



# **Warrumbungle Shire Council**

**Council meeting**  
**Thursday, 15 January 2009**

**to be held at the Fire Control Centre, Coonabarabran**

**commencing at 1.00 pm**

## ***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***

Robert Geraghty (General Manager)

Carolyn Upston (Director Corporate Services)

Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services)

Ron VanKatwyk (Director Environmental Services)

Rebecca Ryan (Director Community Services)

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Date: 9 January 2009

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 January meeting. I further attach relevant reports from the Directors to me for the consideration of Council.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** of the ordinary meeting of Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 18 December 2008.

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**R J GERAGHTY**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **ANNEXURE 1**

### **1.1 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

Council at its December 2008 meeting considered the advice that it had been allocated an amount of \$568,000 towards the Federal Government's stimulus programme. The Council decisions at that meeting were:

1. The project must meet the guidelines
2. 5% to be taken from the grant to cover Council's cost of managing the projects (Council must administer all the projects), and
3. Each Director be asked to submit projects on behalf of Council.

The availability of the grants has been advertised and submissions received. It should be noted that a lot of the submissions were late. A list of those submissions are attached below with the supporting documentation to be distributed separately.

There were a number of recommendations made at the December meeting that were held over for decision until the January 2009 meeting. Of critical importance are the following recommendations which should be determined before considering the proposals:

A. Projects must be on Council land (a Council asset).

The grant has been given to Council to undertake projects within its Local Government area.

Council has a very large backlog of desired facilities in each of its towns and villages. To agree to direct funds to other community facilities not Council assets will mean those desired Council community facilities may never be done.

It is appropriate that Council limit projects to those that are Council assets.

B. A basis for equitable distribution across the Shire.

While the funds could be allocated to one large project it would have to be a very important issue for the whole shire. Council needs to determine a basis of distribution that will be seen by the communities as equitable.

One equitable way would be to segregate the Shire into areas based on the six towns as follows:

- a) Dunedoo – to include Cobbora, Leadville and Uarbry
- b) Coolah – to include Neilrex and Weetaliba
- c) Mendooran – to include Merrygoen
- d) Coonabarabran – to include Goolhi and Ulamambri
- e) Binnaway – to include Purlewaugh
- f) Baradine – to include Kenebri and Bugaldie

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The environs around each of these towns would also come under those areas. A number of formulae were presented to the December meeting to distribute the funds. Those along with other options are set out below.

	ABS Figures			Internal Distributions	
	Suburb	Population	Post Code	Crane Building <sup>(i)</sup>	Rates Raised <sup>(ii)</sup>
Dunedoo	118,101	120,003	124,256	64,545	77,232
Coolah	66,017	70,712	56,732	64,545	65,227
Mendooran	36,795	39,732	19,671	51,636	23,854
Coonabarabran	244,419	247,032	251,163	284,000	330,893
Binnaway	35,437	36,508	49,702	51,636	22,420
Baradine	67,231	54,013	66,476	51,636	48,374
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(i) When the Crane Building was purchased an amount equal to the purchase price of \$275,000 was additionally allocated to the other towns – this basis reflects that distribution.

(ii) This is based on the general fund rates raised within each town and villages as a basis of distribution. Also there is no figures for Goolhi and Weetaliba included in these rate figures.

Council should now determine the above items A and B and then consider the applications. In considering the applications the following assessment criteria have to be deliberately addressed:

The submissions must be lodged by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009. If approved, 100% of the funding will be provided upon signing an agreement with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (DITRD LG). Once councils have provided the information the Department will write to them regarding the next steps and future reporting requirements.

Funding can be used for projects consistent with the types of projects listed at Annexure A provided to Councillors under separate cover with a Frequently Asked Questions document.

In order to ensure the list of projects submitted are approved by the Department Council must ask of each project the following questions to demonstrate the following:

1. Consistency with the types of projects listed in Annexure A
2. Ready to proceed community infrastructure or an additional stage of a project already underway
3. Stimulating additional growth and economic activity

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4. Improving access or service provision
  5. Increased usage of the amenity/facility
  6. Adding to the social capacity of the community

Given the examples of ineligible and eligible projects provided by the Department it is very clear the general R&M is only eligible if it can be demonstrated it is part of a refurbishment project that will increase in more use of the public facility. Toilet blocks are not eligible unless part of an integrated development involving an eligible project.

Lastly it is recommended that a reserve list of projects in order of priority be determined so that any Department deemed ineligible projects can be substituted with one that meets the criteria.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council determine a list of projects for submission to the Federal Government.

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4 a)	Cr Denis Todd	Baradine Bore	Baradine	\$65,000	\$3,250	Y	Y	Environmental initiatives - Water source and treatment	Replacement of PVC casing
52	Director Environmental Services	Baradine Swimming Pool	Baradine	\$41,580	\$2,079	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Shade and seating
41	Director Technical Services	Walker Street Footbridge	Baradine	\$40,000	\$2,000	Y	Y	Access facilities - Footbridges	Construction of concrete footpath along Walker Street culvert structure
4 b)	Cr Denis Todd	Lions Park Toilets	Baradine		\$0	Y	Depends		
4 c)	Cr Denis Todd	Baradine Swimming Pool	Baradine		\$0	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pool	Repair of leak in pool, install new shade cover over playground equipment, install new shade cover over starting blocks (refer to item no 52 for shade costing)

<b>TOTAL BARADINE</b>	<b>\$146,580</b>	<b>\$7,329</b>
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11	Binnaway Progress Association	Castlereagh Avenue and River	Binnaway	\$76,747	\$3,837	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Community recreation spaces, walking tracks and bicycle paths Tourism infrastructure - Local infrastructure to support or provide access to tourist facilities Access facilities - Foreshore development	Construction of walkway along river from Camping Ground to bridge, powered sites, safety fencing, planting native flora
51	Director Environmental Services	Binnaway Swimming Pool	Binnaway	\$28,309	\$1,415	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Seating and shade
30	Binnaway Rail Heritage and Preservation Group	Binnaway Railway Barracks	Binnaway	\$26,000	\$1,300	Y/N	Y	Tourism infrastructure - Community public attractions, buildings for exhibits	Refurbishment of caretakers flat and public toilets to museum for volunteers

<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>BINNAWAY</b>	<b>\$131,056</b>	<b>\$6,553</b>



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12	Bowen Oval Playground Committee	Bowen Oval	Coolah	\$60,000	\$3,000	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - playgrounds	Stage 2 of Bowen Oval Playground upgrade
17	Coolah Skate Park Committee	Coolah Skate Park - Bowen Oval	Coolah	\$60,000	\$3,000	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - sports grounds and facilities, skate parks	Construction of skate park facility at Bowen Oval
18	Coolah Cycleway Committee	Coolah Bicycle Path	Coolah	\$60,000	\$3,000	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Walking tracks and bicycle paths	Stage 1 - construction of a sealed gravel pavement along proposed route of new cycleway
50	Director Environmental Services	Coolah Swimming Pool	Coolah	\$54,275	\$2,714	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Seating and shade
19	Coolah Roo's Rugby Club	Bowen Oval	Coolah	\$51,821	\$2,591	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Sports grounds and facilities	Extension to dressing rooms, canteen, refurbishment of toilets, installation of disabled toilet and mothers room, store room

