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A1. NETWASTE “TAP WATER PLEASE” PROJECT
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File No. E35.1
Prepared by Ralph Tambasco on 8 April 2010

An e-mail has been received from Sue Clarke, Netwaste Environmental Learning Adviser, concerning the above project.

The project focuses on reducing the use of bottled water and using tap water instead. The project has been identified in the Net Waste 2009/2010 Regional Waste Strategy.

A television commercial and radio advertisement will be developed using the Bathurst Bulldogs Rugby Union team as the stars.

The advertisements will aim to raise awareness of the small number of PET bottles that actually make it to recycling, the cost of bottled water compared to tap water and the fact that clean, reliable water supplies are available.

Council's will be provided with posters for displays, and a quantity of plastic, recyclable, reusable drink bottles to give away as part of the project. The community will be asked to reuse the plastic bottles by refilling them with tap water and will be offered a free, reusable drink bottle to be collected at the Council Offices.

The advertising campaign will initially run for a month, and then be repeated several months later if funding is available.

A copy of the report concerning the project that was tabled to a recent Netwaste Steering Committee Meeting is attached (**Attachment A1**).

At this stage, Netwaste is seeking advice as to whether or not Council would like to participate in the project.

Recommendation

That Council advise Netwaste that it would be interested in participating in the “Tap Water Please” project.

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**A2. CAVEAT FOR RELEASE OF FUTURE SUBDIVISION CERTIFICATE – 4 LOT
SUBDIVISION, LOT 4 IN DP 112869, 81 ALBION STREET, OBERON**
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. PO2.81
Prepared by Ralph Tambasco on 8 April 2010

Development Application 170/06 was approved by the Land and Environment Court of NSW on the 8 January 2007 for a 5 lot subdivision of Lot 3 DP 1078889, 12 Parkes Street, Oberon (now known as Lot 4 in DP 1112869, 81 Albion Street, Oberon).

On the 22 July 2009, staff approved Modification Application 141/09 which modified Development Application 170/06 by changing the street access from Whalan Street to Albion Street for proposed lots 4, 5 and 6.

A copy of the approved modification consent is attached (**Attachment A2a**).

An e-mail dated 9 March 2010 (**Attachment A2b**) has been received by Council requesting Council to favourably consider the release of a future Subdivision Certificate in accordance with Council's Policy 3110 – Release of Subdivision Certificates. A copy of the Policy is attached (**Attachment A2c**).

Clause 3 of the Policy states, inter alia;

"In instances where the applicant can show practical reasons why physical work Conditions (of Consent) should be deferred, Council may consider the following options.

1. The submission of a Caveat

All requests for the use of a Caveat to defer conditions of development approval that relate to physical works will be referred to Council as Council will have to affix its common seal to the legal documents involved."

The applicant is requesting Council approval to the use of a Caveat to defer the following conditions of the consent and allow Council to release a future Subdivision Certificate:

a) Condition 3 – Access Construction

The applicant has discussed this condition with the Director of Engineering and proposes that Council will do these works at a future date.

b) Condition 4 – Fencing

A fencing contractor will be engaged to fence the proposed lots at a later date.

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c) Condition 5 – Restriction to User

The applicant agrees with the requirements of this condition, however as this is not “physical works” a caveat should not be considered for this condition.

d) Condition 6 – Water and Sewer Connection

The applicant has discussed this condition with the Director of Engineering and proposes that Council will do these works at a future date.

e) Condition 12 – Provision of Buffer

The applicant agrees with the requirements of this condition.

The applicant is seeking a Caveat on conditions 3, 4, 6 and 12 above as they are in the process of expanding their business in Port Macquarie and are also purchasing a dwelling. In addition, the applicant has advised that Country Energy is not in a position to carry out any electrical work in respect to the proposed subdivision for 12 months or more and the applicant wants to complete all works at the one time.

The Policy states that the applicant must

“show practical reasons why physical work Conditions (of consent) should be deferred”

It is a matter for Council to decide whether or not the reasons nominated by the Applicant for seeking the Caveat are “practical”. It should be noted that all costs associated with lodging and lifting the Caveat are to be borne by the Applicant.

