 Request For Leave of Absence – Councillor Todd**

### **Background**

A letter was received from Councillor Todd dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011, advising that he is unable to attend the ordinary meeting of Council on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and requesting Leave of Absence.

### **Issues**

Should a Councillor not attend three consecutive meetings without being granted leave of absence, they can no longer hold office.

### **Option**

Council has the option of granting leave of absence or accepting the absence as an apology.

### **Financial Considerations**

There are no budget implications resulting from this request.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Denis Todd for the meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

## **1.9 Community Engagement Strategy**

Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) legislation has determined the framework for the Warrumbungle Shire 20 year Community Strategic Plan that must have an associated Community Engagement Strategy (CES). The Division of Local Government has published advice for Council's CES that provides a minimum standard for facilitating stakeholders and the communities participation and states the CES;

- *Needs a published document identifying how the engagement occurred and outcomes*
- *Shows how the diversity of the community has to be reflected*
- *Demonstrates Information to be provided is clear, easy to read and understandable*
- *Ensures Councillors have a lead role in engagement process (dlg, 2010)*

A range of community engagement opportunities will include;

1. Town Community Forums
2. Mini Community Forums for smaller rural and remote localities
3. Target/Stakeholder and Interest Group Forums
4. Councillors and staff individually participating in community meetings; such as Lands Council, Chamber Commerce, Progress, CWA, Youth Club, Rotary etc
5. Staff forums
6. Surveys available in hardcopy and electronic, distributed at public engagement opportunities, Stalls at markets, mainstreet and community events

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The next workshops for staff involved in the Community Forums and Councillors will be held on the following dates;

Wednesday 24 August	9.30am – 3.30 pm	Staff
Thursday 25 August.	9.00am – 11.00am	Councillors

*Note: The Councillor workshop will be held at Coolah and precede the August Council meeting.*

The CES has been designed around a three (3) week program being;

Week 1	Monday 20 August to Friday 2 September
Week 2	Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September
Week 3	Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September

Bearing in mind there is a Council meeting in between and other Council commitments, so it is essential that focus is maintained within this restricted time period whilst maximising opportunities for capturing community feedback.

The Centre for Local Government (CLG) will facilitate Community Forums and some target group and stakeholder sessions in Weeks 1 and 3, whilst the General Manager, Directors and Managers will run the mini Community forums, business/retail and government target group meetings in Week 2.

The following timeframe for the public engagement will be as proposed;

**Community Forums** (6.00pm – 9.00 pm)

**Week 1**

- Monday 29 August Baradine Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 30 August Coonabarabran Town Hall
- Wednesday 31 August Binnaway Memorial Hall

**Week 3**

- Monday 12 September Dunedoo Jubilee Hall
- Tuesday 13 September Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall
- Wednesday 14 September Coolah Central School Hall

**Mini Community Forums** (8.00am- 10.00am)

**Week 2**

- Monday 5 September Goolhi Goolhi Hall
- Tuesday 6 September Purlewaugh Purlewaugh Hall
- Wednesday 7 September Leadville Leadville Hall
- Thursday 8 September Uarbry Uarbry Hall
- Friday 9 September Elong Elong Elong Hall

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**Business/Government/Retail** (5.30pm – 7.30pm)

**Week 2**

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|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| ▪ Tuesday 6 September   | Dunedoo       | Multipurpose Building |
| ▪ Wednesday 7 September | Coonabarabran | Town Hall             |
| ▪ Thursday 9 September  | Coolah        | Council Chambers      |

**Target/Stakeholder/Interest Groups** (business hours to vary as necessary)

**Weeks 1 and 3**

- Schools
- Yuluwirri Kids, Preschools, Connect 5, Family Day Care
- Coonabarabran Interagency/NGO's and Government Agencies
- Staff
- LEMC – Emergency and Health Services
- Coonabarabran and Baradine Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Coonabarabran Community Working Party
- Seniors groups

A promotions strategy will be implemented to spread the word to our target audiences, with invitations, advertisements, radio announcements and posters distributed for notice boards and newsletters. With some town publications published monthly it is important that the CES is adopted now to allow advertising in August newsletters.