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5	Roy Cameron and CDDG	Campbell Street Footpath	Coolah	\$50,000	\$2,500	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Enhancement of main streets and public squares	Construction of concrete footpath along Campbell street - linking main street with Caravan Park and River
40	Director Technical Services	Talbragar River Bridge Rest Area	Coolah	\$40,000	\$2,000	Y	Y	Tourism infrastructure - Local infrastructure to improve support or provide access tourist facilities Recreation facilities - Community recreation spaces	Construction of a rest area including picnic facilities
16	Coolah Swimming Club	Coolah Swimming Pool	Coolah	\$35,500	\$1,775	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Installation of colourbond fence and permanent shade at Coolah Pool

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13	St Andrews Coolah Community Cultural Centre Committee	St Andrews Church - The Octagon	Coolah	\$15,000	\$750	N	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Theatre/music/art spaces, parks and gardens Recreation facilities - Community recreation spaces and Tourism infrastructure - Community public attractions	Fitout of 2 music studios
15	Business Houses Coolah	Vinegroy Lookout	Coolah	\$6,840	\$342	Y	?	Tourism infrastructure - Local infrastructure to improve support or provide access tourist facilities	Creation of a look out with tourist and business information boards
<b>TOTAL COOLAH</b>				<b>\$433,436</b>	<b>\$21,672</b>				

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48	Director Environmental Services	Coonabarabran Swimming Pool	Coonabarabran	\$133,000	\$6,650	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Grandstand seating and shade, sahe over playground equipment at pool
9	Mens Shed Committee Coonabarabran	Coonabarabran Showground	Coonabarabran	\$75,760	\$3,788	N	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Community centres Children, youth and seniors facilities - Senior citizens' centres	Construction and materials of a Mens Shed at Coonabarabran Showground
38	Director Technical Services	Coonabarabran CBD	Coonabarabran	\$70,000	\$3,500	Y	Depends		Construction of toilet block in John Street
1	Coonabarabran Youth Club	Coonabarabran Youth Club	Coonabarabran	\$65,000	\$3,250	Y	Y	Children, youth and seniors facilities - Youth centres Recreation facilities - Sports stadiums	Installation of roller shutters to replace glass louvres x 14

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46	Director Community Services	Coonabarabran Town Hall - Courtyard	Coonabarabran	\$61,795	\$3,090	Y	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Town halls, theatre/music/art spaces Access facilities - disabled access infrastructure	Removal of fountain in courtyard, installation of timber floor to level of main hall area, glazing of windows for soundproofing
35	Director Technical Services	Neilson Park	Coonabarabran	\$60,000	\$3,000	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Walking tracks and bicycle paths Access facilities - footbridges	Construction of a footbridge in Neilson Park
36	Director Technical Services	John Street	Coonabarabran	\$60,000	\$3,000	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Enhancement of main streets and public squares	Construction of a footpath pergola in John Street

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6	Outback Soundtrack - Kira Alexander and Sam Bragg	Neilson Park	Coonabarabran	\$50,000	\$2,500	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Theatre/music/art spaces, parks and gardens Recreation facilities - Community recreation spaces and Tourism infrastructure - Community public attractions	Construction of amphitheatre/stage (fixed or portable) for use for outdoor concerts
31	Coonabarabran VRA	VRA Headquarters	Coonabarabran	\$50,000	\$2,500	Y	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Community centres, kitchens for organisations	Construction of a new headquarters and training facility - new kitchen, office and amenities
34	Director Technical Services	Castlereagh River	Coonabarabran	\$45,000	\$2,250	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Walking tracks and bicycle paths Access facilities - foreshore development	Construction of a walking track along Castlereagh River

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45	Director Community Services	Coonabarabran Town Hall - Amenities	Coonabarabran	\$42,881	\$2,144	Y	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Town halls Access infrastructure - Disabled access infrastructure	Refurbishment of existing amenities and installation of a disabled bathroom in cloak room
44	Director Community Services	Coonabarabran Preschool	Coonabarabran	\$37,000	\$1,850	Y	Y	Children, youth and seniors facilities - Playgroup centres	Refurbishment and remodelling of Preschool to cater for After School and Vacation Care, relocation of Connect 5 and Family Day Care
47	Director Community Services	Coonabarabran Town Hall - Entrance/egress	Coonabarabran	\$27,600	\$1,380	Y	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Town halls	Refurbishment of all entrance and egress doors - architraves, door jambs and door mechanisms. Restoration of tiled roof

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3 b)	Richard Savage	2WCRFM Station	Coonabarabran	\$25,000	\$1,250	N	?		Technical design for footings for new Radio Tower at Showground
29	Coonabarabran and District Greyhound Club	Coursing Club No2 Oval	Coonabarabran	\$24,600	\$1,230	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Sports grounds and facilities	Construction of all weather shelters over starting boxes
53	Director Environmental Services	Coonabarabran Cemetery	Coonabarabran	\$20,000	\$1,000	Y	?	Environmental initiatives - Drain and sewerage upgrades	Construction of sealed dish drains
28	Coonabarabran and District Greyhound Club	Coursing Club No2 Oval	Coonabarabran	\$15,000	\$750	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Sports grounds and facilities	Completion of new amenities block to improve facility access and use
39	Director Technical Services	War Memorial Clock	Coonabarabran	\$15,000	\$750	Y	N		Replacement of clock mechanism
20 c)	Coonabarabran Arts Council	Community Services Building	Coonabarabran	\$6,000	\$300	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - kitchens for organisations	Refurbishment of kitchen in Flix in Stix area of Community Services Building



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7	Girl Guides	Driver Reviver Visitor Information Centre Coonabarabran	Coonabarabran	\$4,565	\$228	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Kitchens for organisations Tourism infrastructure - Local infrastructure to support or provide access to tourist facilities	Installation of hand washing and sink facilities - Kitchen in Driver Reviver Centre at Coonabarabran VIC
24	Coonabarabran Youth Club	Coonabarabran Youth Club	Coonabarabran	\$4,182	\$209	Y	Y	Children, youth and seniors facilities - Youth centres	Installation of airconditioning unit at Drop in Centre
3 a)	Richard Savage	Coonabarabran Swimming Pool	Coonabarabran	\$35,000	\$1,750	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Replacement of solar heating
20 a)	Coonabarabran Arts Council	Coonabarabran Town Hall	Coonabarabran	\$60,000	\$3,000	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Town halls, Theatre/music/art spaces Tourism infrastructure - buildings for exhibits	Refurbish supper room in town hall for permanent art gallery. Costing is estimate only
20 b)	Coonabarabran Arts Council	Coonabarabran Town Hall	Coonabarabran			Y	Y	refer to item no 46	
<b>TOTAL COONAB'RAN</b>				<b>\$987,383</b>	<b>\$49,369</b>				

