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P1. PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW PROGRAM
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A1.1.2
Prepared by John Chapman on 25 May 2010

Advice has been received from the Division of Local Government (**Attachment P1**) that, following the last progress report in December 2009 of the Promoting Better Practice review program, it has been determined that Council is longer required to report on its progress in implementing any outstanding recommendations as the majority of the recommendations from the original report in 2007 have been finalised. The Chief Executive of the Division has commended Council for its efforts.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P2. BLACK SPRINGS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 27 May 2010

Council, at its 18 May 2010 Ordinary Meeting, received an invitation to attend the Black Springs Progress Association Meeting to be held on Monday 12 July 2010.

Council resolved that this matter be noted and referred back to Councillors at the June Ordinary Meeting.

It is requested that any Councillor available to attend the meeting advise the Executive Assistant by Wednesday 7 July 2010.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P3. STAFF APPOINTMENTS
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. C19.1
Prepared by Joanne Barton on 1 June 2010

Council resolved, on 16 June 2009, *“That staff be allowed to recruit within the adopted structure and keep council informed of staff replacements at its ordinary meetings.”*

There has been no staff replacements since the April 2010 Ordinary Meeting.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

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P4. TELSTRA PAYPHONES
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.4
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 3 June 2010

By letter, dated 26 May 2010 (**Attachment P4**), Telstra has advised that the 90 day payphone consultation period in which it invited comments from Council and the community has now concluded.

Telstra has conducted the final evaluation taking into account the issues raised in Council's submission and has decided to retain the payphone located at O'Connell. It will continue to monitor the patronage of this payphone and review it again in 12 months.

With regard to the payphone in Tarana Road, Oberon this payphone will be retained, however, due to the lack of patronage in its current location Telstra will relocate the payphone to adjacent to the payphone currently located outside the Commonwealth Bank.

The request for the payphone in Black Springs to be converted to a coin/card payphone has been accepted and Telstra advise that the changeover will occur on 22 June 2010. It was noted that vandalism to this phone since changing it from cash to card only declined from 15 incidents per year to zero. Telstra will closely monitor this payphone to ensure that the re-introduction of the coin option does not attract the vandalism that previously made this phone inoperable in the community.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P5. COUNCIL MEETINGS
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A2.1
Prepared by Sharon Swannell on 3 June 2010

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.

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Ordinary Council Meeting	15 June 2010	5.30 pm	Council Chambers
Timber Heritage Walk Committee Meeting	21 June 2010	4.00 pm	Council Chambers
Heritage Committee Meeting	21 June 2010	5.00 pm	Council Chambers
Oberon Business Development Committee Meeting	24 June 2010	4.00 pm	Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 July 2010	5.30 pm	Council Chambers

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

**P6. JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. PR192.4669 & PR192.4655
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 3 June 2010**

The Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust has responded to Council's correspondence (**Attachment P6**) regarding its concern about the decision to call for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) for hospitality and tourism services at Jenolan Caves.

The letter advises the decision to pursue Eoi for the operation of commercial hospitality and tourism operations at Jenolan Caves in partnership with the NSW Government followed extensive reviews of the operations at Jenolan.

The process is designed to identify an organisation that is prepared to work closely with Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust, allowing a commercial operator to focus on enhancing the facilities at Jenolan and developing and marketing the tourism product. The ongoing involvement of the Government will ensure the protection of the environment and the heritage values of Jenolan.

The Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust intends to keep Oberon Council informed throughout the process.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

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P7. COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.3
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 3 June 2010

By letter, dated 11 May 2010, (**Attachment P7**) the Country Women's Association of NSW has written to thank Council for its sponsorship of the 2010 Public Speaking Competition held at All Saint's College in Bathurst on 4 May 2010.

A full list of award winners is enclosed. Oberon Public School, Year 4 student Bailey Armstrong received a Highly Commended award at the competition.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

P8. REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING PLANNING MATTERS
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. D52.13 & PR1.1778
Prepared by Mark Dicker on 8 June 2010

Council resolved at its 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting that a letter be written to Gerard Martin asking, why if Mr Biddle's Submission was incomplete wasn't he advised at the time and the matter proceeded with promptly.

By letter, dated 13 May 2010 (**Attachment P8a**), Mr Martin has advised that he has written to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Tony Kelly regarding the matter. Correspondence has subsequently been received from the Office of the Director General (**Attachment P8b**), advising that the Minister acknowledges the receipt of the representation and indicating that a response will be provided shortly.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

P9. RURAL FIRE SERVICE, REVIEW OF OPERATIONS CHIFLEY ZONE
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. F90.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 8 June 2010

By letter, received 8 June 2010 (**Attachment P9**), Mr Shane Fitzsimmons, Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service has written to confirm that the Oberon Headquarters will remain as the District Headquarters.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

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P10. OBERON ANIMAL POUND
Staff Report to the June 2010 Ordinary Council Meeting
File No. D54.1
Prepared by Janet Bailey on the 2 June 2010

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 May 2010:

Details	Number of Cats	Number of Dogs
Animals carried over from previous month	0	6
Animals Seized	3	2
Animals Abandoned	3	8
Animals Surrendered	0	0
Animals released to Owner	0	3
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	1
Animals Destroyed	2	4
Animals Sold	0	1
Animals died at Council's facility	0	0
Animals Escaped/Stolen	1	0
Animals still in the pound	3	7

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

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P11. STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS
Staff Report to the 15 June 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. C17.1
Prepared by Amanda McGrath on 7 June 2010

The statement of Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 May 2010 is attached (***Attachment P11***) for Council's information.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

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