Surveys will be designed and distributed in September following the Community Forums, promoted on website and through local media opportunities. Residents will be able to complete surveys electronically and on hard copy. This will provide an opportunity for Councillors and staff to engage one on one with the community and participate at local organisations and group meetings as guest speaker to promote the CSP and gather instant feedback from a target audience.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the workshop dates and the Community Strategic Plan Engagement Strategy as proposed for August and September 2011.



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## **1.10 Sister City Exchange Program**

At the September 2010 ordinary Council meeting a report was considered from the General Manager on the Sister City Exchange Program. The following was resolved:

### **RESOLVED**

- *That Warrumbungle Shire agrees to a partnership program along the Sister Cities program line, but independent of that program, with Ibara City in Okayama in Japan*
- *That Council initiates contact with the local government agency in Ibara City to ascertain the interest in a partnership with Warrumbungle Shire*
- *That a submission for funding through Australia-Japan Foundation to cover travel costs for an exploratory exchange be prepared and submitted*

Further correspondence from Mr Benjamin Trumbull of the Japanese Local Government Centre (CLAIR, Sydney), has been received and an extract of this letter is as follows:

*Our office has just heard this morning from Ibara via Yasuko (who is on holidays) that they are very happy to go ahead with forming friendship ties with Warrumbungle Shire.*

*Ibara will be sending a formal letter response to Warrumbungle Shire directly in the next week or two.*

*The person in currently in charge at the Ibara end is Mr. Yamada of the Ibara City Board of Education Lifelong Learning Division.*

*Mr. Yamada conveyed that the Mayor is extremely happy for the opportunity to promote "The beautiful starlit city" of Ibara overseas and believes an exchange between both cities linked by their observatories will be both meaningful and rewarding. He would very much like to meet with Peter in November (should he visit Okayama Prefecture on the CLAIR Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar) to further discuss the relationship and to get to know each other. Our office will send more information about the CLAIR Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar soon.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's information.

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**STEVE LOANE**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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Mr Steve Loane  
General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**ANNEXURE 2**

## **2.1 Rates and Charges Collection Report up to and Including June 2011**

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		RATE ARREARS	2010/2011 LEVY	PENSIONER WRITE OFF	ABAND- ONED	RATE ARREARS AND NET LEVY	TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE	TOTAL OUTSTAND- ING 2010/2011	COLLECT- ION % 2010/2011	TOTAL OUTSTAND- ING 2009/2010	COLLECT- ION % 2009/2010
<b>GENERAL</b>	COONABARABRA N	74,798	979,349	53,637	4,801	995,708	911,058	84,650	<b>91.50%</b>	135,717	86.46%
	BARADINE	37,096	139,286	16,513	1,198	158,672	128,774	29,899	<b>81.16%</b>	28,064	82.52%
	BINNAWAY	12,952	68,198	11,617	1,758	67,775	56,220	11,556	<b>82.95%</b>	8,326	88.25%
	VILLAGE 1	7,754	31,710	2,857	1,239	35,369	25,902	9,468	<b>73.23%</b>	6,018	81.96%
	FARMLAND	229,370	4,181,063	20,283	868	4,389,283	4,102,176	287,106	<b>93.46%</b>	208,590	94.74%
	COOLAH	20,066	200,137	15,663	603	203,937	180,062	23,874	<b>88.29%</b>	17,398	91.14%
	DUNEDOO	19,548	218,545	16,456	466	221,171	199,123	22,048	<b>90.03%</b>	18,531	91.11%
	MENDOORAN	14,714	67,957	7,244	6	75,420	60,442	14,978	<b>80.14%</b>	14,068	79.34%
	VILLAGE 2	3,351	18,471	2,377	3	19,442	17,950	1,493	<b>92.32%</b>	2,121	85.25%
	COOLABAH ESTATE	2,589	15,443	1,693	1	16,338	14,113	2,225	<b>86.38%</b>	2,274	85.82%
	RUR/RES COBBORA	132	3,118	237	0	3,013	2,953	60	<b>98.02%</b>	61	98.20%
	RURAL RESD/BUS	78,833	574,217	25,840	1,203	626,007	552,675	73,332	<b>88.29%</b>	4,065	105.19%

