



INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Indigo Shire Council will be held in the **Senior Citizens Rooms, Conness Street, Chiltern** on **Thursday 18 December, 2008** commencing at **7 pm**.

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Brendan McGrath
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

- 1.0 Welcome - Mayor**
- 2.0 Opening Prayer**
- 3.0 Apologies and Leave of Absence**
- 4.0 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest**
- 5.0 Open Forum**
- 6.0 Condolences**
- 7.0 Confirmation of Minutes**
Council meeting 11 November 2008
Special meeting of Council 2 December 2008
- 8.0 Business Arising (previous Minutes)**

OUR VISION IS

“A UNITED, PROSPEROUS AND ADMIRABLE COMMUNITY ENRICHING OUR ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND RURAL LIFESTYLE: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT.”

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9.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

9.1 RUTHERGLEN HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS (FILE NO: T360.1-03 – GMOA)

For Decision

A petition signed by 55 people has been received following a meeting convened on 2 December in Rutherglen where the following resolutions were passed:

The petition states:

“This meeting wishes the rail reserve route (option 3 & 3A in the recommendations) to be removed from further considerations of Council.

This meeting wishes the ‘By Pass of Rutherglen’ be that, ‘a by pass of the future growth corridor covering the Rutherglen township’.

This meeting wishes Recommendation 4.1 be instituted as soon as possible. (that Council seeks Vic Roads support for the following short term measures to alleviate traffic safety etc).”

RECOMMENDATION

That the Petition from various signatories in relation to the proposed Rutherglen Heavy Vehicle Bypass be received noting that the contents of the petition will be included in submissions received as part of the process of this project.

9.2 BEECHWORTH FORMER SUB TREASURY AND POLICE STATION (FILE NO: E515 – TM)

For Decision

A petition signed by 46 people has been received as follows:

“We the undersigned electors of the Indigo Shire request that the Beechworth Pioneer re-enactment group be permitted to operate from the former Beechworth Police Station in the Heritage Precinct in order to provide an appropriate historical and heritage connection with the remainder of the Precinct. Also to allow for the establishment (over time) of a police and gold museum and provide a base for the Group to operate from. Finally, to enhance the tourist experience in the precinct by the Group having volunteers in period costume in the precinct at peak times.

We support this use for the following reasons:

- 1. Council has offered to lease the building to private enterprise; this MAY result in an inappropriate use in the heritage precinct which could affect the overall Beechworth heritage with subsequent damage to tourism. The sensitive use by this Re-enactment heritage group*

would be more in keeping with the area.

2. *The Group would have the opportunity over time to augment the precinct by establishing a police and gold museum in order to recognise the former uses. This would further develop Beechworth history by having more information available to tourists.*
3. *Members in period clothing would staff the building (and walk about in the precinct) in peak tourist times, such as weekends and school holidays which would enhance the tourist experience for visitors.*
4. *The Group would have the opportunity to use one room as a store and meeting space.*
5. *There may be an opportunity for Council and the Group to share some funds from increased visitor patronage. Thus, a win-win for ratepayers and the Group."*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Petition be received and the Tourism Manager be requested to provide a report to the January 2009 meeting of Council as to the implications of the Old Treasury in Beechworth being utilised as suggested by the Beechworth Pioneer Re-enactment Group.

10.0 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

10.1 BAARMUTHA PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT – COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE (FILE NO: C250-06 - CPM)

RECOMMENDATION

That an Indigo Shire Councillor be appointed to the Baarmutha Park Committee of Management.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of a Councillor to the Baarmutha Park Committee of Management.

BACKGROUND

The Baarmutha Park Committee of Management is a committee of management appointed by Council under Section 86 of the Local Government Act to manage Baarmutha Park on behalf of Council.

The membership of the Committee is governed by an Instrument of Delegation which states that:

“The Committee shall comprise:

- *Two representatives from each of the club groups that operate from the facilities namely the Beechworth Football & Netball Club, Beechworth Golf Club and Beechworth Wanderers Cricket Club.*
- *Three independent community members.*
- *The committee may co-opt members with special interests, qualifications or experience on needs basis.*
- *One Councillor of Indigo Shire Council who shall be appointed at the Council’s annual statutory Meeting.”*

ISSUES

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Baarmutha Park Committee of Management Instrument of Delegation requires that a Councillor is appointed to the Committee at the Statutory meeting of Council each year.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

10.2 SECTION 173 AGREEMENTS - (06/155, 07-123) (PM)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, as the relevant Responsible Authority, resolve to enter into the subject Section 173 Agreements with the owners of the following properties and to sign and seal the appropriate documentation:

- A) P Hurry - Crown Allotments 19A, 20 and 20A Section A Parish of Chiltern West**
- B) L Bain - Lot 20 Plan of Subdivision 502156U, Isaacs Ave Yackandandah.**

INTRODUCTION

The following Section 173 Agreement is presented to Council with a recommendation for approval under the seal of Council.

These agreements are required by a condition on the planning permit. In each case the planning permit has already been issued under delegated authority. The recommendation is to formalise the requirement for a Section 173 Agreement. This report is not concerned

with a review of planning permits that have already been issued.

Section 173 of the Planning & Environment Act 1987 allows for Council to enter into agreements with land owners. Such agreements are legally binding and are registered against the Title of the land. That is, they run with the land so that subsequent owners are also bound to the terms of the agreement. These agreements can be removed from the Title at some later date only with the consent of the Responsible Authority (in this case Council).

When Council enters into Section 173 Agreements, this allows a range of planning matters to be addressed which could otherwise not be managed into perpetuity.

In each case the detail of the Section 173 Agreement is discussed below:

COMMENT

In the Agreements referred to, the responsibility of making application on behalf of Council to the Registrar of Titles office for the registration of the Agreement and the payment of all legal costs is that of the other party entering into the Agreement with Council.

BACKGROUND

- A)** Planning Permit 06-155 relates to a proposed dwelling and replacement dwelling on Chiltern-Rutherglen Road, Chiltern. The land is 9.69 hectares in area and has a NECMA designated waterway running through it. Because of the nature of the land, the application was approved on the basis that the land be consolidated into a single lot, and a Section 173 Agreement was to be entered into with the Responsible Authority to:
- (i) ensure that the consolidated land is not able to be subdivided so as to increase the number of lots;
 - (ii) provide notification to future landowners regarding the rural zoning of the land and expectations relating to normal rural practices that would be carried out in the vicinity of this land;
 - (iii) ensure that the primary and secondary effluent disposal areas are managed and maintained in accordance with the approved wastewater disposal management plan;
 - (iv) ensure that no building is located within 15 metres of any property boundary, within 30 metres of any road, nor within 20m from the drip line of any existing trees. No dwelling shall be located closer than 100m to a waterway;
 - (v) ensures that in the event of a dwelling house being erected on the consolidated lot referred to in condition 4, that such dwelling cannot be excised from the Lot under the provisions of the Indigo Planning Scheme; and
 - (vi) ensure that planted native vegetation within the buffer strip and effluent disposal areas as referred to in Condition 11 is maintained and protected by the owner of the lot.
- B)** Planning Permit 07-123 relates to a two lot subdivision of land located at Isaacs

Avenue Yackandandah. The area of the site is 0.5117 hectares. Because of the nature of the land, its proximity to a waterway and existing mature native vegetation, the application was approved on the basis that a Section 173 Agreement was to be entered into with the Responsible Authority which ensures:

- (i) That any future development on proposed lot 2 is sited, designed and constructed using the principles of Water Sensitive Urban Design and in particular that:
 - (a) The dwelling must incorporate a minimum 10,000 Litre rain water tank on site. The water tank must be plumbed to the toilets and garden taps as a minimum. Only the overflow from the rainwater tank is to be directly discharged to the lot's stormwater point. The dwelling must include water saving measures (AAA rated fixtures and a pressure reduction valve).
 - (b) Stormwater is detained on site where practical through use of permeable paving, pebble paving, infiltration trenches, soakwells, lawn, garden areas and swales. The total hard surface site coverage (including outbuildings, swimming pools, tennis courts, driveways and all impermeable surfaces), must not exceed 40%.
 - (c) An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be submitted with all Building Permit applications that clearly outlines how the site is to be managed during and after construction.
- (ii) That where incorporated, rear or side of allotment infiltration trenches with overflows to the formal drainage system are maintained so as to ensure design stormwater flows do not impact on downslope properties.
- (iii) That a 20 metre buffer zone of undisturbed vegetation must be maintained along the eastern boundary of lot 2.
- (iv) That any future development on proposed lot 2 is sited, designed and constructed to protect existing mature native vegetation.

Attachment A: Locality/Site Plan – PP06/155 – Chiltern-Rutherglen Rd Chiltern.

Attachment B: Locality/Site Plan – PP07/123 - Isaacs Ave, Yackandandah.

**10.3 BIODIESEL & RENDERING PLANT COMMUNITY
REFERENCE GROUP (FILE NO: E1240-29 – PM)**

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Mr Mark Verbaken be accepted as alternate representative for Nerida Kerr, replacing Bryan Blake as a representative from the Barnawartha Development Association (BDA) in line with the terms of the Community Reference Group Charter.

SUMMARY

This community reference group for the biodiesel and rendering facility at Plemings Road, Barnawartha has membership from a range of organisations and authorities and from local residents. Mr Bryan Blake has resigned as the alternate member for the Barnawartha Development Association. The Barnawartha Development Association Nominations has nominated Mr Mark Verbaken as their alternate member. This report recommends that Council accept that nomination and appoint Mr Verbaken as an alternate member on the CRG.

BACKGROUND

Biodiesel Producers Australia Pty Ltd and Oztek Pty Ltd are the operating partners in a joint venture that developed a biodiesel plant at Plemings Road, Barnawartha. The Biodiesel Plant is now operational and running at a budget of \$50 Million. A request to undertake a Planning Scheme Amendment was lodged on their behalf by Maunsell Australia. Following public notice of the amendment and receipt of submissions, this amendment was the subject of a Panel hearing and detailed Panel report. The amendment was adopted by Council at its meeting of 13 September 2005 and subsequently received approval by the DSE and Minister for Planning.

The amendment required the establishment of a Barnawartha Renewable Energy (Biodiesel) and Rendering Facility Community Reference Group (CRG) within 45 days of Gazettal of Amendment C29.

The CRG Charter provides that the CRG shall comprise the following members:-

Voting Members

- Independent Chair (1)
- Representative of Biodiesel Producers Pty Ltd (1)
- Representative of Oztek Pty Ltd (1)
- Representative of ISC (1)
- Representative of EPA (1)
- Representatives of local residents comprising
 - A representative from the Barnawartha Renewable Energy Supporters Group (1)
 - A representative from the Barnawartha Indigo Valley Residents Action Group (1)

- A representative from the Barnawartha Development Association (1)
- A representative of local residents living within 1.5km radius of the development site (1)

Non-Voting Members

- A representative of the Barnawartha branch of the Victorian Farmers Federation
- The Construction Contractor (during construction only)
- Technical Officers – Indigo Shire Council
- Representatives of referral bodies who have been involved in the approval process of the project including NECMA, GMW & DSE.

In November 2005 Council appointed members to the Renewable Energy *Biodiesel & Rendering Plant Facility Plemings Rd Barnawartha* Community Reference Group (CRG).

The CRG has been operating since that time and has been involved in providing a consultative group to comment on development and operational issues associated with the two plants on the site. While initially the meetings were more focused on development of the rendering plant the meetings have recently been concerned with upgrade of the rendering plant and with operational matters related to the site. There have been ongoing impacts particularly noise and odour impacts on some nearby residents and the CRG will have a continuing role in monitoring such impacts.

The representative from the Barnawartha Development Group, Mr Bryan has now advised that due to work commitments, he is unable to continue his role as alternate and Mark Verbaken has been put forward as alternate member.

10.4 MINUTES OF THE INDIGO HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 SEPTEMBER 2008, 23 OCTOBER 2008 AND 12 NOVEMBER 2008 (FILE NO: E512)

For Information

The following is a summary of the main issues discuss at the previous three Heritage Committee Meetings:

1 At the meeting held on 18 September 2008 the main point of discussion was the management of collections held in the Shire. Questions raised and discussed were:

- What is a collection?
- How well are they recorded?
- What does it mean to manage collections?
- What are where and how do we go about managing collections?
- How is the Burke Museum being managed? The IHAC Committee is concerned that not having a manager will affect the management of the

museum. A subcommittee was established to further investigate and report to the IHAC Committee on management of collections.

2. At the meeting held on 23 October 2008 Council, the two major points of discussion were:

a) The Old Chiltern Convent

The building is in dire need of repair, but is reparable and the committee agrees that it should be protected.

b) Rutherglen Tourist Information Centre

Signage does not comply with heritage signage guidelines. The Committee is investigating appropriate alternative heritage signage for the Centre.

3. At the meeting held on 13 November 2008 the main point of discussion was the Indigo Heritage Awards 2009. Two former categories will be combined and an extra category included in the 2009 Awards. The presentation of Awards will take place in May 2009.

Attachments: Minutes of the September, October & November Meetings

10.5 BUILDING STATISTICS – NOVEMBER 2008 (EDSM)

For Information

Property Address	Description	Value Wor
26-28 Diffey Road Beechworth	Storage Sheds	\$52,0
87-113 Barkly Street Wahgunyah	lean to Against Shed (Uncle bys)	\$16,5
13 Gee Road Beechworth	ed to Lock Up Only	\$22,0
3 Platypus Place Yackandanda	welling	\$216,7

140 Stanley Road	Beechworth	ed	\$18,0
44B Isaacs Avenue	Yackandanda	Swimming Pool	\$22,8
62 Hopetoun Road	Rutherglen	Garage	\$11,6
8 Benjamin Boulevard	Tangambalan	Swimming	\$130,0
663A Osbornes Flat Road	Allans Flat	Transportable Home	\$160,1
20 Masons Road	Stanley	Swimming	\$201,0
6 Junction Road	Beechworth	ed	\$8,2
18 Barkly Street	Rutherglen	Covered Deck	\$8,5
60 Hynes Lane	Osbornes Flat	Harport	\$10,3
5 Hodge Street	Beechworth	Swimming	\$195,0
Mt Stanley Road	Stanley	Telecommunications Tower	\$106,0
25 Albert Road	Beechworth	Open Roof Steel Pergola and Timber Pergola	\$8,0
52 Sydney Road	Beechworth	Re-location of Break Glass Fire Alarm	\$1,5

1 Foord Street	Wahgunyah	Can to Against Existing Water Treatment Plant	\$13,2
31 Jenkins Lane	Kiewa	Swimming Pool	\$31,7
937 Indigo Creek Road	Indigo Valley	Bergola Roof and Modification of Doors of CFA Meeting Room	\$7,0
5 Black Forest Lane	Stanley	Transportable Home	\$61,6
1 Nankervis Court	Beechworth	Bathroom Extension	\$11,5
40 Blanche Street	Wahgunyah	Extension to Residence	\$20,0
21 High Street	Yackandandah	Reinstate Fire Damage to Museum	\$319,0
Total			1,678,7

10.6 PLANNING STATISTICS – NOVEMBER 2008 (EDSM)

For Information

Permit	Locality	Proposed Use	Project Value	Decision
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4299	eechworth	our (4) Lot Subdivision and removal of Easement		Withdrawn
4218	hiltern	amendment to Permit - Automat eller Machine		Approved
4306	eechworth	wo (2) Lot Subdivision		Approved
4332	ooragee	dwelling and Shed	405,000	Approved
4350	ewa	realign Boundary to Include iveway		Withdrawn
4372	ooragee	velopment Plan - Two (2) Lot bdivision		Approved
4163.1	eechworth	amended Permit (Extension of ne) - Dwelling		Approved
4393	ackandanda	xtend Licensed Area		Approved
4394	eechworth	ade Structure	\$29,000	Approved
4397	ackandanda	arden Shed and Open Sided wning	\$23,000	Approved
4405	ooragee	ater Tank	\$15,000	Approved
4410	ooragee	vegetation Removal		Approved

4418	eechworth	ed	\$4,00	pproved
4421	eechworth	gnage	\$	pproved
4424	idigo Valley	terations and Additions to ed(s)	\$7,00	pproved

4425	ackandanda	terations & Additions to Sport villion and Changerooms	\$5,600	pproved
063.1	eechworth	endment to Permit - 2 Lot bdivision	\$	pproved
121.1	ornishtown	endment to Permit - Dwelling	\$	pproved
014.1	utherglen	endment to Permit - 4 wellings	\$	pproved
005.1	hiltern	endment to Permit - Dwelling	\$	pproved
4202	ngambalan	endment to Permit - Dual ccupancy	\$	pproved
4322	eechworth	endment to Permit - 2 Lot bdivision and Boundary ealignment	\$	pproved
4045	hiltern	endment to Permit - Dwelling	\$	pproved
4044	ackandanda	endment to Permit - Dwelling	\$	pproved
049.1	eechworth	endment to Permit - Signage	\$	pproved
133.1	utherglen	endment to Permit - 2 Lot bdivision	\$	pproved



10.7 PLANNING PROJECTS – DECEMBER 2008 (MP)

For Information

Projects underway are shown in the following table.

Project	Current actions
<p>Amendment C21 - Kiewa-Tangambalanga</p>	<p>Structure Plan adopted by Council in May 2006. The amended provides for residential, low density residential and rural living land in accordance with the Structure Plan.</p> <p>Authorisation received was conditional and a protracted negotiation took place before DSE allowed exhibition to commence.</p> <p>Exhibition period for the amendment closed 2 July 2007. Issues raised include Aboriginal heritage. Additional information requested in this regard by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV). Proponents have submitted several reports all of which have been found to be inadequate to meet AAV requirements. The proponent is now considering AAV’s comments and how to address these matters.</p> <p>Once this matter has been resolved, the amendment will be reported to Council with a view to proceeding to review by an Independent Panel.</p>
<p>Municipal Strategic Statement and Indigo Planning Scheme Amendment C24 – Major review</p>	<p>Major review finalised and adopted by October 2007, then submitted to the Minister for Planning.</p> <p>Planning Scheme amendment (C24) to implement initial matters finished public exhibition finished on 15 August 2008. 45 submissions were received. These include acknowledgment, support, requests for minor changes and objections.</p> <p>At the November 2008 meeting, Council resolved to request appointment of an Independent Panel to review unresolved submissions. A direction hearing for this</p>

	<p>Panel is scheduled for 19 December; the Panel hearing is likely to be in February 2009.</p>
Amendment C35 – Former Beechworth Hospital site	<p>This amendment proposes to rezone this site to residential and mixed use zones and introduce an Environmental Audit Overlay over part of the site. The public exhibition period ended 11 January 2008. Three submissions in total received.</p> <p>Following negotiations one substantive issue remains. This is potential contamination of a small part of the site. Proponent agrees to extend Environmental Audit Overlay over that part of the property affected by potential contamination.</p> <p>At the November 2008 meeting, Council resolved to request appointment of an Independent Panel to review the single unresolved submission. Panel hearing set down for 19 December in Beechworth.</p>
Amendment C36 – Chiltern Flood Study	<p>Amendment to replace Land Subject to Inundation Overlay in Chiltern based on the recommendations of the Chiltern Flood Study. Exhibition period ended 24 June 2008.</p> <p>Two submissions were received. Issues raised in submissions were addressed by NECMA and revised mapping prepared. One further submission was received following this and a further revision to mapping is currently under discussion.</p> <p>The matter will be reported to Council once discussions have been finalised.</p>

<p>Indigo Planning Scheme Amendment C44 – Back Creek Road, Yackandandah and Buckland Gap Road, Beechworth</p>	<p>This amendment proposed to rezone land zoned Public Use Zone 7 to Industrial 1 Zone and from Public Conservation and Resource Zone to Farming Zone. Both rezoning will enable the Crown to dispose of the land to adjoining land owners.</p> <p>The public exhibition period closed 24 November 2008. One issue raised in the process is that of a water main that may need to be relocated. Once this matter has been resolved, the amendment will be reported to Council.</p>
<p>Indigo Planning Scheme C48 – Kiewa Valley Highway</p>	<p>This is a minor amendment to rezone part of the Kiewa Valley Highway from Farming Zone to Road Zone Category 1 to reflect that it is part of the highway reserve. DPCD is undertaking the administrative work for this amendment on behalf of Vic Roads.</p>
<p>Indigo Planning Scheme C49 – Old Beechworth Gaol</p>	<p>This amendment introduces a Schedule to the existing Development Plan Overlay over the site.</p> <p>Authorisation to proceed to advertise the amendment has been requested from DPCD. Currently awaiting authorisation Once this is received the amendment will be placed on public exhibition.</p>
<p>Indigo Planning Scheme –environmental/biodiversity overlay</p>	<p>Phase 1: Identified biodiversity priority areas within the municipality for further investigation and possible further controls in the planning scheme. Phase 1 report completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: Coomes Consulting appointed to undertake this phase of analysis of requirements for additional or changed planning controls. Phase 2 underway. Draft report received and under review. Report to be finalised and presented to Council.</p>
<p>Interim car parking policy (Indigo Planning Scheme Amendment C42)</p>	<p>Interim Policy adopted June 2008. Preparation of parking precinct plan under consideration. Will not be progressed until 2009.</p>
<p>Rural Land Use Strategy</p>	<p>Coomes Consultants appointed to undertake the strategy. Initial consultation phase completed. Draft issues and opportunities paper released. Period for comments closed 19 November 2008. Twenty submissions received and being considered prior to finalisation of issues and opportunities paper. Draft strategy now being prepared.</p>

	A second round of public consultation will be held in first half of 2009.
Indigo Planning Scheme Amendment C50 - Chiltern Business 3 rezoning	Application for grant to fund strategic component has been lodged with RDV. Preparation of amendment to proceed following strategic work.
VCAT Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP05-281 Appeal by O & Z vonWilpert against Council's refusal to amend a planning permit for a dwelling at Elgin Road, Beechworth. Hearing dates set and adjourned. No new date has been set at this time. • PP07-072 Appeal by R Beaver against Council's Failure to grant a permit for a 21 lot subdivision of the Old Beechworth Gaol. Hearing set down for 20 & 21 February 2008 and adjourned due to decision by Minister for Planning to introduce a Development Plan Overlay over the subject land. Mediation held 6 June 2008 to consider matters to be included in the development Plan. Mediation did not finalise all matters. The matter proceeded to hearing. <p>A second appeal was also lodged. This was against Council's failure to determine a development plan that was submitted on 28 April 2008. This matter was joined with the subdivision matter.</p> <p>Hearing was 29 and 30 October. Decision withheld and expected December 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP07-4119 Appeal by C & T Welsh against Council's refusal of an application for a dwelling at Riley's Road, Hearing 11 November 2008. Decision withheld. Decision expected December. • PP08-4198 Appeal by M Bird against Council's refusal to approve a dwelling. Yackandandah Wodonga Road, Staghorn Flat. Hearing 11 November. Verbal decision to approve the dwelling at the time of the hearing. Written decision now received. • P97/015 Appeal by Powercount Developments requesting modification of a condition of this permit issued at the direction of the AAT. Application being advertised prior to listing on 12 December 2008.
Environmental Local Law	Draft local law review on exhibition until 27 February

	2009. Period for exhibition extended to allow for stakeholders meeting in February 2009 (after the Christmas/January holiday period).
Environmental health staff	Trainee Environmental Health officer position vacant. Review of external contracts being undertaken prior to further action in relation to this position.
Building and statutory planning staff	As a result of a shortfall in income in the building services area, one building officer will work part time in the statutory planning area. This situation will be monitored.

11.0 OPERATIONS AND ASSETS

11.1 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – STRATEGIC PROJECTS LISTING (FILE NO: T417 - GMOA)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council apply for funding for the Indigo Bicycle Connections – Cycle Tourism, Recreation and Community Linkages Project through the Rural and Local Community Infrastructure Program - Strategic Projects Funding.

SUMMARY

The Federal Government has provided funding via the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) Strategic Projects of \$50m nationwide for major infrastructure projects. Applications for funding must be submitted by 23 December 2008.

BACKGROUND

In conjunction with the allocation of funding to each Council under RLCIP Program the Federal Government it is also making up to \$50m available to Local Government to stimulate additional growth specifically on larger projects seeking a minimum Commonwealth contribution of \$2m. The RLCIP Strategic Projects Program is a competitive process across the nation. Larger projects and projects which include partnership funding will be given preference under this program. Eligible projects must be additional to those already identified in Council's Capital Works Program and must be ready to proceed ie to commence construction within six months of signing the funding agreement. Project eligibility is broad and includes most community infrastructure except for roads and bridges.

Applications must be lodged by 23 December 2008. The following projects were considered and discussed by the Senior Management Group as possibilities for this funding program;

- Murray to Mountains Rail Trail Rutherglen to Springhurst section – This project fits within the funding guidelines however Wangaratta Council has declined to partner Indigo on this project as they have a project of higher priority which they wish to apply for. It should be noted that Councils can only apply for one project under this program.
- Baarmutha Park Water Re-use, Golf Greens and Clubrooms Project - the re-use water component for this project cannot proceed until sufficient housing development is in place in the adjoining residential subdivisions. This will not occur within the required timelines.
- Municipal Offices and complimentary facilities – It is unlikely that the municipal offices in their own right will get consideration under this program and the scope would need to be broadened to incorporate other community uses. This cannot be completed within the timelines required for funding application.
- Indigo Bicycle Connections – Cycle Tourism, Recreation and Community Linkages Project - Indigo Council is currently updating its Bike Path Strategy, has completed its Recreation Strategy and has been involved in the development of the Cycle Tourism Strategy. These documents form an excellent basis to identify priorities within Indigo Shire. The identified pathways projects could be undertaken within the required time lines and works completed with the guidelines for strategic projects. Further investigations will be done on possible linkages however it is envisaged that linkages such as Chiltern/Barnawartha, Huon/Tangambalanga and Beechworth/Wooragee would compliment our existing networks and provide ability to further promote cycle tourism, provide better linkages for our residents and enhance recreational opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Initial discussions have been held with State Government representatives to ascertain the possibility of partnership funding. Responses have been positive as the State Government is actively promoting cycling and walking pathways. The application will be made on the basis that Council will be contributing \$250,000 towards the \$2.5m project. If Council is successful in this application, provision will need to be made in the 2009/2010 budget for Council's contribution to these works.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Bike Path Strategy, Recreation Strategy and Cycle Tourism strategy have been well canvassed in our community.

**11.2 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT (FILE NO: T417 -
GMOA)**

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council fund the following projects from the \$434,000 funding;

- **Rutherglen Fig Park facilities reconstruction.**
- **Upgrade various community buildings and recreation facilities**
- **Bruarong Hall upgrade**
- **Rutherglen Lake King improvements**
- **Drought Bore Browns Plains area**
- **Burke Museum storage shed**

SUMMARY

The Federal Government has provided funding of \$434,000 within the Rural Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) for community infrastructure. The funding must be expended by 30 September 2009 and the decisions of eligible projects nominated and approved by 30 January 2009.

BACKGROUND

Under the RLCIP the Australian Government has provided one off funding of \$250,000,000 in 2008/2009 to local councils to stimulate additional growth. The direct allocation to Indigo Shire is \$434,000 and this funding may be spent on the projects which meet the eligibility guidelines subject to formal approval of those projects by the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Funding guidelines and project eligibility are broad and enable new construction and major renovations to the majority of infrastructure assets. In general the only exclusions are that works cannot be undertaken on operational or maintenance areas and cannot be undertaken on transport infrastructure such as roads or bridges. Timelines associated with identifying projects do not allow for any meaningful community consultation and accordingly the above projects have been identified on adopted Capital Works priorities, input from the Senior Management Group, works identified in the Recreational Strategy, works which were unsuccessful on Council's 2008/2009 community grants program and urban works identified from recent building inspections. The following charts identify the projects and preliminary costs.

Project Title	Grant Amount	Comments
Works from Capital Works listing		
Fig Park Amenities Reconstruct	\$182,000	Existing facilities irreparable. Currently listed in Capital works 2010/11.
Submissions from Senior Management Group		
Upgrade Various Community Buildings & Recreation Facilities	\$147,000	(Refer breakdown over page) From building inspections and committee requests
Bruarong Hall Kitchen Upgrade	\$9,000	Committee request, promote activities
Rutherglen Lake King Improvements	\$23,000	Improve water catchment area. Note requires consultation with committee.
Drought Bore Browns Plains Area	\$33,000	Will complete the drought bore network. Funding no longer available from Goulburn Murray Water. Priority from Drought committee.
Burke Museum Storage Shed	\$20,000	Construct shed at Beechworth Depot.
Barnawartha Streetscape Improvements	\$20,000	
TOTAL	\$434,000	

Other Projects for Consideration		
Water Tower(Wine Bottle)	\$180,000	Very preliminary estimate of cost only. Could attract complimentary State funding however further public consultation required and difficult to achieve in timelines.
Lake Sambell Sandy Beach Toilets	\$90,000	New facility at swimming beach.
Lake Sambell Pathways etc	\$150,000	Completion of master plan works commenced 2001. This project is listed in 2009/10 capital works to be funded via State sources.
Yackandandah Public Hall Upgrade	\$800,000	Cannot obtain necessary complimentary State funding within required timelines
Yackandandah Sports Park Hall	\$1,200,000	Cannot obtain necessary complimentary State funding within required timelines
Upgrade Yack & Chiltern Visitor Centres	\$165,000	Project not sufficiently defined to proceed within timelines.
Beechworth Courthouse Airconditioning	\$20,000	Not currently airconditioned. Need to identify operational costs before proceeding.

Upgrade Various Community Buildings and Recreation Facilities Sub-List				
No.	Asset Description	Asset Location	Works description	Approx Grant Amount required Cost
Facility Improvements Identified from Asset Inspections by Council				
1	Beechworth Youth Centre	Harper Avenue, Beechworth	Refurbish interior ceilings	\$5,000
2	Chiltern Athenaeum Building	55 Conness Street, Chiltern	Renew flooring and substructure and refurbish interior	\$12,000
3	Chiltern Memorial Hall Building	86 Conness Street, Chiltern	Stage and acoustic improvements and	\$20,000
4	Yackandandah Butson Park Change Rooms Stand	Butson Street	Upgrade and renewal works	\$6,000
5	Beechworth Senior Citizens Club Rooms Building	Harper Avenue, Beechworth	New kitchen	\$6,000
6	Chiltern Community Offices Building	52 Main Street, Chiltern	Internal refurbishment front rooms	\$5,000
7	Stanley Athenaeum / Library Building	Stanley Road, Stanley	Refurbish flooring and internal walls.	\$10,000
8	Rutherglen RSL	High St Rutherglen	New kitchen	\$8,000
			SUB TOTAL	\$72,000
Recreational Capital Works Priorities				
9	Coulston Park	Kiewa East Road, Tangambalanga	Main oval renovations, drainage and irrigation improvements	\$30,000
10	Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve	Recreation Reserve Road, Wahgunyah	Upgrade electrical supply to 3-phase power to the Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve and extend to the Wahgunyah Speedway	\$25,000
			SUB TOTAL	\$55,000
Capital Works Projects Unsuccessful through Council's 2008/2009 Community Grants Program				
12	Beechworth Montessori Children's Centre	La Trobe University, Beechworth	Recommission existing toilet block for 0-3 year old child care area	\$2,530
13	Beechworth RSL Sub-Branch	Ford Street, Beechworth	Replace carpeting with vinyl flooring in foyer, main hall and storeroom at club facility	\$3,000
14	Kiewa Valley Early Childhood Centre	Kiewa East Road, Tangambalanga	Upgrade children's washroom and toilet area including new flooring and dual flush toilets	\$4,000

15	Barkly Park Rutherglen	Reid Street, Rutherglen	Renovations to the clubroom to improve canteen/bar access and viewing areas	\$4,000
16	Rutherglen Kindergarten	169 High Street, Rutherglen	Redevelopment of kinder's backyard to make safer and more aesthetic for use, includes moving fence, flatten slopes, construct storage shed, install water tanks	\$3,187
17	Yackandandah Kindergarten Inc	30 Isaacs Avenue, Yackandandah	Installation of playground edging for kindergarten	\$4,000
			SUB TOTAL	\$20,717
			TOTAL	\$147,717

Further works will be undertaken on refining project costs and discussion of projects with particular community groups. The final project costs may vary marginally from those identified however it is envisaged that all project should be able to be completed within the available funding. The recommendation has been written without costings to enable variation on project costs for the final application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Some of the identified projects require complimentary funding from community groups. The various groups have confirmed their commitment to the projects. Given the current back log of Capital works projects which Council has, it is envisaged that the larger projects will be project managed with external resources and this has been built into the preliminary costings.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Ideally funding of this type would be incorporated through Council's normal budgeting processes and capital works review. The short timelines associated with this funding requires decisions to be made within timelines and guidelines established as part of the grant. The projects listed ensure at least some expenditure will be incurred across most areas in the Shire.

The intent of the grant is to stimulate local employment and accordingly every effort will be made to ensure that local tradespeople are employed.

**11.3 LEASE – RUTHERGLEN – WAHGUNYAH RAILWAY
(T250.3-3 – GMOA)**

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Accept the VicTrack lease for the Railway Reserve between Wahgunyah and Rutherglen for the rent of \$1290.00 per annum.**
- 2. Sign and Seal the Lease documents for the Railway Reserve between Rutherglen and Wahgunyah.**

SUMMARY

A lease has been negotiated with VicTrack for the Railway Reserve between Rutherglen and Wahgunyah for the purposes of constructing Stage 2 of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail

This report provides an overview of the lease including evaluation and recommends that Council sign the lease for the Railway Reserve between Rutherglen and Wahgunyah.

BACKGROUND

The lease is required for the construction of Stage 2 of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, between Rutherglen and Wahgunyah. The lease covers the Rail Reserve between Sarah Street in Wahgunyah to the West and Ready Street in Rutherglen to the East.

The lease to be signed is a head lease over most of the reserve except for some parcels around both yards in Rutherglen and Wahgunyah and it is limited to the rail formation for 2.6km North of the Taylor St crossing.

Council has been novated the Licence for Greentrails use of the line through the entire lease which expires at the end of June 2009. Negotiations are currently underway between Greentrails and Council to remove this licence between All Saints Road in the West and Howlong Road in the East it is envisaged that this will be resolved by the end of this year (2008).

CONSULTATION

All residents abutting the reserve have been notified of the change of use of the reserve from a Railway to a Bike Path

The current users of the railway (Greentrails) have also been consulted along the way.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Rent is \$1,290.00 per annum plus GST payable by annual payments in advance. Rent will increase by 5% on every anniversary of the commencement date during the term. Rent will also be reviewed on every fifth anniversary of the commencement date during the term.

11.4 TENDERS – UPGRADE OF MELLISH STREET (FILE NO Q07/06 – GMOA)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- 3. Accept the Tender from J & C Reid Earthmoving Pty Ltd for a contract value of \$440,076, plus GST for the Reconstruction of Mellish Street Q07/06.**
- 4. Sign and Seal Contract documents in relation to the works, Contract Q07/06.**

SUMMARY

Tenders were called for the reconstruction of Mellish Street between Bridge Street and the Beechworth – Myrtleford Road, Beechworth.

This report provides an overview of the tender process including evaluation and recommends accepting the tender of \$440,076.

BACKGROUND

The Mellish Street reconstruction includes road widening and resurfacing and construction of a new drainage system.

Council received four tenders for the works.

The works form part of Council's 2008/09 Capital Works Program and is primarily funded through the Federal Government's Auslinks Strategic Regional Program.

CONSULTATION

This project was identified in Council's Capital Works Program and, as part of the budget process, is placed on public exhibition for community comment.

To add to this there has been extensive engagement of residents including a meeting of residents at the town hall a meeting of residents on site and several surveys.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Tenders were called in accordance with Councils Tendering Policy.

The assessment of the tender did not however include the interview of the tenderers. The evaluation panel is familiar with capability of the four tenderers all having completed similar contracts/works for Council previously. All tenderers are considered comparable in experience, quality and ability to carry out the works. Price therefore becomes the varying factor.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Lowest tender is \$440,076 (Excluding GST). There was also a provisional sum built in to the contract for a shared pathway and an asphalt overlay that will be negotiated with the contractor budget permitting.

The budget for the project is \$465,000 construction works plus project management cost will come in well within budget.

The \$440,076 tender contains a \$20,000 contingency sum.

The works are funded through Council's 2008/09 Capital Works Program using the Federal Government's Auslinks Strategic Regional Program and a \$15,000 contribution from Council.

TENDERS RECEIVED

Four tenders were received. (Tender Documents were sent to twenty one prospective tenderers). J & C Reid Earthmoving Pty Ltd has tendered the most competitive price of \$440,076 (plus GST).

**11.5 NEVRWASTE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(FILE NO. E765-10 GMOA)****For Information**

This report is presented to Council for its information and consideration. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to this report and a full copy of the Plan is available from the Yackandandah office upon request.

SUMMARY

Further to a report presented to Council at the meeting of 21 October 2008 the final draft of the North East Regional Waste Management Plan is now available for presentation to Council for their comment.

BACKGROUND

The North East Regional Waste Management Group trading as NevRwaste, works in partnership with its member Councils, to implement the State's waste management policies and strategies, at a regional and local level. As part of this responsibility NevRwaste is required to prepare a Regional Waste Management Plan. A Draft plan has now been prepared and as part of the consultation process prior to the adoption of the

plan is the requirement for all Council's and Alpine resorts in the Region, to provide comment on the draft.

CONSULTATION

The RWMP was available for public comment during October/November 2008. Council is now being given the opportunity to comment on the draft plan until 11 February 2009.

On the 10 November an Industry information session was also held.

After public and Council consultation, the RWMP is to be referred back to the NevRwaste Board in early March 2009 for further consideration and adoption. It is proposed that a presentation will be given by NevRwaste to councils in March/April and councils will be given the opportunity to adopt the plan in April 2009. The plan will be submitted to the EPA in June for their approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The draft RWMP complies with council's current waste management policies.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council currently contributes and amount of approximately \$12,000 annually to NevRwaste and the Draft RWMP does not seek to increase this contribution other than the annual CPI increase.

Attachment

11.6 CAPITAL WORKS – PROGRESS REPORT – TO 27 NOVEMBER 2008 (GMOA)

For Information

Project	Actions
Subdivisional works by developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Hill Road Estate Havelock Road, Stage 2 works in progress. 80% complete • Subdivisional construction works are currently very quiet.
Plant	08/09 Replacement Program and 10 year forward plan finalised. Minor plant purchases commenced. Trials of replacement of Town Teams mowers 27/11. Searching for replacement of a second hand loader at present.
Rutherglen Wine Bottle	Planning Permit for works yet to be submitted to Council from NEW.
Murray to Mountains Rail Trail	Design plans have been completed. Agreement reached on access. Preparing tenders for rail removal

	between Federation Way and Rutherglen.
Chiltern Floodplain Works	Presently investigating options for a dry detention basin upstream of the town. Meetings with land owners have occurred. Waiting on valuations on a potential site before commencing discussions with the owner. Improvements to culverts and channels through town underway.
Havelock Road area stormwater re-use	Re-use system commissioned and handed over for use by the Beechworth Football and Cricket Clubs. Downstream wetlands to be constructed December to complete project. Awaiting final works on waterways permit approval from NECMA. Planning construction phase and sorting out plant orders.
Ready/Soles Street drainage	Detailed design under review with some re-design in progress. VicRoads have been formally approached regarding funding of Main Street culvert crossing and road lowering.
Chiltern Commercial Area Parking	Reached agreement on land purchase, detail design at draft stage. Removal of old houses complete. Application made for additional \$170,000 grant in 08/09. Public meeting in November successful. Steering Committee nominated, first meeting mid-December.
Rutherglen Heavy Vehicle Deviation.	Report released for public comment. Public Information meeting held 18 November, over 100 attendees.
Tangambalanga Football club rooms	Architectural, structural and mechanical services designs in progress. Scheduled to tender project in December. \$50,000 DPCD funding yet to be confirmed.
Yackandandah Supermarket Car parking	Works in Hammond Street commenced. Supermarket now up and running.
Wahgunyah-Moodemere Walking Trails	Cultural Heritage preliminary survey for proposed route nearing completion. Survey completed. working through other planning permit requirements. Awaiting approval from DSE, as Public Land Manager, to submit a planning permit.
Yackandandah Museum	Reconstruction works 98% complete. Museum re-opened November 29.

Former Beechworth Methodist Church Roof	Specifications for project submitted for the approval of Heritage Victoria Permit exemption application accepted and confirmed in writing by Heritage Victoria, just awaiting tender prices from contractors.
Tangambalanga Industrial Estate	Regional Development Victoria (RDV) formal funding application for Tangambalanga and Yackandandah industrial developments submitted late November. RDV reviewed development sites first-hand November 6.
Yackandandah Industrial Estate Depot	Regional Development Victoria (RDV) formal funding application for Tangambalanga and Yackandandah industrial developments submitted late November. RDV reviewed development sites first-hand November 6.
Wahgunyah Boat Ramp	Planning process progressing. Discussions ongoing.

11.7 OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT – PROGRESS REPORT – TO 27 NOVEMBER 2008 (GMOA)

For Information

Project	Description of Works
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	
Road Maintenance & Parks and Gardens	General road maintenance continues: grading-pothole-signage-drainage etc. Trial of new mowers and operator opinion next week. Replacement of hand mowers has happened.
WORKS IN PROGRESS	
Bus Stops – Yackandandah, Wellsford Street	A consultant has been engaged to prepare a transport study for this project and his report is expected to be available in the next 2 weeks. When this is received copies of the report and amended plans will be forwarded to objectors.
EXTERNAL PRIVATE WORKS	
Buller Gas	With the end of the 2008 snow season most of the income has occurred and we are ahead of budget. Construction of development on the mountain is slow this year. We are now carrying out maintenance. We continue to investigate supply of Gas to the subdivision at Railway Avenue Yackandandah. The New Gas Safety Case for Buller Gas is nearing completion. The draft asset management plan is completed

<p>Waste Management</p>	<p>Falls Creek Waste We are now in summer mode with this contract with collections undertaken 2 days per week.</p> <p>East Gippsland Waste Contract is progressing smoothly with no major concerns. Interviews have been held for a replacement site supervisor at the Marlo Transfer Station and an appointment has been made with the successful applicant commencing duty. Scrap metal prices have fallen from around \$260/tonne to \$20/tonne and this will have an impact on the profit that this contract will make this financial year.</p> <p>Indigo Waste The “Byte back” program for the collection of old unwanted computers has been completed. Approximately 20m³ was received from Beechworth and Yackandandah residents.</p>
<p>Fire Prevention</p>	<p>Fire Hazard inspections have been completed in all of our urban areas with approximately 160 Fire Prevention Notices served. Follow-up inspections are now underway and owners not complying with the Fire Prevention Notice will be served with a Fire Prevention Infringement notice and arrangements made for the hazard to be removed and a fine and costs charged against the property owner.</p>
<p>Animal Control & Local Laws</p>	<p>Works (in hours and out of hours) As the dry continues residents of the Shire are reporting more livestock on our roads, both during the daytime and at night. We are expecting to see a greater increase in this as from all reports this will not be a good season for farmers. We are still seeing cats being a major nuisance for rate payers, trapping programs are slow but we are having good results. I would start to see the demand on Councils traps increase as these problem cats will start having kittens.</p>
<p><u>POOLS</u></p>	
<p>Indigo</p>	<p>Repair works to the Beechworth Pool shell have been completed, the painting of the buildings, replacement of the solar heating, and the pool filled also completed. . The four other Indigo pools have been opened since 22 November, two days earlier than last year. General tidy up to garden area and painting the bench seats, also done with the exception of Yackandandah Pool which is presently having minor maintenance works to the table and chairs which will be completed week ending 28 November.</p>
<p>Summer</p>	<p>The Wodonga Olympic pool (under contract with the City of Wodonga) was opened on the 1 October. With a cool start to the season, we are now being inundated with patrons. The core Wodonga staff are providing a good balance of fun and safety for swimmers and spectators alike.</p>

ENVIRONMENT - NRMO	
Community Water Grants – round 3	No change - Racecourse Road site – project almost complete – remaining funds to be used for follow up spraying
North East Greenhouse Alliance	<p><u>Update on Projects:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alternate Fuels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First delivery of biodiesel expected within the fortnight 2. Adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expression of Interest submitted to <i>Green Precincts Fund</i> for each council to retrofit a public building 3. Sustainable Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change
Lake Sambell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush-cutting of long grass in areas has occurred • Rock beaching to occur near boardwalk – permit yet to be obtained • Sealing around tunnel entrance – initial quotes being sought • AGM highlighted that the committee would like new members & greater support from Council – committee members to meet with CEO to discuss direction of the group
Indigenous Resource Area at Lake Sambell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock beaching of eroded bank still yet to occur - permit needed. • Signage still yet to be developed, fabricated & installed
Isaac Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change - spraying of weeds to occur over next month • Brush-cutting of long grass has occurred in some areas
Community woodlot program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic shearing of large timber in the Yackandandah, Chiltern and Stanley woodlots to make timber more accessible (jointly funded by DSE) has occurred
Roadside weed initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change – assessments not required next autumn
Eco-Awareness Group	A meeting was held 19 November, in Yackandandah. Action Plan scheduled for review February 2009. Next meeting scheduled for February 2009
Community awareness	No change
Upper Sandy Creek School revegetation project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change – will monitor weeds/grass in site.
Sustainable water use plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting news of Smart Water Fund (State) application submitted for the extension of use of waste water in Rutherglen.
Code of Forest Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions to be held regarding use of consultant to fulfil statutory role of monitoring adherence to the Code of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest Practice.	•
Environmental Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notification of representatives & announcement of inaugural meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10 December.	•
<u>ENVIRONMENT – EPO</u>		
Roadside Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roadside Partnership Program still underway – landholder visits scheduled to conclude end of November and an education event for all participants scheduled early 2009.• Roadside Conservation Value reassessment project underway – currently looking at methodology to use to capture new data.	•
Greenhouse Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No change - Action planning, yet to be formalised.	•
Environment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Projects Officer (EPO) has started – has attended workshop with other Councils also developing Environment Strategy.	•

12.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION – PLANNING (FILE NO: M250-02 – GRM)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council appoint Kathryn Oswald as authorised officers pursuant to Section 224 of the Local Government Act, 1989.**
- 2. That the Instruments of Appointment and Certificates of Appointment be signed by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated power.**
- 3. That the Instruments of Delegation be signed and sealed by Council.**

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council authorise Kathryn Oswald as Authorised Officer of Council under Section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989.

BACKGROUND

Kathryn Oswald’s delegation needs to be updated to reflect recent changes to legislation.

It is necessary to authorise the above-mentioned person pursuant to Section 224 of the Local Government Act so that they may enforce matters and carry out day to day duties in accordance with various Acts, Regulations and Local Laws within their various roles.

Full copies of the Instruments of Appointment and Instrument of Delegation are listed below.

INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL

INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT

This Instrument certifies that pursuant to Section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989, **Kathryn Doreen Oswald** is appointed to be an Authorised Officer of Council for the purposes of administration and enforcement of the following acts, regulations or local laws and all subordinate legislation or regulations thereunder; and without limiting the generality of the foregoing to sign and serve all notices, to institute and defend proceedings and to perform and exercise all powers, functions, discretions, and authorities which may be exercised by or capable of performance by an Authorised Officer, or the Council; and that a Certificate of Appointment be signed by the CEO.

SCHEDULE:

The power to undertake the responsibilities of Authorised Officer under the following legislation:

- Environment & Protection Act 1970
- Development Areas Act 1973
- Heritage Act 1995
- Infringements Act 2006
- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Prostitution Control Act 1994
- Second Hand Dealers & Pawn Brokers Act 1989
- Subdivision Act 1988
- Building Act 1993
- Building Regulations 1994
- Country Fire Authority Act 1958
- Local Government Act 1989
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Planning and Environment Regulations 2005
- Subdivision (Permit & Certification Fees) Regulations 2000
- Subdivision (Procedures) Regulations 2000
- All other attendant and relevant regulations
- Local Law No.1
- Local Law No.2
- Local Law No.3
- Local Law No.5
- Local Law No.6
- Local Law No.7
- Local Law No. 8

Any other Act, Regulation or Local Law, which relates to the functions and powers of the Council.

This Instrument of Appointment is authorised by a resolution of Council passed 18 December 2008.

Signed for and on behalf of the Indigo Shire Council pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation issued to Brendan McGrath on 5 February 2008, in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Act 1989.

This 18^h day of December 2008

.....**Chief Executive Officer**

Indigo Shire Council**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT****(Pursuant to Section 242(2) Local Government Act 1989)**

This Certificate certifies that pursuant to Section 224(1) of the Local Government Act 1989, the person named in Item 1 is an Authorised Officer of Council from the date in Item 2 for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of the Acts, Regulations and Local Laws detailed in Item 3 and all subordinate legislation or regulations thereunder and without limiting the generality of the foregoing is authorised to sign and serve all notices, to institute and defend proceedings, and to perform and exercise all the powers, functions, discretions and authorities which may be exercised by or capable of performance by an Authorised Officer, or the council.

ITEM 1: Kathryn Doreen Oswald**ITEM 2: 18 December 2008****ITEM 3: Schedule:**

- Environment & Protection Act 1970
- Development Areas Act 1973
- Heritage Act 1995
- Infringements Act 2006
- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Prostitution Control Act 1994
- Second Hand Dealers & Pawn Brokers Act 1989
- Subdivision Act 1988
- Building Act 1993
- Building Regulations 1994
- Country Fire Authority Act 1958
- Local Government Act 1989
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Planning and Environment Regulations 2005
- Subdivision (Permit & Certification Fees) Regulations 2000
- Subdivision (Procedures) Regulations 2000
- All other attendant and relevant regulations
- Local Law No.1
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- Local Law No.3
- Local Law No.5
- Local Law No.6
- Local Law No.7

- Local Law No. 8

Any other Act, Regulation or Local Law, which relates to the functions and powers of the Council.

Signed for and on behalf of the Indigo Shire Council pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation issued to Brendan McGrath on 5 February 2008, in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Act 1989.

This 18th day of December 2008

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Chief Executive Officer

12.2 TOURISM & MARKETING - PROGRESS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2008 (TM)

Project	Actions
Tourism Think Tank	<p>Indigo Shire and the Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee hosted a tourism “think tank” in Beechworth on December 5 to discuss the current and potential impact of the world economic crisis, and what opportunities or solutions we could put in place to ensure our region continues to prosper.</p> <p>The think tank saw the coming together of the presidents of the Shire’s tourism associations, chambers of commerce and progress associations, representatives of Indigo Shire, the Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee, representatives of Tourism Victoria and State Government bodies.</p> <p>Key ideas included the development of holiday packages to the region with incentives such as free fuel or flights, capitalising on the region’s strong cycle tourism growth and providing greater support for festivals and events.</p>
ITAC strategic marketing plan	<p>Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee is working on a draft three year strategic marketing plan. The committee is reviewing its vision and values, the Shire’s product strengths and target markets, key objectives and marketing strategies. It is anticipated the plan will be presented to Council in early 2009.</p>
North East Valleys Food & Wine	<p>Janelle Boyton has resigned from the position of Chair of North East Valleys Food & Wine due to increased family and Tourism Victoria commitments. Kristy Taylor of Cirko V wines has stepped into the seat in the interim whilst an independent chairperson is sought.</p> <p>North East Valleys Food & Wine will seek a project officer in an ongoing capacity in January to advance several projects including the Provincial Pantry online shop, Pedal to Produce and a fly/drive campaign.</p>
Cycle tourism update	<p>The Cycle Tourism marketing committee is planning focus groups with our four key cycle tourism markets (rail trail riders, road riders, mountain bikers and pedal to produce cyclists) in Melbourne to refine the marketing strategy for the next 12 months.</p> <p>We have also welcomed publicity surrounding V/Line’s decision to continue to accommodate bikes on buses when they replace trains for the 18 month track rebuild.</p> <p>Rutherglen was the venue for a very successful Business of Cycling workshop with businesses from throughout the Shire in November.</p>
Great Alpine Road Marketing Inc	<p>The new Great Alpine Road Official Visitor’s Guide has just been released by Great Alpine Road Marketing Inc. This high quality, A4 glossy brochure covers the full length of the Great Alpine Road – from the High Country to the Gippsland Lakes. It includes lots of information, what to see and do, gorgeous photographs, Visitor Information Centre locations, and road safety tips.</p>

	Great Alpine Road Marketing Inc is also progressing its relationship with Sydney Melbourne Touring, which is pitching the route to a wider domestic and international market.
Snowy Valleys Way	The Snowy Valleys Way touring route is undertaking a significant inventory of tourism product and services along the route. The audit process captures essential data that will assist the Snowy Valleys Way project in identifying opportunities and gaps for the route, approaching industry regulating bodies for assistance and funding, and will provide suitable promotional and trade information about the operators along the route. The project management team has also reviewed its structure and is aiming to increase operator involvement to see Council involvement significantly scaled back from July 2010.
Shire wide visitor surveys	A 12 month survey of visitors to Indigo Shire is now underway. Accommodation providers have been asked to participate by encouraging their guests to fill out a short questionnaire which will be collated to assess where our visitors are coming from, why they choose us and what activities they undertake while they are here. The Visitor Survey is being co-ordinated by the tourism department and supported by local tourism associations across the Shire.
Yarra Valley-High Country touring route	Indigo Shire Council, the Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee, North East Valleys Food & Wine and several Rutherglen wine and tourism associations have responded to Tourism Victoria's <i>Touring Route Feasibility Study Yarra Valley-North East Victoria</i> which proposes a new touring route from the Yarra Valley to the High Country via the King Valley. In Indigo Shire the route travelled through Beechworth and on to Wodonga. The thrust of the responses submitted urged Tourism Victoria to ensure Rutherglen and its wine region was included on the main touring route. A response is expected in the new year.
Beechworth Historic & Cultural Precinct	A new <i>Discover the Echoes of History: Beechworth Historic & Cultural Precinct</i> brochure has been produced targeting coach tour operators for schools and adult groups. The brochure highlights the Precinct's attractions and local guide programs with a call to action for coach tour operators to book groups via the Beechworth Visitor Information Centre. Updated Precinct fact sheets have also been produced as well as a new series of "Stay another day" fact sheets highlighting the attractions of and encouraging extended visitation to each of Rutherglen, Yackandandah, Chiltern and Beechworth.
National Landscapes	Indigo Shire sits within the Australian Alps, a geographic region of Tourism Australia's National Landscapes project. The Australian Alps region has been successful in securing funding for a tourism master plan to target the "experience seeker" market. This will be developed early in the new year.
Special project at Burke Museum	Heritage Victoria and Aboriginal Affairs Victoria will collaborate on a special project at the Burke Museum in 2009. Indigo Shire applied for funds for a significance assessment to be undertaken at the Museum. On examining the application the assessors decided it should be

	<p><i>treated as a special project to be funded under Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities.</i> The project will have two elements – firstly to undertake the significance assessment and secondly to develop guidance to assist community heritage collectors with their management and curatorial responsibilities in relation to Indigenous material.</p> <p>Heritage Victoria has developed a brief for consultants to undertake the projects with an appointment expected by early February.</p>
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13.0 FINANCE

13.1 OCTOBER 2008 FINANCE REPORT – (FILE NO: M064 – MF)

For Information

Attached is the Exception Report for the month of October 2008. The report highlights those Departments, Business Units and Projects which have a +/- \$10,000 variance between YTD budget and YTD actual results. An explanation is also provided explaining the variances.

Senior Managers and the CEO perform a monthly analysis of the Actual YTD results and Forecast in order to update the expected result as at 30th June 2009. It is mentioned in the variance explanations / commentary that some variances are “ Timing in Nature “ which means (profiling) and others may be “ Real “ or “ Permanent “ differences in that they have been caused by changed circumstances.

Further attention and refinement to the departmental profiling of income and expenses will result in more relevant budgets and most timing differences will become the exception rather than the rule. Timing differences will always occur as circumstances change.

The result of recognising these variances is to amend our Forecast, which becomes an update of the original Adopted Budget. The Adopted Budget is the starting point of each financial year. We compare our actual monthly YTD results to our actual monthly YTD budget. The Forecast is then adjusted to reflect the changes.

At our half yearly review which will be performed using November's figures (due to the Christmas break) we will be providing you with another report “ Forecast vs Budget Summary “ which will provide a projection of our end of year result compared to our Adopted Annual Budget.

This 2008/2009 financial year also requires us to do an “Asset Valuation “which will then enable us to update our budgeted depreciation costs for the end of year. This will be incorporated into our December's accounts. Our Forecast will be adjusted to reflect this.

There are two reports presented for your consideration. The first report titled Department by Business Unit Summary provides details on each department and highlights areas +/- \$10,000 compared to YTD budget by placing a number in the Note Column. The second report titled Business Unit/Project Exception Report gives further detail concerning

these variances.

Enclosures

14.0 GOVERNANCE

14.1 FUTURE DIRECTION OF JUNIOR COUNCIL: (FILE NO: M220-04 – CEO)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council continue with a Junior Council, but that its structure is reviewed by Councillors Croucher, Pockley and Goldsworthy, Manager Community Planning and Executive Assistant Mayor & Councillors.

SUMMARY

The Junior Council was established in 2003 at the instigation of Cr Frances Walsh.

The Junior Councillors have come from year five students attending Primary Schools in the Shire. In the first year nine schools participated and now there are 14, with 15 expressing an interest for 2009.

From 2005, the Junior Councillors have conducted various fund raising activities with 40% of their proceeds going to the Roman Luan Kindergarten on Atauro Island, East Timor and the balance towards projects at their respective schools. The main focus of the Junior Council however is leadership skills.

The present arrangement for the Junior Council takes a lot of staff time in administration and organisation and a review to reduce staff resources is warranted.

CONSULTATION

A recent questionnaire to schools in the Shire brought positive responses to the following questions:

1. Is your school in favour of a Junior Council?

Of the 11 responses received, all were in favour of a Junior Council.

2. Does the school benefit from its participation in the Junior Council?

The general response was that schools benefited from the leadership skills learnt by the Junior Councillors.

3. What do you see as the benefits to the Junior Councillors?

Most responses listed leadership, personal development, community involvement and networking with others.

4. If required, is your school prepared to be involved in transporting Junior Councillors to / from meetings?

The majority of schools are unable to assist with transport.

5. Do you have any suggestions for the Junior Council and how it might operate in the future.

Several suggestions here from continuing in the current model to greater involvement by the Junior Councillors in meeting procedures.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There must be appropriate action in the Council Plan to form a positive perspective, encouraging leadership activities and / or development of young people in Indigo Shire.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funds have been allocated in the 2008/2009 Council Budget.

14.2 COUNCILLORS – RECORD OF SERVICE (FILE NO: M220-04 – CEO)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council provide a Certificate of Appreciation signed under seal to retiring Councillors Jenny Dale, Bill Hotson, Frances Walsh and Andrew Banks, recognising their service to Council and also expressing appreciation for their commitment to the Indigo Shire community.
2. That the seal be affixed and signed by the Mayor, another Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer.

SUMMARY

This report recommends signing a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring Councillors under the Seal of Council.

BACKGROUND

When Councillors retire from their term of office with a Council there are numerous ways of recognising that service which they have provided to their community.

In the past, Council has provided Certificates of Appreciation under seal of Council recognising the term the Councillor has served, major organisations that they have served upon in representing Council and other issues being relevant.

Council has not provided highly valued gifts to the retiring Councillor, but more so some small token of appreciation. The Councillor's partner has also been presented with a small gift, often a floral tribute.

With four Councillors standing down at the recent Local Government elections, (Cr Andrew Banks, Cr Jenny Dale, Cr Bill Hotson and Cr Frances Walsh) it is appropriate that each of these Councillors record of service be recorded and acknowledged.

It is suggested the following information be included in the Certificate:

Cr Andrew Banks service to the Indigo Shire community as a Councillor from 21 March 2000 to 14 December 2001 and again from 29 November 2005 until 29 November 2008.

Member Delegate to:

Indigo Tourism Board
Historic Towns Heritage & Cultural Centre Management Committee
Murray to Mountains Rail Trail Management Committee
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee
Audit Committee
Indigo Shire Community Services Advisory Committee
Heritage Advisory Committee

Cr Jenny Dale service to the Indigo Shire community as a Councillor from 19 March 1997 to 29 November 2008. Prior to that Cr Dale had been a Councillor with the Shire of Yackandandah. Cr Dale served as Mayor from 1997 to 1999 and again from 2003 to 2004.

Member / Delegate of:

Municipal Association of Victoria
Lake Hume Recreation Co-ordinating Committee
Timber Towns
Murray to Mountains Rail Trail Management Committee
Governance Committee
Finance & Compliance Committee
Services Committee
CEO Performance Planning Committee
Indigo Tourism Board
Indigo Initiatives Group
Heritage Advisory Committee
Indigo Shire Community Services Advisory Committee
Indigo Shire Disability Advisory Committee
Historic Towns Heritage & Cultural Centre Management Committee
Australian Alpine Agribusiness Forum
Vic Roads Advisory Board
Biodiesel Community Reference Group
Rutherglen Heavy Vehicle Deviation Community Reference Group

Cr Bill Hotson service to the Indigo Shire community as a Councillor from 19 March 1997 to 29 November 2008. Cr Hotson served as Mayor from 2004 – 2005.

Member / Delegate to:

Board of Directors of Indigo Hire (Indigo Assets)
Municipal Fire Prevention Committee
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee
Finance & Compliance Committee
Audit Committee
Arts & Cultural Advisory Board/Committee
Australian Alpine Agribusiness Forum
Indigo Way Services

Cr Frances Walsh service to the Indigo Shire community as a Councillor from 18 March 2003 to 29 November 2008. Cr Walsh served as Deputy Mayor from 2004-2005.

Member / Delegate to:

Upper Murray Regional Library Group
North East Regional Youth Committee
Heritage Advisory Committee
Corowa / Rutherglen Health Support Group
Murray Arts
Indigo Tourism Board
Junior Council

CONSULTATION

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

14.3 VICTORIAN AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT: RESULTS OF THE 2007-08 AUDITS (FILE NO: M030-07 – CEO)

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

SUMMARY

Council has recently received the Victorian Auditor-General's Report on Local Government: Results of the 2007-08 Audits. This report gives Councillors an outline of this report including specific comments relating to Indigo Shire Council. In essence, it confirms that Indigo is in a sound position, which has improved again on the previous year's positive results.

BACKGROUND

Following the annual audit process for public sector entities, the Auditor General prepares a report on financial results for Parliament. For the first time last year a separate report for Local Government was prepared and we have not received the second report on this subject.

The report gives an overview of issues facing the Local Government sector from an economic perspective. Predominantly it deals with the results of the recent audits, financial reporting, effectiveness of internal controls and the overall financial sustainability both of various types of Councils and Local Government as a whole.

Indigo Shire Council was included in the section Small Shire Councils along with 21 other small Shire Councils. Of the 22 Councils last year, one was considered to be of high risk of non financial viability, five were considered to be medium risk of non financial viability and the remaining 16 were considered low risk. Indigo Shire Council was amongst those considered at low risk. This year has 3 Councils listed as medium risk and the remaining 19, including Indigo, as Low Risk.

CONSULTATION

No specific consultation was carried out in the compilation of the Auditor General's Report. The Report was compiled based on various financial reports and statements that Councils are required to submit under the Local Government Act 1989.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications associated with this report.

FINANCE AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Auditor General's Report provides the detailed analysis of the financial sustainability of all Victorian Council's and then more specifically divides those results

into a number of sub sections which includes inner metropolitan Councils, outer metropolitan Councils, large Shire Councils and small Shire Councils. Indigo Shire Council is one of 22 which is in the category of Small Shire Councils.

Of the group of 22 Indigo, along with 19 other Councils has been given a good overall sustainability risk rating with no high risk indicators.

The Auditor General considered five indicators in making this assessment. These included:

- *Underlying result ratio* - Positive results here reflect surpluses and negative results reflect deficits. This measure considers the underlying financial performance. In the longer term Councils require ongoing operating surpluses. Indigo's score of -0.6 indicates that Council sustained a minor surplus. -10% or less are high risk, -10% to 0 are moderate and greater than 0% are low.

06/07	07/08	Improved
-0.74	0.60	

- *Liquidity* – results greater than one in this section indicate there is more cash and/or assets than there are short term liabilities. It indicates an ability to meet debts over the next 12 months. Indigo's ratio of 1.81 shows that current assets are almost 2 times the level of current liabilities. Scores equal to or greater than 1 are high risk, 1.0 – 1.5 are moderate and greater than 1.5 are low.

06/07	07/08	Improved
1.49	1.81	

- *Self financing ratio* – measures the ability of Council to finance replacement of assets from its operations. Indigo's ratio of 24.88 means that we can fund the replacement of our assets. Scores less than 10% are high, 10-20% moderate and greater than 20% are low.

06/07	07/08	Improved
24.5	24.88	

- *Indebtedness* – compares long term borrowings to own source revenue. Indigo's ratio of 19.42 indicates no concern over the Council's ability to repay its debts. Scores greater than 60% are high, 40-60% moderate and less than 40% low.

06/07	07/08	Improved
25.5	19.42	

- *Investment gap ratio* – this compares the rate of spending with the rate of infrastructure depreciation. Indigo’s score of 1.02 indicates that spending on existing assets may be slightly higher than the rate which assets are depreciating, but only just. Scores equal to or less than 1 are high, between 1 and 1.5 are moderate and greater than 1.5 are low.

06/07	07/08	Unchanged
1.05	1.02	

Overall the Auditor General’s Report shows Council’s financial position to be very sound.

15.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

16.0 COMMITTEE AND DELEGATES REPORTS

16.1 OCTOBER - NOVEMBER DIARY - CR A BANKS

For Information

Date	Time	Event
9 Oct	7.30 pm	Lake Sambell CoM Meeting (no quorum)
14	4.00 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Council Meeting, Chiltern
20	7.30 pm	Baarmutha Park CoM Meeting
21	4.00 pm	Citizenship Ceremony / Council Briefing Meeting, Yackandandah
14 Nov	4.30 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Council Meeting, Chiltern
17	7.30 pm	Baarmutha Park CoM Meeting
22	6.30 pm	Function End of Council Term, Rutherglen

Cr Andrew Banks
25 November 2008

16.2 NOVEMBER DIARY - CR P GRAHAM**For Information**

Date	Time	Event
1 Nov	11.00 am	20 th Anniversary Beechworth Tapestry, Beechworth
3	10.30 am	Meet with Executive of AVRWMG, Melbourne
	2.30 pm	Meet with Minister Jennings, Environment & Sustainability, Melbourne
	7.30 pm	Beechworth Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Beechworth
5	7.30 pm	Meet the Candidate Night, Beechworth
6	9.30 am	NevRWaste Meeting, Milawa
	7.30 pm	Meet the Candidate Night, Yackandandah
7	11.30 am	Opening of Transfer Shop, Wodonga, Sustainability Victoria
	7.30 pm	Celtic Dinner, Beechworth
10	9.00 am	Meet with community representatives at Wahgunyah re John Foord Bridge closure and effect on business, RTA signage
	10.30 am	RWE Meeting, Rutherglen
	7.30 pm	Meet the Candidate Night, Chiltern
11	10.45 am	Remembrance Day Ceremony, Rutherglen
	4.00 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Council Meeting, Chiltern
13	2.30 pm	Rural Landuse Forum, Yackandandah
	6.30 pm	Guest Speaker, Corowa Rotary
14	10.00 am	Opening Hume Building Society Branch, Rutherglen
19	4.15 pm	Launch NevRWaste SEED Program, Wangaratta
22	6.30 pm	Function End of Council Term, Rutherglen
26		AVRWMG Representatives meet, Melbourne
29	2.30 pm	Official Opening Rebuilt Museum, Yackandandah
	6.30 pm	Dinner, Yackandandah Museum Opening

Cr Peter Graham OAM

25 November 2008

16.3 REPORT ON ALGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 8-11 DECEMBER, 2008 (FILE NO: M462-03 - Cr P GRAHAM OAM)**For Information**

The annual ALGA conference was held at the Convention Centre, MELBOURNE, this year and the central theme was on changes to the Australian Federal Constitution to include clear references to Local Government and the funding of this level of Government.

A number of speakers, legal experts, politicians and constitutional lawyers spoke to the

convention which comprised over 400 delegates.

The general thrust was:

'...The constitution needs alteration in a number of areas e.g. to include Western Australia in the document - as well as other significant areas together with identification of Local Government formally.'

It was stated that two previous attempts to have Local Government formally included into the Constitution had failed at each of those referenda.

It was also indicated that, primarily due to cost, referenda are usually conducted in association with Federal General Elections and that this was likely to continue and that as a consequence of this usually more than one question would be put to the Australian People.

There was a likelihood that an acceptable response to one particular question could be negated by less popular questions being included at the same time.

There was also a clear message from all speakers that together with support for Local Government recognition by all major and minor political parties there needed to be a clear positive indication from the Australian voters across the entire country.

The task ahead, particularly for 2010 [the next general Federal elections period] might be very difficult to achieve however the forum issued a communiqué indicating its preference for recognition and funding and this can be viewed at <http://www.alga.au/newsroom/media/2008/20081211.php>

It was also clearly pointed out that each State LG organisation together with each of their individual members must positively promote the concept of LG recognition and that promotion needs to be in clear English ensuring that the reasons for such a change will lead to better delivery of services at the best financial scale for all Australians in the future.

16.4 NOVEMBER DIARY - CR W HOTSON

For Information

Date	Time	Event
6 Nov	7.00 pm	Public Meeting, Revitalisation of Town Centre, Chiltern
	8.00 pm	Public Meeting, Amalgamation of Chiltern Fire Brigades
10	7.30 pm	Meet the Candidate Information Night, Chiltern
12	7.30 pm	Meet the Candidate Information Night, Chiltern
17	5.30 pm	BioDiesel Community Reference Group Meeting, Yack
18	2.00 pm	Meeting with Stephen Swart re tour of Chiltern sites
	8.00 pm	Public Meeting Rutherglen Heavy Vehicle Deviation
22	7.00 pm	Function End of Council Term, Rutherglen
24	6.30 pm	NECMA Research Project Dinner, Beechworth
25	12 noon	Research Land Study Springhurst – Chiltern area by NECMA, Chiltern
29	2.00 pm	Opening of rebuilt Yackandandah Museum

Cr Bill Hotson

25 November 2008

16.5 NOVEMBER DIARY - CR V ISSELL**For Information**

Date	Time	Function
1 Nov	11.00 am	20 th Anniversary Town Hall Tapestry, Beechworth
	6.00 pm	Opening, Fresh and Unframed Exhibition, Yackandandah
7	9.00 am	Councillor duty, Beechworth
	6.00 pm	North East Landcare Awards, Beechworth
10	12 noon	Uniting Care Christmas Gift Appeal Launch, Wodonga
	6.00 pm	Yackandandah Kindergarten AGM
11	10.00 am	Unveiling Heritage Sign, Tangambalanga
	11.00 am	Remembrance Day Service, Tangambalanga
	4.30 pm	Council Briefing, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Ordinary Council Meeting, Chiltern
14	10.00 am	Opening Hume Building Society Branch, Rutherglen
17 – 18	Full days	Inaugural Meeting, Australian Council of Local Government, Canberra
20	6.00 pm	Beechworth Health Service AGM
21	12.30 pm	Presentation, Prisoners on the Run Program, Beechworth
24	10.00 am	Osborne's Flat Primary School, Ride to School
	2.00 pm	Meeting with CEO, Beechworth
	4.00 pm	Meeting with Constituent, Yackandandah
26	9.00 am	Rural Neighbourhoods Seminar, CSU, Thurgoona
	11.30 am	Border Trust meeting, Albury
28	5.30 pm	Beechworth Arts Council Christmas Breakup
29	2.00 pm	Reopening of Yackandandah Museum

Cr V Issell

9 December

16.6 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACLG) REPORT (FILE NO: M255-10 – CR V ISSELL)

I attended the inaugural meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government on 18th November 2008 at Parliament House, Canberra.

This was preceded the previous evening by a welcome function including the announcement of the National Awards for Local Government. We were welcomed by the Acting Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese.

They also spoke at the Opening Plenary along with the President of the Australian Local Government Association Paul Bell who described the Great Hall in Parliament as one of the best 'Town Halls' he'd ever seen. We then dispersed to smaller group discussions both sides of lunch. I attended 'Facilitating social inclusion in our communities' and

‘Improving wellbeing in our communities’ – somewhat similar themes. My contribution was to argue the need for increased funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) as well as funding of community and health organisations in rural areas to work with the community. Prior to lunch the Prime Minister had arrived (from overseas via the inspection of storm damage in Brisbane) and he gave an address to the full meeting. A summation was provided at the end of the day by both Minister Albanese and the Prime Minister.

I gained the impression the Federal Government is committed to this partnership as the full cabinet and many others in the government attended for the full meeting. They fully participated in the group discussions. And it was stated that this was the first time that an entire cabinet had met with local government.

As you know according to the grant scheme formula used, Indigo Shire also received a one-off grant of \$434,000 for additional community infrastructure projects, as a means of stimulating local economic activity. It was stated that requests for funding must be underpinned by rational and comprehensive planning and evidence. I believe we are well placed with our considered approach to planning and our prioritised capital works program.

The website for the Australian Council of Local Government is www.aclg.gov.au. This includes speeches and other materials from the meeting and will be an obvious point of reference into the future.

16.7 OCTOBER & NOVEMBER - CR B MURDOCH

For Information

Date	Time	Event
2 October	9.30 am	MAV Environment Forum, Melbourne
7	1.30 pm	Rural Landuse Strategy, Wangaratta
8	11.00 am	Seniors' Week Luncheon, Rutherglen
9	6.00 pm	Drought Meeting, Barnawartha
12		Ironbark Festival, Chiltern
13	10.30 am	MAV Water Taskforce, Melbourne
14	3.45 pm	CEO Interim Review, Chiltern
	4.30 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Council Meeting, Chiltern
21	4.00 pm	Citizenship Ceremony / Council Briefing Meeting, Yackandandah
28	4.00 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Rutherglen
1 Nov	11.00 am	20 th Anniversary Beechworth Tapestry, Beechworth
11	4.00 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Council Meeting, Chiltern
22	6.30 pm	End of term Councillors Function, Rutherglen

Cr B Murdoch

25 November 2008

16.8 NOVEMBER DIARY – CR F WALSH**For Information**

Date	Time	Event
2 Nov	12 noon	RSL Barbecue
6	7.00 pm	Public Meeting Town Centre Development, Chiltern
7	7.00 pm	Celtic Festival Dinner, Beechworth
10	6.30 pm	Yackandandah Kindergarten AGM
11	10.00 am	Junior Council Meeting, Chiltern
	4.00 pm	Council Briefing Meeting, Chiltern
	7.00 pm	Council Meeting, Chiltern
18	8.00 pm	Rutherglen Heavy Vehicle Deviation Public Meeting
21	12 noon	Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting, Beechworth
	7.00 pm	Arts Rutherglen, Function
22		Meals on Wheels
	6.30 pm	Function End of Council Term, Rutherglen
27	5.30 pm	Arts Rutherglen Meeting

Cr Frances Walsh

25 November 2008

16.9 JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT (CR F WALSH)**For Information**

The Junior Councillors met on 11 November at St Joseph's Primary School, Chiltern, which was the last that I attended as a Councillor.

The Junior Councillors gave an update on their projects, which have been many and varied throughout the year. This year's group has raised \$1,553.40 to date with some amounts still to come in.

In discussions amongst themselves they agreed that their funds be equally shared amongst the Roman Luan Kindergarten, the Roman Luan Library Boat, HIAM Health and lastly a local producer of jigsaws.

A questionnaire had been sent to all schools in the Shire asking their view on the Junior Council to date and in the future. The responses have been very positive with most schools agreeing it is an excellent opportunity for the Junior Councillors to develop leadership skills, amongst other things. The responses will be separately reported on.

The last meeting for the year will on 9 December at the Tourist Park, Chiltern. The meeting will conclude with a sausage sizzle which all Councillors are invited to attend.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with the Junior Councillors for the past five years. We have all learnt from each other and I look forward to seeing them in leadership positions in ten years time. I will wait 20 years to see one of them as Prime Minister. Take care.

17.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.0 CONFIDENTIAL