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**PRESENT:** Cr Ray Lewis (Chair), General Manager – R Geraghty, Acting Director Environmental Services – T Meppem, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Director Community Services – R Ryan, Jenny Lloyd, Mary Fleming, Alan Fleming, Ed Hennessey, John Woodlock and Glennis Mangan (Minutes).

**9.13am**

Helen Naef joined the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**9.32am**

JL Yeo joined the meeting.

**MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**MTC 02 Advisory recommendation** that the minutes of the Mendooran/Merrygoen Town Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 be endorsed.

**J Lloyd/R Geraghty**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Phone relocation – Direction given by Telstra for the relocation of the phone. Placement of street bins outside St Chad's Church (opposite Hotel) – bins installed and look good. Old bins will be taken away.

**9.50am**

Cr Lewis left the meeting.

**9.51am**

Cr Lewis returned to the meeting.

Mendooran Park – extra seating needed. An inspection will take place today of the existing bore at the RSL which may be able to be used for the irrigation of the Park.

Australia Day - Council will again ask the community groups to organise the Australia Day functions in each of the towns. The contribution of \$200 will remain. The Shire Wide Award categories will be reduced to Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Young Sportsperson of the Year and will be presented by Council representatives and the Ambassador. The Certificates of Recognition will be administered and awarded by each community development group and could also include the Group Community Service and Sports Team of the Year awards.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Fluoridation**

Council has extended the submission date for comments on fluoridation until the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and wants to ensure Mendooran residents are aware that Mendooran is included in the proposal to fluoridate the town water supply. Council will consider this matter at its 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 meeting.

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**Bandulla Street Bins** – Where are they? – Now installed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Rating Levels in each town

A detailed document was handed out by the General Manager who explained the “factor” equation and how it is calculated. General discussion arose about the categorised budget amounts for services for each town in the Shire. The General Manager has offered to address a meeting and explain to all in further detail the rating levels/budget items.

Superannuation – Council will have to find approximately \$300,000 each year for the next 5 years and possibly 10 years to cover the shortfall of the early staff superannuation fund (SASS) due to the financial meltdown.

Speeding in Mendooran

RTA will bring speed trailer to Mendooran to help discourage speeding in the town. The Mayor and General Manager attend the Community Safety Precinct (PACT) meetings with Mudgee Police and will bring to their attention the issues Mendooran is facing.

Social Services Planning Day

There will be a Social Services Planning Day in Mendooran on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009. All welcome.

Macquarie Regional Library

The MRL holds an annual review on the utilisation of the Library. Mendooran is found to be under utilised. An “open” sign has been ordered for the Library. A mobile Library may be an option and this will be available on a fortnightly basis.

Mendooran Pool

The pool attendance has improved this year. More trained casuals are needed.

**NEXT MEETING:**      October 2009 – meeting to commence at 9am.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 10.15am.

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CHAIRMAN