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		<b>RATE ARREARS</b>	<b>2010/2011 LEVY</b>	<b>PENSIONER WRITE OFF</b>	<b>ABAND- ONED</b>	<b>RATE ARREARS AND NET LEVY</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTSTAND- ING 2010/2011</b>	<b>COLLECT- ION % 2010/2011</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTSTAND- ING 2009/2010</b>	<b>COLLECT- ION % 2009/2010</b>
<b>WATER</b>	COONABARABRA N	29,981	369,338	27,279	2,498	369,542	341,785	27,758	<b>92.49%</b>	19,104	94.69%
	BARADINE	28,450	111,515	9,787	1,269	128,909	100,060	28,849	<b>77.62%</b>	16,046	87.93%
	BINNAWAY	22,147	118,130	9,013	3,008	128,256	107,975	20,281	<b>84.19%</b>	12,351	90.53%
	VILLAGE 1	11,497	13,396	1,050	4,561	19,282	12,112	7,170	<b>62.82%</b>	7,762	67.93%
	FARMLAND	5.41	2,229.60	0.00	0.00	2,235	2,038	197	<b>91.16%</b>	9-	100.83%
	COOLAH	19,444	158,465	9,651	525	167,732	146,678	21,054	<b>87.45%</b>	25,633	88.33%
	DUNEDOO	14,473	151,693	9,391	352	156,423	140,757	15,666	<b>89.98%</b>	13,743	90.56%
	MENDOORAN	33,196	147,618	4,731	12	176,072	141,041	35,031	<b>80.10%</b>	32,098	78.73%
	RURAL	12,837	82,846	3,287	9	92,387	78,554	13,833	<b>85.03%</b>	-	0.00%
	VILLAGE 2	3,238.26	10,856.00	877.63	0.28	13,216	10,799.28	2,417	<b>81.71%</b>	3,944	65.75%
<b>SEWERAGE</b>	COONABARABRA N	53,591	562,660	26,510	3,405	586,335	462,250	124,086	<b>78.84%</b>	46,147	92.34%
	BARADINE	33,837	147,754	8,153	2,092	171,346	126,769	44,577	<b>73.98%</b>	17,591	90.88%
	COOLAH	21,752	175,372	9,574	580	186,970	147,318	39,652	<b>78.79%</b>	19,744	90.32%
	DUNEDOO	15,752	155,968	9,013	140	162,567	125,056	37,511	<b>76.93%</b>	15,059	91.41%

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<b>GARBAGE</b>	NORTH	69,768	688,488	56,686	6,612	694,958	615,938	79,021	<b>88.63%</b>	71,186	90.03%
	SOUTH	50,763	396,558	35,059	601	411,661	360,017	51,645	<b>87.45%</b>	48,663	88.71%
	FARMLAND/ RURAL	11,116	123,312	5,638	335	128,456	113,988	14,468	<b>88.74%</b>	2,027	94.47%
<b>LEGAL FEES</b>		185,780	49,780	0	9,152	226,408	93,845	132,564	41.45%	209,605	38.73%
<b>DISHONOURS</b>		200	264	0	0	464	288	176	<b>62.08%</b>	-	0.00%
<b>INTEREST</b>		165,952	110,094	0	0	276,046	0	276,046	<b>0.00%</b>	288,917	0.00%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,284,983</b>	<b>10,073,831</b>	<b>400,116</b>	<b>47,295</b>	<b>10,911,403</b>	<b>9,378,716</b>	<b>1,532,687</b>	<b>85.95%</b>	<b>1,286,723</b>	<b>84.32%</b>
<p><b>Note:</b> These do not include Legal / Interest / Waste Outstanding Amounts as they are not broken up into these localities</p>											

