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1. **DRAFT GREATER HUME LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2009 AND REQUEST FOR
DRAFT LEP TO ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LAND – HUESKE ROAD, JINDERA**

Report prepared by Director Environment & Planning – Mike Davies

REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present a draft of the new LEP to Council for endorsement so as it may be referred to agencies in accordance with Section 62 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). This stage of the process does not include public exhibition.

Also contained in this report is a request for Council to consider for the draft LEP to allow the development of 230ha of land on the southern side of Hueske Road, south of Jindera for low density residential purposes.

DISCUSSION

A. DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

The main features of the new LEP are:

1. The structure and much of the content of the LEP are dictated by a Standard Instrument prepared by the Department of Planning (DoP) (identified by black text within the document and which cannot be altered). The red text represents local input but is still heavily influenced by the DoP.
2. The format of mapping is also determined by DoP. In addition to zone maps, there are maps showing the minimum lot size for subdivision, areas of environmentally sensitive land, flooding and heritage items.
3. A consistent approach across all three former Shires. This inevitably has resulted in some compromises such as an increase in the minimum lot size for subdivision in the rural area of the former Holbrook Shire.
4. A 'blanket' urban zoning has been adopted for all towns and villages rather than 'differential' zoning to provide flexibility for Council in its decision making. This is different for Holbrook but similar to existing LEP's in former Culcairn and Hume. The new Development Control Plan for the Shire will adopt the Strategic Land Use Plan and this document will be used to direct different land use activities to the appropriate area.
5. Urban residential development will be undertaken within the Village Zone. Rural residential (called R5 Large Lot Residential in the draft LEP) will have a minimum lot size for subdivision of 0.4ha for serviced land and 2ha if not.
6. On the advice of DoP, the Rural (Living) Zone in former Hume will convert to a flat minimum lot size of 8ha for subdivision rather than the current

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averaging provision. In addition, the opportunity for two lot subdivisions of small acreage in some circumstances will go.

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Also the prohibition on re-subdivision of lots within the Rural (Living) Zone will be lifted so that re-subdivision of lots greater than 16ha will be permissible.

7. Where dwelling entitlements in rural areas are to be removed, a five year 'sunset clause' maintaining them is proposed.
8. It is intended to use the new Exempt and Complying Development provisions in the State Policy rather than prepare a unique set for the Shire (which would potentially delay the Local Environmental Plan). The SEPP includes solar hot water heaters and photovoltaic systems as exempt development.
9. The minimum lot size for subdivision in the urban areas is 600m².
10. The heritage schedule shall reflect the outcome of the current Heritage Study when it is adopted. A significant number of items of Aboriginal cultural significance have been included.
11. All towns and villages within the Shire have been provided with some development opportunity. However the amount of zoned residential land proposed in the draft LEP still exceeds the 10 to 15 year horizons the DoP likes to work with.
12. All reasonable rezoning requests by landowners during the consultative phase of the process for have been accommodated in the new LEP. The notable exception is the land at West Walla for which consensus between landowners could not be reached and the status quo will prevail in the new LEP.
13. Land use controls have been tightened in the vicinity of the Murray River and Billabong Creek, though flood data for the LGA is minimal.
14. Allowances have been made for a future highway bypass of Holbrook.

Following referral of the draft LEP to agencies, responses will be evaluated and considered for any changes. The draft LEP will then be presented to Council again for adoption for the purposes of seeking an exhibition certificate from the DoP under Section 65 of the EP&A Act, 1979. Consequently there is the opportunity for Council to review the draft LEP one more time before it is subjected to public scrutiny.

Council's consultant, Warwick Horsfall of Habitat Planning will make a presentation at this Council meeting in respect of the key features of the new LEP.

REQUEST FOR REZONING

Council has received a request from SJE Consulting for the draft LEP to allow the development of 230ha of land on the southern side of Hueske Road south of Jindera for low density residential purposes. The proposal is to create around 60 lots ranging from 1.5ha to 12ha at an average of 3.5ha. An indicative design for the subdivision is included to demonstrate how the subdivision could be achieved.

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The request is in the form of a detailed report (attached as **ANNEXURE 1**) and has been made on behalf of the land owner. It is in response to an approach to Council officers late last year with the proposal. The proponents were advised at that time that in order for Council to consider the proposal as part of the draft LEP, it would firstly need to justify a change to the Strategic Land Use Plan (SLUP) as this planning document does not support what is proposed. The proponents were provided with a brief as to matters that needed to be addressed and the report was lodged with Council in February.

The land is currently zoned Rural (Living) under the Hume LEP 2001 and is the land remaining from a subdivision undertaken in accordance with the provisions of this zone that created a number of large rural living lots on the elevated sections closer to Jelbart Road. The proposal sought is to make more efficient use of the remaining land along Hueske Road with a subdivision density and style similar to the successful Claremont Estate in Tynan Road, Table Top.

The SLUP identifies the land as preferred for 'rural living' which essentially reflects the current zoning of the land. Likewise the draft LEP has the land proposed for inclusion in the RU4 Rural Small Holdings Zone which is what current Rural (Living) zoned land is to be converted to. At this stage, the RU4 zone proposes a flat minimum lot size for subdivision of 8ha.

The report makes a detailed assessment of the following in regards to the land and its development:

- Planning legislative framework
- Surrounding land uses
- Traffic and transportation
- Effluent disposal
- Water supply
- Drainage
- Natural environment
- Heritage and archaeology
- Natural hazards (flooding, bushfire, etc)

Council officers and the consultant preparing the new LEP have reviewed the report having particular regard to what are considered the most significant issues relative to the circumstances of the land such as drainage (including downstream impacts on Jindera township), traffic (the Urana Road intersection and Jelbart Road) and water supply. Having considered these and other issues, it is the view of officers that the proposal is worthy of support. Of course, as is the case for all land proposed for a change in zoning with the new LEP, no guarantee can be given that support will be forthcoming for the proposal from government agencies and in particular DoP.

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopt the draft LEP in its current form, subject to amending the Strategic Framework Plan to make provision in the draft LEP for the future development of land in Hueske Road into approximately 60 low density residential lots with an average size around 3.5ha and minimum of 2 ha.
2. That pursuant to Section 62 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 Council refer the draft LEP to relevant agencies for their comment.

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2. COMMUNITY BASED HERITAGE STUDY (CBHS)

Report prepared by Environmental Health & Building Surveyor - Bradley Peach

REASON FOR REPORT

To provide Council with details of the community consultation undertaken for the Community Based Heritage Study for finalisation and adoption of a draft Heritage List for inclusion in the Draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

DISCUSSION

Background

- Negotiations with the NSW Heritage Office resulted in an offer of a dollar for dollar grant up to \$20,000 for a CBHS.
- Following acceptance of funding Peter Kabaila of Black Mountain Projects was appointed as Council's consultant to progress the Study.
- A Community Heritage Working Group was established with Council's representative being the Mayor.
- A Draft Heritage List together with proposed Conservation Areas was prepared.
- Over 550 letters were forwarded to persons/groups with properties listed as existing heritage items and/or within existing conservation areas as well as those properties proposed to be included on the draft heritage list and proposed conservation areas.
- Information sessions were conducted at Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera in early February.

Comment

There were 60 plus responses with about half supporting their inclusion on the heritage items list or within a conservation area and conversely the other half objecting to their inclusion.

One of the major tasks associated with the Heritage Study was the confirmation of owner and property details. It would appear that some details have not been updated and various letters were returned to Council by the post office unopened. Nevertheless, a 10% response together with various phone calls and good attendances at the three information sessions should be considered a reasonable response to the consultation process.

The heritage study is being finalised with additional photos and information amending some items. All items are recorded on a heritage data base software program and can be identified as a heritage item or potential heritage item or simply a place of interest in our community.

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Heritage Items

When amalgamations took place to form Greater Hume Shire Council there were approximately ninety (90) heritage items and conservation areas, in three towns.

The current Draft List of Heritage Items identifies 205 potential items/buildings/places of historical significance. The Heritage Study Working List is included in ANNEXURE 2.

Some properties have been identified on the State Heritage Register. It is proposed to nominate two (2) items for State Significance, these being:

- 1 Elm Park Mural and Homestead – Urana Road Jindera
- 2 Zion Lutheran Church and Manse – Commercial Street Walla Walla.

Council has also received a request from the owners of Mackie & Son Stores building (National Museum of Australian Pottery) to be listed on the State Register.

Comments have been made on the attached Heritage Study Working List following submissions from the consultation process. Comments were also made if submissions related to places within the proposed (or existing) Conservation Areas removing the item from the Heritage List however retaining it within the Conservation Area.

The summary of submissions and copies of submission letters are also contained in **ANNEXURE 2.**

Conservation Areas

Conservation Areas comprise places of varying degrees of significance: from significant, to contributory, to little or no heritage value. During the Study it became apparent that some places share strong thematic characteristics and their significance could be better appreciated if they were considered part of a group or area.

Conservation Areas existed in Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook. These Conservation Areas have been altered and extended, particularly so in Henty. New Conservation Areas have been proposed in Brocklesby, Gerogery, Jindera and Walla Walla.

No submissions were received from residents/owners within the proposed new Conservation Areas. Mixed responses were received from property owners within the existing and expanded Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook Conservation Areas.

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Commencing below is the extract from the Draft CBHS relating to the Conservation Areas:

Locality	Item No	Description	Significance
Brocklesby	1790430	Brocklesby Conservation Area	<p>The Brocklesby Conservation Area is a small group of early twentieth century buildings and structures, most of them relating to development following the 1919 construction of wheat silos for the Culcairn-Corowa railway branch line.</p> <p>It successfully conveys the atmosphere of a small railway siding village of the early twentieth century period. Enough remains of this early railway village streetscape, silos and branch line to protect and enhance as a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Brocklesby Conservation Area echoes the beauties of early twentieth century railway villages, with a branch railway, and views of typical historic features such as village shops, Memorial Hall, traditional style cottages and wheat silos.</p> <p>The outstanding level of intactness of original architecture documents of an early twentieth century building boom saw the construction of most of Brocklesby village. Slow population growth after the 1930s ensured preservation of its streetscape. The village has retained its community importance, recognised for its high integrity and aesthetic values.</p> <p>Highly intact examples of early twentieth century architecture include Findlay's Store and the Memorial Hall.</p>