Recommendation:

That Council accept the imposition of a Caveat in respect to Conditions 3, 4, 6 and 12 of Modification Application 141/09 for a proposed 4 lot subdivision of Lot 4 in DP 112869, 81 Albion Street Oberon.

**A3. REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PRECINCTS PROGRAM
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. D51.1.1
Prepared by Ralph Tambasco on 8 April 2010**

On the 10 March 2010, I met with Mr Grant Christoffersen, Regional Coordinator Renewable Energy Precincts Program for Central West NSW.

An information sheet from the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water concerning the program is attached (**Attachment A3a**).

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Also attached is a Joint Media Release from the Australian Government concerning the project, together with a copy of a presentation of the project (**Attachment A3b**).

There are six Renewable Energy Precincts in NSW, being the New England Tablelands, Upper Hunter, Central Tablelands, NSW/ACT Border Region, Cooma-Monaro and South Coast. Each precinct will eventually consist of up to ten persons, comprising an independent chairperson, up to 4 Council representatives, and community representatives. Each precinct will have a Regional Co-ordinator from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to support the committee. It will meet quarterly but this will vary from region to region.

Role of the Renewable Energy Precinct and Precinct Advising Committees (PAC)

- Information – input and assistance with development and implementation of information activities and resources
- Community Engagement – early stage engagement to ensure more strategic approach
- Industry and Project Development – identify and facilitate renewable energy opportunities within the precinct and “trouble – shoot” issues affecting uptake.
- Policy Development: input into policy development and identify policy and regulatory issues that cannot be resolved at precinct level.

The PAC's will not assess individual wind farms but they will provide advice to Council's on assessment issues not covered in the proposed National Assessment Guidelines.

Questions that Council can ask itself concerning this project include:

- a) What are the potential flow on benefits for renewable energy to the Oberon Council area?
- b) How does the Oberon Council area maximise the advantages of renewable energy precincts?

Council will be kept informed of any developments in this matter as more details are received.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

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**A4. MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES
CONCERNING THE DRAFT OBERON LAND USE STRATEGY
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. D52.2.5
Prepared by Ralph Tambasco on 8 April 2010**

The above meeting was held in the Council Chambers on 16 March 2010. The following is a summary of matters that were discussed at the meeting:

- The current justification for the proposed new Rural Residential (1c) Zones is not adequate and more work needs to be done.
- The Rural Planning Principles in the Rural Lands SEPP must be considered.
- Council needs to identify a minimum lot size (MLS) that is worked out in accordance with the Planning Principles of the SEPP. Council cannot just vote off the floor to decide on a MLS. It has to be justified and a process must be followed.
- Rural land must be protected for primary production. If planning for rural living, where is the best place for these lots? Location must be the most cost effective and where they can enhance the community, (close to towns so that people can use shops and other facilities).
- Rural Planning Principles of SEPP must be worked through so that we can come up with suitable outcomes.
- Must consider the impact of development on forestry, water catchments, bushfire prone areas and other environmental and physical constraints.
- Need to distinguish between subdivisions for rural lifestyle vs. agriculture – must be catered for differently.
- The Land Use Strategy (LUS) must address State policies and their delivery; where the community will grow; services; is the land suitable for that use; what constraints does the land have and other factors.
- Minimum Lot Size – we need to choose a size that considers factors such as price of land for people already farming; is it large enough to prevent intensive uses in sensitive areas; effluent disposal; a lot size that is large enough to protect agricultural production.
- The Biddle rezoning proposal must be justified through the LUS; what is the future of O'Connell; must be justified through the LUS; no justification for selecting this site over other sites in the vicinity; no strategic framework has been

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completed for Biddle's proposal so it would be difficult to put it before a Planning Panel at this stage as there is no legitimate support.

- Commercial Core – it is up to Council to determine where the boundary of the new Commercial Core should be; Should consider that although we may not need all the land now, it may be required at a later date; Should keep the Commercial Core “tight” in Oberon so that it focuses everyone in the one area;

In addition attached is a letter and attachment received by Council from the Department of Planning on the 7 April 2010 regarding the meeting. The attachment is a summary of the discussion that took place (**Attachment A4**). I have forwarded a copy of the correspondence to Council's Planning Consultant for his attention.

As stated at the meeting, the DoP are willing to be involved in a workshop meeting with Councillors, Staff and the Consultant to assist in resolving some of the issues to enable completion of the Land Use Strategy.