### RECOMMENDATION

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## **2.2 Grants – FAG (Federal Assistance Grant) 2011-2012 NSW Local Government Grants Commission**

Advice has been received (24 June, 2011) from the Grants Commission (copy enclosed for Councillors' information) regarding its determination of the 2011-2012 FAG. The advice stated:

*“The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP, has approved the Grants Commission’s preliminary recommendations for the 2011-12 financial assistance grants. The preliminary recommendations are based on indicative national funding levels. The final recommendations will be subject to approval by the Commonwealth Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP, and will be subject to revised funding levels.*

*Mr Page has agreed to the early release of the indicative grants details for budgeting purposes. Council is advised that the details are provided in confidence and are not for media comment or publication.*

*Council’s estimated 2011-12 grant entitlement amounts to:*

<i>General Purpose Component</i>	<i>\$3,538,174</i>
<i>Local Roads Component</i>	<i>\$2,159,101</i>
<b><i>Total Estimated Entitlement</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,697,275</i></b>

*As part of the May Federal Budget, the Australian Government announced that it would bring forward 25 per cent of the 2011-12 payments to the current financial year. A similar arrangement applied last year. This payment has been allocated across local authorities on the basis of the 2010-11 entitlement relativities.*

*The advance payment to Council is \$1,439,546, leaving an estimated balance of \$4,257,729. The balance is expected to be paid in quarterly instalments commencing in mid-August 2011, followed by payments in mid-November 2011, mid-February 2012 and mid-May 2012.*

*Council’s estimated payment per quarter for 2011-12 is \$1,064,432.*

*It should be noted that an adjustment to the 2010-11 estimated entitlements will be necessary because of variations in the CPI and States’ population share estimates used by the Commonwealth to determine the 2010-11 funding levels and the actual CPI and population share figures. The amount of the adjustment (up or down) is not yet known.*

*If you have any questions please contact the Commission’s Executive Officer, Bruce Wright, on (02) 4428 4132.*

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*Yours sincerely  
Grahame Gibbs  
Deputy Chairperson”*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the advice of the Grants Commission.

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**JOHN McHUGH**  
**ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

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Mr Steve Loane  
General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

Attached is my report for consideration by Council

**DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**ANNEXURE 3**

## **3.1 Proposed Tree Project in Wellington Street Baradine**

### **Background**

Council will be aware of a proposal to establish street trees in Wellington Street Baradine. On the 21 April 2011, Council made the following resolution;

*The proposed Wellington Street tree project is placed on exhibition and submissions invited on the two options as shown in attachment 1.0. Further, that a third option be offered of not proceeding with the project. (Res. No 353, 21 April 2011).*

The proposal was advertised in which comment and feedback was sought on both options. Also, submissions were invited on the preferred tree species for the project. As well as written submissions, the advertisement indicated that feedback could be registered at the Baradine Newsagency.

At the close of submissions on the 9 June 2011, two sets of feedback forms were received, one from the Newsagency and one from Baradine Progress Association. These feedback forms contain a list of names and a tick against one of three options, that is, trees in the centre, trees in the road shoulder, or no trees at all. There were several people who registered a tick against both options.

The set of names from the Baradine Newsagency most definitely favoured the third option which is no trees at all in Wellington Street. The set of names from the Baradine Progress Association strongly favoured the option for trees in the centre of the street. A critical analysis of the list of names on each list, to eliminate actions such as one person registering a tick for several members of their family, has not been undertaken. Also, no analysis has been undertaken on the bona fide of each name and their place of residence. However, it seems unlikely that a rationalisation of each list would change the outcome for the preferred option on each set of names.

A summary of each list and preferences are shown in the following table. A copy of each list of names has been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.



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Source	No of names registered on list	Option A; trees in centre garden	Option B; trees in road shoulder	Option C; no change
Baradine Newsagent	94	7	7	82
Baradine Progress Association	107	72	28	20

In response to the advertisement, the Baradine Progress Association also submitted a tick box survey, which covered issues other than trees in Wellington Street. A copy of that survey has also been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

No other written submissions from individuals in Baradine were received. Also, there were no submissions at all made in relation to the preferred species of tree for Wellington Street.

Council is now asked to consider the response from the Baradine community and also to consider the merits of each option. Also, should Council wish to proceed with planting of trees, a determination on the preferred species is sought.

## Issues

The community response to the proposals did not raise any particular issue in relation to either option, other than to simply indicate a preference. No reason was given, or is apparent, from those who wanted no change, that is no trees at all. Similarly, no reason became apparent as to why trees planted in the road shoulder would not be acceptable.

Should Council wish to proceed with planting of trees in Wellington Street, the technical and practical issues raised in previous reports are still relevant. These issues include;

- Protection of adjoining road pavement from tree roots. That is, installation of root protection.
- Location of utility services such as power lines, water and telephone cables.
- Watering method for the trees. A new water pipe line will be required regardless if trees are planted within the existing garden bed or on the road shoulder. The irrigation system for the existing garden bed is not adequate for trees planted within the garden bed
- Significant disturbance and damage to existing garden bed during planting of the trees.

## Options

Should Council wish to continue with the project to install trees in Wellington Street Baradine and follow the popular preference indicated by residents, then trees planted in

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the centre garden beds becomes the obvious option for Council. However, Council should be mindful of the fact that planting trees in the garden bed will damage the existing garden.

There will be a considerable transformation in the appearance of Wellington Street should Council pursue the option of planting trees in the road shoulder. If trees are planted within the road shoulder they will compliment the centre garden bed and during summer, the streetscape environment will be considerably changed. If trees are planted in the road shoulder there will be some reduction in available car parking area, however, the reduction is not expected to adversely impact business on an average day in Baradine.

Should Council wish to plant trees in Wellington Street Baradine, consideration should be given to selecting a tree species from the following list:

Species	Mature Height (m)	Calliper (cm)	Height (m)	Container size
<b>Fraxinus excelsior</b> <b>'Aurea'</b> Golden Ash	10 – 12	25	2.2 – 2.5	45 litre
<b>Fraxinus</b> <b>'Raywood'</b> Claret Ash	12 – 15	50 25 – 30	3.0 – 3.5 2.5 – 3.0	100 litre RCB 45 litre
<b>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</b> <b>'Cimmzan'</b> – Cimmaron	12 – 14	25	2.2	45 litre
<b>Gleditsia triacanthos</b> <b>'shademaster'</b> Green Honey Locust	10 – 15	55 25 – 30	3.5 – 4.0 2.5 – 2.8	100 litre RCB 45 litre
<b>Pistacia chinensis</b> Chinese Pistachio	8 – 12	50 15	3.0+ 1.5	100 litre RCB 30cm
<b>Pyrus calleryana</b> <b>'Chanticleer'</b> Chanticleer Pear	10 – 12	25 – 30	2.4 – 2.8	45 litre

### Financial Considerations

There is an allocation of \$20,000 in the current budget for establishment of trees in Wellington Street Baradine. The estimated cost of planting trees as previously advised is \$16,970 for seven(7) trees within existing garden beds and \$37,340 for twelve(12) trees on the road shoulder. These cost estimates assume the Baradine Progress Association will supply mature trees for project.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the project to establish trees in Wellington Street Baradine between Narren Street and Darling Street involves planting of trees in the road shoulder as proposed in option B.
2. The tree species for the Wellington Street tree project is Fraxinus 'Raywood' (Claret Ash).
3. A supplementary budget allocation of \$17,340 is made to the existing budget allocation for the Wellington Street tree project in Baradine.