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<p>Culcairn</p>	<p>1790028</p>	<p>Culcairn Conservation Area</p>	<p>The Culcairn Conservation Area contains a compact core of Federation Period (c 1890 - c 1915) commercial buildings extending from the railway and marked with an outstanding row of street trees. It is historically significant as a town centre and as an excellent late nineteenth century and Federation Period streetscape, relating to a development boom following the construction of the Great Southern Railway.</p> <p>The main street is an excellent and highly intact late nineteenth century and early twentieth century streetscape. Many of the buildings in the main street reflect a railway town character, successfully conveying some of the atmosphere of the Federation Period.</p> <p>The Culcairn Conservation Area contains many fine buildings, including Sholz's Corner, the Culcairn Hotel, railway station and banks. These have significance individually and collectively and the entire streetscape is an essential component of the historic cultural landscape of Culcairn.</p> <p>Culcairn Conservation Area contains buildings and streetscapes that remain substantially intact from its period as a railway boom town of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It echoes the beauties of early twentieth century towns, with its characteristic railway crossing, hotel, shopfronts and parapets, street awnings, tree-row, wide avenue, creek crossing, well-preserved early buildings and parks.</p> <p>The outstanding level of intactness of original architecture documents an early twentieth century building boom, which saw the construction of most of Culcairn's town centre. Slow population growth after the 1930s ensured preservation of a remarkably wide range of community and commercial buildings. The town centre has retained its community importance, recognised for its high integrity and aesthetic values. The streetscape remains highly distinctive due to flat topography and richness of its Federation Period architecture.</p>
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<p>Gerogery</p>	<p>1790403</p>	<p>Gerogery Conservation Area</p>	<p>The Gerogery Conservation Area contains a scattered grouping of nineteenth century and early twentieth century buildings, relating to relocation of settlement from Gerogery West, following the construction of the Great Southern Railway. Many of the buildings in the village reflect a railway town character, successfully conveying some of the atmosphere of the Federation Period (c 1890 - c 1915). At its outer edges, the village thins out to scattered examples of historic buildings. Enough remains, however, of an early railway village streetscape to protect and enhance as a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Gerogery Conservation Area echoes the beauties of early twentieth century towns in miniature, with a distinctive railway crossing, and views of typical historic features such as the railway houses, hotel, early twentieth century motor garages, traditional style cottages and village shop.</p> <p>The outstanding level of intactness of original architecture documents an early twentieth century building boom, which saw the construction of most of Gerogery village. Slow population growth after the 1930s ensured preservation of its streetscape. The village has retained its community importance, recognised for its high integrity and aesthetic values.</p> <p>Highly intact examples of early twentieth century architecture include the Hotel and village shop.</p>
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Henty	1790029	Henty Conservation Area	<p>The Henty Conservation Area contains a compact core of Federation Period (c 1890 - c 1915) commercial buildings connected to the railway.</p> <p>It extends into highly intact streetscapes of early twentieth century buildings, commercial, community and residential, reflecting the major phase of development in Henty. The Henty Conservation Area contains a number of important buildings, including the Doodle Cooma Hotel, railway station and banks.</p> <p>It is historically significant as a town centre and as an excellent late nineteenth century and Federation Period streetscape, relating to a development boom following the construction of the Great Southern Railway. Many of the buildings in the main street reflect a railway town character, successfully conveying some of the atmosphere of the Federation Period.</p> <p>At its outer edges, there are more scattered building groups. Enough remains, however, of an early typical country townscape to protect and enhance as a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Henty Conservation Area contains buildings and streetscapes that remain substantially intact from its period as a railway boom town of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It echoes the beauties of early twentieth century towns, with its characteristic railway crossing, two-storey hotels, banks, shopfronts, parapets and verandahs.</p> <p>The outstanding level of intactness of original architecture documents a late nineteenth century and early twentieth century building boom, which saw the construction of most of Henty town centre. Slow population growth after the 1930s ensured preservation of a remarkably wide range of community and commercial buildings. The town centre has retained its community importance, recognised for its high integrity and aesthetic values. The streetscape remains highly distinctive due to flat topography and richness of its Federation Period architecture.</p>
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Holbrook	1790054	Holbrook Conservation Area	<p>The Holbrook Conservation Area, situated half-way between Sydney and Melbourne on the Hume Highway (Albury Street), has historic importance as a staging post since its establishment, probably pre-1850. The highway, which is straight and flat, forms the artery of the town.</p> <p>The Conservation Area is a very good piece of urban townscape combining buildings, tree and space, which still very successfully conveys the atmosphere of a nineteenth century highway town from the 1860s to the 1910s. It includes the two main entry points into the historic centre of the town along the Highway.</p> <p>Some of the Conservation Area at its outer edges contains more scattered building groups. Enough remains, however, of an early typical country townscape to protect and enhance as a Conservation Area.</p> <p>The core of the Conservation Area, half-way through the town, contains many fine buildings, including Woolpack Inn Museum (former Criterion Hotel); Knox Presbyterian Church, Mackie Bros Shop (National Museum of Australian Pottery); Ross Buildings; CBC Bank; Police Station; Courthouse, groups of old shops and hotels. These have significance individually and collectively and the entire streetscape is an essential component of the historic cultural landscape of Holbrook.</p>
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Jindera	1790116	Jindera Conservation Area	<p>The Jindera Conservation Area has a history as a local heartland for German settlers. It contains a small cluster of early buildings that hold historical significance for their connection with the early Albury-Urana mail route and with German settlement.</p> <p>The informal road construction, street trees, traditional style buildings, and the spaces surrounding and adjoining them, all combine to give Jindera a strong village character. It successfully conveys the atmosphere of a small late nineteenth century village.</p> <p>The core of the Jindera Conservation Area is its most prominent historic buildings, the Museum and the old Blacksmith's Shop, set in a landscape context of mature trees and sparse development. Enough remains of this early village streetscape to protect and enhance as a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Jindera Conservation Area echoes the beauties of nineteenth century villages, with its open main street and views of typical traditional style cottages and old village shops.</p> <p>Slow population growth through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries ensured preservation of its streetscape. The village has retained its community importance, recognised for its high integrity and aesthetic values.</p> <p>The most notable intact examples of historic buildings are the blacksmith's workshop and Wagner's shops (historical Pioneer Museum).</p>
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<p>Walla Walla</p>	<p>1790404</p>	<p>Walla Walla Conservation Area</p>	<p>The Walla Walla Conservation Area has a history as a local heartland for German settlers.</p> <p>It contains a main street with a cohesive line of commercial buildings extending to the vicinity of the railway. It is historically significant as a town centre reflecting steady growth in the late nineteenth century, followed by a phase of rapid development after the construction of the Culcairn-Corowa railway branch line, and the 1919 wheat silos.</p> <p>The main street is an excellent and highly intact late nineteenth century and early twentieth century streetscape. Buildings in the main street have significance individually and collectively and the entire streetscape is an essential component of the historic cultural landscape of Walla Walla.</p> <p>Walla Wall Conservation Area echoes the beauties of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century towns in miniature, with a branch railway, main commercial street and views of typical historic features such as the historic shop buildings, wheat shed and silos.</p> <p>The outstanding level of intactness of original architecture documents an early twentieth century building boom, which saw the construction of most of Walla Walla town centre. Slow population growth after the 1930s ensured preservation of its town centre buildings. The town centre has retained its community importance, recognised for its high integrity and aesthetic values.</p> <p>Highly intact examples of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century architecture include the shops, banks and churches.</p>
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Council will need to determine if the proposed Conservation Areas are appropriate given the submissions received. The Draft Conservation Area maps are also attached, please view in **ANNEXURE 2**.

No items have been removed from Conservation Areas.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

The recommendation outlining the proposed Conservation Areas and proposed Heritage Item Schedule are drafts for inclusion in the Draft LEP which is yet to go on public exhibition. As a result, the Schedule 5 listing of heritage items and places may again be amended with items deleted and/or added to it.

Furthermore, the Community Based Heritage Study is yet to be finalised and further recommendations regarding the heritage of Greater Hume Shire Council may be put forward.

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the places recommended in the following Table Draft Schedule 5 as identified Heritage Items and Conservation Areas within Greater Hume Shire.

Locality	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item No
Alma Park	Salem Lutheran Church, Original school and Hall	Walla Park-Alma Park Road, Walla Walla	Part Portion 87 DP753758, Parish Ryan, County Hume	Local	1790414
Bowna	Federation Homestead (Wollindina)	1976 Wymah Rd, Bowna	Lot 2 DP527216, Parish Wagra, County Goulburn	Local	1790506
	The Church Of The Pioneers	Bowna-Wymah Rd (Hume Highway), Bowna	Lot 191 DP617720 Parish Wyndham, County Goulburn	Local	1790508
Brocklesby	School of Arts and War Memorial Hall	89 Main Street, Brocklesby	Lot 15 DP4851, Parish Brocklesby, County Hume	Local	1790051
	Post Office and Store	97-99 Main Street Brocklesby	Lot 1 DP606948, Parish Brocklesby, County Hume	Local	1790370
	Brocklesby Park Homestead	Walbundrie Road, Brocklesby	Lot 1 DP1093990/Lot 65 DP753724, Parish Brocklesby, County Hume	Local	1790062
	The Olives, House and Barn	Kenya Road/Brocklesby-Howlong Road, Howlong	Lot 1 DP538446, Parish Morebringer, County Hume	Local	1790064

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Locality	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item No
Bulgandry	Goodwood Shearing Shed and Pise Dwelling	"Goodwood" Fullers Road Bulgandry	Lot 1 DP559286, Parish of Bulgandry, County Hume	Local	1790026
Bungowannah	St Mark's Anglican Church	Riverina Highway Bungowannah	Pt 19 DP753727, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790457
	Methodist Church (later Uniting Church)	Methodist Road Bungowannah	Lot 3 DP817389, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790373
	Bungowannah School (former)	Methodist Road Bungowannah	Lot 238 DP753727, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790372
	Hillgrove Homestead	Ferguson Road Bungowannah	Lot 82 DP753749, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790374
	Weebo Park Homestead, Garden, Outbuildings	Hovell Road Bungowannah	Lot 49 DP753749, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790375
	Boxwood Park Homestead, Shearing Shed	Boxwood Park Road Bungowannah	Lot 56 DP753749, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790376
	Deere Park Homestead	"Park Hill" Bungowannah Road Bungowannah	Lot 115 DP753727, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790377
	Proctor's Old Pub (Bromley)	Riverina Highway, Bungowannah	Lot 1 DP1091520, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790378
	Culverley Rise Homestead	Mayfield Road Bungowannah	Lot 7 DP665615, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790379
	Mayfield Homestead	Mayfield Rd Bungowannah	Lot 2 DP1104123, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790475
	Bungowannah Community Hall	Bungowannah Reserve 168 Chambers Road Bungowannah	Lot 7004 DP1028256 and Lot 279 DP753727, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790518

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	The Cedars	Chambers Road Bungowannah	Lot 93 DP753727 and Lot 289 DP753727, Parish Bungowannah, County Hume	Local	1790520
Burrumbuttock	Burrumbuttock Homestead	Urana Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 175 DP753730, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790380
	Burrumbuttock Public Hall	502 Urana Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 171 DP753730, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790381
	Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Hall	409 Howlong Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 158 DP753730, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790382
	Holyrood Homestead, Outbuildings	1726 Howlong Burrumbuttock Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 2 DP854070, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790383
	Orela Homestead and Outbuildings	623 Burrumbuttock-Brocklesby Rd Burrumbuttock	Lot 49 DP657589, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790458
	Church (former)	46 Urana Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 5 DP9579, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790521
Cookardinia	Cookardinia Memorial Hall	2164 Holbrook Wagga Road Holbrook	Lot 96 DP753344, Parish Jerra Jerra, County Goulburn	Local	1790009
	Chalmer's Church	153 Mahers Lane, off Wagga Wagga Rd Cookardinia	Lots 160 & 161 DP753344, Parish Jerra Jerra, County Goulburn	Local	1790450
Culcairn	Culcairn Railway Station and yard group	Main Southern Railway Culcairn	Lot 1 DP819838, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local (SHR 1126)	1790142
	Memorial Hall and School of Arts	25 Balfour Street, Culcairn	Lot 1 DP 318245 and Lot 1 Section 8 DP3870, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790072

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	Scholz's Corner	Balfour Street, Culcairn	Lots 9 & 10, DP2582, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790069
	Culcairn Hotel	37 Railway Parade Culcairn	Lots 11-16 DP2582, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790070
	Culcairn Court House, Police Building	Balfour Street Culcairn	Lot 1 DP772492, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790013
	Street Trees	Poplars - Culcairn-Walbundrie and Culcairn-Holbrook Road (MR331) and Palms in centre of Culcairn - Balfour Street, Culcairn	Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790153
	Town Well	Gordon Street Culcairn	Lot 1 DP858931, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790015
	Papworth's Bakery Shop	66 Balfour Street Culcairn	Lot 3 DP667320, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790016
	St Paul's Anglican Church	11 Balfour Street Culcairn	Lots 1 and 2 Section 13 DP5886, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790444
	Public School	Balfour Street Culcairn	Lot 1 DP123145 and Lot 3 Section 2 DP2211, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790447
	Post Office	33 Balfour Street Culcairn	Lot 21 DP774721, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790448
	London Bank	39 Balfour Street Culcairn	Lot 1 Section 2 DP302424 and Lot 1 Section 2 DP971652, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790449
	St Paul's Anglican Church Rectory	9 Balfour Street Culcairn	Lot 3 Section 13 DP5886, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790466
	Masonic Hall	32 Kirndeene Street Culcairn	Lot 12 Section 12 DP5886, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790465

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	Billabong Creek Public Swimming Pool	Jubilee Park, Olympic Highway Culcairn	Lot 41 DP633394, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790510
Gerogery	Railway Workers' Cottage (Gatekeepers Cottage)	"Rose Cottage" 6 Morven Gerogery Road Gerogery	Lot 5 DP853332, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local (SHR 01148)	1790078
	Stationmaster's Residence	7 Morven Gerogery Road Gerogery	Lots 1 and 2 DP792545, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local (SHR 01148)	1790079
	Huondale (formerly Gerogery)	234 Greenvale Road Gerogery	Lot 1 DP181294, Parish Castlestead, County Hume	Local	1790077
	Gerogery Commemoration Hall	Station Street Gerogery	Lot 3 DP913033, Parish Gerogery, County Hume	Local	1790135
	Gerogery Hotel	Main Street Gerogery	Lot 1 DP570215, Parish Gerogery, County Hume	Local	1790133
	Gerogery East Homestead, Shearing Shed	Gerogery East Road Gerogery	Lot 32 DP753731, Parish Castlestead, County Hume	Local	1790076
	Anglican Church (former)	West Street Gerogery	Lots 16 and 17 DP758435, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local	1790082
Gerogery West	St Peter's Lutheran Church	925 Glenellen Road Gerogery	Lot A DP915738, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local	1790074
	Gerogery West School (former)	3 Greenwood Road Gerogery West	Lots 198 & 200 DP753339, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local	1790408
Glenellen	Glenellen School (former)	Glenellen Road Jindera	Lot 192 DP753342, Parish Huon, County Goulburn	Local	1790405
Henty	Henty Railway Station and yard group	"Henty Bicentennial Park" Railway Parade Henty	Lot 1 DP878288 Parish Henty, County Hume	Local (SHR 01169)	1790144
	Doodle Cooma Arms Hotel	Sladen Street Henty	Lot 1 DP946953, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790017
	Henty Central Hotel and Stables	20 Allan Street Henty	Lots 8 and 9 Section 5 DP758514, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790157

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	Presbyterian Manse (former)	40 Allen Street Henty	Lot 9 Section 9 DP758514, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790019
	Headlie Taylor Blacksmith Shed	"Wattlegrove" 99 Kendalls Road Henty	Lot 140 DP753741, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790170
	Thomas Smyth Memorial	Henty Pleasant Hills Road Henty	Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790422
	Observer Newspaper Office	Lyne Street Henty	Lot 1 DP64639, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790423
	Shop and Cottage	9 Lyne Street Henty	Lot 1 DP307757, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790424
	St Patrick's Catholic Church and Belfry	Keirath Street Henty	Lot 91 DP542468, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790426
	Shop (former)	5 Keightley Street Henty	Lot 5 Section 7 DP1078460, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790425
	Henty Public School	Sladen Street Henty	Lot 259 DP821077 and Lot 1 Section 4 DP758514, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790427
	Police Station	Allan Street Henty	Lot 260 DP821077, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790429
	Henty Showground Stables and Gate	Henty Pleasant Hills Road Henty	Lots 208, 239 and 247 DP753741, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790431
	Shop (former)	2-8 Allan Street Henty	Pt Lot 1 DP1063795, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790472
	Masonic Hall	45 Ivor Street Henty	Lot 17 Section A DP5282, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790471
	St Paul's Lutheran School	30 Lyne Street Henty	Lot 179 DP665536, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790470

