

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COOLAH ON THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2008 COMMENCING
AT 1.01PM**

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PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Chairman), Cr Campbell, Cr Coe, Cr Lewis, Cr Powell,
Cr Schmidt, Cr Sullivan, Cr Todd, General Manager, Director Technical
Services, Director Environmental Services, Director Community Services
and Director of Corporate Services.

In attendance: S Morris (minutes)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2008

80 RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council
held on 21 August 2008 be endorsed.

Coe/Sullivan

1.05pm

Councillor Dissanayake joined the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2008

81 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council
held on 29 September 2008 be endorsed.

Sullivan/Schmidt

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

Noted.

ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2008

82 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Plant Advisory Committee held on 16 October 2008
be adopted.

Sullivan/Coe

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1.1 AUSTRALIA DAY

83 A motion was moved by Councillor Todd seconded by Councillor Lewis that the
Australia Day Awards be made into two categories:

- Warrumbungle Shire Awards
- Local Township Awards

Group One Warrumbungle Shire Awards

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Junior Sports Person of the Year
- Sporting Team of the Year
- Community Villages Award

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Local Township Awards

- Citizen of the Year (replacing certificates of recognition)
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sporting Team/Person of the Year
- Local Community Group Award

FURTHER that the category of Certificate of Recognition be referred to community groups in each of the towns for local awards.

The motion was put and LOST.

84 RESOLVED that Council not accept late nominations for Australia Day awards.

Coe/Campbell

1.2 2007/2008 REVOTES

85 RESOLVED that Council vote an amount of \$2,441 as a transfer from Restricted Assets – Coolah Tourism to cover the revotes previously made in resolution 69 of 21 August 2008 for tourist signs of \$1,934 and image library of \$507.

Sullivan/Schmidt

1.3 CRANE BUILDING

Received as information.

86 RESOLVED that a report be prepared and submitted to the November Council meeting on the costs of leveling and tidying up the building site to improve the aesthetics of the site.

Sullivan/Lewis

1.4 RESCISSION MOTION – John Renshaw Parkway

A motion was moved by Councillor Todd seconded by Councillor Lewis that the road leading west from Coonabarabran to the Shire boundary and known by locals as Timor Road be officially named as such. Further that the Locals do not wish to detract from the contribution made by Mr Jack Renshaw and the new road through the National Park be known as such.

The motion was withdrawn.

87 RESOLVED that the road (formally known as John Renshaw Parkway) leading west and commencing from the western end of Eden Street, Coonabarabran to the grid entrance into the Warrumbungle National Park commonly known as Timor Road be formally named Timor Road and that all processes to effect the change in name be immediately commenced.

Schmidt/Sullivan

1.5 NOTICE OF MOTION – SEWERAGE SCHEMES

A motion was moved by Councillor Todd seconded by Councillor Lewis that the Warrumbungle Shire Council investigate a connection of sewerage for the towns of Binnaway and Mendooran and seek State and Federal Government funding via the Small Town Sewerage Scheme to finance this proposal.

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88 An amendment was moved by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Powell that Council adopt in principle the idea that Warrumbungle Shire Council investigate a connection of sewerage for the towns of Binnaway and Mendooran and seek State and Federal Government funding via the Small Town Sewerage Scheme to finance the proposal and that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The amendment was put and carried.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put and carried.

1.6 NOTICE OF MOTION – CENTRE PARKING, CASSILIS STREET

89A motion was moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor Lewis that Council reassess the street parking in Cassilis Street as most of the businesses are opposed to the centre parking Council has introduced and **FURTHER** that this matter be referred back to the Traffic Advisory Committee for further consideration.

The motion was put and carried.

1.7 NOTICE OF MOTION – FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

A motion was moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor Dissanayake that Warrumbungle Shire take the appropriate steps to fluoridate the Council water supplies where possible in the Shire.

The motion was withdrawn.

90 RESOLVED that a report be submitted to Council concerning fluoridation of Council's water supplies.

Dissanayake/Campbell

1.8 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

91 RESOLVED that the General Manager be authorised to sign the 2009/2010 Rural Fire Fighting Fund estimate with a contribution of \$221,220.

Lewis/Schmidt

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

2.1 DUE BY THE BANK TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2008

Received.

2.2 RECONCILIATION OF GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT – 31 August 2008

Received.

2.3 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2008

Received.

2.4 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT UP TO and INCLUDING AUGUST 2008

Received.

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**2.5 DUE BY THE BANK TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AS AT
30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Received.

**2.6 RECONCILIATION OF GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT
– 30 September 2008**

Received.

2.7 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

Received.

**2.8 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT UP TO and INCLUDING
SEPTEMBER 2008**

Received.

