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**P1. EFFLUENT RE-USE**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2008 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. E33.7**  
**Prepared by Leigh Robins on 2 February 2009**

As previously advised, expressions of interest have been sought to investigate the feasibility of treating 600kl of wastewater effluent and transferring to the Oberon Timber Complex.

Tenders were called for the design and construction of a reuse plant but tenders received did not adequately consider how the waste stream from the treatment process would be handled. The feasibility study calls for a technology overview to determine if a suitable process is available that will satisfy environmental concerns raised by the EPA.

Quotations for the feasibility study close on 10 February 2009.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

**P2. OBERON SWIMMING POOL**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. D55.3.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 4 February 2009**

By letter, received 22 January 2009, (**Attachment P2**) Mrs. Brenda Lyons has written to Council regarding covering the Oberon Swimming Pool to enable it to be used for 12 months of the year.

The letter acknowledges the improvements that have been carried out at the swimming pool over a period of many years and requests Council apply for grant funding to cover the pool.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

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**P3. COMMUNITY RADIO STATION PROPOSAL**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. A3.1**  
**Prepared by Mike Massey on 9 February 2009**

The Economic Development Officer, Oberon Council and local community members are currently investigating the possible opportunities for the development of a Not for Profit Community Radio Station for the Oberon district. Establishing a community radio station requires enthusiasm and good planning.

Community radio offers the listening public access to a more diverse range of music, information, news and views than would otherwise be available from commercial or government-based stations. It also provides communities with locally-produced content that is immediately relevant to their daily lives.

It allows individuals and community groups to participate in producing their own programs and to maintain their local culture. It also fulfils an important role in providing basic media training for over 7,000 Australians annually. Community radio encourages participation in all aspects of running a radio station, from scheduling and producing programs to administration and fundraising.

Community radio stations are non-profit, which means that any money they make from the service they provide goes back into the station. Community radio stations receive government funding through the Community Broadcasting Foundation, which was established in 1984 as an independent, non-profit funding body for community broadcasting in Australia.

Community radio stations are limited in how they can use advertising or sponsorship to raise funds and all stations must follow a standard Code of Practice. The Code guides all Australian community stations in their operations and helps them maintain a community focus.

Many community stations rely on subscribers to help raise money to pay for their day-to-day expenses. A subscriber is a person or an organisation that donates money toward the station's running costs.

The people who work in community radio stations are mostly volunteers. They work in radio for reasons such as: because they believe that the information that they present is important; because they want to develop the skills associated with radio production; or just because working in radio is fun.

Different types of community broadcasters are represented by different national peak bodies. The Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) represents general community radio and television broadcasters, the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) represents ethnic community broadcasters, the Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) represents Indigenous community broadcasters, and RPH Australia represents Radio for the Print Handicapped (RPH) broadcasters.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received and noted.

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**P4. ELECTORAL COMMISSION NSW**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. A7.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 9 February 2009**

Council, at its 11 November 2008 Ordinary Meeting resolved as follows:

*That a letter be sent to the Electoral Commission:*

1. *Querying the method of payment to Councillors and how funds will be transferred without bank account details being provided and why refunds have not been made to date.*
2. *Requesting an explanation as why, when it is a mandatory requirement that income and expenditure has to be declared, the form is not sent to Councillors at the appropriate time.*
3. *Requesting information as to why the Returning Officer was required to be employed for a further three weeks following the local government election.*

A response has been received, dated 19 January 2009, and is enclosed for Council's information (**Attachment P4**).

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

**P5. REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. E34.9.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 9 February 2009**

By letter, dated 21 January 2009 (**Attachment P5**), the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has written to advise that Oberon Council's application for funding for the Oberon Sports Complex and Recreational Stadium Development Project has been received.