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8	Western Institute TAFE	Dunedoo War Memorial Hospital	Dunedoo	unknown		N	N		Purchase of former Dunedoo Hospital for Education facility - TAFE
25	Dunedoo District Development Group	Recycling Centre	Dunedoo	\$180,000	\$9,000	N	?		Purchase of shed for purpose of Recycling Centre
49	Director Environmental Services	Dunedoo Swimming Pool	Dunedoo	\$118,400	\$5,920	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Seating and shade
2 b)	Dunedoo Garden Group	Bolaro Street	Dunedoo	\$81,041	\$4,052	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Enhancement of main streets and public squares	Removal of concrete footpaths on business side Bolaro Street
33	Director Technical Services	Dunedoo Recycling Centre	Dunedoo	\$72,700	\$3,635	Y	Y	Environmental initiatives - waste management and processing infrastructure	Processing and packaging equipment required for southern recycling depot

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32	Dunedoo Preschool Committee	Dunedoo Preschool	Dunedoo	\$42,110	\$2,106	Y	Y	Children, youth and seniors facilities - Playgroup centres Environmental initiatives - water conservation infrastructure, waste water infrastructure	Site survey and engineering report to harvest storm water. Feasibility study for childcare services in Dunedoo. Plans for extension to building.
26	Dunedoo District Development Group	Royal Hotel	Dunedoo	\$15,000	\$750	N	?		Feasibility Study for Rotal Hotel for VIC Centre
2 a)	Dunedoo Garden Group	Milling Park	Dunedoo	\$14,750	\$738	Y	Y	Social and cultural infrastructure - Parks and gardens	Paving around toilet block and BBQ area
21	Dunedoo PAI&H	Dunedoo Showground	Dunedoo	\$8,127	\$406	N	?		Construction of a new chicken shed at showground
27	Dunedoo District Development Group	Dunedoo Central School	Dunedoo	\$4,000	\$200	N	N		Relocation cost of an abandoned train carriage to Central School
<b>TOTAL DUNEDOO</b>				<b>\$536,128</b>	<b>\$26,806</b>				

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14	Mendooran and District Development Group	Mendooran Pool	Mendooran	\$29,785	\$1,489	Y	Y	Recreation facilities - Swimming pools	Installation of shade structures over toddler and 25m pools
10	MDDG, Mendooran Showground Trust, Rodeo Association, Mendooran Pony Club, Polocross Association	Mendooran Showground	Mendooran	\$25,000	\$1,250	N	Y	Environmental initiatives - Drain and sewerage upgrades	Installation of new septic system
43	Director Community Services	Mendooran Mechanics Institute	Mendooran	\$25,000	\$1,250	Y	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Town halls, community centres, theatre/music/art spaces, kitchens for organisations	Refurbishment of stage area to improve acoustics, performer conditions, install 3 phase power and refurbish kitchen to create more useable catering spaces
23	Mendooran Recreation Trust	Mendooran Sports Ground	Mendooran	\$13,500	\$675	N	Y	Recreation facilities - Sports grounds and facilities	Construction of a clubhouse/shelter shed
42	Director Corporate Services	Mendooran Community Centre	Mendooran	\$4,000	\$200	Y	Y	Environmental initiatives - Drain and sewerage upgrades	Installation of a pump and septic overflow tank

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,285</b>	<b>\$4,864</b>
<b><u>MENDOORAN</u></b>		

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37	Director Technical Services	Shire	Shire wide	\$140,000	\$7,000	Y	?		Installation of 10 shire bounday signs and 18 town entrance signs
22	Ulamambri Hall Committee	Ulamambri Hall	Ulamambri	\$8,697	\$435	N	Y	Social and community infrastructure - Town halls, Community centres	Laying of Pavers previously donated by Council

**TOTAL  
OTHER**

**\$148,697**

**\$7,435**

**TOTAL ALL**

**\$2,480,565**

**\$124,028**

**GRAND  
TOTAL INC  
PROJ MAN  
COSTS**

**\$2,604,593**

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## **1.2 MEETING TIMES**

Under Resolution 75 of the Council meeting held on 29 September 2008, Council resolved as follows:

***75 RESOLVED** that the ordinary meetings of Council be held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 1.00pm and that meetings alternate between Coonabarabran and Coolah and if residents are interested that one of the meetings be held at Goolhi and **FURTHER** that the October 2008 meeting be held on 16 October, the November 2008 meeting be held on 13 November and the December 2008 meeting be held on 18 December. **FURTHER** that no ordinary meeting be held in January 2009 and that the February 2009 meeting be held on the second Thursday of the month in lieu of the third Thursday.*

Since that meeting concerns have been raised by some Councillors regarding the commencement time. Council may now wish to review this matter.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's consideration.

## **1.3 COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Changes to the Local Government legislation now provides that I must report to the first open meeting of Council on what training Councillors have had and who attended.

Accordingly, there were three days of training available to Councillors, the General Manager and Directors. These sessions were held on:

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 – convenor Gerry Holmes. The Councillors and staff that attended were:

### **Councillors**

Cr Shinton  
Cr Schmidt  
Cr Coe  
Cr Campbell  
Cr Lewis  
Cr Dissanayake  
Cr Powell  
Cr Sullivan

### **Staff**

R Geraghty (GM)  
K Tighe (DTS)  
R VanKatwyk (DES)  
C Upston (DCS)

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29<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – convenor Gerry Holmes. The attendees were:

**Councillors**

Cr Shinton  
Cr Schmidt  
Cr Coe  
Cr Campbell  
Cr Lewis  
Cr Dissanayake  
Cr Powell  
Cr Sullivan  
Cr Todd

**Staff**

R Geraghty (GM)  
K Tighe (DTS)  
R VanKatwyk (DES)  
C Upston (DCS)  
R Ryan (COMS)

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 – Dubbo – Convenor – Department of Local Government. The attendees were:

**Councillors**

Cr Shinton  
Cr Schmidt  
Cr Coe  
Cr Campbell  
Cr Lewis  
Cr Powell  
Cr Sullivan  
Cr Todd

**Staff**

R Geraghty (GM)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the report and the General Manager advise the Department of Local Government of attendance at Councillor training sessions.

**1.4 MENDOORAN WATER SUPPLY**

The Mendooran Water Supply forms part of the southern area water supply scheme which also encompasses Dunedoo and Coolah. Council has previously resolved to upgrade the water supply scheme.