**2.9 HOUSE ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND IN RESERVOIR STREET,
COONABARABRAN**

Councillor Lewis declared a pecuniary interest in this item and abstained from voting.
Cr Lewis's interest extends to his tendering for the removal of the house.

92 RESOLVED that Council call for tenders for the removal of the house from Council
owned land in Reservoir Street, Coonabarabran.

Sullivan/Campbell

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

3.1 2009/2010 REGIONAL ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM

93 RESOLVED that Council's priority for REPAIR program funding in 2009/10 and
forecast program be as follows:

Project No.	Project Description	Total Project Cost		
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
1	Rehabilitation of Segments 33 (south of Coolah), 65 and 66 (north of Coolah) on MR55	\$800,000		
2	Realignment of vertical and horizontal approaches to Yuggel Creek on MR129 with initial of 0.6km		\$800,000	
3	Realignment of vertical and horizontal approaches to Saltwater Creek No 2 on MR129 with initial seal of 1.1 km			\$800,000
Total		\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

Sullivan/Dissanayake

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3.2 SALE OF ROAD TO ADJOINING LANDOWNER IN COBBORA

94 RESOLVED that the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign and attach the Common Seal to the Contract for Sale, Transfer and any further documents required to complete the sale of road in Cobbora.

Coe/Todd

3.3 ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUEST – CROWN ROAD OFF NERINGHA ROAD

95 RESOLVED that the application by the owner of Lot 186, DP753378 to assume control and upgrade the Crown road access into their property off Neringha Road be refused on the basis that Council has insufficient funding to adequately maintain the existing network of roads.

Sullivan/Dissanayake

Councillor Coe recorded his vote against this motion.

3.4 ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUEST – EXTENSION OF MT BANGALORE RD TO ‘WONGALEE’

96 RESOLVED that the application by the owner of ‘Wongalee’ to assume control and upgrade the Crown road access into their property at the end of Bangalore Road be refused on the basis that Council has insufficient funding to adequately maintain the existing network of roads.

Powell/Schmidt

3.5 COONABARABRAN CBD TOILET – INITIAL CONCEPTS

97 RESOLVED:

1. That a detailed report be prepared for Council consideration on the cost of a toilet for the Coonabarabran CBD in accordance with the following criteria:
 - Erection of modular toilet block in Cassilis Street on the south western corner of the intersection of John Street and Cassilis Street.
 - The configuration of the toilet block is to include just one female cubicle and one male cubicle, with the female cubicle incorporating requirements of disabled persons.
 - The toilet facility be open between the hours of 9.00am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday and between 9.00am and 12.00noon Saturdays but not open on public holidays or Sundays.
2. A Development Application be lodged for erection of modular toilet block in the location as described above, that is, on the south west corner of the intersection between John Street and Cassilis Street.

Sullivan/Lewis

3.6 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TOWN SEWER IN COOLAH

98 RESOLVED:

1. That a fee proposal be sought for investigating the capacity of the Coolah sewage treatment plant and submitted for consideration in the 2009/2010 budget.
2. That the physical constraints of connecting Lots 101 and 102 DP706426 to sewer by gravity are investigated and reported to Council for consideration.

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3. That the applicants be advised of the investigations outlined in recommendations 1 and 2 and that no determination on their application will be made until the investigations are completed.

Lewis/Powell

3.7 REQUEST FOR MATERIAL FROM OLD BRIDGE

99 RESOLVED that five of the surplus concrete slabs from the dismantled bridge over the Castlereagh River near Ulamambri are made available to the Coonabarabran Civilian and Military Rifle Club Inc for them to pick and deliver to their new range at no cost to Council.

Sullivan/Schmidt

3.8 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTRY ENERGY AT COOLAH DEPOT

100 RESOLVED that a supplementary vote of \$12,500 be made to upgrade the Country Energy lease site at the Coolah Depot and that the cost of the upgrade works are recovered from Country Energy over five (5) years through a weekly increase in their rent, indexed with CPI rise and fall.

Sullivan/Powell

3.23pm

The Director of Technical Services left the room.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4.1 LEASH FREE AREA REVIEW AND MICROCHIPPING INITIATIVE – COMPANION ANIMALS ACT

101 RESOLVED:

1. That Council extend the existing leash-free areas of Dunedoo and Mendooran as shown in Annexures A and B.
2. That Council create an additional leash-free area in Coonabarabran as shown in Annexure C.
3. That Council establish a leash-free area in Baradine and Binnaway as shown in Annexures D and E.
4. That Council confirm that the micro-chipping initiative will be undertaken at the adopted leash-free areas (LFA) in each of the six towns in accordance with the following schedule:

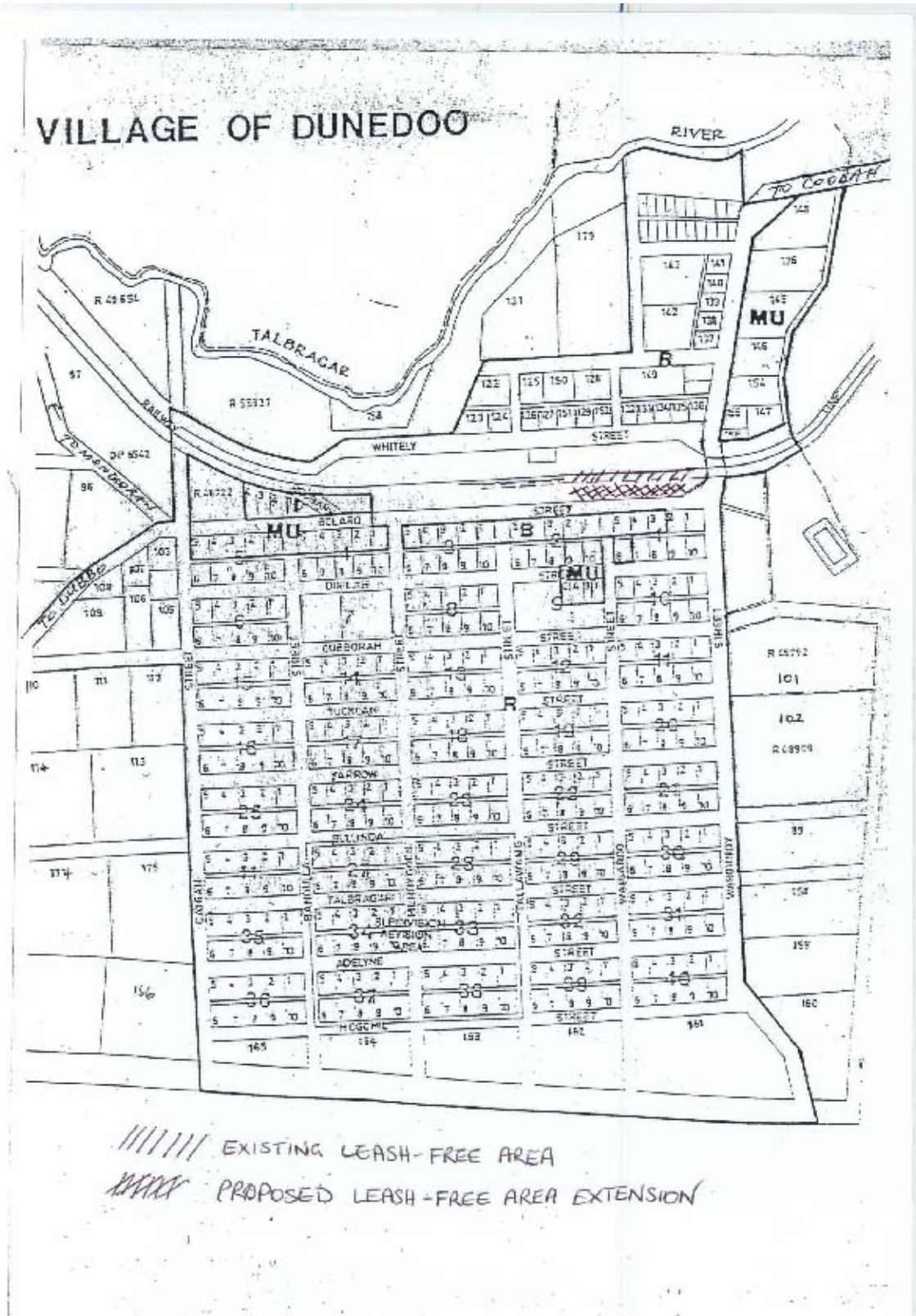
TOWN	TIME	DATE	VENUE
Baradine	4-6pm	Tuesday 11 th November	LFA Barwon Street
Binnaway	4-6pm	Wednesday 12 th November	LFA Primitive Camping Ground
Coolah	4-6pm	Wednesday 12 th November	LFA Binnia Street
Coonabarabran	4-6pm	Thursday 13 th November	LFA John Street
Dunedoo	4-6pm	Monday 10 th November	LFA Milling Park
Mendooran	4-6pm	Tuesday 11 th November	LFA Camping Ground

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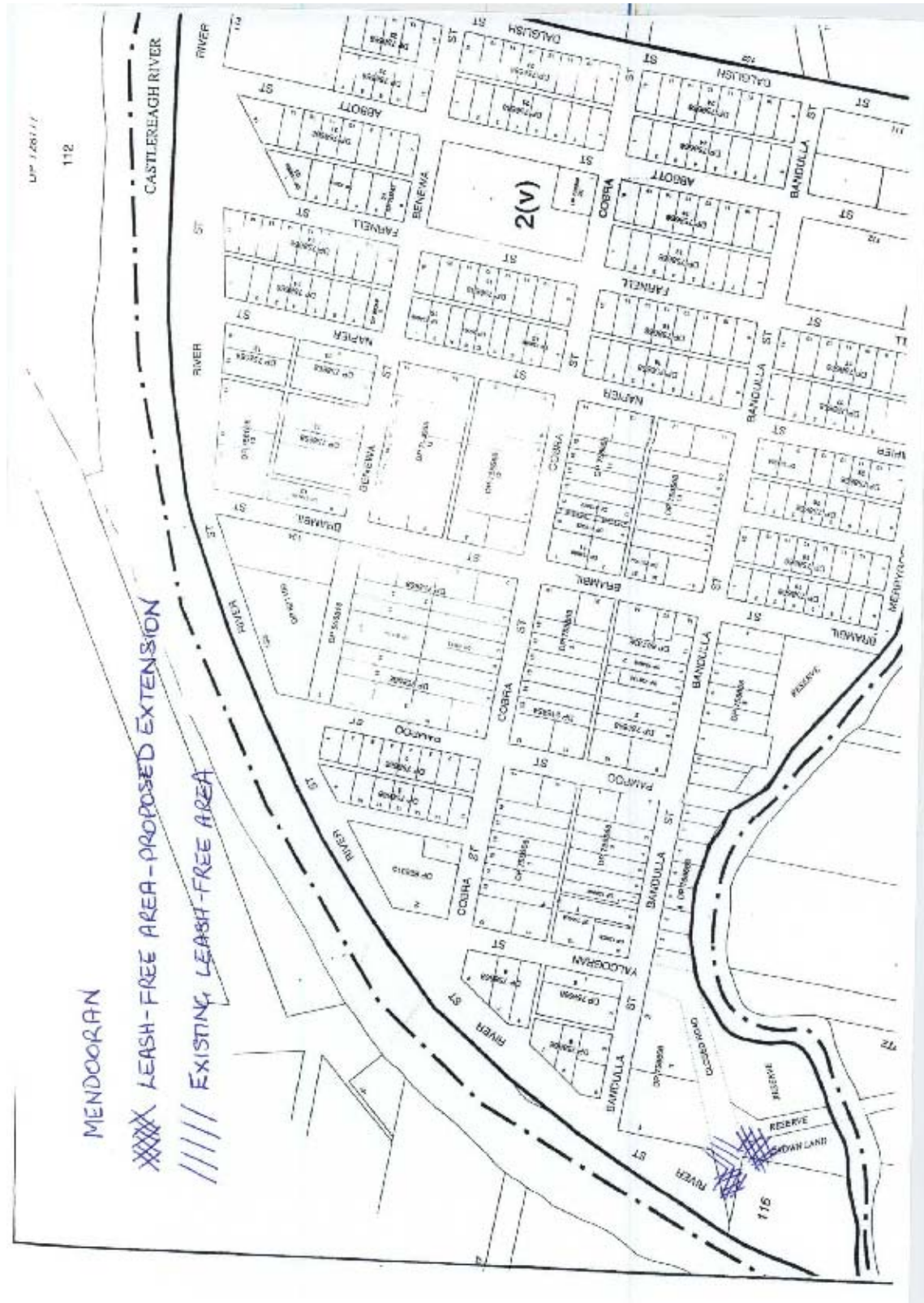


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Annexure B

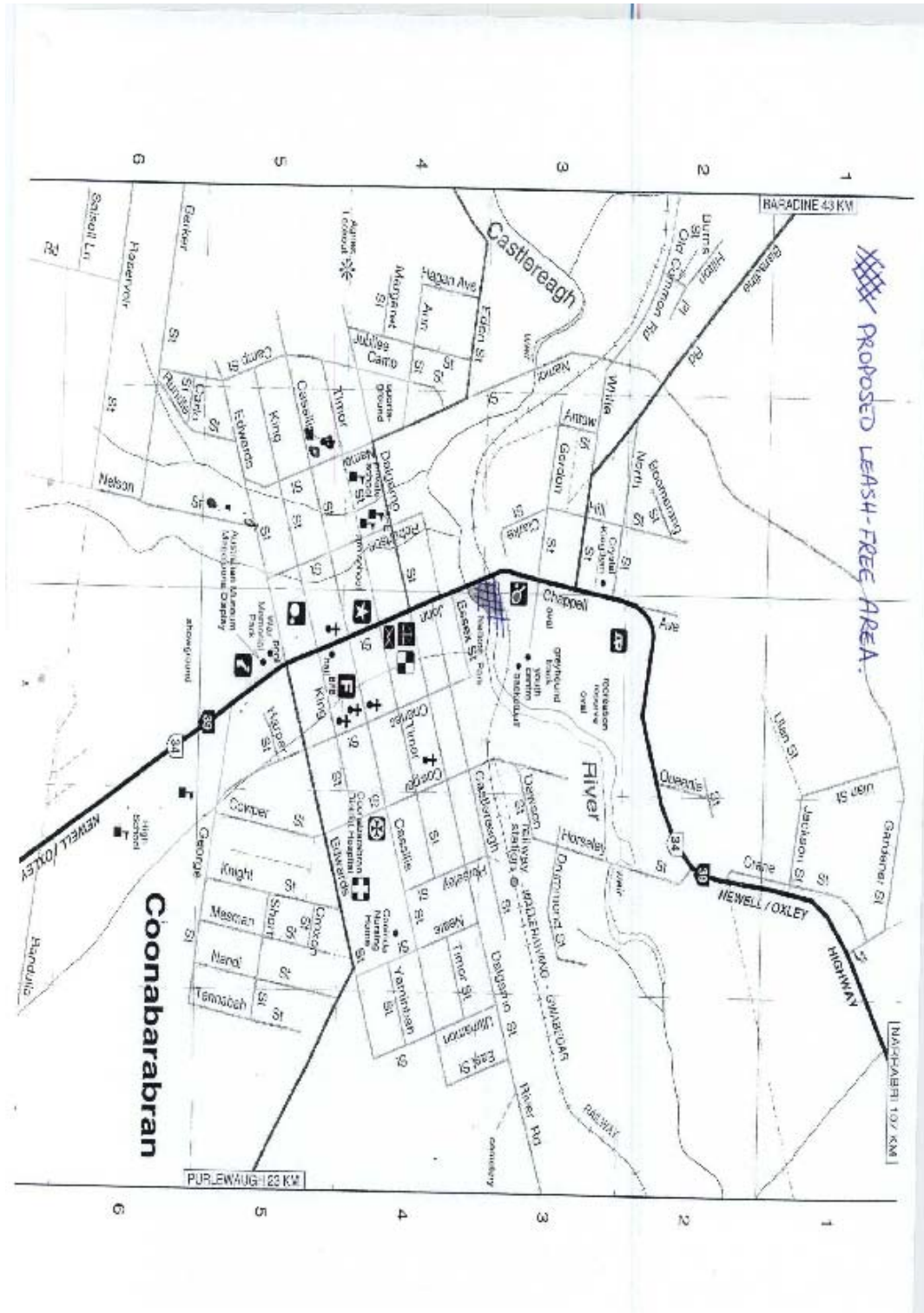


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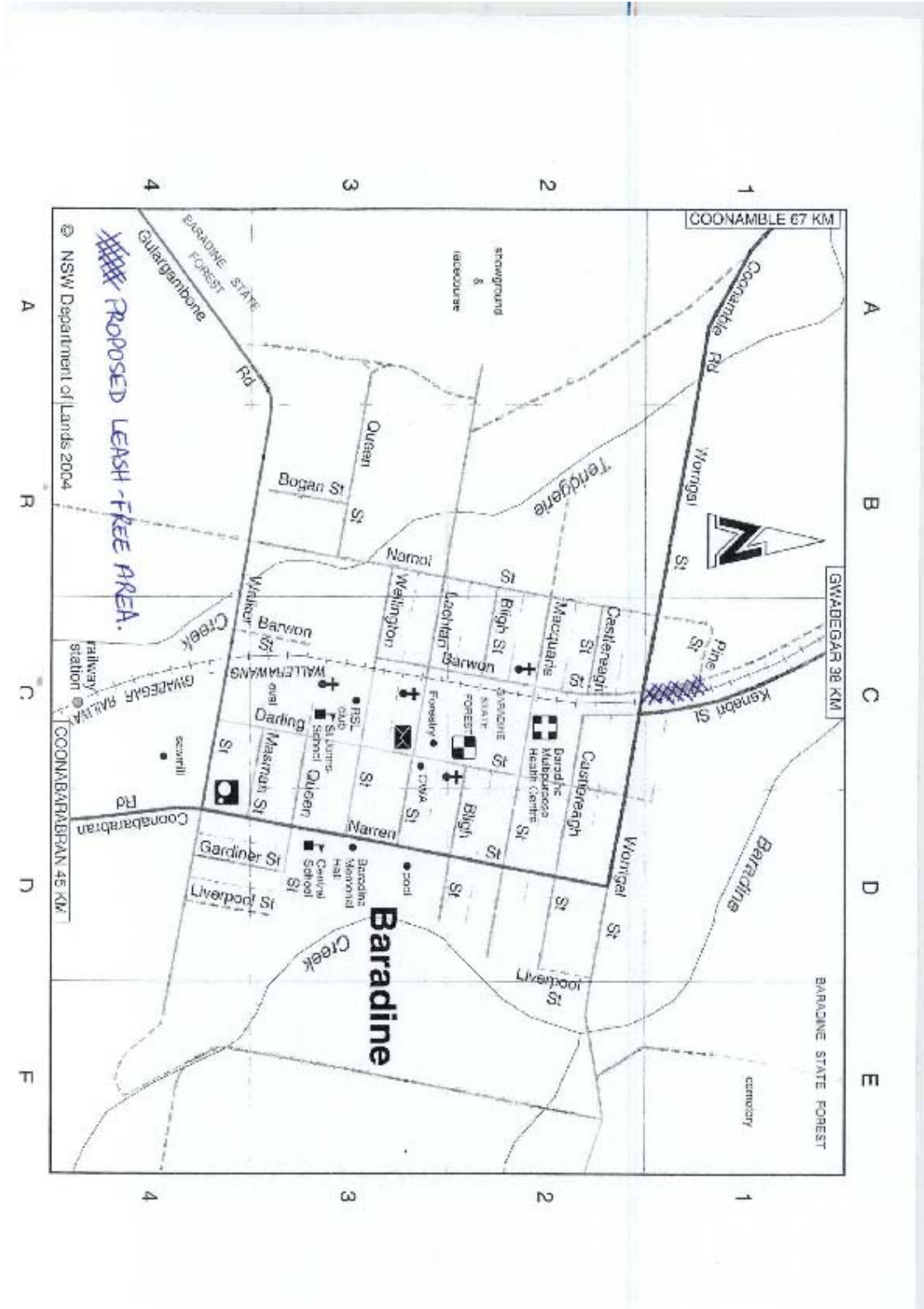


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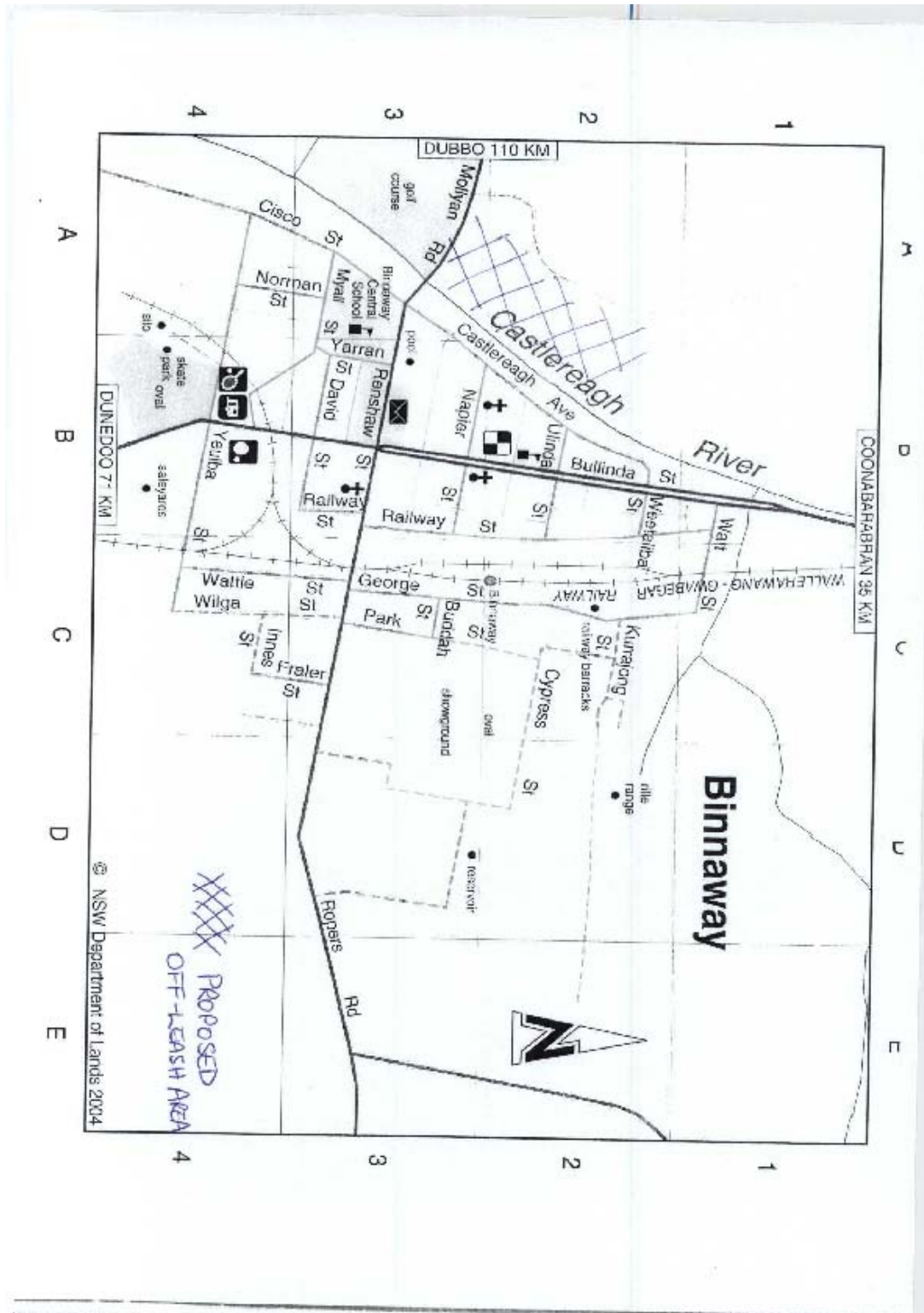


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4.2 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS PROMOTIONAL INITIATIVES

102 RESOLVED that Council adopt the “Family Public Holiday Promotion” and “November Youth Promotion” as trial initiatives for the 2008/2009 swimming season.

Sullivan/Schmidt

4.3 PROPOSED SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENDITURE PROJECT – COONABARABRAN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL

103 RESOLVED that Council adopt the soft-fall and tree removal project at the Coonabarabran Pool as a suitable project for Contribution Funds expenditure under the Section 94 Contributions Plan and allocate \$13,000 from the Contributions Fund reserve for this purpose.

Schmidt/Dissanayake

4.4 COOLAH SWIMMING POOL – EXCESS ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION

104 RESOLVED that Council include the three stage strategy below in its operational and capital works activities for the Coolah Pool:

PART ONE

- Stage 1 a) Continue with new winterising program to reduce overall consumption by running pumps only one day in ten over winter.
 b) Re-negotiate identified electricity tariff with Country Energy
 c) Replace the identified worn out motor with high efficiency motor prior to the 08/09 swimming season commencing.
- Stage 2 Adopt the revised capital works program as shown below to replace the last of the existing motor with a high efficiency motor.

PART TWO

That the processes and initiatives applied to the Coolah pool electricity problem be applied to the other pools and the according budget allocation be made for the 2009/2010 financial year.

New Five Year Capital Expenditure Request Plan

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
Coolah Public Swimming Pool	1. Repair expansion joint, re-grout & refill pool 2. Chemigem chlorinator 3. Seating	1. High efficiency motors X 1 2. Hand-wash basin in kiosk 3. Lighting over main pool	1. Upgrade perimeter fencing Ellis Lane 2. Disabled toilet & BBQ area in old toilet block space 3. Fix flagpole	1. Water tanks for waste water 3. Seating behind blocks 4. Perimeter fencing (side) 5. Signage	1. Shade 2. Children's play equipment 3. soft fall

Sullivan/Dissanayake

105 RESOLVED that an investigation be undertaken and report prepared in relation to the opportunities for the introduction and utilisation of solar power at Council's pools.

Coe/Campbell

3.34pm

The Director of Technical Services returned to the meeting.

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4.5 POOL KIOSK OPERATIONS - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RESULTS

106 RESOLVED:

1. That the Coolah swimming pool kiosk rights be offered to Mrs Sarah Dewar for the 2008/2009 season in accordance with the submission received.
2. That the Coonabarabran swimming pool kiosk rights be offered to Mr Anthony Dowling in accordance with the submission received.
3. That in the absence of a submission for the Baradine, Binnaway, Dunedoo and Mendooran pools, they be operated without kiosk facilities and with the following arrangements in place:
 - The pool superintendants be provided with money belts for the purpose of collecting the gold coin admission monies.
 - Each of the pools be provided with a bubbler (or similar safe drinking water supply) funded from the kiosk retainer allowance.
 - That the pool superintendants utilise a pass-out system for patrons who wish to leave the pool grounds to obtain refreshments from elsewhere.
 - The pool superintendants be instructed to immediately evacuate the pool and pool grounds in instances where patron behaviour or similar circumstance takes their attention away from supervising the pool.
 - A sign-in table be provided in each pool foyer with a clear instruction on admission requirements and procedures.

FURTHER that Council investigate the provision of outlets for the sale of season tickets.

Lewis/Schmidt

4.6 PUBLIC LAND REGISTER AND CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND

107 RESOLVED that Council add the following three (3) parcels of land to its list of "Community land" required to be reclassified as "Operational land" in a future amending Local Environmental Plan:

1. Residence 139 Martin Street Coolah identified as lot 3 DP 875499.
2. Residence 143 Martin Street Coolah identified as lot 1 DP 875499
3. Residence 1 Lew Close Coolah identified as lot 2 DP 875499

Sullivan/Coe

4.7 WARRUMBUNGL SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2008

Received.

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

5.1 AERODROME OPERATOR INTERFACE ARRANGEMENT COONABARABRAN

108 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager to accept the Aerodrome Operator Interface Arrangement between Airservices Australia and Warrumbungle Shire Council for Coonabarabran Aerodrome.

Sullivan/Powell

5.2 LOCAL SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER PROGRAM

109 RESOLVED that Council accepts the Lead Partner role for the Local Schools Working Together Program Round One, Baradine Memorial Hall Project.

Schmidt/Powell

5.3 MENDOORAN MECHANICS INSTITUTE DRAFT CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

110 RESOLVED that Council accepts the draft Mendooran Mechanics Institute Conservation Management Plan and place on public exhibition for public comment and **FURTHERMORE** in acknowledgement of the unsuccessful NSW Heritage Grants application for funding that Council approves the reallocation of \$2,045.45 from this expenditure item to Heritage Advisor Grant in Environmental Services.

Sullivan/Coe

4.03pm

Councillor Lewis declared a pecuniary interest in the next item and left the room. Cr Lewis's interest extends to his tendering for the work associated with the projects.

5.4 NSW SPORT AND RECREATION CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2008- 2009

111 RESOLVED that if the applications for the Baradine and Binnaway Ovals Canteen Projects are successful Council would commit a maximum of \$30,000 for each project, being a total of \$60,000 in the 2009-2010 Management Plan.

Sullivan/Schmidt

4.08pm

Councillor Lewis returned to the meeting.

5.5 ORANA ARTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) 2008-2010

112 RESOLVED that Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Orana Arts Incorporated and member Councils Memorandum of Understanding from October 2008 to December 2009.

Sullivan/Campbell

5.6 REMOTE AERODROME SAFETY PROGRAM ROUND 2 – BARADINE

113 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager to sign the Remote Aerodrome Safety Program Funding Agreement (2008-2009) Round 2 on behalf of Council, for the Baradine Runway and Lighting Upgrade Project for \$14,000.

Lewis/Todd

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5.7 WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2010

114 RESOLVED that Council adopt the Warrumbungle Shire Road Safety Strategic Plan 2008-2010.

Sullivan/Coe

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Shinton the following matters:

Damage caused to Council roads by vehicles participating in the Variety Bash

115 RESOLVED that a letter be written to the organisers of the event informing them of the damage to Council's roads and asking them to take in to consideration possible damage to the roads when travelling on unsealed roads following wet weather.

Sullivan/Coe

Meeting time for 13 November meeting – meeting to commence at 9am due to Mayoral commitments and associated travel arrangements. Councillor Dissanayake advised that he will be absent on this day.

Cr Schmidt raised the following matter:

Native Grove Cemetery – shortage of plots and request for consideration of creation of small native garden facility specifically for children under 12 months. A report is to be submitted to Council concerning the cemetery.

Damage to tiling at entrance of Golden Fountain Restaurant caused during laying of pavers. Matter to be investigated.

Cr Lewis raised the following matters:

Large sign needs to be placed to indicate Mendooran / Neilrex Road turnoff.

Request for change to B Double access in Charles Street – to be referred to Traffic Committee

Railway network ramps and condition of stock ramps on roads.

116 RESOLVED that a report concerning ramps be included in the November business paper for Council consideration.

Lewis/Sullivan

A motion was moved by Councillor Lewis that Council retain a trade-in grader as back up.
The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Merrygoen Creek – silt problems following rain. Request that Council seek assistance from State Member for Barwon, Mr Kevin Humphries, to resolve problem. The matter is to be discussed with Fisheries staff.

Road in Merrygoen Cricket ground is impassable. This matter to be investigated.

Progress of application for placement of verandah on Coolah Driver Reviver site.

Bingie Grumble Road needs grading.

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General Manager raised the following matters:

School presentation nights – Mayor to attend 3 functions in Coonabarabran, Councillors Powell and Dissanayake will arrange attendance at Coolah functions, Councillor Coe will attend Dunedoo School functions, Councillor Lewis will attend Binnaway and Mendooran school functions and Councillors Todd and Campbell will arrange attendance at Baradine functions. Councillor Coe will also attend the Dunedoo TAFE function.

Cr Coe raised the following matter:

Subcontract work out following resignation of Coolah Plumber. This option will be investigated.

Offer of land (from Ken Milling) for use by Rural Fire Service for shed at Leadville.

Old Hospital Grounds at Dunedoo - possibility of council obtaining

Cr Powell raised the following matter:

Water flow into Mens Shed following rain

Lack of security service in Coolah with associated problems of contact person - service to be cancelled

Cr Todd raised the following matter:

Footpath in front of hospital and leading to retirement village. Parties refusing to contribute to costs.

117 RESOLVED that Council complete the footpath works from the corner to the first entrance into the MPS and that a supplementary vote of \$6,000 be provided.

Sullivan/Schmidt

Lack of police in Baradine to deal with intruders.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.58pm.

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CHAIRMAN