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	St Barnabas Anglican Church	36 Ivor Street Henty	Lots 11 and 12 Section 10 DP758514, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790468
	Christian Brothers' Monastery (former)	10 Keirath Street Henty	Lots 13 & 14 Section A DP3990 and Lot 1 DP1090249, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790461
	Catholic Presbytery (former)	13A Day Street (Corner Allan Street) Henty	Lots 9 & 10 Section A DP3990, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790462
	Catholic Convent (former)	7 Day St Henty	Lot 2 DP577991, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790463
	Horse Trough	Henty Bicentennial Park Railway Parade Henty	Lot 1 DP878288 (ARTC Lease No. 86-1188), Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790498
	Methodist Church (later Uniting Church)	Ivor Street Henty	Lots 11 and 12 Section A DP5282, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790530
	Brick House	4 Keightley Street Henty	Lot 13 Section 6 DP758514, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	1790020
Holbrook	CBC Bank (former)	68 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 2 DP560948, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790033
	Ross Buildings	70-74 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot Z DP101975 and Lot Y DP101975 and Lot 32 DP566695, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790037
	Mackie & Son Stores	76 Albury Street (corner Hay Street) Holbrook	Lot 31 DP566695, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790038

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	Police Station	62 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 3 Section 2 DP758522 and Lot 12 DP2325, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790089
	Courthouse (former Post Office)	64 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 1 DP724077 & Lot 3 Section 2 DP758522, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790097
	Woolpack Inn Museum (former Criterion Hotel)	83 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 11 DP551397 and Lot 1 DP971953, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790086
	Holbrook Hotel	144 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 1 DP543149, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790031
	Holbrook Stores	155 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 13 DP827736, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790094
	Knox Presbyterian Church and Hall	108 Albury Street Holbrook	Lots 74,75 & 274 DP753340, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790091
	Presbyterian Church (former)	108 Albury Street Holbrook	Lots 74,75 & 274 DP753340, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790090
	Riverina Hotel	131-133 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 3 DP716164, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790088
	Shop	81A Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 12 DP551397, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790386
	St Clare's Catholic Convent	145 Albury Street Holbrook	Lots 1 & 2 Section E DP4843 and Lot 1 DP335174, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790043
	Timber Shop and Cottage	113 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot F DP3633, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790087
	William Bros Saddlery	Albury Street Holbrook	Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790093

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	Holbrook Shire Hall	40 Young Street Holbrook	Lots 2 and 4 Section 7 DP758522 and Lot 13 DP736838, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790177
	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church	145 Albury Street Holbrook	Lots 1 & 2 Section E DP4843 and Lot 1 DP335174, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790409
	St Patrick's Catholic School	145 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 1 DP956575, Lots 7 & 8 DP4045 and Lot 2 DP500773, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790410
	Horse and Dog Trough	83 Albury Street Holbrook (Footpath in front of Woolpack Inn, Holbrook)	Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790411
	St Paul's Anglican Church	38 Young Street Holbrook	Lot 11 DP736838, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790432
	Masonic Hall (former)	19-21 Nyhan Street Holbrook	Lots 1 and 2 Section 14 DP758522, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790481
	Presbyterian Manse, later Public Hospital	"Gundula Manse", Lot 12 Bowler Street Holbrook	Lot 12 DP1055714, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790482
	Submarine, Scale Model	"Commander Holbrook Park" 163 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 10 DP571557, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790483
	Submarine Display, HMS Otway	"Otway Park" 159 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 2 DP831081, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790484
	Log Cabin Scout Hall	63 Bowler Street Holbrook	Lot B DP441663, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790485
	Peter Pan Building	123-129 Albury Street Holbrook	Pt Lot 2 DP204191, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790486
	Gold Assay Office	79 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 1 DP997504, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790487

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	Glenross, Private Hospital (former)	11 Ross Street Holbrook	Lots 21 and 22 Section C DP2748, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790488
	Germanton Courier	2 Hay Street Holbrook	Lot 2 DP212947, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790489
	Anglican Rectory (former)	"The Old Parsonage" 78 Jingellic Road Holbrook	Lot 1 DP995361, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790512
	Wedding Dress of Gertrude Pabst	Woolpack Inn Museum, 83 Albury Street Holbrook	Lot 1 DP971953 and Lot 11 DP551397, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790519
	Annandayle Homestead	"Annandayle" 590 Jingellic Road Holbrook	Lot 4 DP668631, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790522
	Weatherboard Cottage	55 Young Street Holbrook	Lot 227 DP753340, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790523
	Weatherboard Cottage	57 Young Street Holbrook	Lot 228 DP753340, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	TBA
	Weatherboard Cottage	59 Young Street Holbrook	Lot 229 DP753340, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	TBA

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Jindera	Elm Park Homestead, Garden, Outbuildings	"Elm Park" 1633 Urana Road Jindera	Lot 143 DP753345, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	State	1790390
	Blacksmiths Shop	Urana Street Jindera	Lot 2 DP850928, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790111
	Pioneer Museum (Wagners Store) & Outbuildings, 116 Urana Street Jindera, Lot 2, 8, 9 & 10 Section 10 DP758544, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	114-116 Urana Street Jindera	Lot 2 Section 10 DP758544, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790058
	Jindera School of Arts	109 Urana Street Jindera	Lot 2 DP359059 & Lot 1 DP919200 & Lot 1 DP187641 & Lot 10 DP331967, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790393
	St Paul's Anglican Church	102-112 Urana Street Jindera	Lot 4 Section 10 DP758544, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790101
	St John's Lutheran Church	148-150 Adams Street (corner Jindera Street) Jindera	Lot 1 DP852943, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790113
	Police Residence (Former) and Outbuildings	79 Urana Street Jindera	Lot 21 DP1101212, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790395
	Police Stables	Creek Street Jindera	Lot 22 DP1101212, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	TBA
	Drumwood Homestead, Outbuildings	Drumwood Road Jindera	Lot 102 DP791421, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790396

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	Westerndale	"Westerndale" 1787 Urana Rd Jindera	Lot 1 & 2 DP1011953, Parish Huon, County Goulburn	Local	1790476
Morebringer	Burnside Homestead & Outbuildings (pine log barn & dairy)	1009 Howlong-Balldale Road Balldale	Lot 88 DP753745, Parish Kentucky, County Hume	Local	TBA
Morven	Round Hill Hotel and Stable (Cobb & Co Staging Post)	38-40 Brownrigg Street Morven	Lots 9 & 10 Section 32 DP758711 and Lots 9 & 10 DP112808, Parish Morven, County Hume	Local	1790160
	Timber Slab Anglican Church	39 Mate Street Morven	Lot 2 Section 11 DP758711, Parish Morven, County Hume	Local	1790421
Mountain Creek	Mountain View	"Taras Hill" Mountain Creek Road Holbrook	Lot 2 DP222074, Parish Mountain Creek, County Goulburn	Local	1790117
Mullengandra	Royal Oak Hotel (former)	14062 Hume Highway Holbrook	Lot 1 DP770488, Parish Mullangandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790125
	St Luke's Anglican Church	Hume Highway Mullengandra	Lot 1 DP997081, Parish Mullanjandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790399
	Mullengandra Homestead and Outbuildings	Mountain Creek Road Mullengandra	Lot 6 DP602985, Parish Mullanjandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790123
	Mullengandra Public School and Residence	Hume Highway Mullengandra	PT1 DP782290, Parish Mullanjandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790118
	Mullengandra Station and outbuildings	35 Sweetwater Road Mullengandra	PT 2 DP753350, Parish Mullanjandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790119
	Woolshed Built by Taskis Family	283 Sweetwater Road Mullengandra	Lot 1 DP580743, Parish Mullanjandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790501

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Table Top	Table Top Station Homestead, Outbuildings	"Table Top Homestead" 115 Burma Road Table Top	Lot 3 DP1070024, Parish Yambla, County Goulburn	Local	1790127
Talmalmo	Dora Dora Hotel	5798 River Road Talmalmo	Lot 7 DP1013605, Parish Vautier, County Goulburn	Local	1790168
Walbundrie	Walbundrie Hotel	"Walbundrie Hotel" Billabong Street Walbundrie	Lots 3 & 4 Section 3 DP759034, Parish Walbundrie, County Hume	Local	1790022
	Walbundrie School (former)	Corner Queen and Billabong Streets Walbundrie	Lot 1 Section 13 DP759034, Parish Walbundrie, County Hume	Local	1790162
	Church of The Good Shepherd Catholic Church	Cnr Billabong and Queen Streets Walbundrie	Lot 2 Section 14 DP759034, Parish Walbundrie, County Hume	Local	1790416
Walla Walla	Walla Walla Literary Institute and Memorial Hall	Walla Walla Literary Institute, 72 Commercial Street Walla Walla	Lot 2 DP 6177 and Lot A DP411520, Parish Castlestead, County Hume	Local	1790169
	German Pioneer Wagon	Commercial Street Walla Walla	Lot 121 DP871068, Parish Walla Walla, County Hume	Local	1790406
	Zion Lutheran Churches and Manse	Commercial Street Walla Walla	Lot 122 DP871068, Parish Walla Walla, County Hume	State	1790407
	First Lutheran School and Cottage	23 Commercial Street Walla Walla	Lot 1 DP6587, Parish Walla Walla, County Hume	Local	1790418
	Walla Walla Homestead	Walla Road (Corner Culcairn-Walbundrie Road) Walla Walla	Lot 104 DP753764, Parish Walla Walla, County Hume	Local	1790473
	St Mary's Catholic Church	10 Market St Walla Walla	Lot 26 DP2551, Parish Castlestead, County Hume	Local	1790464

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Woomargama	St Mark's Anglican Church	Hay Street Woomargama	Lot 2 Section 5 DP759118, Parish Woomargama, County Goulburn	Local	1790477
	Woomargama Hotel	Hume Highway Woomargama	Lot 2 DP1080671 & Lots 3 & 4 Section 2 DP759118, Parish Woomargama, County Goulburn	Local	1790478
	Woomargama Public School (former)	Lot 2 Melbourne Street Woomargama	Lot 2 Section 7 DP759118, Parish Woomargama, County Goulburn	Local	1790479
Wymah	Wymah Ferry	Wymah Ferry Road, Murray River Wymah	Parish Wagra, County Goulburn	Local	1790433
	Wymah Public School (former)	2444 Wymah Rd Bowna	Lot 209 DP47547, Parish Wagra, County Goulburn	Local	1790504
	Wymah Teacher's Cottage	"Windarbut" 2440 Wymah Road Bowna	Lot 208 DP47547, Parish Wagra, County Goulburn	Local	1790505
Yarra Yarra	Yarra Yarra Homestead & Outbuildings	"Yarra Yarra" 633 Yarra Yarra Road Holbrook	Lots 5 & 10 DP234364, Parish Yarra Yarra, County Goulburn	Local	1790055

Part 2 – Heritage Items – Aboriginal

Locality	Description	Street Address		Significance	Item No
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Locality	Description	Street Address		Significance	Item No
Alma Park	Alma Park School (Demolished)	Walla Park-Alma Park Road Walla	Lot 7004 DP1024193, Parish Ryan, County Hume	Local	1790413
	Alma Park Lutheran Cemetery	Alma Park Cemetery 5 Alma Park Cemetery Road Alma Park	Pt Lot 90 DP753760 (within Lot 1 DP571659), Parish Sherwyn, County Hume	Local	1790415
Bethel	Bethel Cemetery	595 Bethel Road Burrumbuttock	Lot B DP187900, Parish Castlestead, County Hume	Local	1790451
Bowna	Old Bowna Cemetery	"Willow Park" Plunkett Road Bowna	Lot 5 DP599486, Parish Cumboroona, County Goulburn	Local	1790369
Brocklesby	Church (Ruin)	Ellis Street Brocklesby	Lot 1 DP923072, Parish Brocklesby, County Hume	Local	1790063
	Brocklesby General Cemetery	Brocklesby Balldale Road Brocklesby	Lot 209 DP753724, Parish Brocklesby, County Hume	Local	1790434
Bulgandry	Gold mines	"Gold Hill" 207 Fullers Road Bulgandry	Lot 2 DP789670, Parish Bulgandry, County Hume	Local	1790189
Bungowannah	Bungowannah General Cemetery	"Bungowannah Cemetery" Cemetery Road Moorwatha	Lot 1 DP668472, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790067
Burrumbuttock	Burrumbuttock General Cemetery at Holy Cross Lutheran Church	"Burrumbuttock Cemetery" Howlong Road Burrumbuttock	Lots 7005 DP1052590 and Lot 7007 DP1052591, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790435
Cookardinia	Cookardinia Hotel (ruin)	Morven Cookardinia Road, Cookardinia	Lot 5 DP753344, Parish Jerra Jerra, County Goulburn	Local	1790008
	Cookardinia General Cemetery	Mahers Road Cookardinia	Lots 1-7 DP1041131, Parish Jerra Jerra, County Goulburn	Local	1790436
Culcairn	Culcairn General Cemetery	Cemetery Road Culcairn	Lot 7001 DP1051423 & 7006 DP1054418, Parish Round Hill, County Hume	Local	1790437

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Locality	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item No
	John McLean's Grave	Near "Old Round Hill" Holbrook Road Culcairn	Lot 1 DP949370, Parish Morven, County Hume	Local	1790445
Gerogery West	Gerogery West General Cemetery	Greenwood Road (corner Lemke Road) Gerogery West	Lot 7009 DP1056013, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local	1790137
	St Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery	925 Glenellen Road Gerogery West	Lot A DP915738, Parish Gerogery, County Goulburn	Local	1790452
Goombargana	Goombargana General Cemetery	Balldale Walbundrie Road Goombargana	Lot 7004 DP1057087, Parish Goombargana County Hume	Local	1790441
Henty	Henty General Cemetery	Grubben Road Henty	Lot 7001 DP1004322, Parish Edgehill, County Mitchell	Local	1790439
Holbrook	Holbrook General Cemetery	Bath Street Holbrook	Lots 7008 and 7009 DP1025562, Parish Holbrook, County Goulburn	Local	1790440
Jindera	Jindera General Cemetery	"Jindera Cemetery" Corner Drumwood Road and Hannah Lane Jindera	Lot 1 DP668392, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790114
	St John's Lutheran Cemetery	52 Luther Rd Jindera	Lot 1 DP515629, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790402
	Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery	Pioneer Drive Jindera	Lot 1 DP562571, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790401
	Hawthorn Cottage (ruin)	Hawthorn Road (corner Urana Road) Jindera	Lot 12 DP791220, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	TBA
Moorwatha	Moorwatha General Cemetery	951 Howlong Burrumbuttock Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 1 DP1124774, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790442
	St Mary's Church (ruin)	Howlong- Burrumbuttock Road Bungowannah	Lot 91 DP753749, Parish Moorwatha, County Hume	Local	1790524
Morven	Morven Hall (ruin)	Morven Gerogery Road Morven	Lot 5 Section 3 DP758711, Parish Morven, County Hume	Local	1790421