The total cost of the project has been estimated at \$3,838,965 of which the community must find 50%. That contribution comes from the southern area water scheme and must find \$1,927,161.

Of that amount,	General Fund contributed	\$200,000
	An increase of rates over 3 years	\$171,900
	Coolah Shire contributed	<u>\$550,000</u>
		\$921,900

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This leaves an amount of \$1,000,000 to be borrowed.

In Resolution 322 of May 2008 Council accepted the contract for construction. That contract is now well progressed with progress payments being lodged.

It is now necessary to commence to borrow the \$1,000,000. The first step in the process is to resolve to borrow \$1,000,000 for works within the southern water supply scheme.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council proceed to borrow \$1,000,000 to be applied against the Coolah Water Supply and further authorise the Mayor and General Manger to accept the loan in the best terms to Council and attach the Council seal to any documentation.

## **1.5 DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

I have been advised by Mr Ron VanKatwyk that he is tendering his resignation from the services of WSC effective 30 January 2009.

Mr VanKatwyk states:

*"It is with much sadness that I confirm my resignation and provide four weeks' notice as required in our existing contract. In effect, this will make my last day of service to Warrumbungle Shire, Friday, 30 January 2009. I will be taking up the position of Director of Environmental and Community Services with Liverpool Plains Shire Council.*

*The above four week period will allow me to progress all works underway to the point where they can be continued by the remaining Environmental Services team with assistance from specialised contractors. Of particular importance will be the forthcoming additional planning workshop which will coincide with the January Council meeting and allow me to introduce to Council the new planner employed by Andrews Neil Pty Ltd. Following this meeting I hope to introduce this person to both the Coolah Development Group and NSW Farmers representatives who have, to date, made formal submissions to the LEP development process. I have already made preliminary arrangements for our regular contacts and the new Regional Manager at the Dubbo office of NSW Department of Planning to attend the scheduled February 2009 Council meeting by which time the draft strategy should be ready for exhibition.*

*I wish to take this opportunity to formally express my sincere appreciation for your support and the numerous courtesies that you have extended to me over the last five (and a bit) years and the valuable contribution that you have made to my professional and personal development. In addition, both Leonie and I will always hold fond memories of the hospitality extended to us and the many friends and acquaintances we have made across the Shire. It is our intention to maintain contact in any way possible and look forward to these opportunities in the future."*



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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accept with regret the resignation of Mr Ron VanKatwyk as Director of Environmental Services and wish him all the best for the future at Liverpool Plains and formally acknowledge his dedicated service to Warrumbungle Shire and previously Coonabarabran Shire.

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**R J GERAGHTY**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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Mr R J Geraghty  
General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

## **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

## **ANNEXURE 2**

### **2.1 DUE BY THE BANK TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
General Fund Bank Balance	\$ 11,508,498.70	\$ 1,408,000.00	\$ 5,620,498.70
Future Capital Upgrading		\$ 2,520,000.00	
Employees Leave Liability		\$ 770,000.00	
External Grants for Specific Projects		\$ 980,000.00	
Development Sec 94 & 64 Contb'ns		\$ 210,000.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 11,508,498.70</b>	<b>\$ 5,888,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,620,498.70</b>
<b>WATER FUNDS</b>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Baradine Water Bank	\$ 42,518.19		\$ 42,518.19
Binnaway Water Bank	\$ 454,740.94	\$ -	\$ 454,740.94
Coonabarabran Water Bank	\$ 1,404,613.66	\$ 179,230.45	\$ 1,225,383.21
Coolah Water	\$ 724,005.92	\$ 714,212.00	\$ 9,793.92
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,625,878.71</b>	<b>\$ 893,442.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,732,436.26</b>
<b>SEWERAGE FUNDS</b>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Coonabarabran Sewerage	\$ 2,147,579.40	\$ 836,510.08	\$ 1,311,069.32
Baradine Sewerage	\$ 364,834.56	\$ -	\$ 364,834.56
Coolah Sewerage	\$ 1,129,930.19	\$ 563,170.00	\$ 566,760.19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,642,344.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,399,680.08</b>	<b>\$ 2,242,664.07</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
General Fund	\$ 11,508,498.70	\$ 5,888,000.00	\$ 5,620,498.70
Water Fund	\$ 2,625,878.71	\$ 893,442.45	\$ 1,732,436.26
Sewerage Fund	\$ 3,642,344.15	\$ 1,399,680.08	\$ 2,242,664.07
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 17,776,721.56</b>	<b>\$ 8,181,122.53</b>	<b>\$ 9,595,599.03</b>

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## **TERM DEPOSITS**

		<b>Interest Rate</b>
BOND 1 TRUST AAA FRN	\$ 2,000,000.00	BBSW+.80%
C B A CALLABLE RANGE	\$ 2,000,000.00	7.50%
DRESDNER BANK OCTAGON	\$ 1,500,000.00	7.00%
ANZ 3 PILLARS	\$ 500,000.00	
ANZ SAIL	\$ 500,000.00	
ANZ ASPRIT 1	\$ 500,000.00	
ANZ ASPRIT 11	\$ 800,000.00	
SUNCORP METWAY BANK-AT CALL	\$ 750,000.00	7.10%
BENDIGO BANK	\$ 500,000.00	BBSW+1.20%
TRIDENT	\$ 500,000.00	BBSW +.65%
AVERON BOND-SEALINK	\$ 700,000.00	
DEUTSCHE BANK - DAISY	\$ 1,500,000.00	7.8043%
PIMCO PRINCIPAL PROTECTED	\$ 500,000.00	BBSW +.81%
DANDELION-WESTPAC	\$ 1,000,000.00	
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	\$ 1,000,000.00	7.70%
ALL SEASONS-KEOLIS AAA	\$ 1,500,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,750,000.00</b>	

I certify that the above investments have been invested in accordance with Council's policy and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations

**Carolyn Upston**  
**DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICE**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's information.