As per the RLCIP Guidelines, analysis of the project will now be undertaken. The Department expects to announce the successful projects by the end of February 2009.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

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**P6. AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. A1.4.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 9 February 2009**

A Media Statement, released on 5 February 2009 (**Attachment P6**) advised the Australian Council of Local Government Steering Committee have held their first meeting. The Steering Committee is a smaller body established to continue co-operation, engagement and policy coordination between annual meetings of the ACLG, to which all Mayors and Shire Presidents are invited.

The Steering Committee will focus on three key priorities identified at the ACLG Inaugural Meeting held in November 2008, they are:

- Develop a stronger relationship between the two spheres of government
- Reform infrastructure and services provided by local government
- Make progress towards the Constitutional recognition of local government.

The Steering Committee, chaired by the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, also provided advice to the Government on the delivery of the \$800 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

**P7. AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. P72.3**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 9 February 2009**

By letter, dated 4 February 2009 (**Attachment P7a**), Mr. John Clary, Superintendent, Bathurst Cadet Division, St Johns Ambulance Australia (NSW) has written to thank Council for their letter dated, 2 February 2009 (**Attachment P7b**) regarding the St. John Cadets and their involvement in the 2009 Australia Day celebrations.

St. John's Ambulance were able to bring their younger cadets to this years celebration and they carried out their duties in an extremely professional manner. St. John's Ambulance would like to be involved again in the 2010 Australia Day Celebrations.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

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**P8. SPECIAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS MEETING**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. A1.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 10 February 2009**

The Prime Minister, Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association, together with Commonwealth, State and Territory Treasurers, held a special meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in Canberra on 5 February 2009. The focus of the meeting was to ensure the rapid delivery of economic stimulus measures to support employment and growth.

A communiqué has been released regarding the outcomes of the meeting and is attached (**Attachment P8**) for Council's information.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

**P9. OBERON LIBRARY**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. C20.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 10 February 2009**

By letter, received 5 February 2009 (**Attachment P9**), Mrs. Wendy Casey has written to Council regarding the Oberon Library.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

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**P10. COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. A2.1**  
**Prepared by Bruce Fitzpatrick on 10 February 2009**

A schedule of upcoming meetings is provided for Council's information. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a meeting notice and agenda will be forwarded to Councillors for each meeting 5 to 10 working days prior to the meeting taking place.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Timber Heritage Walk Committee Meeting – Workshop	23 February 2009	4.00 pm	Council Chambers
Special Meeting – Enterprise Risk Management Program	24 February 2009	5.30 pm	Council Chambers
Economic Development Unit Meeting	25 February 2009	4.30 pm	Council Chambers
Works Committee Meeting	10 March 2009	10.00 am	Council Chambers
Ordinary Meeting	17 March 2009	5.30 pm	Council Chambers
Business Development Committee Meeting	31 March 2009	4.00 pm	Council Chambers

**Recommendation:**

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**P11. OBERON ANIMAL POUND**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. D54.1**  
**Prepared by Vicki McKinnon on 5 February 2009**

Each month, staff will provide a brief report to the Council concerning the operations of the Animal Pound.

The following details are for the month of January 2009:

<b>Details</b>	<b>Number of Cats</b>	<b>Number of Dogs</b>
Animals carried over from previous month	4	2
Animals Seized	0	7
Animals Dumped	2	0
Animals Surrendered	0	0
Animals Released to Owner	0	1
Animals Released to CHD (Cats, Dogs & Horses Charity) under Clause 17 of the Companion Animals Regulations 1999 (Exemptions from Registrations Requirement) for re-homing	0	0
Animals Destroyed	4	2
Animals Sold	0	1
Animals died at Council's facility	0	0
Animals Escaped/Stolen	0	0
Animals still in the pound	2	5

**Recommendation:**

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**P12. STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS**  
**Staff Report to the 17 February 2009 Ordinary Meeting**  
**File No. C17.1**  
**Prepared by Amanda McGrath on 10 February 2009**

The statement of Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 January 2009 is attached (**Attachment P12**) for Council's information.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

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