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Locality	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item No
Mullengandra	Mullengandra General Cemetery	Hume Highway Mullengandra	Lots 7003 & 7004 DP1081896 and Lots 10 -12 DP112032, Parish Mullanjandra, County Goulburn	Local	1790400
	Brick Pits	Mullengandra Creek, Hume Highway, Mullengandra		Local	1790500
Walbundrie	Walbundrie General Cemetery	"Walbundrie Cemetery" Urana Rd Walbundrie	Lots 1-6 DP115149, Parish Walbundrie, County Hume	Local	1790417
Walla Walla	Walla Walla General Cemetery	"Walla Walla Cemetery" Walla Cemetery Road Walla Walla	Lot 2 DP344975, Parish Walla Walla, County Hume	Local	1790419
Woomargama	Woomargama General Cemetery and Town Common	Hume Highway Woomargama	Lot 7006 DP1027381, Parish Woomargama, County Goulburn	Local	1790443
Wymah	Isolated grave	"Warraigai" RMB 216 River Road Wymah		Local	1790529
	Wymah Cemetery	Warraigai, RMB 216, River Road, Wymah		Local	1790526
Yarra Yarra	Yarra Yarra Cemetery	"Yarra Yarra" 633 Yarra Yarra Road Holbrook	Lots 5 & 10 DP234364, Parish Yarra Yarra, County Goulburn	Local	1790453

Part 4 – Heritage Items – Landscape

Locality	Description	Street Address		Significance	Item No
Burrumbuttock	Hardwicke Remnant Woodland	Burrumbuttock-Walbundrie Road, Burrumbuttock		Local	1790528
	Government Dam	"Wirraminna" Howlong Road Burrumbuttock	Lot 7006 DP1052657, Parish Burrumbuttock, County Hume	Local	1790525
Gerogery	Tabletop Nature Reserve	Gerogery		Local	1790057

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Locality	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item No
Glenellen	Big Gum Swamp	Sparkes Road Glenellen	Lot 168 DP753342, Parish Huon, County Goulburn	Local	1790385
Henty	Government Dam	Henty Pleasant Hills Road	Lot 1 DP1112743, Parish Henty, County Hume	Local	TBA
Holbrook	Woomargama Dora Dora Forest	Holbrook		Local	1790056
Jindera	Government Dam	Urana Road Jindera	Lot 7001 DP1069408, Parish Jindera, County Goulburn	Local	1790103
Moorwatha	Mitchell's Campsite	Howlong- Burrumbuttock Rd. Moorwatha		Local	1790527
Walla Walla	Morgan's Lookout	Walla Walla Road, Walla Walla	Lot 135 DP753764, Parish Walla Walla, County Hume	Local	1790025

Part 1 – Conservation Area - General

Locality	Description	Street Address		Significance	Item No
Brocklesby	Brocklesby Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790430
Culcairn	Culcairn Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790028
Gerogery	Gerogery Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790403
Henty	Henty Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790029
Holbrook	Holbrook Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790054
Jindera	Jindera Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790116
Walla Walla	Walla Walla Conservation Area	Various		Local	1790404

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3. FRUIT FLY PROGRAM

Report prepared by Senior Weeds Officer – Neil Hibberson

REASON FOR REPORT

The Fruit Fly program which commenced in 2008 is proposed to be continued for a further 12 months with some variations.

DISCUSSION

Queensland Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera (Dacus) tryoni*) has become a serious parasite of fruit trees and some vegetable crops across the Greater Hume Shire Council area. Unfortunately, the Greater Hume Shire lies outside the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone that has been established under a tri-state agreement between NSW, Vic and SA to maximise access to export markets by maintaining freedom from fruit flies within that zone. Thus any control measures or large scale programmes undertaken are the responsibility of individuals or other interested community groups.

After the success from last year's programme and the accolades that Council received in the press for being pro-active in the fight against fruit fly it would be the right decision to continue the fight against this unwanted pest.

A slightly different approach is proposed for 2009:

1. The education programme would consist of an article in the council newsletter explaining how residents can reduce the impact that Fruit Fly has in our area. This article will replace last year's public meetings. The newsletter goes out to 4000 residents whereas the public meetings had around 200 residents attend. It gives council a chance to take the information to the people rather than them coming to us.
2. A clean up of unwanted fruit trees within the town areas. This would be completed with the help of the various service clubs and interested helpers as per last year but at a more convenient time (July-August). A record of those participating in this clean up is to be kept to enable council employees to collect and dispose of in a systematic way.
3. Council has in some situations fruit trees growing on roadside reserves as well as council footpaths (Prunus Plums) that need to be removed.
4. All home gardeners would be encouraged to bait for Fruit Fly during the Fruit Fly period from September to May. Council would again purchase the baits from the Albury/Wodonga Fight the Fruit Fly Association and make them available at council offices and on-sell at cost.

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FRUIT FLY PROGRAM [CONT'D]

Costs for next financial year's programme are estimated as follows:

Item:	COST \$
Information in Council Newsletter June & August	Nil
Disposal of unwanted fruit trees	\$4,000
Coordination of programme	\$3,000
Provision of 500 baits (some bait will be carried over from 2008) net cost	\$0
Total	\$7,000

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Budget allocation for Fruit Fly control in 2009/2010 would be \$7,000.00, a reduction on the costs in 2008/09

CONCLUSION.

The success of the Fruit Fly programme in the Greater Hume Shire Council area will rely on promoting public awareness and the removal of fruit fly harbour. The Greater Hume Shire Council proved last year they are a leader in the fight to defeat fruit fly in this region but this cannot be achieved in one year alone.

RECOMMENDATION

That Greater Hume Shire Council adopt the above control programme at a cost of \$ 7,000.00 for 2009/2010.

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4. ELM LEAF BEETLE CONTROL PROGRAMME

Report prepared by Senior Weeds Officer – Neil Hibberson

REASON FOR REPORT

To propose future control options for the Elm Leaf Beetle on council owned land.

DISCUSSION

Background

Elm Leaf Beetle (*Pyrrhalta luteola*) has become a serious parasite of Elm Trees across the Shire since winter 2007. Many calls have been received from ratepayers requiring advice on the best methods of control and advising Council staff of the location of Elm trees across the Shire.

Council has a significant interest in reducing this problem as there are a number of Elm trees on Council controlled property, many with historic or aesthetic value.

A survey carried out in 2008 by council staff revealed between 500-600 elm trees in Greater Hume Shire. These include Elm trees located in Woomargama WW1 memorial planting, trees in the Ten Mile Gardens Holbrook, Culcairn Pool and Jindera, Henty and Culcairn townships with considerable aesthetic value. Plantings along roadsides in Lankey's Creek and Four Mile Lane, although significant to local communities and carrying some historic value, are more difficult to include in a limited budget.

Control in 2008 was undertaken by stem injection by Elmsavers (a contractor from Melbourne) at a cost of \$15,022.78. The contractor treated 259 trees and completed the work over a period of a week. It was noted that some trees were missed.

Elmsavers had provided a quote of \$58/tree, with a two year warranty to stem inject all nominated Elm trees across the Greater Hume Shire.

Jyri Kaapro, a representative from Bayer Environmental Science, suggested that Council could purchase its own equipment and carry out the work itself, cost effectively.

The Senior Weeds Officer met with Geoff Eldridge, the owner of Sidewinder Injection Technology who sells the tree injection equipment. He demonstrated the equipment and explained how Greater Hume Shire Council could benefit from owning a sidewinder injection machine.

Cost to purchase a sidewinder compressed air operated injecting pump kit and options ready to operate is \$ 3,184.00. Training is included on delivery. Chemical cost is approximately \$950.00 (Silvershield).

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ELM LEAF BEETLE CONTROL PROGRAMME [CONT'D]

Employees in the parks and gardens and noxious weeds sections could all be trained in the operation of this equipment. This would alleviate the need for employing contractors and further more the work can be carried out when it needs to be done.

Trees that missed treatment in 2008 could be treated in 2009 by council staff. Future treatment will rely on how effective the chemical is working and when it needs to be reapplied.

Cost estimate to complete the work in house are:

Sidewinder equipment*	\$3,184.00
<i>(One off cost to purchase equipment)</i>	
Chemical	\$ 950.00
Council employees	\$5,000.00
Vehicle	\$1,000.00
Total	\$6,950.00

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Council will be able to save recurrent cost by completing the Elm Tree treatment in house.

CONCLUSION

Elm Leaf Beetle is present throughout the Greater Hume Shire Council area and treatment to save these trees will be ongoing . It is more cost effective to carry out the work ourselves rather than to rely on a contractor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council purchase the necessary equipment and train the relevant staff in the operation of treating Elm Leaf Beetle in trees on Council controlled land.

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5. OVERGROWN LOTS

Report prepared by Director Environment and Planning – Mike Davies

REASON FOR REPORT

Council has requested a report on the handling of overgrown lots.

DISCUSSION

Inspection of towns and villages for overgrown lots is in the first instance conducted by the RFS, although some inspections are prompted by complaints.

For vacant lots inspections are conducted in October and letters sent to landowners in November each year. A copy of the letter is included in **ANNEXURE 3**.

A total of 96 of these hazard reduction letters were sent out in 2008. Follow up inspections are conducted by RFS and letters sent to those owners of lots where no action has occurred. A total of 15 second letters (example in **ANNEXURE 3**) were sent in 2008. Council takes control at that point and arranges (if necessary) for the work to be undertaken and costs recovered - currently 2 of those remain unresolved.

For occupied lots the issue is handled as a health matter. Letters are sent to property owners by Council. A sample letter is also provided in **ANNEXURE 3**. These letters are not restricted to the fire season.

Council's Ranger has in total dealt with approximately 30 overgrown lot issues (including the 15 above) this fire season. Most are able to be resolved over the telephone, however four remain outstanding. There is a further two lots where rubbish is the issue.

So while the RFS gives Council a significant amount of work at the start of the fire season, there is a steady flow of complaint regarding overgrown lots/ rubbish all year round.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

Most ratepayers contacted regarding overgrown lots respond quickly to the issue, but there are a small minority of hold-outs and repeat offenders. Council officers attempt to resolve all issues without resort to penalties being imposed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

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GOVERNANCE

1. ANZAC DAY 2009 [G.140.1]

Set out below is a summary of Anzac Day ceremonies to be held in Greater Hume Shire on Friday 25 April 2009, listing the councillor in attendance at each 2008 ceremony.

Bowna-Wymah	Cr McDonald
Brocklesby	Cr Quinn
Burrumbuttock	Cr O'Neill
Culcairn	Cr Scheuner
Henty	Cr Ross
Holbrook	Cr McInerney
Jindera	Cr O'Neill
Walla Walla	Cr Osborne

Greater Hume Shire Council has traditionally been represented at each of the respective Anzac Day ceremonies by a Councillor who laid a wreath on behalf of the Council.

Further details on times and locations will be provided to Councillors, as they become available.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine its representative to attend the Anzac Day ceremonies to be held in Greater Hume Shire.

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2. REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 2008-2009 (RLCIP)

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Council as to the status of applications for funding under RLCIP programs.

DISCUSSION

The Federal Government has released two RLCIP funding programs. The program which provides funding of \$503,000 directly to Council and the \$550 million Strategic Projects which is a competitive program.

An update of both programs is presented for Councillors' information.

Strategic Projects

At the February meeting it was resolved:

"That the General Manager be authorised to submit an application for funding to the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects for a Town Halls Rebuilding and Revitalisation project."

An application has been submitted for a Public Halls reconstruction and revitalisation project with a total cost of \$2,244,439 of which Council's contribution would be \$111,640.

In addition REROC resolved at its meeting to develop a public open space project to which the General Manager nominated the Jindera Village Green.

Council's wishing to participate in the REROC project were required to nominate projects by Wednesday 25 February and provide all related documentation by the close of business on Tuesday 2 March.

Eight Councils have participated in the project. Funding sought for the Jindera Village Green project totals \$224,500. No Council contribution will be required over and above existing budget allocations.

Council nominated projects

Council was contacted by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on 24 February advising that 25 of the 26 projects had been approved. The project that was rejected was the hologram project at the Holbrook Submarine and Visitor Information Centre on the basis that electronic based projects would not be supported.

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After several discussions with the RLCIP Office approval was gained to fund a component of the hologram project totalling \$18,800 leaving a balance of \$41,309. Again the RLCIP Office required an almost immediate response making it impractical to consider in any detail additional projects.

It would appear that external funding for the balance of the hologram project has been secured from other sources.

Given that \$30,000 was deleted from the Playgrounds Upgrade project (specifically Holbrook) to fund the hologram project, it seemed reasonable to reinstate this project to its previous level. For expediency and to ensure all other 25 projects were approved the remaining \$11,309 has also been added to the Playgrounds Upgrade Project.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Should the RLCIP Strategic Project – Public Halls Reconstruction and Revitalisation Project be successful then a contribution of \$111,640 will be required from Council. Other funding applications will not have a significant impact on Council's budget.

CONCLUSION

Time constraints necessitated the General Manager taking swift action on both the RLCIP Strategic Projects and Council Nominated Projects to ensure funding opportunities for Greater Hume Shire Council were maximised.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager's Actions in submitting applications to the RLCIP Program - Strategic Projects and modifying project allocations for Council nominated projects be endorsed.