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## **2.2 RECONCILIATION OF GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT – 31 December 2008**

Reconciliation of General Fund Bank Account

**Date 31 December 2008**

<b>CASHBOOK</b>	
Balance as at 01.12.08	19,746,385.56
Income	
- Total Receipts	2,863,811.69
- Total Investments	22,610,197.25
Expenditure	
- Total Cheques Drawn	4,833,475.69
Balance as at 31.12.08	<b>17,776,721.56</b>
<b>BANK STATEMENT</b>	
Bank Statement as at 31.12.08	17,665,380.27
Amount Not Receipted This Month	17,665,380.27
Outstanding Deposits	178,044.91
	<b>17,843,425.18</b>
Total Investments	
Unpresented Cheques	66,703.62
Balance as at 31.12.08	<b>17,776,721.56</b>

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **2.3 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008 INVESTMENT REGISTER**

Days	Rate	Purchase Date	Maturing Date	Amount	Balance	Cash Out Indication
ANZ 3 PILLARS					500,000.00	49.29
5years	BBSW+1.2%	24.03.05	06.04.10	500,000.00		
BOND ST CUSTODIAN-TITANIUM AAA					2,000,000.00	81.9876
5.5years	7.2683	17.05.05	14.12.10	2,000,000.00		
OCTAGON PLC-DRESDNER BANK-EMU NOTE					1,500,000.00	
10years	7.00	25.10.05	30.10.15	1,500,000.00		
CREDIT SAIL-ANZ INVESTMENT BANK					500,000.00	
6years	Bbsw+1.5	14-11-05	30-12-11	500,000.00		
CBA CALLABLE RANGE					1,000,000.00	90.00
5years	7.5	14-12-05	14-12-10	1,000,000.00		
AVERON BOND-SEALINK P/L					700,000.00	58.50
7years	Bbsw+1.5	25.10.05	30.10.15	700,000.00		
DEUTSCHE BANK AG LONDON BRANCH-DAISY					1,500,000.00	91.58
5years	5-6%+cg	21-03-06	20-03-13	1,500,000.00		
ALL SEASONS-KEOLIS AAA					1,500,000.00	58.17
7years	8.00	16-06-06	16-06-13	1,500,000.00		
ANZ ASPIRT 1					500,000.00	84.636
6years		15-11-06	08-11-12	500,000.00		
PIMCO PRINCIPAL PROTECTED					500,000.00	82.94
4years		22-02-07	28-02-11	500,000.00		
ANZ ASPRIT 11					800,000.00	82.091
6 years		30-03-07	30-03.13	800,000.00		
TRIDENT-CREDIT SUISSE SYDNEY BRANCH					500,000.00	89.64
4 years		30.05.07	30.05.11	500,000.00		
BENDIGO BANK					500,000.00	
5 years	Bbswmid+120	21.09.07	21.09.12	500,000.00		
DANDELION-WESTPAC					1,000,000.00	80.20
5 years	Bbsw12M+0bp	20-12-07	21-12-12	1,000,000.00		
AT CALL					750,000.00	100
SUNCORP-METWAY LIMITED-6.4%						
				750,000.00		
ROYAL BANK CANADA					1,000,000.00	90.00
1year	7.7%	16.03.06	16.03.11	1,000,000.00		
CBA CALLABLE RANGE					1,000,000.00	90.00
5years	7.5%	16-12-05	16-12-10	1,000,000.00		
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,750,000.00</b>	

I certify that the above investments have been invested in accordance with Council's policy and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations.

**CAROLYN UPSTON - DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICE**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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## 2.4 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION – UP TO and INCLUDING END DECEMBER 2008

GENERAL		RATE ARREARS	2007/2008 LEVY	PENSIONER WRITE OFF	TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE	TOTAL OUT- STANDING 2008/2009	TOTAL OUT- STANDING 2007/2008	COLLECTION % 2008/2009	COLLECTION % 2007/2008
	CBN RES/RURAL RES	112,581	940,156	71,445	511,826	469,422	640,054	52.16%	32.04%
	BARADINE	38,915	126,476	17,463	64,523	83,403	81,475	43.62%	40.39%
	BINNAWAY	18,975	59,120	10,124	32,965	35,004	41,981	48.50%	40.18%
	VILLAGES	7,995	21,698	2,164	12,112	15,416	16,284	44.00%	39.96%
	FARMLAND	151,493	3,835,073	19,737	2,057,417	1,898,087	1,990,965	52.01%	48.74%
	COOLAH	13,702	181,643	14,444	101,004	79,897	83,447	55.83%	53.57%
	DUNEDOO	12,688	200,118	16,340	110,225	86,241	89,798	56.10%	52.47%
	MENDOORAN	9,744	62,484	6,979	32,729	32,519	35,941	50.16%	44.68%
	LEADVILLE	2,511	9,430	1,487	5,215	5,239	5,807	49.89%	44.73%
	MERRYGOEN	539	3,817	688	1,798	1,869	1,860	49.03%	46.34%
	NEILREX	107	2,296	200	1,098	1,105	995	49.83%	57.28%
	UARBRY	830	3,386	76	3,707	433	1,324	89.54%	58.67%
	COOLABAH ESTATE	2,259	14,347	1,537	7,926	7,142	8385	52.60%	43.78%
	RUR/RES COBBORA	599	3,387	299	2,100	1,587	2524	56.96%	37.89%
	GENERAL RESD/BUS- STH	10,724	129,606	9,232	80,020	51,070	52,812	61.04%	58.42%
	BUSINESS- CBN-RURAL	31,534	361,148	250	232,892	159,441	- 19,966	59.36%	105.14%

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		RATE ARREARS	2007/2008 LEVY	PENSIONER WRITE OFF	TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE	TOTAL OUT- STANDING 2008/2009	TOTAL OUT- STANDING 2007/2008	COLLECTION % 2008/2009	COLLECTION % 2007/2008
<b>WATER</b>						0			
	COONABARA BRAN	31,344	309,001	27,394	164,720	148,203	140,623	52.64%	51.78%
	BARADINE	36,144	85,278	10,314	48,209	62,897	65,678	43.39%	36.50%
	BINNAWAY	33,560	65,706	8,750	41,734	48,780	5,771	46.11%	39.01%
	VILLAGES	16,526	11,040	875	4,698	21,992	20,622	17.60%	18.38%
	FARMLAND - NTH & STH	88.00	1,026.00	0.00	522	592	256	46.88%	63.12%
	COOLAH	13,073	141,783	9,850	77,002	68,004	67,809	53.10%	51.25%
	DUNEDOO	8,348	123,105	9,389	67,394	54,670	55,077	55.21%	51.25%
	MENDOORAN	9,926	96,480	4,662	48,267	53,476	33,445	47.44%	42.75%
	MERRYGOEN	2,439	10,580	831	5,388	6,800	6,700	44.21%	41.94%
<b>SEWERAGE</b>						0			
	COONABARA BRAN	44,440	635,885	27,199	352,211	300,847	295,025	53.93%	53.39%
	BARADINE	52,659	145,365	8,782	93,134	96,104	107,992	49.22%	40.99%
	COOLAH	13,463	152,896	8,800	86,584	70,975	72,616	54.95%	53.12%
	DUNEDOO	8,975	144,059	9,214	81,442	62,378	65,107	56.63%	52.35%
		<b>686,181</b>	<b>7,876,389</b>	<b>298,527</b>	<b>4,328,862</b>	<b>3,923,594</b>	<b>4,022,407</b>	52.46%	<b>49.67%</b>
<b>GARBAGE- North</b>		70,635	600,814	52,228	340,919	278,254	287,537	55.06%	51.73%