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**KEVIN TIGHE**  
**DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES**

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Mr Steve Loane  
General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

Attached is my report for consideration by Council

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ANNEXURE 4**

## **4.1 Re-Establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones in the Warrumbungle Shire Council Area**

### **Background**

The proposed Alcohol Free Zones in the Warrumbungle Shire have now been exhibited. The public exhibition period concluded with no objections being received from the public, liquor Licensee or Registered Club Board. One submission was received from the Dunedoo Bowling Club to extend the proposed Alcohol Free Zone to include Cobborah St between Tallawang St and Wallaroo St.

### ***Proposal***

**It is proposed that the following Alcohol Free Zones be adopted by Council:**

Coonabarabran

- John Street between the entrance gates to No 1 Oval and Edwards Street
- Dalgarno Street between Charles Street and Robertson Street
- Edwards Street between John Street and Robertson Street
- Cassilis Streets between John Street and Shire Hall Car Park
- Essex Street between John Street and Charles Street
- Timor Lane between Robinson Street and Charles Street
- Timor Street Car Park
- Royal Hotel Car Park
- Shire Hall Car Park

Binnaway

- Bullinda Street between Renshaw Street and Yeulba Street
- Renshaw Street between Castlereagh Ave and Bullinda Street
- Myall Street between Norman Street and Yarren Street
- Yarren Street between Myall Street and Renshaw Street

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## Coolah

- Binnia Street between Gilmore Street and Booyamurra Street
- Goddard Street between Central Lane and Binnia Street
- Campbell Street between Binnia Street and Lane
- Martin Street between Central Lane and Binnia Street, including Car Park

## Mendooran

- Bandulla Street between Yalcogrin Street and Bramble Street
- Yalcogrin Street between Cobra and Bandulla Street

## Dunedoo

- Bolaro Street between Merrygoen Street and Wallaroo Street
- Tallawang Street between Cobborah Street and Digilah Street
- Wallaroo Street between Bolaro Street and Digilah Street
- Wargundy Street between Yarrow Street and Cobborah Street
- Cobborah Street between Tallawang Street and Wallaroo Street

## Baradine

- Wellington Street between Barwon Street and Narren Street
- Narren Street between Lachlan Street and Walker Street
- Darling Street between Lachlan Street and Queen Street
- Macquarie Street between Barwon Street and Darling Street

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to re-establish the following Alcohol Free Zones for a period of four years, and that the current signage is amended to reflect this new period:

## Coonabarabran

- John Street between the entrance gates to No 1 Oval and Edwards Street
- Dalgarno Street between Charles Street and Robertson Street
- Edwards Street between John Street and Robertson Street
- Cassilis Streets between John Street and Shire Hall Car Park
- Essex Street between John Street and Charles Street
- Timor Lane between Robinson Street and Charles Street
- Timor Street Car Park
- Royal Hotel Car Park
- Shire Hall Car Park

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## Binnaway

- Bullinda Street between Renshaw Street and Yeulba Street
- Renshaw Street between Castlereagh Ave and Bullinda Street
- Myall Street between Norman Street and Yarren Street
- Yarren Street between Myall Street and Renshaw Street

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## Baradine

- Wellington Street between Barwon Street and Narren Street
- Narren Street between Lachlan Street and Walker Street
- Darling Street between Lachlan Street and Queen Street
- Macquarie Street between Barwon Street and Darling Street

## **4.2 Up-Date on the Council Chambers Extensions**

### **Background**

De Beer Building Design of Dubbo have been engaged to prepare the documents for the extension of the existing Coonabarabran Council offices onto the former Crane building site on the corner of Cassilis and John Streets.

Plans were received from De Beer Design and were accepted by Council, along with the approval for a Development Application to be lodged, at the Council meeting on 16 June 2011 (Resolution No 417). The Development Application has been prepared by Council's Director Community Services and was lodged with Council on 15 July 2011.

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The Development Application will be on public exhibition (written notification to neighbours and advertised in local newspapers) from the 21 July for a period of thirty (30) days.

**For Council's information.**

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### 4.3 Applications Approved for Month of June 2011

Complying Development (set criteria) Development Application (Specialised Conditions)	Date Approved	APPLICANT'S NAME	LOCATION (of development)	(Town)	Approved Development Type
CDC 83/1011	06/06/2011	John Preston	Purlewaugh Road	Coonabarabran	Erect a farm machinery shed
DA 85/1011	07/06/2011	F Vanderzwan	David Night Drive	Coonabarabran	Erect an aircraft hanger at the Coonabarabran Aerodrome
CDC 87/1011	07/06/2011	A Falzon	Mollyan Road	Binnaway	Erect Ag/farm shed
DA 89/1011	07/06/2011	GT Wood	Harveys Lane	Coonabarabran	Build new shed
CDC 90/1011	20/06/2011	P Murray/Picton Bros	Narren Street	Baradine	Glass enclosure addition to existing dwelling
CDC 92/1011	20/06/2011	C Bacon	Dalgarno Street	Coonabarabran	Build new single bay shed
DA 94/1011	03/06/2011	Nicolaus Copernicus (ANU )	Siding Spring	Coonabarabran	Erect new telescope
DA 95/1011	09/06/2011	Roach's Hardware	Cassilis Street	Coonabarabran	Construct new storage shed
DA 98/1011	16/06/2011	Gleeson Surveying	Murrabinda	Mullaley	Change of use of building



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CD or DA	Date Received	APPLICANT'S NAME	LOCATION	Town	Type of Development	Status
CDC 92/1011	01/06/2011	Colin Bacon	Dalgarno Street	Coonabarabran	Large single shed	Approved
DA 93/1011	03/06/2011	Warrumbungle Shire Council	Binnia Street	Coolah	Install sign at Coolah hall	Pending
DA 94/1011	03/06/2011	Nicolaus Copernicus (ANU )	Siding Spring	Coonabarabran	Erect new telescope	Approved
DA 95/1011	09/06/2011	Roach's Hardware	Cassilis Street	Coonabarabran	Construct new storage shed	Approved
CDC 96/1011	15/06/2011	Jill Smith	Timor Street	Coonabarabran	Demolition of dwelling	Pending
DA 97/1011	15/06/2011	United Group Services	Cnr Digilah & Tallawang St's	Dunedoo	Subdivision	Pending
DA 98/1011	16/06/2011	Gleeson Surveying	Murrabinda	Mullaley	Change of use of building	Approved
DA 99/1011	22/06/2011	Troy & Lynell Rosenburg	Bligh Street	Baradine	Change of use of building	Pending
CDC 100/1011	24/06/2011	J & J Isedale	Dow's Lane	Coonabarabran	Construct a new dwelling	Pending

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Applications Received for the month of June 2011, the Applications Held Pending as at 31 May 2011 and their status, and of those approved during June 2011, under Delegated Authority.

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**TONY MEPPEM**  
**ACTING DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

Attached is my report for consideration by Council

## **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES      ANNEXURE 5**

### **5.1 Management Plan 2011-2012 Hangar Rental Space**

Upon printing the 2011-2012 Management Plan adopted by Council at the June 2011 meeting a minor oversight was noticed in Part C (Revenue Policy incorporating Fees and Charges section on Page 28.

The Hangar Space Rental at Coonabarabran Aerodrome should be \$2.29 (per m<sup>2</sup> GST inclusive) in 2011-2012 as opposed to the advertised and adopted fee of \$1.70, which is the same as 2010-2011.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approves the Hangar Space Rental at Coonabarabran Aerodrome to \$2.29 (per m<sup>2</sup> GST inclusive) in 2011-2012 Management Plan Fees and Charges.

### **5.2 Coonabarabran Aerodrome Hangar Leases**

Warrumbungle Shire Council leases Hangar Space to eight (8) individuals and one (1) organisation, at the Coonabarabran Aerodrome. The Hangars are owned by the respective Lessee who has the responsibility for all costs associated with the function of maintaining and operating an aircraft hangar.

The current five (5) year Lease Agreements expired in April – June 2010.

The proposal is to replace this Lease Agreement with a new Lease for five (5) years with a further three (3) by five (5) options, totaling twenty (20) years. The document has been provided to Councillors under separate cover.

Councils Solicitor has approved the drafted Lease Agreements however draws to Council's attention that it is potentially a twenty (20) year arrangement.

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- The Hangars are the property of each Lessee
- There is enough room for additional Hangars to be constructed
- The additional 3 x 5 years option provides continuity of agreement in principle by Council to rent the Hangar space, yet providing flexibility for Hangars to change ownership
- The Coonabarabran Aerodrome is unlikely to be relocated to another site

Council Seal is required on the Lease Agreement.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to attach Council Seal to the Coonabarabran Aerodrome Hangar Lease Agreements 2011.

### **5.3 Coolah School of Arts - Conservation Management Strategy**

The former Coolah Shire Heritage Study identified a number of sites owned by Warrumbungle Shire Council as having cultural and heritage significance. A program continued this year implementing Conservation Management Strategies for heritage places under Council's control for the purpose of guiding proposed development; facilitating grant submissions and maximising current and future usage by Council or a community organisation(s).

Council's Heritage Advisor Mr Ray Christison, from Highground Consulting has now completed a draft Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for the Coolah School of Arts. A copy of this CMS has been provided to Councillors under separate cover.

The recommendations are very good and this supporting documentation will now assist the Coolah Preschool undertake their proposed extensions and refurbishment works.

The cost of the CMS is included as part of the Heritage Consultant budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accepts the draft Coolah School of Arts Conservation Management Strategy dated June 2011.

### **5.4 Binnaway Men's Shed**

A new Men's Shed comprising of seven (7) founding members has been formed in Binnaway. The Binnaway Men's Shed is an incorporated association registered under the NSW Department of Fair Trading and are members of the Australian Men's Shed Association.

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They have been investigating possible locations from where to host Men's Shed activities and an onsite inspection was undertaken with the Director Community Services at a few sites for consideration.

One location that is close to town mainstreet, toilets and school with parking, and good access is the old Fire Station in Andy's Lane in Binnaway. The shed is essentially abandoned used for local storage at the moment however it is sound and has excellent potential for a side awning/verandah after some cleaning up and minor R&M. The electricity would need to be reconnected.

A request has been made to Council to permit the Binnaway Men's Shed use of this shed.

All costs associated with the clean up, electricity connection and usage, garbage collection, day to day maintenance would be the responsibility of the Binnaway Men's Shed, as would public liability and contents insurance and other user charges.

This shed would increase the number of Men's Sheds actively meeting in the Shire to four (4) with Baradine, Coonabarabran and Coolah. The Coonabarabran Men's Shed occupy part of the former Essex Street Depot, as agreed to by Council under a 3 (three) year Licence Agreement (**Resolution No 403 May 2010**). Both the Coolah and Baradine Men's Sheds own their own properties.

It will brighten up an existing sad old shed and provide a focus for local men keen to restore some railway memorabilia.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council offer a 5 (five) year Licence Agreement to provide the Andy's Lane Fire Shed rent free for the sole purpose of the Binnaway Men's Shed.

## **5.5 Bank of NSW Dunedoo (former) Draft Conservation Management Strategy**

The former Coolah Shire Heritage Study identified a number of sites owned by Warrumbungle Shire Council as having cultural and heritage significance. A program continued this year implementing Conservation Management Strategies for heritage places under Council's control for the purpose of guiding proposed development; facilitating grant submissions and maximising current and future usage by Council or a community organisation(s).

Councils Heritage Advisor Mr Ray Christison, from Highground Consulting has now completed a draft Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for the former Bank of NSW building at Dunedoo. A copy of this CMS has been provided to Councillors under separate cover.

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The recommendations are very good and this supporting documentation will now assist the Community plan for any extensions to the library, Museum or refurbishment works.

The cost of the CMS is included as part of the Heritage Consultant budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accepts the draft Bank of NSW Dunedoo Conservation Management Strategy dated June 2011.

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**REBECCA RYAN**  
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