Recommendation:

That the Director of Development liaise with the Department of Planning and the Planning Consultant as to a suitable date and time for a meeting between the Councillors, Staff, Department of Planning and the Planning Consultant to facilitate the completion of the Land Use Strategy.

**B1. BIDDY BUSH
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. E39.6
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 22 March 2010**

Council at its 16 March 2010 Ordinary Meeting resolved that enquiries be made with Cabonne Council regarding classifying Bidy Bush as a noxious weed and what action they have taken in respect to eradication of the weed.

Cabonne Council declared Bidy Bush a noxious weed in 1990. When eradication commenced, a day's spraying would cover 250 m for one side of the road in heavily infested areas.

Staff at Cabonne Council advised that Bidy Bush is generally under control on roadsides and perimeter controlled on properties.

A representative from the Department of Primary Industries advised that to have a weed declared noxious, the declaration must be approved by the Minister for Primary Industries.

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The Noxious Weeds Act is used to attempt to prevent the spread of newly introduced exotic weeds.

Prior to any declaration an assessment of the practicalities for effective control and financial benefit must be considered before enforcing control.

Recommendation:

That no further action be taken to endeavour to have Bidy Bush declared a noxious weed.

**B2. HISTORY OF RUGBY LEAGUE IN OBERON
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.3
Prepared by John Chapman on 22 March 2010**

Council resolved on 16 February 2010 *“that staff be requested to provide a report regarding the sale price of the History of Oberon Rugby League books and authorised to pre-purchase the 100 books as per Councils previous resolution”*.

The sale price has been set at \$40.00, which is the price set by the publisher (Mrs Casey). The agreed 100 books were delivered to Council's office on 9 March 2010 and payment has been made in accordance with Council's previous resolution. The books are currently available for purchase at the Visitor Information Centre and the Administration Office.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

**B3. 2010/15 MANAGEMENT PLAN
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. C15.4 and C15.5
Prepared by John Chapman on 22 March 2010**

Work is under way on completion of the draft Management Plan 2010-15 (which includes Estimates, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges). The following schedule outlines deadline dates and target dates for consideration of the Management Plan:

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	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>
Distribution to Councillors of Draft Management Plan		4 May 2010
Consideration and Adoption of Draft Management Plan		11 May 2010 (Special Meeting 5:30pm)
Advertise Draft Management Plan	02 June 2010	13 May 2010
First day for public exhibition of Draft Management Plan	02 June 2010	13 May 2010
Last day for public exhibition of Draft Management Plan	30 June 2010	10 June 2010
Final adoption of the Management Plan	30 June 2010	15 June 2010 (Ordinary Meeting)

Recommendation:

That the schedule outlined above be adopted for consideration of the 2010-2015 Management Plan.

**B4. PARKES STREET PARK
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. E34.2
Prepared by Ian Tucker on 25 March 2010**

A report was submitted to the March meeting on the naming of Parkes Street Park (North) and Parkes Street Park (South). A decision was deferred as the name suggested (Wilson Park) would clash with the existing Miss Wilson Park.

It is suggested that the names of previous Shire Presidents and Mayors (starting from 1906) be used for the naming of future parks, roads, or other Council facilities in those circumstances where no other suitable suggestions are received. This would not apply where there is an existing facility which already carries that name (even if the name was not originally chosen to honour that Shire President or Mayor).

Also in cases where there have been two or more Shire Presidents or Mayors with the same surname, the name would be used only once.

A listing of former Shire Presidents and Mayors up to the centenary in 2006 is attached (**Attachment B4**).

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Using this process, the surnames available to be used, in date order, are:

Richards
Robinson
McKibbin
Hoolihan
Wilcox
McPhillamy
Cotton
Hooper
Sullivan

Recommendation:

That Parkes Street Park (North) be named Richards Park, and Parkes Street Park (South) be named Robinson Park.

**B5. FLAT ROCK TOILET
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. E34.3
Prepared by Ian Tucker on 29 March 2010**

At the camping reserve at Flat Rock there is a single pit toilet. The original toilet was vandalised on several occasions, and was then totally destroyed.

This was then replaced by a new toilet constructed by Council staff. However it was not possible to purchase a suitable bowl with an outlet narrow enough to prevent a small child falling in. Some mesh was installed to prevent this hazard, in turn creating obvious blockage problems.

Also the condition of the pit is unknown, so there is the potential for seepage into the Fish River.

It is proposed to install a prefabricated toilet and tank similar to that at the O'Connell Rest Area. This will provide a much improved facility and eliminate both of the above problems. The tank is pumped out 1 – 2 times per year.

The toilet and tank can be purchased for approx \$32,000. Collection and installation will be extra but can be done by Council staff. Sufficient funds are available from the current parks and gardens maintenance budget, so no additional allocation will be required.

Recommendation:

That a prefabricated toilet and collection tank be installed at Flat Rock Reserve.

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B6. COMMON DEVELOPMENT
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. E34.9
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 29 March 2010

Council has previously resolved to assist the Rotary Club with the construction of a wishing well at the Common.

The Rotary Club has advised that they would like to construct a wishing well in the Common in the vicinity of the old town well.

The old well has been capped and filled with rocks, the lining bricks are not mortared and is buried about 900mm below playground equipment constructed above.

A request has been received (**Attachment B6**) to locate the wishing well on the exact site of the old well. The proposed location for the wishing well is 15 m from the old town well, which is set on concrete foundations and to relocate would cost an estimated \$4,000. Additional costs to raise the well to the surface, remove the rock fill would also need to be considered and could be of the order of \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Given that the original objective was to locate the wishing well "in the vicinity" of the old well, these costs do not appear to be warranted.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken to locate the proposed wishing well to the site of the old town well.

B7. REQUEST FOR DONATION – RESTORATION OF CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH EXHIBIT HELD AT OBERON MUSEUM
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.3
Prepared by Sharon Swannell on 1 April 2010

The following written requests have been received, seeking donations from Council:

Friends of the Oberon Library (Attachment B7a)

Seeking Council's assistance to provide \$100 to meet the costs of a new secure case to restore the Charles Kingsford Smith Exhibit held at the Oberon Museum.

Western Region Academy of Sport (Attachment B7b)

Requesting a contribution of \$260 towards the Academy's operation in 2010/11.

A summary of donations made by Council during the previous two financial years, and in the current year, to date is provided as follows.

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Recipient	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010 (committed to date)
Oberon RSL Museum - Water Charges	215	209	217
Schools Annual Presentations			
St Josephs Catholic School	100	100	150
Black Springs Public School	100	100	150
O'Connell Public School	100	100	150
Oberon High School	100	100	150
Oberon Public School	100	100	150
Burruga Public School			150
St Josephs Catholic School - Bronze Medallions	695		585
Oberon Tigers Supporters Club	500		
LSL Fee Refund re DA166/08 (Able)	140		
Lifeline	500		500
Oberon High School - Leaders Day	660	850	
Country Women's Association - Public Speaking	100	100	100
Oberon Show Society - Showgirl Competition	1,500	1,500	1,000
Oberon Arts Council - The Common Project	5,000		
Oberon RSL - Refund Planfirst Fee (Museum)		38	
Oberon RSL Museum - Rates (Resid/Bus)		443	460
Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway - Clearing Sale		2,000	2,000
O'Connell Picnic Day - Swimming Pool Passes			200
Bathurst Broadcasters - Junior Sports Awards		100	
Oberon Tennis Club - DA etc Fees		463	
Black Springs Rural Fire Brigade - DA etc Fees		730	
Burruga Public School - Donation		200	
Dept Education & Training - Industry Links Prog		500	500
Black Springs Avoca Church - Concrete Slab		181	
Oberon Men's Shed		500	
Victorian Bushfire Appeal		1,000	
Total Approved by Council	\$ 9,810	\$ 9,314	\$ 6,462

Budget 2009/2010: \$ 11,700

Balance of Budget Remaining: \$ 5,238

Recommendation: That:

- a) \$100 donation be provided to the Friends of the Oberon Library to meet the cost of a secure case for the restoration of the Charles Kingsford Smith exhibition held at the Oberon Museum.
- b) Submitted for Council's consideration.

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B8. SHIRES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A1.4.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 7 April 2010

Registration for the 2010 Conference is currently being invited. The Conference Draft Program is included as **Attachment B8** with the conference running from May 31 to June 3 2010.

Council in previous years has been represented by the Mayor, other nominated Councillors and the General Manager.

Recommendation:

That registrations for delegates for the 2010 Shires Association Annual Conference be endorsed.

B9. JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE OPERATIONS
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. PR192.4655 & PR192.4669
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 7 April 2010

A meeting on 6 April 2010 to brief Council on the future operations was held with representatives of the Jenolan Caves Trust, Premiers Department and Council.

A summary of the discussion points is:

- Marketing consultants have been appointed to compile a preliminary brochure which will be released on Thursday 15th April 2010 regarding Jenolan Caves and requesting Expressions of Interest to tender for the operations rights for Jenolan Caves House along with the prospect of other ventures to promote tourism at the caves.
- A campaign of advertising will also start on Thursday 15th April 2010 and all expressions of interest will close on Thursday 20th May 2010.
- The concept will be marketed Australia wide by using an ad campaign, website and a current data base of target groups that they can target direct.
- Government will still manage the Caves and part of the complex.
- Government has already put in \$7.5 million in refurbishment and will not put in any additional funds for refurbishment.
- After all proposals are received the Government will then seek more detailed explanation of the proposals.

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- Proposals should highlight the fact that Jenolan Caves is a destination complete with everything to see and do regardless of some parts of the complex operating with separate controlling bodies.
- The new arrangements will have the management of waste water, roads and electrical. Maintenance retained by the State Government.
- The process should be finalised by end 2010.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

**B10. CENTROC REGIONAL FUEL CONTRACT
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A4.2 & E37.2
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 7 April 2010**

This report seeks Council's resolve to participate in a regional purchase of diesel through Central NSW Council's (CENTROC) Compliance and Cost Savings program.

Council will be aware that as more than \$150,000 per year is expended in this case on diesel, under the Local Government Act 1993, Council must go to tender unless it purchases it under that State contract.

The State contract is typically well over pricing that can be obtained locally.

The CENTROC Supply Team of depot and other procurement staff from the region have sought advice from the Department of Local Government seeking to purchase fuel off contract where prices are below those on the State Contract. The DLG declined this request.

Subsequently the Supply Team and the General Managers of the region have resolved to develop a regional fuel contract.

As it is anticipated that Council will save money by engaging in this joint procurement process, participation is recommended.

The following report provides more background advice regarding both CENTROC's new Compliance and Cost Savings Program and the regional diesel purchase.

Background on the CENTROC Compliance and Cost Savings Program

Central NSW Council's (CENTROC) represents over 236,000 people covering an area of more than 70,000 sq kms comprising Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Harden, Lachlan, Lithgow City, Oberon, Orange City, Parkes, Upper

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Lachlan, Weddin, Wellington and Young Council's and Central Tablelands Country Council.

CENTROC exists to do two things – advocate on behalf of the region and support member operations through regional cooperation and resource sharing.

To support member operations, a three year Compliance and Cost Savings Program has been created to add better value to members and generate more cost savings to individual council's. The program is being funded in part from the CENTROC surplus and comes at no extra cost to members.

The objective of the program is to drive initiatives across the region to reduce Council's costs through:

- Providing a regional approach to compliance with State and Federal legislation thereby reducing costs to member Council's
- Trialling with the intent to implement products and services to reduce costs and
- Implementing regional contracts to reduce costs through group purchasing

At the completion of the three years, the aim is to have the Compliance and Cost Savings Program be self funded through the revolving cost savings fund. A percentage of each member Council's savings will be placed back into the program in order to continue to provide further funds for CENTROC. The Board resolved to take this approach rather than increasing fees for members. A full report on how this works was provided to members in February 2009 and is available upon request.

The program has been in operation since December 14 2009 and over \$400,000 of savings to the region have been realised through a telephony audit and diesel tax audit in this time frame.

Background on developing a regional fuel contract

A report to the General Managers Advisory Committee in July 2008 highlighted that fuel prices are a significant line item for Councils where the State contract is not regarded as competitive by supply team members and most are buying off the State contract. This may have legal ramifications as the spend is typically over \$150K even when separating diesel from unleaded petrol as line items.

Feedback from the supply team suggests that staff are vigilant in monitoring petrol prices and that this leads invariably to local purchase. Under State legislation Council's are obliged to both seek best value and go to tender for all spends over \$150K. As the State has a contract for petrol, it is not competitive, the DLG was approached about how Council's can best manage this situation and if it was possible to not have to go to tender as long as Council's were purchasing better than prices the State contract has to offer. DLG responded and said that Council's must be purchasing under contract for fuel,

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due to the amount spent per annum. The DLG's response is attached (**Attachment B10**).

The Supply Team has subsequently investigated possibilities for regional fuel purchases through either a regional approach or "zoned" approach to account for different distributors across CENTROC.

The next step would be to put out an RFT (Request for Tender) and proceed to a contract.

Advice regarding service and pricing under a regional contract will be provided to members.

Council contribution

CENTROC manages the process including all costs of advertising and tender assessment.

Should Council be willing to proceed, Council must provide advice regarding tank size and contact personnel for the project.

Council should also give consideration to future compliance with the contract.

Should there be costs savings for members demonstratable over a 12 month period of this program, Council will be charged 10% of total savings for 24 months under the CENTROC revolving costs savings fund as outlined.

Options

Council currently purchases fuel off contract.

To be compliant with DLG, Council can either purchase on the State contract at greater expense than purchasing locally or agree in principle to the regional contract where the project will only proceed if there are cost savings for members to be realised.

Recommendation:

That CENTROC be advised that Oberon Council agrees to participate in a regional fuel contract.

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B11. OBERON COMMUNITY CENTRE
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.11 & A5.3
Prepared by Ralph Tambasco on 7 April 2010

At its 16 February 2010 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved as follows:

“That:

- 1. The Oberon Community Centre user groups be consulted in respect to the proposed extension and internal alterations and their comments sought prior to finalization of floor plans for quotation purposes.*
- 2. The preliminary plans for the extension and proposed internal alterations to the Oberon Community Centre be endorsed.*
- 3. Staff be authorised to proceed with obtaining detailed plans and specifications for the construction of the extension and a set of plans and specifications be forwarded to all Local Building Contractors to obtain quotations for the proposed works.”*

A total of 18 submissions were received by Council. A summary of the submissions is attached (**Attachment B11**).

Copies of all detailed submissions are available from staff should any Councillors require further information.

Given the number of submissions and the number of concerns raised from the user group submissions, Council may wish to undertake further public consultation.

Recommendation: That following consideration of submissions received final plans be developed for the proposed extension to the Oberon Community Centre.

B12. BELLS LINE EXPRESSWAY
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A3.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 12 April 2010

By letter, dated 12 March 2010 (**Attachment B12**) The Bells Line Expressway Group has written to Council requesting that each of the CENTROC Council’s write to the NSW and Australian Government and Opposition requesting support for the road over the Blue Mountains.

Recommendation: That a letter of support be written to the NSW and Australian Government and Opposition requesting support for the road over the Blue Mountains.

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General Manager

Mayor

**B13. OBERON RUGBY LEAGUES CLUB GROUNDS MANAGEMENT SECTION
355 COMMITTEE
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. PO36.16
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 12 April 2010**

Council, at its 16 February 2010 Ordinary Meeting resolved that:

- a) *A Section 355 Committee be formed for the ongoing management of the Rugby Leagues Club grounds*
- b) *Expressions of interest be invited from all sporting groups and other members of the public to join the newly formed Section 355 Committee.*
- c) *The Mayor, Councillor Hooper, Councillor O’Bernier, Councillor Fitzpatrick and supporting staff be nominated to the committee.*

Expressions of interest were sought from representatives of all sporting groups in Oberon and the following members of the public have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the committee:

Mr Peter Gascoigne	Oberon Junior League
Mr Clinton Corby	Oberon United Football Club
Mr Ian Christie-Johnston	Oberon Tigers Supporters Club Inc.
Ms Judy Jacobs	Oberon Tigers Supporters Club Inc.
Ms Mary Jacobs	Oberon Tigers Supporters Club Inc.

Recommendation: That:

- a) The community representatives that have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Section 355 Committee for the ongoing management of the Oberon Rugby Leagues Club Grounds be formally appointed to the committee.
- b) That the first meeting of the committee be held on Wednesday 28 April 2010, commencing at 7.30pm at the Oberon Rugby Leagues Club.

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B14. WATER SUPPLY BLACK SPRINGS
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. E32.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 12 April 2010

Forests NSW have advised that the raw water supply from their bore and tank will be disconnected from 3 January 2011.

The public toilets in the campground will be replaced with a self composting toilet. The bore supplies the Forests NSW Depot, camping area, school, tennis courts and a number of residences.

Forest NSW advise that at least 20 unauthorised residential connections have been made. Whilst water has been provided at no charge to the school and tennis courts, all users were not paying the annual levy for connection.

Council considered this matter in 2005 when Forests NSW requested Council take over the running of the scheme. The offer was declined on the basis of very poor water quality.

The permit for usage has been revoked for the 12 month period and unauthorised property connections have been notified that quantity and quality cannot be guaranteed during this period.

An alternative supply plumbed from a tank will be provided to the toilet block at the tennis courts.

The connection of a reticulated water supply is inappropriate in Black Springs, given the unresolved problems associated with effluent disposal. One way of controlling effluent generation is to only have tank water for domestic use.

Recommendation:

1. That the advice from Forests NSW regarding termination of the water supply at Black Springs be noted.
2. Connection of the toilet block at the tennis courts to tanked water be completed.

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General Manager

Mayor

B15. RURAL FIRE SERVICE
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. F90.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 13 April 2010

Councillor McCarthy requested the zone headquarters issue be presented for discussion.

Recommendation: Submitted for discussion.

B16. GOLF CLUB ASSISTANCE
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. PO47.107
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 13 April 2010

Council has been assisting the Oberon Golf Club with plant maintenance, fuel and supply of plant on an as required basis for a number of years.

The Golf Club has been replacing their equipment and maintenance costs have reduced.

A request to transfer excess funds towards funding of a pump and rising main for delivery of treated effluent to the golf course has been received (**Attachment B16**).

The Club has been successful in attracting grants to construct storage tanks and irrigation lines on the course. Council has not been successful with matching grant applications for the rising main connection (\$110,000) and this may be an opportunity to fund the project. It is suggested that the capital funding could be provided from the sewerage fund.

Recommendation:

1. That assistance to the Oberon Golf Club be limited to \$6,000 for 2010/11.
2. Funding for the connection of a rising main and pump station from the sewerage treatment works to the Oberon Golf course be referred for budget consideration.

M1. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A2.5
Prepared by Sharon Swannell on 1 April 2010

The minutes of the Special Events Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2010 are attached. (**Attachment M1**)

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A verbal report regarding the urgent agenda items discussed at this meeting was provided to Council as part of the Mayoral Minute at its 16 March 2010 Ordinary Meeting. The minutes of the meeting are now provided to Council for formal adoption.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

M2. EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A2.5
Prepared by Sharon Swannell on 1 April 2010

The minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2010 are attached.
(Attachment M2)

Recommendation: That

1. Mr John Brotchie, presently a private community representative, be appointed as the representative of the Oberon Show Society.
2. Mr David Scott be appointed in place of Mr Ken Barwick as representative of Oberon High School on the Events Committee.
3. That council pursue sponsorship from a major organisation for a Community Tent to be used at outdoor functions.
4. That a third banner be developed as part of the current 'simple pleasures' promotion to include Autumn/Winter activities to compliment the *Oberon & Villages Summer Festival* and the *Oberon & Villages Spring Garden Festival*.

M3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A2.8
Prepared by John Chapman on 8 April 2010

The minutes of the Library Committee Meeting held on 6 April 2010 are attached.
(Attachment M3)

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

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M4. TRAFFIC ADVISORY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A2.2
Prepared by John Chapman on 8 April 2010

The minutes of the Traffic Advisory Local Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2010 are attached. (*Attachment M4*)

Recommendation: That:

1. Isabella Road, from Abercrombie Road for approximately 600m to "Laska" cattle yards, be approved for 25m B-Doubles.
1. The application for 25m B-Doubles to operate on Felled Timber Road be rejected.

M5. ANNUAL RTA MEETING MINUTES
Staff Report to the 20 April 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. E30.1.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 12 April 2010

The minutes of the Annual RTA Meeting held on 7 April 2010 are attached. (*Attachment M5*)

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

Submitted,

Leigh Robins
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

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General Manager

Mayor