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		<b>RATE ARREARS</b>	<b>2007/2008 LEVY</b>	<b>PENSIONER WRITE OFF</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE</b>	<b>TOTAL OUT- STANDING 2008/2009</b>	<b>TOTAL OUT- STANDING 2007/2008</b>	<b>COLLECTION % 2008/2009</b>	<b>COLLECTION % 2007/2008</b>
<b>GARBAGE - South</b>		32,202	368,951	36,127	195,230	169,782	173,142	53.49%	50.23%
<b>FARMLAND - NTH - STH</b>		722	29,890	471	15,494	14,647	20,997	51.40%	0.00%
<b>LEGAL FEES</b>		165,300	89,867	0	89,867	165,234	70,987	35.23%	18.23%
						0			
<b>INTEREST</b>		153,612	0	0	54,600	99,012	120,825	35.54%	20.89%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,108,653</b>	<b>8,965,912</b>	<b>387,353</b>	<b>4,970,371</b>	<b>4,650,525</b>	<b>4,695,894</b>	<b>51.37%</b>	<b>48.94%</b>

**Note:** These do not include Legal / Interest / Waste Outstanding Amounts as they are not broken up into these localities

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council's information.

.....  
**CAROLYN UPSTON**  
**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**



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Mr R J Geraghty  
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 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BLACK SPOT FUNDING FOR MR55 (BLACK STUMP WAY)**

#### **Background**

Council has received advice of road funding for MR55 (Black Stump Way) under the Federal Government's Road Black Spot Funding. The Parkes office of the RTA assisted Council with the application after a review of accident statistics along the road. In particular three sections along the road were identified as being eligible for funding assistance, however, only two of the three sites are being funded in 2008/2009.

The first site is located south of Coolah around the intersection of MR55 with Orana Road. The road safety improvement works include 200 metres of widening, sealing the Orana Road intersection and raising the headwall on the nearby culvert.

The other funded site is north of Coolah between Bomera Creek bridge on MR55 and the Shire boundary near Tambar Springs. The road safety improvement works at this site involve 470 metres of widening, which will involve substantial earthworks.

The Black Spot programme is administered by the RTA on behalf of the Federal Government and Council is required to formally accept the funding grant.

#### **Issues**

Council does not generally receive funding under the Federal Government's Black Spot programme, mainly due to low traffic counts and lack of accident history. It is unclear if Council is likely to receive funding again in the near future.

The funding is only available if projects can be completed in 2008/2009. The resources required to complete the project are all available to Council in house, however, some other local road projects may be delayed while the Black Spot project is implemented.

#### **Options**

The RTA may find some other provider, if Council does not undertake the works.

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## **Financial Considerations**

The approved funding for 2008/2009 is \$300,000. The estimated cost of the project, south of Coolah at the Orana Road intersection is \$67,000. The cost of the project near Tambar Springs is estimated to be \$233,000.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accepts the funding grant of \$300,000 under the Federal Government's Black Spot Programme for road safety improvement works on MR55 to be undertaken in 2008/2009.

### **3.2 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – ROUND 2 PARTNERSHIP FUNDING – CASTLEREAGH RIVER COONABARABRAN**

#### **Background**

Council will be aware that the Central West Catchment Management Authority facilitates a funding program between the authority and a group referred to as The Central West Salinity and Water Quality Alliance. The alliance comprises sixteen Councils in the West, one of which is Warrumbungle Shire Council. The aim of the funding program is for local government to develop and implement high profile water quality improvement projects.

Under the first round, Council received funding to rehabilitate a section of the Castlereagh River upstream of the Mary Jane Cain Bridge in Coonabarabran. Round 2 funding is now available and it is being proposed to undertake further rehabilitation works in the same area and undertake footpath construction to make the area more accessible to the community.

The scoping report includes a range of proposed works and an estimate of costs for the project. Council is now asked to formally consider the project and determine the level of commitment to it. A copy of the scoping report has been referred to Councillors under separate cover

#### **Issues**

The round 1 project has significantly enhanced the environmental value of the 200 metre section of Castlereagh River upstream of bridge in Coonabarabran. The dense coverage of exotic vegetation that existed has been removed, 120 native tree species have been planted and the whole area is now more accessible to the community. However, there is now an ongoing maintenance commitment to ensure the site remains free of exotic vegetation and is generally accessible to the public. The maintenance works generally involve mowing and some weed control.

#### **Options**

Council has discretion in this matter and will need to consider the environmental and community benefits derived from this project.

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## **Financial Considerations**

Under round 1, the funding initiative by the Catchment Management Authority exceeded expectations for the site. However, the project also exceeded budget expectations. Under round 2, the Authority is not expecting Council to match the funding on a dollar for dollar basis. The total cost of the project in round 2 is \$82,000 with CWCMA contribution being \$70,000 and the Council contribution either in cash or in kind being \$12,000.

Council's contribution will be limited to project management, design and supply of materials for the footpath construction. Design and management costs can be accommodated within existing budget allocations. It is proposed to make available the remaining 2<sup>nd</sup> hand pavers from John Street for the project.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council supports the proposed partnership program between Council and the Central West Catchment Management Authority to continue the riparian rehabilitation project on the Castlereagh River upstream of the Mary Jane Cain Bridge.
2. That Council makes available the remaining 2<sup>nd</sup> hand pavers that were removed from John Street for the Castlereagh River project.

## **3.3 PROPOSALS FOR REST AREA AND NAMING OF NEW BRIDGE OVER TALBRAGAR RIVER**

### **Background**

A letter has been received requesting Council establish a rest area at the site of the new bridge on Cassilis Road over the Talbragar River. Further, the correspondent has recommended a name for the bridge. Copies of the relevant letters have been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

### **Issues**

#### **Proposed Rest Area**

Careful consideration needs to be given to the objectives and merits of establishing a roadside rest area. The following questions should be considered: is the proposed rest area for use by car travellers who may be fatigued and if so is the distance to the nearest rest area such that it will be used? Is the rest area aimed at truck drivers or is the rest area purely aimed at recreational drivers? Will recreational road users stay overnight?

The purpose of the rest area needs to be clearly established and the facilities developed to meet that purpose. Further, ongoing maintenance of the facility needs to meet the expectations of the users of the site.

#### **Proposed Bridge Name**

The proposed bridge name is NANDOWRIE BRIDGE. Apparently, the expression Nandowrie Plains was used to describe the area in the late 1820's. The meaning of Nandowrie, however is unclear.

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Council is not bound by legislation in relation to naming of bridges, however, as a matter of courtesy, the Geographical Names Boards should be advised.

## **Options**

Council has discretion in relation to both of these proposals. However, the rest area proposal does have implications for recurrent budget allocations. Council may wish to advertise the bridge naming proposal.