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3. IMAGING AND BRANDING PROJECT

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider a minor modification to the logo and introduction of a brand for the Shire.

DISCUSSION

The Economic Development and Social Plan adopted by Council in early 2008 identified the need for Greater Hume Shire Council to develop a clear and compelling image of what sets *Greater Hume Shire* apart from its competitors.

On pages 52 and 53 the Plan states that:- “ *The Greater Hume Shire brand is not only important to attracting residents and business, but also to create a united identity that members of the new amalgamated Shire can be proud of and take ownership of.*”

The following Performance Measure was included in the 2008/2009 Management Plan adopted by Council 25 June 2008:

“Seek the funding for an image and branding strategy for Greater Hume Shire including:

- 1. Directive research into what defining images of the area are universally attractive.*
- 2. A brand strategy that provides a framework for positively describing the essence of what makes Greater Hume a great place.”*

In September 2008 Council was successful in gaining funding through the NSW Department of State and Regional Development to complete an image and branding strategy, develop a new website and produce a tourist brochure. The development of an image and brand is an important first step in the marketing and promotion of Greater Hume Shire.

Lyn Hamilton, Communication works was engaged to develop a brand for the Shire and construct a new website.

A workshop of Councillors was held on Monday 16 February 2009 to consider a modest change to Council’s logo, consider the introduction of a brand – Simply Greater (external) and Simply Greater Together (internal) and present the format of a new website.

There was significant discussion of the appropriateness of the logo and therefore it may be useful to recount the process undertaken to initially adopt Council’s existing logo.

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IMAGING AND BRANDING PROJECT [CONT'D]

A range of options for a new logo were developed by Ken Luke which the then Administrator, David Sexton undertook significant community consultation.

A matrix of options was developed and distributed with a reply paid option to all residents of the Shire. A combination of names and logos were presented for consideration.

The names considered included Yambla Shire, Greater Hume Shire and Billabong Shire along with three logos. A copy of the matrix is included as **ANNEXURE 4**.

In considering the results of the survey the Administrator placed greatest emphasis on the results of the reply paid survey, a copy of which is also included as **ANNEXURE 4**.

In relation to the name, Billabong was clearly the most favoured; however, concerns over a potential conflict with the clothing company of the same name led the Administrator to confirm the name of the Shire as Greater Hume - clear second preference.

In relation to the Logo, the existing design and colours depicting, water, plains, mountains and forests was clearly the most popular choice with almost 64% of the 2002 surveys received in favour.

At the January 2005 meeting the Administrator resolved (Minute No 144) that the name of Greater Hume Shire remain, the logo be numbers 2, 5 and 8 and that essential badging and signage of the Greater Hume Shire proceed immediately.

In early discussions with Lyn Hamilton, advice given what that the logo remain unchanged; however, as the project proceeded, Ms Hamilton advised Management that the horizontal nature of the logo made it difficult to apply to various applications.

Ms Hamilton emphasised at the workshop that Council had already developed a significant brand for the Shire with the use of the logo over the past 4 years, however minor modification in the placement of the Shire name could strengthen the image considerably.

As a result the amended logo included as **ANNEXURE 4** was recommended for consideration by the Workshop.

Ms Hamilton also recommended the adoption of the brand – Simply Greater (external) and Simply Greater Together (internal) as the word simply provides the connotation of a statement of fact and Greater draws from the name Greater Hume.

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IMAGING AND BRANDING PROJECT [CONT'D]

The Simply Greater brand could then be applied to a number of promotional activities such as:

- Simply Greater Living
- Simply Greater Tourism
- Simply Greater Business
- Simply Greater Hospitality etc.

In relation to the Brand "Simply Greater" there was no clear direction from the Workshop.

The new Website format presented a more contemporary image of the Shire than the existing "off the shelf" website developed by the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW in a State Wide rollout several years ago. The State Wide rollout of websites worked well at the time and enabled all councils in NSW to develop a web presence but is now quite dated. Many councils are now moving to customised websites.

The advantages of the new Website is that it will be much easier for web users to navigate and it will significantly increase Council's flexibility of content and is much easier to maintain.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Any change to a logo and/or introduction of a brand will come at a cost; however, if it is incrementally implemented across the Shire, the project can be built into future budgets without impacting on other programs.

CONCLUSION

Any amendment to Council's logo and the introduction of a brand strategy is an important first step in the marketing and promotion of our Shire and should be finalised without delay.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the modified logo as detailed in **ANNEXURE 4** be adopted;
2. the format of the new Website be adopted; and
3. consideration of the brand "Simply Greater" be deferred pending further investigation.

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4. HOLBROOK SWIMMING POOL

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of issues raised in relation to the operation of the Holbrook Swimming Pool.

DISCUSSION

Correspondence has been received from a concerned Holbrook resident, Meryl Allworth raising a number of issues in relation to the operation of the Holbrook Pool. A copy of the correspondence is included as **ANNEXURE 5**.

The issues and Council's response have been detailed for Councillor's information.

Hours of Operation

Issue

Concern raised that the pool is not open until 12.30 pm during school holidays and not until 2 pm after 27 January. Amongst other things this resulted in swimming lessons being held in the hottest part of the day.

Council Response

Local Pool Committees have the flexibility to set pool opening and closing times with the 800 hours allocated to Holbrook. A higher level of engagement with the Holbrook Pool Committee should resolve this matter prior to the 2009/2010 Pool Season.

In relation to maximising the use of the Pool for residents and visitors this will be for consideration by Councillors during the formation of the 2009/2010 budget. In 2008/2009 Holbrook Pool was available to the public for approximately 800 hours, Jindera 800 hours, Culcairn and Henty 700 hours and Walla Walla 600 hours.

A copy of the 2008/2009 Swimming Pool hours is included as **ANNEXURE 5**.

Pool Manager

Issue

Difficulty in recruiting staff and consideration should be given to off season employment to make employment more attractive or possible lease arrangements.

Council response

Relatively low unemployment in recent years has made it difficult to recruit staff and Council has been reliant on a pool of casuals, predominately University Students to provide the labour force. Council has leased the Jindera Pool and Canteen, however similar efforts to lease the Holbrook Pool have been unsuccessful.

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Offering fulltime employment (with Pool Manager working with operational staff in the off season) can be an option, but if the right staff cannot be recruited has the potential to be inefficient.

Pool Canteens across the Shire operate under a number of different arrangements:

Jindera – Operated by lessee

Culcairn – Operated by Pool Committee on a voluntary basis (in the past has been supplemented by employment schemes).

Walla Walla – Operated by the Pool Committee with supplementation by employment schemes.

Henty – Leased out, but not to Pool Manager.

Adult Classes

Issue

Have not been held due to pool opening hours on Saturday mornings.

Council Response

Pool opening hours are flexible within the 800 hour limit.

Holbrook Pool Committee

Issue

Nominations for the Holbrook Swimming Pool Committee were not sought following the Local Government Elections in 2008.

Council Response

This was an oversight and will be rectified in the coming months in preparation for the 2009/2010 Pool Season.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil at this time.

CONCLUSION

The Holbrook Pool Committee has become disengaged with Council, in part due to the limitation of 800 hours with the resultant impact on the spread of operating hours.

Clearly a higher level of communication needs to be engendered with the Holbrook Swimming Pool Committee to ensure that the Committees views are understood by Council, bearing in mind Council's budget constraints.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the General Manager forward an appropriate response to Mrs Allworth; and
2. nominations be sought for the Holbrook Swimming Pool Committee.

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5. OFFICE OF RURAL AFFAIRS – COMMUNITY HALLS RENEWAL FUND

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Council on the progress of submitting applications for funding under the Community Halls Renewal Fund.

DISCUSSION

At the February meeting Council was advised that the Office of Rural Affairs had announced the Community Halls Renewal Fund that provides \$2.5 million over five years to help communities in country NSW to renovate, extend or upgrade Community Halls.

Council resolved that:

“That the General Manager be authorised to submit funding applications under the Office of Rural Affairs – Community Halls Renewal Fund for repairs and upgrades to the Holbrook and Culcairn Halls.”

The following applications for funding have been submitted:

<u>Holbrook Hall</u>	
External painting	\$22,365
Internal toilets	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total	\$97,365

Grant sought **\$50,000**

Balance to be funded by Council **\$47,365**

<u>Culcairn Hall</u>	
External painting and selected internal painting	\$31,320
Remediate existing kitchen	\$25,000
Installation of disabled ramps and landing	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total	\$71,320

Grant sought **\$47,546**

Balance to be funded from Culcairn Hall C'ttee **\$23,774**

Note; The Culcairn Hall Committee have sufficient Reserves to support the application for funding.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Should the application for funding for the Holbrook Hall be successful an amount of \$27,365 (\$47,365-\$20,000 in 2008/2009 Budget) will need to be included in the 2009/2010 Budget.

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CONCLUSION

Whilst Council would be required to include additional expenditure in the 2008/2009 or 2009/2010 Budgets the opportunity for external funding should be sought.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Managers actions in submitting applications for funding under the Office of Rural Affairs – Community Halls Renewal Program for Holbrook and Culcairn be endorsed.

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6. BUILDING THE COUNTRY PACKAGE – LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FUND

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors of an Expression of Interest for funding submitted for the development of the Holbrook Common as an Industrial Estate.

DISCUSSION

As part of the November 2007 Mini Budget the NSW State Government announced the \$85 million 'Building the Country Package'. The package is made up of seven new programs with funding available until the 2013/14 financial year.

The programs include:

- \$52 million Local Infrastructure Support Fund.
- \$9 million Water Adjustment Innovation Fund
- \$11.6m Community Broadband Development Fund
- \$450,000 Small Chamber of Commerce Fund
- \$9 million Country Libraries Fund
- \$2.5 million Country Halls Renewal Package
- \$450,000 Small Communities Awareness Fund

As reported previously Council has submitted two applications under the Country Halls Renewal Package and Council's Community Development Officer, Libby Ellis has been working with a number of communities throughout the Shire on applications under the Small Chamber of Commerce Grants and Small Communities Awareness Fund.

In relation to the Local Infrastructure Support Fund, Expressions of Interest have been sought for the development of infrastructure that would benefit more than one business and could include the following:

- Electricity supply
- Natural gas and pipelines
- Water supply and off site wastewater treatment/recycling
- Sewerage connection
- Roadworks
- Telecommunications

Given that the closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 20 March an Expression of Interest has been lodged for the development of the Holbrook Common as an Industrial Estate.

Further, Council has been working with Telstra to lodge an application under the same program to improve telecommunications in the Jindera/Burrumbuttock and Holbrook areas.

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The Local Infrastructure Support Fund is a rolling program whereby applications unsuccessful in the first round of funding can be considered in subsequent funding rounds.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

The Local Infrastructure Support Fund provides an opportunity to source external funding to develop and/or improve community infrastructure that has previously been identified by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager's actions in submitting Expressions of Interest under the Local Infrastructure Support Fund for the development of the Holbrook Common as an Industrial Estate and Improvement to telecommunications in the Jindera/Burrumbuttock and Holbrook areas be endorsed.

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7. NSW HEALTH – PROPOSAL TO SELL NURSING HOME BEDS AT HOLBROOK

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Councillors on the proposal by NSW Health to sell 16 nursing home beds at the Holbrook Hospital.

DISCUSSION

Councillors would be aware of a proposal by NSW Health to sell 16 nursing home beds at the Holbrook Hospital known as the Harry Jarvis Wing.

The General Manager became aware of a proposal by NSW Health by chance in mid February when his attention was drawn to a State Government tender by Julie Briggs of RERO. That tender sought Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified Consultants to provide Legal Services for the State Nursing Home Transfer Project.

Contact was made with the Manager of the Holbrook Hospital who was unable to provide any further information, but later contact with the CEO of Greater Southern Area Health disclosed that the State Nursing Home Transfer Project was included in the NSW State Mini Budget. Further scrutiny of this document discloses a vague reference in the Appendix A of the Mini Budget Documentation.

The disposal of nursing home beds is also proposed for other Greater Southern Area Health Service sites at Leeton, Murrumbarah-Harden and Corowa. It would appear that these Council's had no knowledge of the proposal either.

It would seem that once Local Government became aware of the proposal a number of information sessions were held to brief local Councils, community based Health Advisory Committees, residents and their families and staff. An information session was held at Holbrook on Wednesday 25 February.

Quite incredibly the Minister for Health, the Hon. John Della Bosca did not issue a media release until Wednesday 4 March. A copy of the media release is attached as **ANNEXURE 6**.

The State Nursing Home Transfer Project aims to dispose of nursing home beds (including 16 at Holbrook) to the non government sector or local government.

Once a Consultant has been appointed to provide the legal services for the project it is anticipated that Expressions of Interest (EOI's) will be sought from organisations interested in acquiring the nursing home bed licences.

It would appear at this stage Council has three options:

- Seek to retain the status quo – oppose the sale of the beds by the State Government.
- Council to acquire the bed licences.
- Encourage the non government sector to acquire the bed licences at Holbrook.

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All of the above options have some level of risk and it would seem appropriate to at least contact the other Greater Southern Area Health Sites to ascertain their position.

It is anticipated that EOI's will be sought in the second quarter of 2009 and that Council should submit an EOI to ensure it is at the negotiation table.

Further it is recommended that a small Working Group be established to monitor the transfer of nursing home beds and recommend future action to Council consisting of the Mayor, Cr Wilton (Chair of Holbrook Aged Services Committee), General Manager, Manager Community Services and Judy Wettenhall (Chair of the Holbrook Health Advisory Committee).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Could be substantial if Council is to acquire the 16 bed licences at Holbrook.

CONCLUSION

Whilst it is extremely disappointing that the State Government did not see fit to bring an issue of such importance to the Holbrook Community to Council's attention in a timely manner, it would appear that the project will proceed and it incumbent upon Council to negotiate the best outcome for the Holbrook Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Confirm its commitment to the retention of 16 nursing home beds at Holbrook.
2. Seek to convene a meeting of the Leeton, Murrumbarah-Harden and Corowa Councils to ascertain their position on the State Nursing Home Transfer Project.
3. Establish a Working Party to progress the matter comprising the Mayor, General Manager, Cr Wilton (Chair of Holbrook Aged Services Committee), Manager Community Services, and Judy Wettenhall (Chair of the Holbrook Health Advisory Committee).

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8. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SEMINARS – RECORD OF COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To table correspondence from the Department of Local Government regarding Councillor attendance at mandatory Councillor Information Seminars.

DISCUSSION

Correspondence was received from the Department of Local Government advising of Councillor attendance at the Councillor Information Seminars held between October and December 2008. A copy of the correspondence and the Councillor Development Strategy Implementation Update is attached at **ANNEXURE 7**.

I can report that all Greater Hume Shire Councillors attended the Councillor Information Seminars.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager's report on Councillor attendance at Councillor Information Seminars be received and noted.

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9. COMMUNITY RADIO PROPOSAL – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider a request for a letter of support for the establishment of a community radio.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor has received a request from Irvine Gregg seeking a letter of support to assist in the establishment of a community radio within the Shire.

The community radio would broadcast local events, emergency reports, news, a variety of music and various other programs of interest.

Mr Gregg has also indicated that Council may wish to have a representative on the Committee when it is ultimately formed.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

Council should support the establishment of community radio providing financial support is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor be authorised to provide a letter of support to Irvine Gregg to assist with the establishment of a community radio.

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10. CULCAIRN COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS FORUM

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of nominations received for the Culcairn Community Development Committee.

DISCUSSION

At the December meeting Council resolved:

“That:

- 1. the proposed restructure of the Culcairn Community Development Committee be endorsed and*
- 2. advertising commence for nominations to the Committee as soon as possible.”*

Advertising has been completed and at the closure of nominations on 13 February 2008 nine nominations were received being from:

Janet Drummond
Lucy Little
Brian Lodge
Jenny Lodge
Diane McElwaine
Judy McGuinness
Jeffrey Sanderson
Andrew Thompson
Paul Wilksch

On 19 February a further two nominations were received from:

Kandy Galloway, and
Christine Parker

It was the original intention that Council would appoint members to the Committee and also to the working groups of:

- Special Projects
- Business promotion
- Community Development
- Community Services
- Community Newsletter
- Tidy Towns

However, given the small number of nominations it may be prudent to appoint the eleven nominees to the Culcairn Community and Business Forum and for the General Manager to convene a meeting to elect Chairperson, Secretary and members to Working groups.

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CULCAIRN COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS FORUM [CONT'D]

A copy of the nomination forms have been circulated separately with the Agenda for Councillors' information.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

The number of nominations for the Culcairn Community and Business Forum has been somewhat disappointing given the community support for the change of direction; however, is considered appropriate to appoint the nominees and for the General Manager to convene a meeting to elect Office Bearers and allocate members to Working Groups.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the following nominees be appointed to the Culcairn Community and Business forum:
 - Janet Drummond
 - Lucy Little
 - Brian Lodge
 - Jenny Lodge
 - Diane McElwaine
 - Judy McGuinness
 - Jeffrey Sanderson
 - Andrew Thompson
 - Paul Wilksch
 - Kandy Galloway and
 - Christine Parker; and

2. the General Manager convene a meeting to elect Office Bearers and allocate members to Working Groups.

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11. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 184-06/07 – SEALING OF PARTS OF WALLACE AND BRUCE STREETS

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of negotiations in relation to the sealing of parts of Wallace and Bruce Streets, Holbrook.

DISCUSSION

At the December meeting the requirement to seal parts of Wallace and Bruce Streets, Holbrook as part of DA 184-06/07 was raised. At the time Council Officers advised that the condition was erroneously omitted from the Development Consent.

The General Manager undertook to enter into negotiations with the Developers to ensure the unsealed section of Wallace and Bruce Streets are sealed as part of the development.

The works to prepare and seal these sections has been costed at \$25,000 and correspondence was forwarded to the Developers seeking a contribution. An initial offer of \$3,000 was made which was rejected by the General Manager.

Following further negotiations the Developers have offered a contribution of \$12,500 on the basis of \$4,000 being paid immediately (paid on 2 March 2009) and the remainder in two instalments of \$4,000 and \$4,500 when the next two Lots are sold.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is unlikely that the balance \$12,500 can be funded from existing allocations and therefore will have a resultant impact of Council's budget.

CONCLUSION

It is considered reasonable in the circumstances and it is recommended for acceptance.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the offer of a contribution \$12,500 towards the sealing of parts of Wallace and Bruce Streets, Holbrook payable \$4,000 immediately and then two further instalments of \$4,000 and \$4,500 when the next two Lots are sold be accepted.
2. the sealing works be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

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12. WATER UTILITIES WORKSHOP 11 MARCH 2009

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Councillors on meetings held to consider the recommendations of the Inquiry report into the provision of Water and Sewerage Services in Non Metropolitan NSW in early 2008.

DISCUSSION

A report including the recommendations from the Inquiry Report into the provision of Water and Sewerage in Non Metropolitan NSW was included in February Agenda. A copy of the recommendations has been included at **ANNEXURE 8**. In brief the report stated:

“As known Council is in a unique position in relation to other NSW Councils, as Council operates two separate water supply schemes, the Villages Water Supply Scheme with water supplied from Albury City (as a bulk water user) to the townships of Jindera, Gerogery, Gerogery West, Burrumbuttock and Brocklesby, and surrounding rural areas, and the Culcairn Water Scheme which supplies the Culcairn township only. The townships of Holbrook, Henty, Morvan, Woomargama, Walla Walla, and Walbundrie as well as the surrounding rural areas are supplied by Riverina Water County Council (RWCC).

Council also operates six sewerage schemes in the townships of Burrumbuttock, Culcairn, Henty, Jindera, Holbrook, and Walla Walla.

Most other Councils source and manage their water supplies solely within their Council boundaries.

The report in general recommends that the Riverina Water County Council remain unchanged (due to its size and future sustainability) including supplying water to towns currently supplied in Greater Hume, where the Villages Water Scheme, the Culcairn Water Scheme and all Councils sewerage schemes are to form part of a Binding Alliance of RAMROC Councils.

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The recommendations clearly advise that ongoing operational aspects of the schemes will remain with Council at a local level."

Since the February Council meeting both REROC, RAMROC and the Riverina Water Council has met to consider in more detail the Inquiry Report recommendations.

Detailed below are the recommendations from each organisation:

RAMROC

RAMROC met on 25 February 2009 and whilst concern was raised at the extent of roles and responsibilities of a 'Binding Alliance', it was resolved that:

"RESOLVED that the Panel Inquiry Report be noted, but that it is observed that the Inquiry Panel Report proposes additional functions and powers for the RAMROC Binding Alliance over and above those originally proposed by RAMROC and that these are of concern to Member Councils, particularly control of water and sewerage pricing and the determination of water restrictions.

FURTHER that RAMROC re-affirm its original request that the State Government provide an estimated amount of \$200,000 to fully examine and develop a detailed Business Model for implementation of a Binding Alliance, encompassing the functions and responsibilities that are most appropriate for the region and as they were proposed in the original RAMROC submission.

FURTHER that the NSW Government be requested to provide assurances that its commitment of "hundreds of millions of dollars for water and sewerage infrastructure", as promised by the former Water Minister and now Premier the Hon Nathan Rees, will be honoured as an integral component of the reform proposals."

A preliminary estimate to introduce the RAMROC model is between \$375,000-\$750,000 per year which equates to between \$6.23 - \$12.46 per connection per year. A property that has both water and sewerage is estimated to pay \$12.46 – \$24.92 per connection per year.

REROC

REROC met on Monday 2 March as considered a Discussion Paper that had previously been circulated to member Councils.

REROC resolved that a submission be made to the Inquiry advising that member Council generally favoured the Model 1 – REROC Water Alliance with the integration of Model 6 - a proposed Commercial Services Unit on an opt in - opt out basis.

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The activities of the REROC Model 1 are similar to the RAMROC Alliance but seek to achieve those aims through resource sharing rather than establishing another tier of administration. REROC Model 6 – Commercial Technical Services Unit goes some way towards the RAMROC model.

RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

The Riverina Water County Council at its meeting held on 25 February resolved the following:

Resolved on the motion of Cirs McInerney and Goodlass that:

- a) Council provides a submission on the Independent report,
- b) Support the recommended option of Council continuing in its current form,
- c) In relation to the proposed changes to sewerage services within the Riverina Water area of supply, Council offer to be included in any dialogue or discussions to assist with the process, if deemed appropriate by the General Purpose Councils involved,
- d) Council actively pursues increased levels of cooperation and resource sharing with General Purpose Councils,
- e) The Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to sign Council's submission, and
- f) Council advise Riverina Regional Organisation of Councils, of Councils recommendations.

CONCLUSION

The report to the February meeting of Council highlighted that Council is in a unique position in relation to other NSW Councils, as Council operates two separate water supply schemes, the Villages Water Supply Scheme with water supplied from Albury City (as a bulk water user) to the townships of Jindera, Gerogery, Gerogery West, Burrumbuttock and Brocklesby , and surrounding rural areas, and the Culcairn Water Scheme which supplies the Culcairn township only. The townships of Holbrook, Henty, Morvan, Woomargama, Walla Walla, and Walbundrie as well as the surrounding rural areas are supplied by Riverina Water County Council (RWCC).

The resolution from the RAMROC meeting held on 25 February 2009 clearly articulates that that there are parts of the Inquiry recommendations that are unpalatable to RAMROC Council's, however Management is of the view that Council's reliance on Albury City to provide water (at the boundary) for the Villages Water Supply necessitates that Council align with the RAMROC Alliance.

Whilst Council's Water and Sewerage Services are operating effectively, Council is not meeting Best Practice at a strategic level.

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For instance Business Plans do not exist for the former Hume Shire Water and Sewerage Services and the Holbrook (1997/98) and Culcairn Plans (2001/2002) are also quite outdated. The introduction of the RAMROC Alliance should assist at this strategic level.

It is possible, however, that Council can support the REROC Model as it may wish to purchase services from the Common Technical Services Unit if it is ultimately established.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Greater Hume Shire Council support:
 - a) the Inquiry recommendations in relation to Riverina Water County Council continuing in its present form.
 - b) the further investigation of Greater Hume Shire Water and Sewerage Schemes being included in the RAMROC Alliance.
 - c) the recommendations from the RAMROC meeting held on 25 February 2009 in relation to the Inquiry report.
 - d) the REROC Water Alliance as detailed in the Discussion Paper.
2. Initiate discussions with Riverina Water County Council regarding the future supply of water in the northern part of the Shire.
3. That Council seek an extension of time to make a submission and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the submission on Council's behalf.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. LOANS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To recommend that Council's policy in relation to the provision of financial assistance loans to community groups be amended.

DISCUSSION

At the July 2008 meeting, Council adopted a policy governing the provision of financial assistance loans to community groups. A copy of Council's current policy is attached as **ANNEXURE 9**.

A key element of the policy was the adoption of principles in relation to the interest rate applicable to loans. The current policy provides as follows:

The interest rate shall be fixed at the average monthly interest rate of Council's Investment Portfolio at the time of drawing the loan.

If interest rates fall significantly the community group or organisation can apply to Council to reduce the interest rate charged on the loan. Each application will be considered on its merits taking into consideration matters such as the balance of the loan outstanding and term of loan remaining.

At present, Council has provided three loans to community groups under the terms of the current policy. The loans are as follows:

Brocklesby Recreation Reserve Committee	\$40,000 at 7.68% p.a.
Jindera Recreation Reserve Committee	\$40,000 at 7.87% p.a.
Wirraminna Management Committee	\$5,000 at 6.05% p.a.

The issue facing Council, and the community groups to whom loans have been advanced, is that at present, the average monthly interest rate on Council's investments has reduced to approximately 6%, with interest rates expected to decline further as longer term investments mature and are re-invested.

As shown above, two loans are currently attracting interest rates of 7.87% and 7.68%. Given the downward movement in interest rates since these loans were advanced, it would seem appropriate that Council review the interest rates being charged so as to ensure that the community groups involved are not unfairly treated as a result of the implementation of Council's policy.

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Further, to ensure that Council is not required to continually review interest rates on loans, it is recommended that Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups Policy be amended and that a fixed interest rate of 5% p.a. apply to all loans provided under the policy. A similar policy position has been taken by the NSW Lands Department whereby all loans provided to community groups such as Showground Trusts are charged an annual interest rate of 7.5%. This rate has remained unchanged for a number of years, irrespective of movements in external interest rates.

The rate of 5% as proposed for Council's policy represents a middle ground position whereby community groups and Council will not be excessively disadvantaged should interest rates remain in the 4% - 8% range.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council's policy provides that the quantum of all loans approved shall not exceed \$250,000 at any one time. That being the case, based on a maximum of \$250,000 extended on loans, the cost to Council equates to a maximum of \$2,500 per annum for each percentage point that investment rates exceed the nominated loan rate of 5%.

CONCLUSION

Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups Policy was established to assist community groups with the development and establishment of significant community infrastructure projects. That being the case, it is important that the interest rate charged to loans provided by Council does not represent a hindrance or financial impediment to community groups wishing to undertake community projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Section 3 of Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups Policy be amended to read "The interest rate shall be fixed at the rate of 5% p.a. for the term of the loan.
2. Section 4 of Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups Policy be deleted.
3. The interest rate applying to all current loans provided under Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups Policy to date be reduced to 5%p.a.

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2. INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING FRAMEWORK

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To provide Council with further advice on the Department of Local Government's Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Local Government has for some time now been consulting with Councils in relation to the introduction of the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework. The proposed framework will replace the existing Management Planning process and will consist of long-term Community Strategic Plan (10 years +), a four year Delivery Programme, a one year Operational Plan and an Annual Report.

For the benefit of Councillors, a copy of the Department's Options Paper, Circular 07-28 and Circular 08-65 relating to the introduction of the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework is attached as **ANNEXURE 10**. These documents provide a comprehensive background on the development of the framework and the consultation process that has taken place to date.

As part of the implementation process, Council's will be asked to nominate to be included in one of the three Implementation Groups as outlined on Page 1 of Circular 08-65. As the circular states, it is envisaged that those Councils that are already well advanced in respect of long-term strategic planning will nominate for Group 1 whereby they will have a Community Strategic Plan adopted by 31 March 2010 and a Delivery Programme adopted by 30 June 2010.

For those Councils that are not as advanced in respect of their strategic planning processes, the option will be to nominate for either Group 2 or Group 3, however it is expected that all Councils will be operating under the new framework from 2012.

In respect of Greater Hume Shire Council's position, there are a number of factors that will influence Council's decision as to which Implementation Group to nominate for.

Firstly, it is clear that Greater Hume Shire Council is not as advanced as some other Council's in respect of developing a long-term community strategic plan. That being the case, it is unlikely that Council would be in a position to undertake the required community consultation and complete a Community Strategic Plan by 31 March 2010. Accordingly, nomination for Group 1 is not considered to be a viable option.

The second matter to consider is the expiry date of Council's Existing Social & Community Plan. Most Councils were required to develop and submit a 5-Year Social & Community Plan for the period 30 November 2004 – 30 November 2009.

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However, given that Greater Hume Shire Council was formed in May 2004, an extension of two years was granted to Council whereby a Social & Community Plan was to be developed and adopted by 30 November 2006. Council's plan was subsequently developed within the required timeframe and covers the period 30 November 2006 – 30 November 2011.

Given that the current Management Planning process, including the development of a Social & Community Plan, will be replaced by the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework, Council has an opportunity to undertake the required community consultation and adopt a Community Strategic Plan prior to the expiration of the current Social & Community Plan. In order to achieve that goal, Council would be required to nominate to be included in Implementation Group 2 whereby a Community Strategic Plan is adopted by 31 March 2011 and a Delivery Plan adopted by 30 June 2011.

Given that the provisions of the new reporting framework require all Councils to adopt a Community Strategic Plan by 31 March 2012 at the latest, nomination for Implementation Group 2 is essential if Council is to avoid the requirement of developing a Social & Community Plan by 30 November 2011 only for that plan to be made redundant by the implementation of a Community Strategic Plan in March 2012.

Given the above timelines, nomination for Implementation Group 2 is clearly advantageous.

It is important to note that at the time of preparing this report, the Department of Local Government has not issued the draft legislation or guidelines underpinning the new reporting framework. That being the case, it is recommended that Council provide in-principle support for nomination to Implementation Group 2, and that a final decision be deferred until such time as final legislation has been released and Council has been provided with formal guidelines governing the implementation of the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

In order to develop and adopt a Community Strategic Plan by 31 March 2011, extensive planning and consultation processes will need to commence in the 2009/2010 financial year. That being the case, a significant allocation will be required in the 2009/10 financial budget. The extent of the allocation will be discussed as part of Council's budget development process.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Local Government is clearly committed to the implementation of the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework. Given the timelines outlined above, it is advantageous for Greater Hume Shire Council to provide in-principle support for nomination to Implementation Group 2 and that Council actively strive for the development and adoption of a Community Strategic Plan by 31 March 2011.

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INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING FRAMEWORK [CONT'D]

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Greater Hume Shire Council provide in-principle support for nomination to the Department of Local Government Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework Implementation Group 2.
2. A final decision be deferred until such time as legislation and formal guidelines governing the implementation of the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework have been released.

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3. ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF ALBURY WODONGA – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BORDER STARGAZE

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of a request from the Astronomical Society of Albury Wodonga for financial assistance to stage Border Stargaze 2009.

DISCUSSION

Correspondence has been received from Astronomical Society of Albury Wodonga requesting financial assistance from Council to stage Border Stargaze 2009. A copy of the correspondence is attached as **ANNEXURE 11**.

Councillors will recall that financial assistance has been made available to the Astronomical Society of Albury Wodonga for the staging of Border Stargaze in previous years.

A copy of the evaluation of Border Stargaze 2008 has been circulated separately with the Agenda. Based on participation figures provided, it would appear that the event is growing and that interest from local schools in particular is increasing.

The Mullengandra Public School P & C has previously provided catering for the event which generated a small profit. The organisers of Border Stargaze 2009 have again advised that a locally based group or association will again be offered the opportunity of catering for the event as support for their annual fund raising activities.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Any financial contribution would be funded from existing Tourism allocations.

CONCLUSION

Border Stargaze is a unique event and like any other event takes a number of years to become established and financially self sustaining. It is recommended that further financial assistance of \$1,000 be provided for the 2009 event.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council make a contribution of \$1,000 to the Astronomical Society of Albury Wodonga's Border Stargaze 2009; and
2. The contribution be funded from the existing Tourism allocation.

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4. HOLBROOK SUBMARINE MUSEUM AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE

Report prepared by Community Services Manager – Ian Gilbert

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council on the outcome of the negotiations with the Holbrook Submarine Museum and Visitor Information Centre Committee in relation to future staffing arrangements and funding of the Hologram project as per Council's resolution (1802) at the Meeting of Council held on 18 February 2009.

DISCUSSION

At the Meeting of the Holbrook Submarine Museum and Visitor Information Centre Committee held on 10 March 2009, the Committee resolved:

1. *To provide 12 hours per fortnight to the Visitor Information Centre on a voluntary basis on the understanding that the income from admissions to the Museum on those days be retained by the Committee for future improvements to the Museum".*
2. *That the days of volunteers operating the Visitor Information Centre shall be Sundays.*
3. *That an initial trial period of six months be provided to determine the sustainability of the volunteers being able to provide the services with a review of the operations being undertaken at 3 months by the Manager Community Services.*

To allow for adequate training for the volunteers the Manager Community Services recommends that the commencement date for the trial period be May 2009.

The Committee is currently in the process of negotiating with the suppliers of the hologram technology to determine the extent of cost savings which can be achieved by voluntary assistance, for example completing required cabinets etc. A formal proposal including a financial plan to cover the shortfall in funding of the hologram project is being prepared by the Committee to present to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the recommendations as passed at the meeting of the Holbrook Submarine Museum and Visitor Information Centre Committee on 10 March 2009.

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5. GEROGERY COMMEMORATION HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager - Suzanne Klemke

REASON FOR REPORT

Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Gerogery Commemoration Hall Management Committee advising Council that the committee has resolved to relinquish their delegations and responsibilities as a Management Committee of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

DISCUSSION

The members of the Gerogery Commemoration Hall Management Committee have been managing the facility for a number of years, without any significant change to the membership of the committee.

In response to the correspondence received from the Committee, a meeting was held with the Committee members and Council's Director Corporate & Community Services, Director Environment & Planning and Corporate Services Manager.

The committee advised they are unable to recruit new members to the committee and the existing members are unable to continue in their current capacity.

That being the case, it was determined that the most appropriate course of action is for the control and management of the facility to be handed back to Council and that a procedure be implemented for booking the facility and scheduling regular maintenance. It should be noted that usage of the Gerogery Hall has declined significantly over recent years, and that the only regular user of the facility is the local CWA branch.

It is envisaged that the processes to be implemented for the management of the Gerogery Hall would mirror the procedures currently in place for the management of the Holbrook Hall where Council has been responsible for all bookings etc for a number of years.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council support the request from the Gerogery Commemoration Hall Management Committee to formally hand back the management of the facility to Greater Hume Shire Council and the delegations currently vested to the Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 be revoked.

RECOMMENDATION

The delegations vested to the Gerogery Commemoration Hall Management Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 be revoked and that the Gerogery Commemoration Hall Management Committee be removed from Council's register of committees appointed under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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6. LEASE OF LAND TO JINDERA & DISTRICT PONY CLUB

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager - Suzanne Klemke

REASON FOR REPORT

Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Jindera & District Pony Club indicating they would like to renew the current lease for the Jindera Reserve R94491.

DISCUSSION

Council, as the Jindera Reserve Trust is currently leasing Reserve R94491 to the Jindera & District Pony Club for a period of 20 years with a termination date of 31 December 2010. The current lease provides for a rental of \$100 per annum including GST and is reviewed every five years during the term of the lease.

The lessee is responsible for the maintenance of all buildings, structures and fencing in accordance with Council's lease agreement.

Although the request to extend the lease does not constitute a renewal term, it would seem appropriate to extend the lease for a further 20 year period terminating on 31 December 2030.

It is also recommended that, as per the existing Lease, rental payable should be reviewed every five (5) years during the term of the lease to reflect an increase equivalent to the CPI for the twelve months preceding the expiration of the five year anniversary and provided always that the increased rental shall not be less than the rental payable for the previous period.

As the land in question is Crown Land held under trusteeship, Council is required to obtain permission from the Department of Lands to extend the lease in accordance with the Crown Lands Act 1989 - Sec 102 (d) which states:

*"A reserve trust may not sell, lease or mortgage land, or grant an easement or a licence (except a temporary licence) in respect of land, comprising the whole or any part of the reserve unless:
(d) the Minister has consented in writing to the proposal."*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

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LEASE OF LAND TO JINDERA & DISTRICT PONY CLUB [CONT'D]

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council resolve to extend the lease of the Jindera Reserve R94491 to the Jindera & District Pony Club for a further period of 20 years terminating 31 December 2030, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the existing lease.
2. Correspondence be forwarded to the Department of Lands seeking approval to extend the Lease of Jindera Reserve R94491 to the Jindera & District Pony Club for a further period of 20 years.
3. Rental payable be reviewed every five (5) years during the term of the lease to reflect an increase equivalent to the CPI for the twelve months preceding the expiration of the five year anniversary and provided always that the increased rental shall not be less than the rental payable for the previous period.
4. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Lease documentation under the Common Seal of Council.

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ENGINEERING

1. STREET NAMING IN GREATER HUME SHIRE

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Councillors on proposals received for possible future street names.

DISCUSSION

Council previously requested staff to develop a list of names that could be used for future street names in Councils towns and villages.

Following this request an advertisement was placed in local newspapers and community newsletters and a letter forwarded to all town and villages community committees, for people to submit appropriate names that could be used for future street names.

Unfortunately only a limited number of submissions were received and only suggestions were made for the three towns of Holbrook, Henty and Walla Walla, copies enclosed at **ANNEXURE 12**.

Due to the limited responses received it is considered appropriate that further avenues are explored to compile an appropriate list of names. It is therefore considered appropriate that all 355 committees within each town be contacted for their suggestions as a start.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Minimal implications on Council budget except for additional administration costs.

CONCLUSION

It is important that Council has a direct input into future names of new streets in Council townships, to ensure appropriate recognition of Councils heritage and local features.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse further processes by staff in obtaining appropriate future street names in Council townships, and Councillors directly encourage the community to support the process in any way possible.

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2. REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVAL – ALBURY STREET, HOLBROOK

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To consider removal of a cedar tree in Albury Street, Holbrook outside of Holbrook Woolpack Inn Museum.

DISCUSSION

Normally removal or lopping of trees on streets are approved by Director Engineering following a risk assessment of the tree in question. Removal of trees especially in town areas are not generally encouraged unless there is a significant risk associated with the tree, as trees are a very positive enhancement to streetscapes and a town character.

In this case, the tree is one of very few in Albury Street, and in a healthy condition – see attached Risk Assessment Report included at **ANNEXURE 13**). However, as with most cedar trees, they drop berries that can make it a bit messy under the tree and may make the footpath more slippery on occasions.

The proprietors of the Holbrook Woolpack Inn Museum have requested the tree be removed due to the issues stated in this report. A copy of this correspondence is attached at **ANNEXURE 13**.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As the tree is not significant in size the removal could be accommodated in Councils current maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

It is clear the tree poses some risk due to the berries, however is in healthy condition, and is one of very few trees remaining in Albury Street, Holbrook. It is to be noted that substantial works will take place in Albury St following the completion of the bypass in the near future. Clearly planting of extra trees will be one of the major items to be discussed in any future streetscape enhancement, with cedar trees not being a type of tree that would be considered due to its inherent problems with berries.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the removal of the cedar tree in front of the Woolpack Inn Museum in Albury Street, Holbrook.

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3. ADAMS STREET (HUON TO MITCHELL) KERB & GUTTER PROJECT

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To provide a summary of this project for Councillors' information, and to endorse the actions taken by Director Engineering in the completion of this project.

DISCUSSION

Following the lodgment of proposals to subdivide 78 and 84 Adams St, it was conditioned on the development consents that kerb and gutter, sealing of road shoulder and associated nature strip works be completed on the frontage to Adams St. Subsequently Council accepted monetary contributions in lieu of actual works being completed. This decision was taken to ensure appropriate staging of works could be done. 78 and 84 Adams St are parcels of land separated by an unconstructed section of Gibson St.

Following the payment of the contributions, Council staff designed and drew up construction plans for the provision of kerb and gutter on both sides of Adams St between Huon St and Mitchell St (see **ANNEXURE 14**). It was appropriate to design both sides together due to insignificant amount of extra survey and design required to complete the design for the whole street.

The length of kerb and gutter designed was considered appropriate as it was a continuous section between the nearest intersecting roads (Huon St and Mitchell St). The subdivided lots of 78 and 84 Adams St make up half of the parcels of land in this section of Adams St, with the remaining lots 74 and 88 containing existing residences on the other half.

Owners of both 74 and 88 Adams St where subsequently levied a charge of 50% of the cost to install the kerb and gutter only in the frontage of their property in Adams St as per Councils Fees and Charges policy.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As advised to Council at the February Meeting, (in the December Quarterly review), the cost to complete the works in Adams St was \$48,820. With contributions received from developers and landholders of \$21,240, the total cost to Council for the project is \$27,580.

The additional cost above the contribution is mainly made up of 'Councils' contribution of kerb and gutter from land "owned" fronting Adams St (30m frontage – unconstructed section of Gibson St and two six metre frontages of 'back' lanes) and widening of the road and sealing and other associated drainage works required in front of the already constructed residences, as well as the 50% of the kerb and gutter cost in front of the residences.

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ADAMS STREET (HUON TO MITCHELL) KERB & GUTTER PROJECT [CONT'D]

As approved at Februarys Council Meeting, Council will offset this additional cost by reallocating footpath works in Jindera St and Creek St to the 2009/10 Financial Year.

CONCLUSION

Although not included in the Councils original management plan, the opportunity to construct the kerb and gutter and associated roadworks in Adams St in Jindera, in conjunction with the erection of a number of new dwellings, leads to a new and positive streetscape to the benefit of both new and current residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the actions taken by the Director Engineering in the completion of the kerb and gutter project in Adams Street (Huon Street to Mitchell Street).

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ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

1. **WITHDRAWAL OF ALBURY CITY COUNCIL FROM THE UPPER MURRAY REGIONAL LIBRARY (UMRL)**

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Councillors on the impending withdrawal of Albury City Council from the UMRL.

DISCUSSION

In recent years the Albury City Council has been concerned with the funding formula of participating Councils in the UMRL and effective 30 June 2007 gave two years notice to withdraw from UMRL. This is in accordance with the UMRL Deed of Agreement.

In the time since Albury City Council has lodged their notice of withdrawal there have been ongoing negotiations with the view of retaining Albury City within the Upper Murray Regional Library, however they are steadfast in their view that they can obtain savings by providing all library services in house.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Refer Closed Council report.

CONCLUSION

As the matter is now likely to result in Albury City Council being a customer of the UMRL it is considered appropriate that the matter be referred to Closed Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter of Albury City Council's impending withdrawal be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A (2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 Information that if disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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2. COUNTRY ENERGY – ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR NEW WORKS DEPOT AT CULCAIRN

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of an approach by Country Energy to establish a new Works Depot at Culcairn.

DISCUSSION

Recently Council met with David Pensini from Northern Group Building Surveyors to consider suitable sites for a new Country Energy Works Depot at Culcairn.

Councillors would be aware that one Lot remains of Council owned land in Gordon Street. This Lot was inspected by Mr Pensini and would appear suitable for a Country Energy Works Depot.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The disposal of this site will have a positive impact on Council's budgetary position.

CONCLUSION

Given the nature of the issue it is recommended that it referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A (2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 Information that if disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the possible sale of Lot 6 DP 9695, Gordon Street, Holbrook be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A (2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 Information that if disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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PART B – FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS [G.320.3]

REASON FOR REPORT

To ensure Councillors are updated with changes to legislation or the strategic direction of Local Government in NSW.

DISCUSSION

ENCLOSED SEPARATELY with the agenda is a listing of DLG Circulars No 1 to 9/2009. Copies of DLG Circulars are available from the website www.dlg.nsw.gov.au or alternatively by contacting Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

For Councillors' Information.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW (LGSA) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS [G.330.1]

REASON FOR REPORT

To ensure Councillors are updated with changes to legislation or the strategic direction of Local Government in NSW.

DISCUSSION

ENCLOSED SEPARATELY is a listing of Table of Contents of LGSA Weekly Circulars Issues 5 to 8. Copies of LGSA Weekly Circulars are available from the website www.lgsa.org.au or alternatively by contacting Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2009. COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2009

Attached, at **ANNEXURE 15**, are statements of bank balances as at 28 February 2009 and the summary of investments as at 28 February 2009.

2. CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE

Due to issues with the Customer Request Module software, the Summary of All Customer Action Requests Report has not been produced for this agenda. A composite report for February and March will be presented at the April Council meeting.

3. GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL TRAINEESHIP HISTORY

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors on the extensive use of traineeships as part of Council's staff development programme.

DISCUSSION

For a number of years, Greater Hume Shire Council has acknowledged the benefits of enrolling new and existing staff in structured traineeships. Traineeships provide opportunities for employees across a wide spectrum of professions to undertake a structured training programme. The following table summarises the traineeships that Council staff have undertaken over the past two years.

Traineeship Name	Number of Enrolments
Business Administration	1
Transport & Distribution (Stores Administration)	2
Information Technology	2
Aged Care Work	4
Civil Construction (Plant Operation)	6
Civil Construction (Road Construction & Maint.)	6
Business Frontline Management	1
Disability Work	7
Community Services (Lifestyle & Leisure)	3
Community Services (Service Coordination)	2
Children's Services	1
TOTAL	35

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GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL TRAINEESHIP HISTORY [CONT'D]

In addition to the professional development opportunities provided to staff, traineeships also offer significant financial incentives to Council with the traineeships detailed above attracting a total of \$103,100 in incentives.

CONCLUSION

For Councillors' information.

4. JINDERA MULTI SERVICE OUTLET PROJECT UPDATE

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors on developments relating to the Jindera MSO project.

DISCUSSION

The Jindera MSO project Steering Committee met for the first time on Tuesday 3 March 2009.

The Steering Committee conducted on-site inspections of the proposed sites for the Multi Service Outlet Administration Building and Medical Centre. The Committee also reviewed the existing concept plans for the proposed development.

As a result of the on-site inspections, a number of amendments were proposed for the project. The overall aim of the proposed amendments is to ensure that best use is made of the existing Community Health building and that the future accessibility and functionality of the Community Health building is not compromised, and is in deed enhanced, by the MSO and Medical Centre development.

The amendments agreed upon by the Steering Committee have been communicated to the project architect and revised concept plans will be developed.

It is envisaged that the revised concept plans and associated estimated construction costs will be presented to Council as part of the 2009/2010 budget development process.

CONCLUSION

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5. LITTLE BILLABONG FIRE STATION

Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager - Suzanne Klemke

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors of the progress with the Compulsory Acquisition of part Lot 80 DP 753331 for the construction of Little Billabong Fire Station.

DISCUSSION

The Compulsory Acquisition process is nearing completion.

The compulsory acquisition of the Little Billabong Fire Station land was effected 16 January 2009 by the publication of the Acquisition Notice in the Government Gazette.

Council's solicitors have obtained a valuation from the Valuer General of which it was determined that an offer for the acquisition be made to the Department of Lands in the amount of \$2,000, plus a disturbance allowance of \$487.70.

The Notice of Compensation has now been forwarded to the Department of Lands with the expectation that the offer shall be accepted. Once the offer is accepted, the finalisation of this matter will be affected by way of normal conveyance processes. The new Certificate of Title will be issued from the Land and Property Information office upon settlement.

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ENGINEERING

1. FEBRUARY REPORT OF WORKS

Grants Program

State Roads Maintenance:

Vegetation removal and drainage work has continued on MR78 (Olympic Highway) in accordance with the RMCC (Road Maintenance Council Contract).

The removal of suckers and other vegetation has commenced on MR284 (Little Billabong)

Council is undertaking an extensive culvert inspection for the RTA under a Works Order.

Regional Roads Block Grant:

Work has commenced on the Rehabilitation of 2km of MR331 between Brittas Reserve Road and Simmons Creek, Walbundrie, in conjunction with the Repair Program.

Construction of an 800m section of MR331 (Holbrook to Jingelic) 26km east of Holbrook has commenced in conjunction with the Repair Program.

Resealing of a 4km length of MR331 west of Walbundrie has been completed.

The construction to primer seal has been completed on a 2km section of MR282 at Wymah. This work completes the sealing of all Regional Roads within the Greater Hume Shire.

The cleaning of drains has been carried out in the west of the Shire on MR370 South of Walbundrie, MR125 west of Walbundrie and MR370 north of Walbundrie.

Local Roads

Sealed:

Resealing preparations have taken place for the proposed intensive resealing program on local roads.

General cleaning of drains in the west of the shire has taken place.

Gravel:

With the extreme dry conditions and the unavailability of water for road works, very little grader work has been able to be carried out on local roads. The following roads have been graded during February.

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REPORT OF WORKS [CONT'D]

Coppabella Road
Greenvale Road
Orange Promise Road
River Road
Singe Road

Urban Streets

Survey and design work for kerb and gutter in Main Street, Walbundrie and Melville St, between Balfour and Queen Streets, Culcairn has commenced.

General

General maintenance of parks, gardens and public toilets has continued throughout the Shire.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009**

Attached, at **ANNEXURE 16** is the schedule of development applications processed for the month of February 2009.

2. **RANGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009**

Companion Animals

No. of Complaints Received		26 including 5 barking dog, 10 roaming dogs, 1 excessive number of dogs kept complaint	
No. of Dog attacks:	0	Location:	
Comments:			
		Dogs	Cats
In Council's Facility at beginning of month		1	1
Captured & Returned to Owners		6	
Captured & Impounded		5	5
Released from Pound to Owners		3	
Surrendered by Owners		0	
Rehomed		2	1
Euthanized			
Remaining in Council's Facility at end of month		1	5

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RANGER'S REPORT [CONT'D]

Feral Cats

No. of Complaints:	4
No. Feral Cats caught:	13

Livestock

	Cattle	Sheep	Horses	Goats	Other
No. of Reports of Stock on Roads	7	5			
Instances - Returned to owners	7	5			
Impounded					
Vehicle accidents involving stock					

Other Livestock, wildlife complaints

Euthanize Injured Wallaby

Abandoned Vehicles

2 abandoned vehicles remain impounded.

Other Vehicle Incidents

Nil.

Hazard Reduction

Fire Hazard reduction work done in Geddes Bush Walk, Holbrook to protect residential houses and Museum.

Pollution and Environmental Incidents: 2 separate lots of waste dumped beside roadway and at Park Bins across Shire.	
Inspection conducted: 2 not identified	Further follow up investigation continuing other rubbish removed by Council employees
Noise Complaint (Pool Filter)	Offensive noise complaint: Spoken to resident concerned pool filter, deemed not offensive Council monitoring issue re noise complaint

HOLBROOK POOL:

Chemical monitoring equipment repairs and chemical levels monitored.

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RANGER'S REPORT [CONT'D]

Overgrown Vegetation

Follow up done on blocks identified with overgrown vegetation on them.

Training:

Council's Ranger - Charlie Clarke attended an Environmental Law in NSW workshop in Albury. The workshop was convened by the Environmental Defender's Office and they gave a brief overview of the follow topics: vegetation management, tree preservation, fire management, water management, construction and development, pollution, pests and weeds and heritage protection.

3. SENIOR WEED OFFICERS REPORT – MARCH 2009

Control Works

Council staff has carried out control work on the following weeds during February.

- Johnson's Grass along the Olympic Way and the River Road.
- Silverleaf Nightshade along MR 331, Walbundrie area and Brocklesby area.
- Coolatai Grass on MR 78 and the Hume highway.
- Sweet Briar along the River road.
- Blackberry along the River road, Jingellic road, MR 78 and in the Carabost area.
- 3 plants of Alligator Weed at Woomargama were removed during a routine inspection.
- Prairie Ground Cherry near Jindera.
- Blue Heliotrope along MR 78 near Culcairn.
- Airpark runways have been sprayed.

Inspections

Inspections have been carried out for Blackberry, Sweet Briar, Silverleaf Nightshade, Prairie Ground Cherry, Alligator Weed and Coolatai Grass. These weeds are still growing even though there has been very little rain and although they are moisture stressed they are still setting seed.

A serious infestation of Prairie Ground Cherry has been discovered on a property near Henty. The infestation covers approximately 119 hectares on land that has been cropped for many years. The infestation has been sprayed by the landholder but follow up work over the next few years will be required. Dr Rex Stanton who works for DPI at Wagga Wagga has been involved in studies on Prairie Ground Cherry and will visit the site in late March to talk to the landholder about what options are available to control this weed (chemical trials are one option). An information field day will be also held at a later date.

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SENIOR WEED OFFICERS REPORT – MARCH 2009 [CONT'D]

The property is on the boundary of Greater Hume Shire and Lockhart Shire and inspectors from both Shires have been carrying out further property inspections around the area.

A rabbit control programme has been carried out in Beach Road, Cookardinia, Lankeys Creek, Bowna/Wymah area. All areas have been poisoned and Council is now doing follow up work by destroying the warrens with a back hoe. At Holbrook the warrens have been gassed and during March a Pindone poisoning programme will commence in and around the town. A media notice was sent out in the Holbrook Happenings, Eastern Riverina Chronicle and Border Morning Mail advising residents of the commencement and closing dates as well as inviting them to contact the Hume Livestock Health and Pest Authority and be part of the programme if they feel there is a problem on their land.

The Senior Weeds Officer attended a 3 day legal bridging course that was recently held in Wagga Wagga. This course covered all the issues with the Noxious Weeds Act since it was amended. Topics covered were delegations and Certificates of Authority, note taking, conducting an interview, preparing an act of non compliance for court and presenting the case in court.

Issues to come out of the course were the differences in the Certificates of Authority and delegations issued to weed officers. These differences were brought to attention of the members at the Eastern Riverina Noxious Weed Advisory Group meeting held on the 3rd of March. It was decided to obtain legal opinion as to what should be on the Certificates of Authority and forward these recommendations out to the respective councils for comment.

European Wasps have been in plague proportions over the last month with many requests from rate payers coming in. If the nests are found to be on council land then a pest control operator is called to deal with the situation. If the nest is on the ratepayers land they are responsible for the contacting of a pest controller at the ratepayers expense.

Council has had to control a large nest at the Culcairn caravan park situated in the creek bank. 3 more nests in the same area have since been discovered and dealt with as well.

RECOMMENDATION

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

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ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009**

PART C – COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attached, as **ANNEXURE 17**, are minutes/notes of the following Committee Meeting:

- Minutes of Henty Community Development Committee Meeting held on 3 March 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.