## **Financial Considerations**

The cost of establishing a rest area at the Talbragar River Bridge site depends upon the facilities required. If a road access and turnaround area is constructed in conjunction with current roadworks, the cost of the site will be around \$12,000. However, the establishment of picnic tables, shelters and garbage bins will increase the cost by around \$8,000. The annual cost of servicing and maintaining a basic rest area is estimated to be around \$6,000 per year. There are no funds available in the current budget for such works.

The proposal to name the bridge will not impact upon Council's budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the request to establish a formal rest area at the site of the new bridge over the Talbragar River on Cassilis Road be refused on the basis that funds are not expected to be available to maintain the site.
2. That the proposal to name the bridge over the Talbragar River on Cassilis Road, Nandowrie Bridge, be advertised and submissions invited.

## **3.4 PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL OF THE EFFECTS OF OVERLOADING ON ROAD ASSETS**

### **Background**

Council is a member of the North West Weight of Loads Committee. The Committee has recommended that each member Council receive a presentation on the effects of overloading on road assets. The presentation would be made by a technical adviser to Committee and would take around 30 minutes.

Council should resolve to accept or reject the offer of the presentation.

### **Issues**

Council may be generally aware that damage to local roads from overloaded trucks is a constant threat. To maintain awareness of the threat and for the purpose of receiving updated information the NWWOLG committee has recommended that the newly elected Council receive the presentation.

### **Options**

Should Council wish to receive this presentation, Council may wish to indicate a preferred date.

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## **Financial Considerations**

There is not expected to be any impact on Council's budget in receiving the presentation.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accepts the offer from the committee North West Weight of Loads Group to make a presentation to Council on the effects of overloading on road assets. Further, the presentation is made at an ordinary meeting of Council.

### **3.5 PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN CASSILIS STREET COONABARABRAN Background**

On the 16 October 2008 Council resolved to change the parking arrangements in Cassilis Street between John Street and Charles Street. The proposed changes were considered by the Local Traffic Committee on the 23 October 2008. The changes sought are as follows: elimination of centre street parking, changing the kerbside parking from parallel to rear to kerb and retaining two parallel parking bays on either side of the street on the eastern end.

The proposal was advertised and two submissions objecting to the changes have been received. Council is obliged to consider the submissions. A copy of each submission has been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

## **Issues**

The points made in the submissions include:

- Centre street parking is an easier method of parking, particularly for elderly drivers.
- Sight distance from Charles Street is obscured if vehicles are parking rear to kerb.
- The high kerb is a hazard for reversing vehicles

Council sought the changes because of road safety concerns, particularly in relation to sight distance for motorists travelling along a row of vehicles parked in the centre of street.

The proposed changes will mean that there will be no formal marking of parking bays, except the two parallel parking bays on either side of the road on the eastern end of the street.

## **Options**

Council may wish to make changes to its resolution in response to the submissions received. Any changes will need to be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration.

## **Financial Considerations**

The cost of making changes to parking arrangements can be accommodated within existing budget allocations for street maintenance.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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That Council proceed with making changes to parking arrangements in Cassilis Street between John Street and Charles Street as recommended by the Local Traffic Committee and adopted by Council on the 13 November 2008.

## **3.6 RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS – PROPOSED PROCESSING CENTRE IN THE SOUTHERN AREA OF THE SHIRE**

### **Background**

Council will be aware that recyclable products collected in the southern area of the Shire, that is, around Dunedoo, Coolah and Mendooran are transported to Coonabarabran for processing. Council has previously considered establishing a new shed in the southern area for the purpose of processing recyclable products. Such a facility is a logical extension to current operations as it would allow for greater volumes of product to be processed, in both the southern end and northern end of the Shire.

The cost of establishing a new shed and facilities was considered to be cost prohibitive and Council resolved to investigate privately owned sheds and the cost of leasing. To this end, expressions of interest were invited from shed owners in the southern area of the Shire. Three responses were received and a copy of each submission has been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

### **Issues**

Each of the three privately owned sheds meets Council's criteria for establishment of a processing centre for recyclable products. However, truck access to the shed in Binnia shed is not as good as the other two options.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is five(5) years.

Loading equipment including a forklift will need to be installed at each site. Also, it will be necessary to install a glass crusher, holding bins and possibly a loading dock. The press previously used at the Coonabarabran depot is still available to Council and it is proposed to transfer it to the shed in southern end. This press is small and at times unreliable; however, it is expected to service the southern end for the next five years

Establishment of processing centre at each of the sites represents a change in use and hence a development application will need to be lodged. Subject to no objections being received, the processing centre could be operational from 1 April 2009.

### **Options**

Should Council wish to establish a processing centre in the southern area of the Shire it has the option of leasing any of the three sheds submitted through the expression of interest process. The shed proposal in Dunedoo does have the advantage that it is closer to the main transportation route to either Newcastle or Sydney, the site is fenced and existing staff are based in Dunedoo.

### **Financial Considerations**

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Council has previously been advised that the cost of constructing a new shed in the waste depot at Dunedoo is estimated to be \$204,000.

The cost of the lease for the privately owned shed in Dunedoo is \$230 per week. In Coolah the cost of the lease is \$600 per week for the Martin Street shed and \$300 per week for the Binnia Street shed.

Other costs associated with establishment fitting out the shed are estimated as follows:

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| • \$700    | DA Fees                     |
| • \$1000   | Legal fees                  |
| • \$30,000 | Forklift                    |
| • \$20,000 | Loading equipment           |
| • \$6,000  | Glass crusher               |
| • \$5,000  | Holding bins                |
| • \$10,000 | Loading ramp (if required). |

Council will be aware that funds are not available in the current budget for purchase of equipment and facilities necessary to fit out the shed.

The annual cost of leasing the Dunedoo facility will be around \$12,000 per year. The benefit to the operation will be an additional 30 man hours per week available for the collection and processing of recyclable product. Further, there will be savings in truck running costs of around \$330 per week or \$17,160 per year. However, the savings in running costs will be reflected in the fleet services section of Council's budget rather than in the waste operations area.

It may be possible to source the funds for establishment of a processing centre in the southern area through the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program, currently being considered by Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council enter into a lease agreement with the owner of the shed at 158 Bolaro Street Dunedoo for a period of five (5) years at a weekly rental of \$230 per week plus annual changes in accordance with changes in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the following:
  - a. Development consent being received for the purpose of operating a recycling processing centre at the site.
  - b. Funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program being received for fitting out the shed.
2. That a development application be lodged on behalf of the owner of 158 Bolaro Street Dunedoo to operate a processing centre for recyclable product on the land.
3. That Council applies for \$72,700 under the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Program to establish and fit out the proposed recyclable product processing centre at 158 Bolaro Street Dunedoo.

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4. That a supplementary vote of \$2,760 be made to the waste operations area for expected 12 week rent cost in 2008/2009 and reduction be made in the fleet services budget of \$2,760 for the same period in 2008/2009.

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KEVIN TIGHE  
DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES



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Mr R J Geraghty  
General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

Attached is my report for consideration by Council

## **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES      ANNEXURE 4**

### **4.1      ILLEGAL DUMPING OF DOMESTIC REFUSE – TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE, PURLEWAUGH ROAD, COONABARABRAN**

#### **Background**

A particular part of this route located at the rear of the Golf Club and facing Purlewaugh Road, is being utilised as a convenient site to dump unwanted domestic waste. The parcel of land is large and traversed by a number of unformed vehicular tracks as shown on the attached Annexure 'A' making the access easy and observation of offenders difficult.

To date some minimal expenditure has been incurred in clean-up costs in order to reduce the perception that dumping waste in the area will go unnoticed and in one instance evidence of waste ownership was found which will result in formal punitive action. Alone these actions have not curtailed the practice. The practice is clearly linked to the opening hour limitations at the tip as some material is principally recyclable and free of charge.

#### **Proposal**

That the existing tracks shown on Annexure 'A' be closed to vehicles by way of raised earth mounds in the locations shown with crossed circles and standard signs advising that the dumping of waste is prohibited and enforceable by way of penalty infringement notices, be installed.

It is anticipated that there will be some adverse community reaction to the blocking of the tracks as they have been utilised in the past as unofficial short cuts from the Golf Club to the Purlewaugh Road. In addition, it is acknowledged that these barriers would need to be (and could be) quickly removed in the event of bushfire threat.

Consultation has taken place with officers of the Central North Livestock Health and Pest Authority (formerly Rural Lands Protection Board) who are supportive of this initiative.

#### **Financial Implications**

The anticipated cost of the work would be in the order of \$900 and this amount can be sourced from the 2008/2009 Crown Land Management vote allocated for this purpose.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorise the physical blocking of the unformed vehicular tracks on Annexure 'A' (and being the western end of TSR 1091) and the installation of anti dumping signage in accordance with 2008/2009 budget allocation.

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ANNEXURE A

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## **4.2 REQUEST FOR BURIAL PLOT REFUND – DUNEDOO CEMETERY**

### **Background**

In September 2008 a burial took place in the Dunedoo Cemetery in accordance with the details provided in Enclosure 'A' forwarded to Councillors under separate cover. At the time the funeral director was asked to pay for the plot as no proof of payment for the plot could be found. The family members involved are confident that the plot was purchased and fortunately the plot had not been on-sold to another party. The original transaction for the neighbouring plot took place in 1954 and Council's current staff have no reason to believe that payment was not made. The problem occurred when Council's records did not substantiate that payment had been made.

The amount involved is \$374 and immediate family members have provided signed Statutory Declarations which are included in Enclosure 'A'.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accept the sworn statements of the family members and authorise the refund of \$374.00.

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## **4.3 WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009**

<b>Complying Development (set criteria) Development Application (Specialised Conditions)</b>	<b>APPLICANT'S NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION (of development)</b>	<b>(Town)</b>	<b>Development Type</b>	<b>Status (Approved or Pending)</b>
DA 79/0809	R. Delarue	Lot 1 Black Stump Way	Coolah	Change of use of a building	Pending
CDC 80/0809	G. Schroeder	41 Railway Street	Binnaway	Erection of a dwelling	Approved
DA 82/0809	M. Cook	"Barwidgee South", Box Ridge Road	Binnaway	Erection of a dwelling	Pending
CDC 83/0809	Coonabarabran Rescue Squad	Castlereagh Street	Coonabarabran	Erection of a rescue shed	Pending
DA 84/0809	J. Abbott	Lot 12 Purlough Road	Coonabarabran	Subdivision of property into two allotments	Pending
DA 85/0809	D. Daniels	Lot 272 River Road	Coonabarabran	Erection of storage units	Pending
DA 86/0809	Coolah & District Retirement Homes	47-49 Martin Street	Coolah	Erection of a "roll top" boundary fence	Approved
DA 87/0809	N. Ghiglioli	50 Binnia Street	Coolah	Establish CBD office	Pending
CDC 88/0809	T. Gallagher	14 Digilah Street	Dunedoo	Extensions to house and erection of new shed	Approved
<b>WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS HELD PENDING AS AT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009</b>					
<b>CD or DA</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Type of development</b>	<b>Status</b>
DA 51/0809	PTL Investments	Lot 3 Borrambity Road	Coonabarabran	7 lot subdivision (rural)	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.

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<b>CD or DA</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Type of development</b>	<b>Status</b>
CDC 58/0809	M Capewell	29 Nelson Street	Coonabarabran	Additions to existing Dwelling	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.
CDC 60/0809	C Spiteri	Turill Road	Uarbry	Erection of Shed	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.
DA 61/0708	A Harris	Timor Street	Coonabarabran	Extension	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.
DA 74/0809	RFS	Gardiner Street	Coonabarabran	Erection of a brigade shed	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.
DA 75/0809	RFS	Cnr Cox and Plumb Street	Leadville	Erection of a brigade shed	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.
DA 76/0809	RFS	Whitely Street	Dunedoo	Subdivision of land and erection of fire centre	Processing, clock has stopped – waiting submission of further information.

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RON VAN KATWYK  
DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Mr R J Geraghty  
General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABARABRAN 2357

Dear Sir

Attached is my report for consideration by Council

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

### **5.1      CONNECT FIVE CHILD CARE –EXTENSION OF SERVICE**

Council's auspiced Mobile Children's Service which has been operating from the Uniting Church Hall was due to close on Thursday, 24 December 2008. The new childcare centre is not scheduled to open until Monday 2 February 2009.

The demand for childcare services during the January holiday period prompted a request to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to extend this service until Thursday 29 January 2009. This was submitted on the basis that the current funding received will enable the continuation of the service this additional 3 weeks.

DEEWR have approved this request and Council has received a Variation to Funding Agreements which has been signed by the General Manager.

The Uniting Church has kindly agreed to this extension of hall rental.

The financial position of the Child Care Service from 27 Nov 2007 - 30 June 2008, 1 July – 17 Dec 2008 then to 30 January 2009 is as follows:

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Connect 5 Long Day Care	Actual 07-08	Actual to date 08-09	Budget to 30 January
Wages	54,364	55,481	11,558
Rent	5,700	5,526	1,800
Consumables	3,231	1,462	1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>63,295</b>	<b>62,468</b>	<b>14,358</b>
Carryover		10,861	12,756
Grant DEEWR	59,718	42,335	
Fees	14,438	20,128	3,150
Accounts O/S		1,900	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>74,156</b>	<b>75,224</b>	<b>15,906</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>10,861</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>1,548</b>

There is no cost implication to Council for this proposal. Casual staff contracts will be extended to 30 January 2009.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the General Managers actions seeking approval by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to extend the Connect 5 Child Care service to 30 January 2009 and authorise signing of Variation to Funding Agreement.

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REBECCA RYAN  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES