



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

03 DECEMBER 2007

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

PRESENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

PRESENTATIONS

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2007**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

MAYORAL MINUTES - NIL

NOTICE OF RESCISSION - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Regional Services Reports
Community and Corporate Services Report

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES - NIL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NIL

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:1 REG - 03/12/07 - UPPER MAQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL - OCTOBER 2007 WEEDS REPORT & REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES, ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

To advise of the most recent Upper Macquarie County Council Weeds Report and review of their Management Plan.

COMMENTARY

Attached are the reports from the Upper Macquarie County Council, including the Chief Weeds Officer Report for October 2007 and Council Management Plan Review for quarter ended 30 September 2007.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Upper Macquarie County Council Chief Weeds Officer's Report for October 2007 (Doc.377953).
2. Upper Macquarie County Council Management Plan Review for quarter ended 30 September 2007 to be tabled for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:2 REG - 03/12/07 - DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTIONS APPROVALS

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

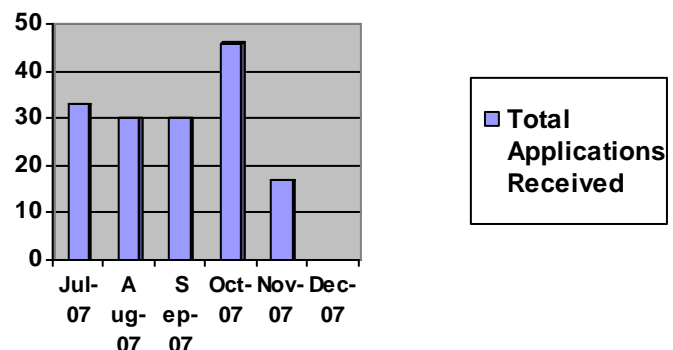
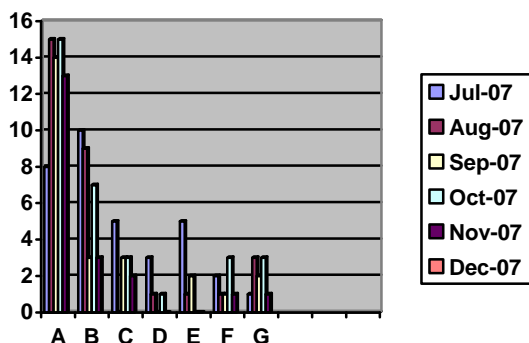
To provide statistical information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.

COMMENTARY

The following table indicates Development Applications and Construction Certificates approved in the period between Finance and Services Committee Meetings. A full list of individual applications received and approved is made available to Councillors and the press.

	Minor Development Approvals (including carports, garages and patios) A	Dwelling Approvals B	Dwelling Addition Approvals C	Other Residential Applications (including Dual Occupancies, Flats) D	Rural Subdivision Approvals E	Residential Subdivision Approvals F	Commercial /Industrial Approvals G	Total Applications Received
Jul * 2007	8	10	5	3	5	2	1	33
Aug 2007	15	9	0	1	1	1	3	30
Sep 2007	14	3	3	0	2	1	2	25
Oct 2007	15	7	3	1	0	3	3	46
Nov 2007	13	4	2	0	0	1	1	17
Dec 2007								

* includes Approvals from 10/11/2007 TO 23/11/2007



APPROVALS

Total Estimated Cost:	\$1,249,589
Average Approval Time	20
Total Cost of Approvals from 1/01/2007	\$33,379,568
No. of Applications from 1/01/2007	365

Apart from the principal of the company making representations regarding personal difficulties that have contributed to inaction, limited response has been forthcoming from DMU Rail Services.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal costs would be applicable if Council resolved to commence proceedings on this issue.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Orders provisions of Section the Local Government Act apply including periods for notice of intention, reasonable periods for compliance and the right of appeal. These have been complied with and no appeal has been lodged.

Section 628 of the Local Government Act provides that a person who fails to comply with an Order given to the person under Part 2 of Chapter 7 that is an Order in the terms of any Orders Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7-12 in the table to Section 124 is guilty of an offence. The order in question is order No 10. Therefore, prosecution is a possibility with a maximum penalty of \$5,500 (in the case of an individual) or \$11,000 (in the case of a corporation).

Section 691(2) of the Local Government Act provides proceedings for an offence against section 626 (1), 627 (1) or 628 (1) may be dealt with:

- (a) summarily by a Local Court, or
- (b) summarily before the Land and Environment Court in its summary jurisdiction.

Section 691(3) of the Local Government Act provides that proceedings for an offence dealt with summarily before the Land and Environment Court in its summary jurisdiction may be instituted at any time within 6 months after the offence is alleged to have been committed. As this is a continuing offence it appears that the matter could be considered in the Land and Environment Court.

Section 678 of the Local Government Act provides that if a person fails to comply with the terms of an Order given to the person under Part 2 of Chapter 7 the Council may do such things as are necessary or convenient to give effect to the terms of the Order, involving carrying out of any work required by the Order and recover costs. Under the specific circumstances where specialist help is required to ensure the safety and legislative requirements are complied with, this is not considered to be a practical option.

Under Section 679 of the Local Government Act a penalty notice may be served for certain offences in lieu of prosecution. A penalty notice is a notice to the effect that, if the person served does not wish to have the matter determined by a court, the person may pay, within the time and to the person specified in the notice, the amount of penalty prescribed by the regulations for the offence if dealt with under this section. Under Schedule 12 to the Local Government General the penalty would be \$330.

CONCLUSION

It is acknowledged that the situation is very complicated and that the safety and bureaucratic requirements involved in moving rail carriages make it a potentially lengthy process. At least in this instance, the State Mine Heritage Park and Railway have endeavoured to take action and it is still hoped that this action will be completed in the upcoming weeks. The owner of the carriage, however, has not been as responsive to the situation. Should Council be of a mind to pursue any party in prosecution proceedings then it would be suggested that this be DMU rail services. However, such an action does not necessarily assist in providing a result.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Mr Merv Gaut.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:4 COMM - 03/12/07 - REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN THE RATING CATEGORY, 54-54A MAIN ST, WALLERAWANG, PROPERTY 100976

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

SUMMARY

To advise Council of an application received from the owner of 54 - 54A Main Street, Wallerawang on the 23 August 2007 requesting an amendment to the rating category of the property. The recommendation is for Council to approve the request and apply the adjustment from the 2007/08 rating year.

COMMENTARY

On 23 August 2007 Council received an application from the owner of 54 - 54A Main Street, Wallerawang to amend the rating category of the property from 'Mixed Business/Residential' to 'Residential.' The owner advises the property has solely been used as a residence for a number of years.

Section 524 of the Local Government Act 1993 states:

REQUEST ON ANNUAL BASIS

Where a rateable person (or the person's agent) applies for a change in category of rateable land for rating purposes within 30 days of the receipt of the annual rate notice – i.e. prior to the end of August for notices issued as part of the general annual rate levy, or other date as applicable where the annual rate notice is issued after the main levy run, as a result of supplementary processing or sale of previously non-rateable land – then the date applicable shall be 1 July of the rating year for which the notice is issued...

VERIFICATION OF USAGE

Where a rateable person (or the person's agent) applies for a change in category of rateable land, Council must confirm usage of the rateable land either by a request from the rateable person (or the person's agent) for the removal of the consent to operate as a business or by attendance at the property by one of Council's inspectoral staff.

Council's Regional Services Division have carried an on site inspection of the property and confirm the use as residential only.

It is recommended that Council approve an amendment to the rating category of the property from 'Mixed Business/Residential' to 'Residential,' applicable from the commencement of the current rating year 2007/08 and the rates levied on the property be adjusted accordingly.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Draft Policy 8.7 “Change in Category for Rating Purposes” applies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2007/08 notional yield will be reduced by \$1,107.14.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve an amendment to the rating category of Property 100976, 54 - 54A Main Street Wallerawang from 'Mixed Business/Residential' to 'Residential.' A rate levy adjustment of \$1,107.14 will be applicable for the 2007/08 current rating year.

**ITEM:5 COMM - 03/12/07 - REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN THE RATING
CATEGORY, 199 MORT STREET, LITHGOW - PROPERTY 35190**

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of an application received from the owner of 199 Mort St Lithgow on the 31 July 2007 requesting an amendment to the rating category of the property. The recommendation is for Council to approve the request and apply the adjustment from the 2007/08 rating year.

COMMENTARY

On 31 July 2007 Council received an application from the owner of 199 Mort St Lithgow to amend the rating category of the property from 'Business' to 'Residential.' The owner advises the property ceased to be used for business purposes from 30 July 2007 and has reverted solely to use as a residence from this date. The applicant has surrendered consent for the property to operate as a business.

Section 524 of the Local Government Act 1993 states:

REQUEST ON PART YEAR BASIS

Where a rateable person (or the person's agent) applies for a change in category of rateable land for rating purposes from a date during a rating year – then the date applicable shall be the latest of the date of receipt of the application at Council or the date on the application.

VERIFICATION OF USAGE

Where a rateable person (or the person's agent) applies for a change in category of rateable land, Council must confirm usage of the rateable land either by a request from the rateable person (or the person's agent) for the removal of the consent to operate as a business or by attendance at the property by one of Council's inspectoral staff.

Council's Regional Services Division have carried an on site inspection of the property and confirm the use as residential only.

It is recommended that Council approve an amendment to the rating category of the property from 'Business' to 'Residential,' applicable from the 31 July 2007 for the 2007/08 current rating year and the rates levied on the property be adjusted accordingly.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Draft Policy 8.7 "Change in Category for Rating Purposes" applies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2007/08 notional yield will be reduced by \$2,465.48.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve an amendment to the rating category of Property 35190, 199 Mort St, Lithgow from 'Business' to 'Residential.' A rate levy adjustment of \$2,465.48 will be applied for the 2007/08 current rating year from 31 July 2007.

ITEM:6 COMM - 03/12/07 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS TO 31 OCTOBER 2007**REPORT BY: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - C FARNSWORTH****REFERENCE**

Min 07-401: Finance & Services Committee Meeting 3 September 2007 (July 2007)

Min 07-425: Council Meeting 17 September 2007 (August 2007)

Min 07-480: Finance & Services Committee Meeting 5 November 2007 (15 Oct 2007)

SUMMARY

To advise Council of 2007/08 investments held for the period ending 31 October 2007.

COMMENTARY

The amount invested as at 31 October 2007 when compared to 30 September 2007 has decreased by \$2,082,980.33. The second rate instalment of the 2007/08 rate levy is due for payment on 30 November 2007 as well as the second payment of the Financial Assistance Grant. During the month of October Council relies heavily on investments to fund ongoing operations which have included the additional payment due for the Workers Compensation premium as detailed in the Sept review of the 2007/08 Management Plan review.

INVESTMENT REGISTER 2007/08

INSTITUTION	INV TYPE	DATE LODGED	DATE DUE	DAYS	INT	VALUE 30.09.07	VALUE 31.10.07	% OF TOTAL
ANZ	TD	1.10.07	01.11.07	31	6.56	574,972.99	574,972.99	3.96%
CBA	CMS Nt	06.11.06	06.11.11	1,825	7.31	500,000.00	500,000.00	3.44%
	On Call				6.45	1,640,360.11	163,050.94	1.12%
	Ethical	20.06.06	20.06.11	1,825	9.25	500,000.00	500,000.00	3.44%
	TD	15.10.07	14.12.07	60	6.75	1,008,717.53	1,008,717.53	6.95%
	TD	19.08.07	19.11.07	90	6.81	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	8.61%
CITIBANK	TD	11.09.07	10.12.07	91	7.13	534,119.76	534,119.76	3.68%
LG FINANCIAL	On Call				6.40	684,714.43	4,714.43	0.03%
	TD	06.07.07	06.11.07	120	6.56	300,000.00	300,000.00	2.07%
	TD	18.06.07	12.09.07	86	6.47	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	TD	07.08.07	07.11.07	90	6.65	519,060.20	519,060.20	3.57%
	TD	10.09.07	10.12.07	90	7.10	502,915.07	502,915.07	3.46%
	TD	15.10.07	16.01.08	91	7.00	2,425,000.00	2,472,361.25	17.02%
IMBS	On Call				6.50	269,185.48	272,095.25	1.87%
	TD	07.09.07	07.11.07	61	7.01	1,082,377.64	1,082,377.64	7.45%
	TD	15.10.07	15.01.08	92	6.98	478,765.97	488,044.84	3.36%
	TD	06.06.07	06.09.07	92	7.09	787,274.99	787,274.99	5.42%
	TD	23.08.07	23.11.07	92	6.92	762,436.12	762,436.12	5.25%
	TD	05.09.07	05.11.07	60	7.09	500,000.00	500,000.00	3.44%
ALLIANCE	Managed	01.04.02	28.02.08	365		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6.89%
ST GEORGE	TD	17.10.07	17.04.08	180	7.05	508,461.37	508,461.37	3.50%
	TD	15.10.07	15.01.08	90	6.90	777,429.65	792,208.60	5.45%
			TOTAL			16,605,791.31	14,522,810.98	100.00%

I, Carol G Farnsworth, Lithgow City Council Internal Services Manager (Responsible Accounting Officer) certify as required under Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Regulations and Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All Council's investments are held in accordance with Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Investment income to date 31 October 2007 is \$211,376.39. Interest is paid on the maturity date of the investment and managed funds report earnings quarterly.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy which accords with the requirements of the:

- Local Government Act 1993 - Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 - Order dated 17 March 2000
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997- Section 14A(2), 14c(1) & (2)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council's 2007/08 investments for the period ending 31 October 2007 be received.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE / URGENT BUSINESS

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UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

25th October, 2007

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Dear Sirs,

Notice of Meeting

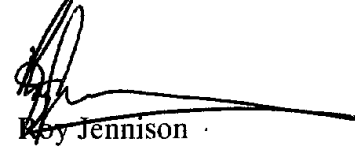
I wish to inform you that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at the Council Chambers, 7 Lee Street, Kelso on

Friday, 2nd November, 2007

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,



Roy Jennison
General Manager

BUSINESS PAPER:

ORDINARY MEETING -2.30 p.m.

- 1 To confirm Minutes of the previous Meeting.
- 2 Declaration of Interest.
- 3 To consider the County Chairman's Report.
- 4 To consider the Chief Weeds Officer's Report.
- 5 To consider the Inspectors Reports.
- 6 To consider the General Manager's Report.
- 7 General Business.

The noxious weeds control authority for the areas of Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney and Oberon Shire Councils and the Lithgow City Council

Upper Macquarie County Council

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Council held at the Council Chambers, Kelso, on **Friday 5 October 2007**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 2.35 p.m.

Attendance

The following members were present –
Councillor H K Fisher, Chairman and in the Chair
Councillors
B Kingham
G Braddon
J McMahon
B Morrissey
G Crisp

The General Manager and Chief Weeds Officer were also in attendance.

Apologies

An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Councillors W Dawson, J Byrne and P Haysom.

Moved Councillor Braddon
Seconded Councillor Morrissey
That leave of absence be granted to Councillors Dawson, Byrne and Haysom.
Resolved in the affirmative

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Crisp
Seconded Councillor McMahon
That the Minutes of the adjourned Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 September 2007 (adjourned from 3 August 2007) and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 September 2007, a copy of which had been provided to each Councillor prior to the meeting, be adopted.
Resolved in the affirmative

Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

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This is page 1 of 5 pages of the Minutes of the September Ordinary Meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council held at the Council Chambers, Kelso on Friday, 5 October 2007.

Chairman..... General Manager.....

Declaration of Interest

Moved Councillor McMahon
Seconded Councillor Morrissey
That the Council note this matter.
Resolved in the affirmative

County Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that the Committee consisting of himself and Councillors G Braddon and G Crisp had met at 1.30 pm today to conduct the annual Performance Review of the General Manager.

The Chairman suggested that the Council might consider closing the meeting to the public for the purpose of discussing personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

Moved Councillor Crisp
Seconded Councillor Braddon
That the meeting is closed to the public during discussion on personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
Resolved in the affirmative

The meeting was closed in accordance with the Council's resolution and the General Manager and the Chief Weeds Officer left the meeting.

Moved Councillor Braddon
Seconded Councillor Morrissey
That the meeting be open to the public.
Resolved in the affirmative

The meeting was opened to the public in accordance with the Council's resolution.

The General Manager and Chief Weeds Officer rejoined the meeting.

Moved Councillor Crisp
Seconded Councillor Morrissey
That –

- the Council note the General Manager's Performance Review conducted by the Committee and the excellent result reported by the Committee, and

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Chairman..... General Manager.....

- in accordance with Clause 7.3 of the General Manager's Contract of Employment, the Council review the General Manager's salary and increase it to \$57200 per annum (\$55 per hour).

Resolved in the affirmative

Chief Weeds Officer's and Weeds Officers' Reports

Moved Councillor Kingham

Seconded Councillor Crisp

That the Council recognize the valuable work performed by the Chief Weeds Officer and the Weeds Officers and their positive attitude to the performance of this work and, in particular, to the Council's aerial spraying program despite the additional demands that this program places on them.

Resolved in the affirmative

The Chairman asked the Chief Weeds Office to convey the Council's resolution to the Weeds Officers.

Moved Councillor McMahon

Seconded Councillor Braddon

That the reports of the Chief Weeds Officer and the Weeds Officers be adopted.

Resolved in the affirmative

General Manager's Report

Item A – Meeting dates

Moved Councillor McMahon

Seconded Councillor Braddon

That the Council confirm that the dates of its next six Ordinary Meetings after the meeting on 2 November 2007 are –

7 December 2007

1 February 2008

7 March 2008

4 April 2008

2 May 2008

6 June 2008

And that in accordance with the County Council's *Code of Meeting Practice* the County Council confirm that all Ordinary Meetings of the Council, with the exception of the December meeting, are scheduled to commence at 2.30 pm and all meetings will be held in the meeting room at 7 Lee Street, Kelso, New South Wales.

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Chairman..... General Manager.....

And that the December Ordinary Meeting of the Council commence at 4.30 pm.

And that in accordance with the requirements of Clause 232 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* the County Council publish a single advertisement in each of the *Lithgow Mercury*, *Oberon Review*, *Western Advocate*, and *Blayney Chronicle* newspapers giving notice of the dates, time and place of its next six Ordinary Meetings.

Resolved in the affirmative

Item B – Pecuniary interest declarations

The General Manager tabled the returns under Section 449 lodged with the General Manager since 1 July 2007.

Moved Councillor McMahon

Seconded Councillor Braddon

That the Council note the tabling by the General Manager of the returns required to be lodged with the General Manager under Section 449 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Resolved in the affirmative

Item C – Future funding of Upper Macquarie County Council

Moved Councillor Braddon

Seconded Councillor Crisp

That the Council, because of the likely disproportionate cost to ratepayers in the County Area of levying a Special Rate and the opposition of the Minister for Local Government and the Department of Local Government, -

1. not levy a Special Rate in 2008/2009, and
2. reopen negotiations with Constituent Councils for the continuation of Constituent Council contributions to the County Council beyond the current year, and
3. the negotiations be conducted on the basis that the contributions would be apportioned between the Constituent Councils on the basis of the theoretical cost of noxious plant control in each of the Constituent Council areas calculated on the basis of the noxious plant control standard used by the Local Government Grants Commission for the purpose of calculating the expenditure allowance for the General Component of the Financial Assistance Grant, adjusted by the disability factors for this standard as used by the Commission, and multiplied by the number of properties rated to the farmland, rural residential and mining categories of ordinary rates in each council area, and
4. the General Manager write to each of the Constituent Councils reopening negotiations on the basis set out in item 2 and offering for the

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Chairman..... General Manager.....

Chairman and General Manager to address each of the Councils to explain the Council's position and to advance the negotiations.

Resolved in the affirmative

Item D – Investments

The General Manager circulated to Councillors a Supplementary Report in accordance with Clause 212 of the Regulation and informed the Council that this item was for information only.

Item E – Correspondence

The General Manager informed the Council that following the visit by Mr Kerry Bartlett, the Member for Macquarie, the General Manager had made a formal application to the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation for funding for two Pilot Projects.

The General Manager also informed the Council that he had nominated the Council in the Weeds Management category of the Excellence in the Environment Awards 2006 -2007.

Moved Councillor Crisp

Seconded Councillor Braddon

That the report of the General Manager be adopted.

Resolved in the affirmative

General Business

There being no General Business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3:55 p.m.

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Chairman..... General Manager.....

UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KELSO ON FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 2007.

A. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

To assist Council and Committee Members in their correct consideration of business before them at the Meeting, please have regard for Chapter 14 (Honesty and Disclosure of Interests) of the Local Government Act, 1993, and Section 451 particularly in relation to Disclosure and Participation in Meetings.

It is recommended that this matter be noted.

CERTIFICATE: This is Page No.1 of the Declaration of Interest submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council held at the Council Chambers, Kelso, on Friday, 2nd November, 2007

.....CHAIRMAN.....GENERAL MANAGER

CHIEF WEEDS OFFICERS REPORT

Upper Macquarie County Council

Chief Weeds Officer's Report Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council to be held at the Council Chambers, Kelso, on Friday, 2nd November, 2007.

CHIEF WEEDS OFFICER D.F. BALDWIN –OCTOBER, 2007:

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:

1. **94 Havannah Street, Bathurst.**
Two privet trees growing on corner block. Inspectors report has been sent to owner.
2. **99 Howick Street, Bathurst – 2656sqm.**
Privet trees growing along fence lines. Inspectors report has been sent to owner.
3. **134 Havannah Street, Bathurst.**
Privet tree growing next to old tennis courts. Inspectors report to be sent to the Authority.
4. **128 Havannah Street, Bathurst – 2742sqm.**
Large privet trees growing on northern boundary. Inspectors report has been sent to responsible persons.
5. **75 Bant Street, Bathurst.**
Owner has removed privet tree on the western boundary since last inspection. Contacted owner who has employed contractor to remove a further two privet trees on the southern boundary.
6. **79 Brilliant Street, Bathurst – 473sqm.**
Owner has previously removed privet trees along the western boundary, but further work is required on regrowth. Contacted owners.
7. **99 Rocket Street, Bathurst – 154sqm.**
Owner has previously removed privet from premises. Regrowth on one bush will require attention this season. Contacted owner.
8. **101 Rocket Street, Bathurst – 1821sqm.**
Owner removed privet tree from premises last season on the eastern boundary. Further work required on the removal of privet bush from the northern boundary. Contacted owner.
9. **97A Rocket Street, Bathurst –1032sqm.**
Regrowth of privet tree removed last season will require spraying this season. Contacted owner.

Certificate

This is page 1 of 5 pages of the Chief Weeds Officers report to the Ordinary Meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council held at the Council Chambers, Kelso on Friday, 2nd November, 2007.

Chairman..... General Manager

Upper Macquarie County Council

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10. 97 Rocket Street, Bathurst – 616sqm.

Privet hedge growing between garage and fence line on the eastern side of the property. Contacted owner who will remove the hedge and paint stumps with roundup.

11. 166 Rocket Street, Bathurst – 760sqm.

Large privet trees growing on the eastern boundary. Privet tree was trimmed last season to stop flowering. Contacted owner to do the same this season.

12. 83 Bant Street, Bathurst – 696sqm.

Two privet trees growing along northern boundary. Inspectors report sent owner to have trees removed before flowering and seeding.

13. 22 Henry Street, Bathurst – 1018sqm.

Medium to large privet tree was removed from premises last year. Suckering has occurred and will required further attention this season. To contact owners.

14. 90 Rankin Street, Bathurst – 867sqm.

One small privet tree growing in backyard. Inspectors report has been sent to owners.

15. 534 Curragh Road, Abercrombie – 200ha.

Inspection of the property after aerial spraying of heavy infestation of serrated tussock last season. Results are satisfactory.

16. 415 Curragh Road, Abercrombie – 160ha.

Scattered to small patches of serrated tussock on hillside and gullies. Contacted owner who will employ a contractor to treat the areas before seeding in November.

17. 417 Curragh Road, Abercrombie – 39.86ha.

Scattered to light infestations of tussock and some small blackberry bushes in gullies. Inspectors report to be sent to owner.

18. 272 Curragh Road, Trunkey – 244.5ha.

Scattered to medium patches of tussock. Owner has previously aerial sprayed infestations of tussock but a further eradication program is required to control the infestations. Inspectors report has been sent to owner.

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19. 378 Curragh Road, Abercrombie – 684ha.

Scattered to medium patches of tussock and blackberry. Contacted owner who participates in Council's aerial spraying program but due to adverse dry conditions owner hopefully will continue his spraying program in Council's February, 2008 program.

20. 7808 Goulburn Road, Abercrombie – 72.84ha.

Scattered light infestation of serrated tussock. Owner participated in Council's helicopter spraying program in 2005 with good results. Advised owner to employ ground spraying contractor to follow up on light regrowth.

21. 7413 Goulburn Road, Abercrombie – 487ha.

Scattered to medium patches of tussock. Contacted owner who has participated in Council's previous helicopter spraying programs, but due to adverse dry weather conditions has put any further spraying program on hold.

22. 7809 Goulburn Road, Abercrombie – 237ha.

Scattered to medium patches of tussock. Owner has a spot spraying program in place with satisfactory results.

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AERIAL SPRAYING – SERRATED TUSSOCK – SEPTEMBER, 2007:

23. 2361 Tarana Road, Gemalla – 15ha.
24. 2261 Tarana Road, Gemalla – 10ha.
25. Blayney Road, Bathurst – 20ha.
26. 764 Balyney Road, Bathurst – 20ha.
27. 296 Ophir Road, Bathurst – 20ha.
28. 684 Freemantle Road – 10ha.
29. 1273 Freemantle Road – 10ha.
30. 895 Freemantle Road – 20ha.
31. 795 Freemantle Road, Eglinton – 10ha.
32. 533 Freemantle Road, Eglinton – 25ha.
33. 214 Howarth Road, Freemantle – 10ha.
34. 676 Killongbutta Roadk, Freemantle – 20ha.
35. 2141 Bridle Track – 20ha.

Total Sprayed - 210ha.

Private Property Inspections Program Statistics

Bathurst Regional Council & Lithgow Shire	Total
Total Ground Inspections	
Actual Properties Inspected	22
Properties Surveyed from Air	13
Nurseries Inspected	
Other Businesses Inspected	
Section 18 Notices issued	
Section 20 Entries	
Successful Prosecutions	
Unsuccessful Prosecutions	
Penalty Notices Issued	
Programmed Surveys	
Resolution to Prosecute	
Roadside Inspections	

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WORK REPORT:

Time spent on administration, chemical stores duties, reports, etc .

I attended a serrated tussock best management workshop at Bathurst Research Station on Tuesday, 9th October, 2007.

Six days spent on supervision of aerial spraying program.

MONTHLY INSPECTION PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER, 2007:

Chief Weeds Officer – D. F. Baldwin

Administration and property inspections where required.

C R Austen – Lithgow Council

Property inspections in the Pipers Flat Serrated Tussock Program and property inspections in other areas where required.

C.K. Roweth – Blayney Shire

Property inspections in the Carcoar, Neville and Fitzgeralds Mount area.

L. Willott – Bathurst Regional Council

Property inspections in the Limekilns, Peel and Turondale area.

D J Hotham – Oberon Council

Property inspections in the Porters Retreat, Campbells River and Dog Rocks area.

Toyota Speedo = 8,407 Travelled = 1,607km

D.F. Baldwin

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INSPECTOR C R AUSTEN – LITHGOW COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2007:

NOTICES ISSUED:

- 1. **P/N 102839 Jerrys Meadow Road, Sodwalls – 40ha.**

Scattered and medium and some heavy areas of serrated tussock. No reply from Notice of Intent, Section 18 Notice issued.

OTHER INSPECTIONS:

- 2. **250 Willow Vale Lane, Wallerawang – 30ha.**

Four hours spent with owner treating scattered and some small patches of serrated tussock as part of Pipers Flat Project.

AERIAL SPRAYING – SERRATED TUSSOCK – SEPTEMBER, 2007:

- 3. **302 Cox’s River Road, Hartley – 20ha.**
- 4. **427 Cullenbenbong Road, Kanimbla Valley – 50ha.**
- 5. **653 Cullenbenbong Road, Hartley – 10ha.**
- 6. **916 Peach Tree Road, Megalong Valley – 50ha.**
- 7. **1012 Cullenbenbong Road, Kanimbla Valley – 10ha.**
- 8. **P/N 102238 Cullenbenbong Road, Kanimbla Valley – 10ha.**
- 9. **129 Cullenbenbong Road, Kanimbla Valley – 10ha.**
- 10. **193 Megalong Place, Hartley – 5ha.**
- 11. **243 Megalong Place, Hartley – 5ha.**
- 12. **255 Megalong Place, Hartley – 5ha.**
- 13. **273 Megalong Place, Hartley – 5ha.**
- 14. **275 Megalong Place, Hartley – 5ha.**
- 15. **277 Megalong Place, Hartley – 10ha.**
- 16. **279 Megalong Place, Hartley – 10ha.**

Total Sprayed – 205ha

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Private Property Inspections Program Statistics

LITHGOW COUNCIL	Total
Total Ground Inspections	
Actual Properties Inspected	2
Properties Surveyed from Air	14
Acquaria/Pet Shops Inspected	
Nurseries Inspected	
Other Businesses Inspected	
Section 18 Notices issued	
Section 20 Entries	
Successful Prosecutions	
Unsuccessful Prosecutions	
Penalty Notices Issued	
Programmed Surveys	
Resolution to Prosecute	
Roadside Inspections	

OTHER TIME SPENT:

Five days aerial spraying.

Four days roadside spraying – African Love Grass and Serrated Tussock mainly in the Hartley area.

One day attending Serrated Tussock Workshop at DPI Research Station, Bathurst.

Four days leave in lieu.

One day Sick Leave.

Ford Speedo = 37,900

Travelled = 2,400

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INSPECTOR D J HOTHAM – OBERON COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2007:

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:

- 17. **1503 O'Connell Road, O'Connell – 58ha.**
Heavy patches of serrated tussock. No work has been carried out since last inspection. Notice issued.
- 18. **321 Claytons Road, Porters Retreat – 38ha.**
Scattered patches of serrated tussock. Owner has sprayed some patches of tussock with good results. Further work will be carried out this season. Inspection with Inspector Baldwin.
- 19. **325 Claytons Road, Porters Retreat – 946ha.**
Heavy patches of serrated tussock. Some work has been carried out last season with good results. Owner to aerial spray next program. Inspection with Inspector Baldwin.
- 20. **267 Claytons Road, Porters Retreat – 536ha.**
Scattered patches of serrated tussock was sprayed last season with good results. Inspection with Inspector Baldwin.
- 21. **2110 Beaconsfield Road, Wisemans Creek – 248ha.]**
Heavy patches of serrated tussock were being boomed sprayed at time of inspection to comply with Notice of Intent. Follow up inspection will be carried out, Inspection with Inspector Baldwin.
- 22. **440 Muttons Falls Road, Lowes Mt – 10ha**
Scattered patches of serrated tussock. Inspectors report sent to owner requesting work be carried out.
- 23. **490 Muttons Falls Road, Lowes Mt. – 13ha.**
Scattered patches of serrated tussock have been sprayed with good results.
- 24. **119 Queen Street, Oberon.**
Medium infestation of privet has been removed and painted with Roundup with good results.
- 25. **Main Street, Oberon.**
Privet tree at rear of shop has been removed and painted with Roundup.

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26. 8 Cunningham Street, Oberon.

Privet tree at rear of property has been removed with good results.

27. 53 North Street, Oberon

Privet hedge at front of property has been pruned to stop flowering with good results.

AERIAL SPRAYING – SERRATED TUSSOCK – SEPTEMBER, 2007:

27A 1702 Campbells River Road – 80ha.

28. 1212 Duckmaloi Road – 20ha.

29. 911 Duckmaloi Road 20ha.

30. 2269 Beaconsfield Road – 50ha.

31. 589 Beaconsfield Road – 50ha.

32. 2319 Beaconsfield Road – 10ha.

33. 2321 Beaconsfield Road – 10ha.

34. 1734 O’Connell Road, - 20ha.

35. 1534 Sewells Creek Road – 15ha.

36. 1498 Sewells Creek Road – 15ha.

37. 1694 Sewells Creek Road – 20ha.

38. 1362 Bald Ridge Road – 50ha.

39. 374 Swallows Nest Road – 20ha.

40. 376 Swallows Nest Road – 20ha.

41. Arkstone Road – 10ha.

42. 302 Emden Vale Road – 40ha.

43. 1344 Burruga Road – 40ha.

44. 140 Todds Road – 15ha.

Total sprayed – Oberon Shire – 505ha.

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Private Property Inspections Program Statistics

OBERON COUNCIL	Total
Total Ground Inspections	
Actual Properties Inspected	11
Properties Surveyed from Air	17
Nurseries Inspected	
Other Businesses Inspected	
Section 18 Notices issued	
Section 20 Entries	
Successful Prosecutions	
Unsuccessful Prosecutions	
Penalty Notices Issued	
Programmed Surveys	
Resolution to Prosecute	
Roadside Inspections	

OTHER TIME SPENT:

Collect chemical for aerial spraying

One day roadside spraying in Lithgow Shire with Inspector Austen.

Ford Speedo = 61,666

km Travelled = 2,224

**INSPECTOR L A WILLOTT – BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL
– OCTOBER, 2007:**

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:

45. **222 Yarras Lane, Glanmire - 130 Ha.**

Inspection of property with owner removed scattered serrated tussock and true scotch thistle by chipping.

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- 46. **Curragh Road, Trunkey – 4135ha,.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.
- 47. **Parish Stoke, Trunkey – 291ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.
- 48. **Parish Stoke, Trunkey – 282ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.
- 49. **Parish Stoke, Trunkey – 1400ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.
- 50. **Parish Stoke, Trunkey – 546ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.
- 51. **Parish Stoke, Trunkey – 529ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.
- 52. **Copperhannia, Trunkey – 674ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with Inspector Roweth.

AERIAL SPRAYING – SERRATED TUSSOCK – SEPTEMBER, 2007:

- 53. **252 Williamsons Road, Rock Forest – 20ha.**
- 54. **1048 Freemantle Road, Freemantle – 5ha,.**
- 55. **1526 Ophir Road, Rock Forest – 40ha.**
- 56. **2686 Mitchell Highway, Vittoria – 20ha.**
- 57. **2267 Mid Western Highway – 10ha.**
- 58. **132 Mersing Road, Glanmire – 10ha.**
- 59. **4578 Great Western Highway, Glanmire – 10ha.**
- 60. **Tarana Road, Locksley – 30ha.**
- 61. **1395 Tarana Road, Locksley – 40ha.**
- 62. **Carlwood Road, Tarana – 30ha.**
- 63. **Purdons Lane, Wisemans Creek – 20ha.**
- 64. **1901 Lagoon Road, Garthowen – 10ha.**

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- 65. 757 Garthowen Road, Garthowen – 10ha.
- 66. 220 Simmons Road, Wisemans Creek – 15ha.
- 67. 162 Simmons Road, Wisemans Creek – 20ha.
- 68. Todds Road, Wisemans Creek – 20ha.
- 69. Lagoon Road, Rockley – 90ha.
- 70. 1203 Bald Ridge Road, Burruga – 20ha.
- 71. Beaconsfield Road, Wisemans Creek – 20ha.

Total sprayed – 440ha.

Private Property Inspections Program Statistics

BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL	Total
Total Ground Inspections	8
Actual Properties Inspected	
Properties Surveyed from Air	19
Acquaria/Pet Shops Inspected	
Nurseries Inspected	
Other Businesses Inspected	
Section 18 Notices issued	
Section 20 Entries	
Successful Prosecutions	
Unsuccessful Prosecutions	
Penalty Notices Issued	
Programmed Surveys	
Resolution to Prosecute	
Roadside Inspections	

OTHER TIME SPENT:

Ten days aerial spraying.

Four days Annual Leave.

Ford Speedo = 39,842

km Travelled = 2,379

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INSPECTOR C K ROWETH – BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL – OCTOBER, 2007:

AERIAL SPRAYING – SERRATED TUSSOCK – SEPTEMBER, 2007:

- 72. 18 Goomballo Street, Carcoar – 20ha.
- 73. 964 Neville Road, Neville – 10ha.
- 74. 825 Mt Macquarie Road, Neville – 15ha.
- 75. 202 Gallymont Road, Gallymont – 40ha.
- 76. 216 Gallymont Road, Gallymont – 10ha.
- 77. 303 Burnt Yards Road, Mandurama – 40ha.
- 78. 285 Errowanbang Road, Carcoar – 20ha.
- 79. 1326 Errowanbang Road, Errowanbang – 5ha.

Total Sprayed – 160ha

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:

- 72. **825 Mt Macquarie Road, Neville – 600ha.**
Inspection carried out with Brian Boyd of NSW Forests to identify area to be aerial sprayed for serrated tussock in upcoming program. Work has been carried out.
- 73. **334 Mt Macquarie Road, Carcoar – 413ha.**
Good results from previous spot spraying of serrated tussock. Further work to be carried out by owner.
- 74. **177 Millpost Creek Road, Mandurama – 610ha.**
Inspection of property carried out with owner and Chief Weeds Officer. Owner has agreed to employ contractor to spot spray blackberry during this summer and aerial spray serrated tussock in the aerial spraying program in February, 2008.
- 75. **361 Millpost Creek Road, Mandurama – 94ha.**
Owner has achieved good results from spot spraying of serrated tussock on property.

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- 76. **89 Millpost Creek Road, Mandurama – 13ha.**
Spot spraying has been carried out on part of property to control serrated tussock. A further inspection will be carried out to see if remainder of property has been sprayed.
- 77. **106 Neville Road, Blayney – 127ha.**
Extensive spot spraying of scattered serrated tussock has been carried out by owners.
- 78. **337 Neville Road, Blayney – 83ha.**
Scattered blackberry found on property, owner to spray this summer.
- 79. **530 Mallowgrove Road, Blayney – 47ha.**
Owner controlled scattered blackberry last season with good results.
- 80. **366 Mandurama Road, Mandurama – 22ha.**
Extensive spot spraying of serrated tussock has been carried out with good results to comply with Notice of Intent.
- 81. **576 Browns Creek Road, Blayney – 38ha**
Contractor to be re-employed this year to follow up work on scattered blackberry infestation on property.
- 82. **577 Browns Creek Road, Blayney – 42ha.**
Good results achieved from aerial spraying of serrated tussock and blackberry last year. Owner to follow up with spot spraying.
- 83. **579 Browns Creek Road, Blayney – 45ha.**
Owner has been controlling scattered blackberry and serrated tussock on property by spot spraying. Good results are being achieved.
- 84. **653 Browns Creek Road, Browns Creek – 252ha.**
Owner has sprayed blackberry infestation on property with good results. Some follow up work required this season.
- 85. **1467 Curragh Road, Trunkey – 317ha.**
Owner to carry out aerial spraying in February aerial spraying program on serrated tussock.

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86. 6845 Goulburn Road, Trunkey – 296ha.

Excellent results achieved from last years aerial spraying of serrated tussock. Some follow up spot spraying is to occur.

Private Property Inspections Program Statistics

BLAYNEY COUNCIL	Total
Total Ground Inspections	
Actual Properties Inspected	15
Properties Surveyed from Air	8
Acquaria/Pet Shops Inspected	
Nurseries Inspected	
Other Businesses Inspected	
Section 18 Notices issued	
Section 20 Entries	
Successful Prosecutions	
Unsuccessful Prosecutions	
Penalty Notices Issued	
Programmed Surveys	
Resolution to Prosecute	
Roadside Inspections	

OTHER TIME SPENT:

Office Work, Reports, Notices etc.

Six days aerial spraying

One day Serrated Tussock Best Management Practice Course

One day spraying with Inspector Austen in Lithgow Shire

Ford Speedo = 97,298

km Travelled = 2,810

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Item A

Meeting dates

Councillors are reminded that the scheduled meeting dates for forthcoming Ordinary Meetings of the Council are –

7 December 2007

1 February 2008

7 March 2008

This dates have been advertised as required by Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice the Ordinary Meetings of the Council, except the December meeting, are scheduled to commence at 2.30 pm. The December meeting will commence at 4.30 pm and will be followed by the Chairman's Christmas function.

For the information of Council.

Item B

Quarterly review of Management Plan

Section 407 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to report to the council within 2 months after the end of each quarter as to the extent to which the performance targets set by the council's current management plan have been achieved during that quarter.

In accordance with this requirement I have prepared a report in respect of the quarter ended on 30 September 2007.

The report is attached to the Business Paper (**Attachment 1**).

Recommendation

That the Council adopt the General Manager's review of the Management Plan for the quarter ended 30 September 2007.

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Item C

Budget Review Statement

Clause 203 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires that not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a council (the General Manager in the case of Upper Macquarie County Council) must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the management plan that the council has adopted for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

The budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:

- (a) a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and
- (b) if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action.

A budget review statement must also include any information required by the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting to be included in such a statement.

In accordance with the Clause 203 requirement I have prepared a Budget Review Statement in respect of the quarter ended on 30 September 2007.

The Statement is attached to the Business Paper (**Attachment 2**).

I believe that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure.

Roy Jennison
Responsible Accounting Officer

Recommendation

That the Council adopt the General Manager's Budget Review Statement and report for the quarter ended 30 September 2007.

Item D

Funding for National Pilot Program from Australian Government

I reported verbally to the Council at the October Ordinary Meeting on the possibility of funding being made available from the Australian Government, as a result of representations made on the Council's behalf by Mr. Kerry Bartlett

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MP, The Federal Member for Macquarie, for weed control initiatives through the Australian Government's *Defeating the Weeds Menace* programme.

As anticipated, the funding was approved on 12 October 2007. The amount involved is \$113000 which will be made available to the Council for pilot project funding, the final details of which will need to be negotiated with the responsible Commonwealth Department.

For the information of Councillors I have included in Councillors' envelopes a copy of the submission made in support of the funding application but, as I have said, the final details of the projects are subject to negotiation.

At the time of preparation of this report no formal notification of the approval of the grant has been received.

Mr. Bartlett issued a Media Release in regard to the grant and a copy of this is included in Councillors' envelopes.

In addition, the Chief Weeds Officer and I were interviewed by Prime Television News (the interview was broadcast on 17 October 2007) and I issued a Press Release, a copy of which is also included in Councillors' envelopes.

Further information on the grant will be provided to the Council as it becomes available.

For the information of Council.

Item E

Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority Broom Management project for the Coxs River Catchment

Because of the CMA's wish to get this project underway as soon as possible, and following discussions with the Chairman, I, on behalf of the Council, have entered into a Project Services Agreement with the CMA for the management of this project.

The total value of this project is approximately \$53000, of which \$26000 is to be provided by the CMA. The Council is budgeted to provide an in kind contribution of about \$1300. I am not satisfied that this will be sufficient, given the work likely to be required, but even if the contribution by the Council is more substantial, given that the project is core Council business, i.e. weed control, I believe that a greater in kind contribution by the Council would be justified.

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The remained of the funds are in kind contributions by landholders and volunteers.

An unidentified part of the funding is for control of Montpellier or Cape Broom which is not a declared noxious weed. I have informed the CMA that the Council is prepared to manage this part of the funds as the agent of the CMA using its power under Section 359 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The Council will, on this basis, have none of its powers under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* available in respect of the Montpellier Broom but given the co-operative nature of the project this is not likely to be a problem.

I have discussed the project with the Chief Weeds Office and he is satisfied that the workload can be accommodated, although further discussions will be held with the CMA with a view to minimizing the workload.

Recommendation

That the Council –

- endorse the General Manager’s decision to enter into the Project Services Agreement with Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority for the Broom Management project for the Coxs River Catchment, and
- agree to act as the agent of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority for the management of that part of the project related to Montpellier or Cape Broom.

Item F

Local Government (State) Aware 2007

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW has announced that negotiations for a new *Local Government (State) Award 2007* have been concluded and the terms of an “in principle” agreement have been reached by the Award parties.

The Award has yet to be ratified by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission but the Commission is expected to consider the Award shortly.

By way of summary, the Agreement/Award will increase Rates of Pay as follows:

- First pay period on or after 01/11/07 – 3.2% with a minimum of \$22
- First pay period on or after 01/11/08 – 3.2% with a minimum of \$22
- First pay period on or after 01/11/09 – 3.2% with a minimum of \$22

Provision was made in the Council’s Management Plan for 2007/2008 for an anticipated salary increase of this magnitude and there are therefore no adverse budget implications for the Council.

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For the information of Council.

Item G

Investments

Clause 212 of *the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires that the responsible accounting officer of the council, in the case of Upper Macquarie County Council the General Manager, present a written report setting out details of all money that the council has invested under Section 625 of the Act to the Council at its Ordinary monthly meeting.

The “report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting”.

Councillors will be aware that every month, since the Business Paper for the meeting invariably closes before the last day of the month, I have had to circulate my Clause 212 report at the meeting as a Supplementary Report. This is unwieldy administratively and does not give Councillors an opportunity to consider the report prior to the meeting.

The “investment” involved, being an “at call” Max-i Direct account held at Westpac, is shown in the Council’s accounts as “Cash or cash equivalents”, not as an investment. I have discussed this with the Auditor and he is of the view that the funds involved are not, strictly, investments and as such are not within Clause 212.

According, in order to streamline the reporting process, I propose, subject to the Council having no objection, to dispense with the report in the nature of the Clause 212 report which I have been in the practice of making to the Council and will instead at each meeting report to the Council on the amount in the Westpac Max-i Direct account. The report will be made up to the close of business on the last business day before the business paper closes (which is the Wednesday of the week preceding the week in which the Council meeting is held).

The report for the current meeting is set out below.

Councillors should note that the report does not include the amount in the Council’s cheque account, which is the operating account, but the amount in this account is kept to the minimum necessary for the short term operation of the Council in order to maximise the interest on the available funds.

I list for Council’s information the amount standing to the Council’s credit in the Westpac Max-i Direct account as at the close of business on 23 October 2007.

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Westpac Max-i Direct account 23 October 2007			
Rate	Amount	Term	Due Date
6.05%	\$650467.94	No set term	No due date
TOTAL	\$650467.94		

Recommendation

That the Council agree to the General Manager reporting to the Council at each meeting the amount in the Westpac Max-i Direct account as at the close of business on the last business day before the business paper closes.

Item H

Correspondence

- Letter to General Managers of Constituent Council's regarding the future funding of the County Council.

Roy Jennison
General Manager

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Upper Macquarie County Council

Review of Management Plan for quarter ended 30 September 2007

Exception report

For convenience, repeated here is any item which has been commented upon in the full review otherwise than solely with the response "All targets met this quarter" or "No specific targets to be met this quarter".

Only the action item heading and the comment for the current quarter have been repeated here.

Update council policy register.

30 September 2007	Some Council administration policies are due for review and this will occur as soon as workload permits.
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Promote the county interests through participation in council bodies.

30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter. The Council has not participated in the Committee's Group Funding Program for some years. The Council has recently taken steps to ensure that it receives correspondence from the Committee.
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Actively pursue politicians to further the council's interests.

30 September 2007	The Council has maintained close contact with Mr Gerard Martin MP concerning the Council's funding situation. The General Manager and Chairman met with the Minister for Local Government on 5 June 2007. Mr Kerry Bartlett MP, Federal Member for Macquarie attended the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 6 July 2007. Mr Bob Debus, the Labor candidate for Macquarie, attended the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 3 August 2007.
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Implement system of information technology capable of providing information that is relevant and timely.

30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter. Negotiations with Bathurst Regional Council in relation to IT and electronic mapping support to the Council have not progressed owing to other priority work. This matter remains a priority and will receive attention during the coming year.
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Maintain and update as required the council's records management system.

30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter. Council's record keeping procedures require upgrading and this remains a priority item.
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Actively pursue the control of noxious weeds on private lands

30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter. 330 inspections of private land were carried out. Work on the serrated tussock eradication program at Pipers Flat being carried out in cooperation with Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority began.
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MANAGEMENT PLAN

2007/2008 - 2009/2010

REVIEW FOR QUARTER ENDED

30 September 2007

VISION STATEMENT

*To protect the environment and agricultural pursuits through
noxious weed control.*

MISSION STATEMENT

*Actively pursue the reduction of noxious weeds throughout the
county area in a manner that is economically and
environmentally sustainable and responsible.*

UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Lee Street
Kelso NSW**

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UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

Introduction by the General Manager

Upper Macquarie County Council and its functions

Section 387 of the *Local Government Act 1993* empowers the Governor to establish county councils by proclamation.

The proclamation is, in effect, the constitution of the county council.

The county council must have a governing body which is responsible for managing the affairs of the county council. The members of the governing body are elected from among the councillors of the constituent councils (Section 390).

The functions of the county council are set out in the proclamation and may comprise "any one or more of the functions of a council under" the Act. A council may not undertake a function conferred on a county council but it may do so if the county council delegates the function to the constituent council (Section 394). With limited exceptions, including the power to make and levy an ordinary rate, the Act applies to county councils and members of county councils in the same way as it applies to councils and councillors.

The method of constitution of a county council is no different to that of other councils. Only the method of election of councillors and the particularity of the functions of county councils differentiates them from councils. The method of election is similar to collegiate voting and provides indirect election: nevertheless the role of a member of a county council is the same as that of a councillor as set out in Section 232.

The Upper Macquarie County Council was originally constituted by proclamation on 18 February 1949. Part 7 of Schedule 7 to the *Local Government Act 1993* operated to continue the county council as if it had been constituted under Section 387 with an area of operations the same as its former county district.

As presently constituted, the constituent councils of Upper Macquarie County Council are –

- Bathurst Regional Council
- Lithgow City Council
- Blayney Shire Council
- Oberon Shire Council.

Under Section 8 of the *Local Government Act 1993* Upper Macquarie County Council has the following charter -

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- to provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively
- to exercise community leadership
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism
- to promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children
- to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development
- to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
- to bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible
- to facilitate the involvement of councilors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and co-ordination of local government
- to raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants
- to keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities
- to ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected
- to be a responsible employer.

Being a county council upon which noxious weed control functions for its area of operations have been conferred the Upper Macquarie County Council is a local control authority as defined in Section 35 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*. As such the county council has the functions set out in Section 36 of that Act.

These functions are –

- responsibility for the control of noxious weeds by occupiers of land (other than public authorities or local control authorities),
- control of noxious weeds on land owned or occupied by the Upper Macquarie County Council and on certain roads and watercourses, rivers or inland waters as provided by the Act,
- to ensure, so far as practicable, that owners and occupiers of land (other

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than public authorities or other local control authorities) carry out obligations to control noxious weeds imposed under this Act,

- to develop, implement, co-ordinate and review noxious weed control policies and noxious weed control programs,
- inspection of land within the local area in connection with its noxious weed control functions,
- to report, at the request of the Minister, on the carrying out of the Upper Macquarie County Council's functions under the Act,
- to co-operate with local control authorities of adjoining areas to control noxious weeds, where appropriate,
- any other functions that are conferred or imposed on the Upper Macquarie County Council by or under the Act.

Significantly, these functions include the responsibility for the control of noxious weeds by occupiers of land (other than public authorities) in the local area (the county council's area of operations) and the control of noxious weeds on roads in the local area as required by Section 14 (although this is a joint obligation with any occupier required to control weeds on roads under Section 17).

In summary, the Upper Macquarie County Council is a single purpose authority, created by the New South Wales Government, as the local control authority for noxious weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* over the areas of Bathurst Regional Council, Lithgow City Council, Oberon Shire Council and Blayney Shire Council.

Constituent Councils

	Population (est.)	Length of Roads	Total Area
BATHURST	36,000	1256 km	3,875 sq. km
BLAYNEY	6,700	1,523 km	1,523 sq. km
LITHGOW	19,835	858 km	3,500 sq. km
OBERON	5,200	847 km	3,659 sq. km

Number of Councillors

Upper Macquarie County has 10 members on its governing body, two each from Blayney, Lithgow and Oberon Councils and four from Bathurst Regional Council. One of the Bathurst Regional Council positions has not been filled by that Council. The Council, with the concurrence of all the constituent councils has requested the Minister to have the number of members reduced to 8, that is, 2 per constituent council.

The Council's Management Plan

Section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the Council to prepare a Management Plan with respect to its activities for at least the next three years and its Revenue Policy for the ensuing year. The Plan must also define the following –

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- (a) The Principal Activities which Council proposes to conduct;
- (b) The Objectives and Performance Targets for each Principal Activity;
- (c) The Means by which Council proposes to achieve the Performance Targets;
- (d) The proposed manner of assessment of Performance in respect of the Principal Activities
- (e) and,
- (f) Other matters required by Regulations.

Council will be monitoring this Plan continuously in accordance with statutory requirements to gauge the extent to which the performance targets set by Council are being achieved.

Community Involvement:

Important in the development of the Management Plan is the role that the County Community might play in submitting comment on its contents. The Draft Management Plan will be placed on Public Exhibition for 28 days, during which period members of the public are invited to make submissions.

Council, at all times, welcomes input from its constituent landowners whether it be comments on the Management Plan or reporting outbreaks of noxious weeds.

Issues confronting Council

Council is facing increasing pressure to maintain its existing level of services in a period of reducing funding and increasing costs. The grants received from the State Government have not kept pace with inflation during recent years. The cost of wages has increased dramatically but the constituent Councils are struggling to provide increased funding for weed control as they have many other competing interests and limited funds and are subject to government control in the raising of revenue, including revenue to support the County Council.

In an effort to maintain its current service levels Council is continually looking at ways of increasing its productivity and reduce its costs.

As well, the Council proposes to change various aspects of its operations so that it is able to recover the true cost of providing some of its services from those for whose benefit the services are provided.

Council's main priorities are to –

- carry out its functions under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* in an efficient and effective way;
- assist its community to understand the requirements that the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* places on them with regard to the control of noxious weeds,

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- educate its community as to the impact that noxious weeds have on the environment, people and agricultural production and why control is important;
- provide advice to its community as to how they might comply with their obligations with regard to the control of noxious weeds;
- control noxious weeds on roadsides;
- where necessary, to enforce the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* against those members of its community who are not complying with their obligations to control noxious weeds; and
- encourage public authorities to comply with their obligations under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* to control noxious weeds.

The Council's strategy for the carrying out of its noxious weeds functions is set out in its *Noxious Weeds Strategy* a copy of which is available at the Council's offices.

The summary of the goals sought to be achieved by the Strategy is as follows.

1. Increase public awareness of the impact of noxious weeds on the community and the cost to the community of noxious weeds.
2. Improve communications between the Council and its community.
3. Improve the accountability of the Council to its community.
4. Develop an efficient and effective Council administration, including the provision of adequate record keeping and computer facilities, for the management of noxious weeds.
5. Secure the Council's financial position.
6. Secure funding, where possible, to assist occupiers in their management of noxious weeds.
7. Build strong relationships with other natural resource managers having responsibilities in, or adjacent to, the Council's area of operations.
8. Enhance the educational and advisory role of the Council.
9. Improve the effectiveness of the control of noxious weeds on roads.
10. Improve the effectiveness of the Council's regulatory role.

The Council intends in the forthcoming and subsequent years to be more open in its operations and more accountable to its community.

It will regularly conduct public meetings and other forums throughout its area of operations to keep its community informed of its operations and to receive feedback from its community. The Council invites and encourages any member of its community with comment on the Council's operations to make those comments known to the Council.

I commend to you the Management Plan of the Upper Macquarie County Council.

Roy Jennison
General Manager

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Statement of Principal Activities and Services to be provided

Administration

Corporate Support:

Corporate Support involves meeting all legal requirements and providing administrative services to Council. It is also responsible for Council's internal and external communications and public relations.

Corporate Services provide a variety of support services for Council. These include:

- Administration and General Management
- Financial Services
- Human Resources
- Plant & Vehicles
- Risk Management
- Occupational Health and Safety

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Health

Noxious Weeds Control

This is Council's sole purpose. It is a single purpose authority created by the New South Wales Government as the local control authority for noxious weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* over the areas of Bathurst Regional Council, Lithgow City Council, Oberon Shire Council and Blayney Shire Council.

Council carries out this activity through:-

- Education,
- Assistance,
- Control of weeds on roadsides,
- Enforcement,
- Encouragement of public authorities to control noxious weeds,
- Co-ordination of spraying programs on private and government owned land.
- Cooperation with other Natural Resource Managers, including participation in Regional Weed Control Plans covering the Macquarie Valley.

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

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**Objectives, Performance Targets, Statement of Means,
and
Performance Assessment.**

Administration

Goal

To implement financial and administrative policies and procedures to allow the management of all Council activities in a manner that ensures the economic sustainability of the Council and protects Council and Community assets

The administration function is broken up into several categories (sub-headings) with their own separate goals that, together, direct the activities of this section towards achieving the overall goal stated above. These categories include:-

- Governance
- Legislative Requirements
- Finance
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Risk Management
- Staff Matters
- Information Technology
- Asset Maintenance
- Plant and Vehicles
- Business Activities

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Governance

Goal

To provide effective, relevant local government through community consultation, availability of information to the public and council, public access to Councillors and liaison with other councils and relevant government bodies.

Action: ADM 01

Provide information to Council to allow decisions at Council Meetings.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Ensure Business Paper is ready for distribution.	GM	1. Six working days prior to Council meeting.
2. Provide recommendations to council when possible.		2. In business paper to allow council to consider.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Action: ADM 02

Respond to Councillor inquiries related to the administration function.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Provide information to Councillors within council's policy guidelines.	GM	1. On day requested, where possible, or within 3 working days (unless request requires detailed investigation).
2. Provide written information as requested.		2. Within 3 working days (unless request requires detailed investigation).
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Action: ADM 03

Update council policy register.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Update new or amended administration policies in Council's policy register.	GM	1. Within 14 days of adoption or amendment.
2. Review Council administration		2. Within 2 months of expiry of

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policies.		policy or every 2 years.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	Some Council administration policies are due for review and this will occur as soon as workload permits.

Action: ADM 04

Provide information to public in a timely and effective manner.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Ensure council business papers are made available in hard copy at council's office.	GM	1. At least three working days before council meeting.
2. Ensure other public information is made available at council's office.		2. As soon as practicable after it becomes public information.
3. Ensure business papers are provided to constituent Councils.		3. Posted with Councillors business papers.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

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Legislative requirements

Goal

To ensure that stakeholders are informed of council progress through provision of information as required under statutory and department of local government requirements.

Action: ADM 05

Ensure all statutory financial returns are completed and lodged by the due date.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. June Quarterly Financial and Management Plan Reviews to Council.	1. GM	1. August Meeting
2. Audited Financial Statements to Department of Local Government.		2. 31/10/06
3. Financial Data collection return		3. 7/11/06
4. September Quarterly Financial and Management Plan Reviews to council.		4. November Meeting
5. Notice of meeting at which audited reports are to be presented.		5. 25/11/06
6. Audited financial reports presented to public.		6. 2/12/06
7. December Quarterly Financial and Management Plan Reviews to council.		7. February Meeting
8. March Quarterly Financial and Management Plan Reviews to council.		8. May Meeting
9. Management Plan to be adopted.(see financial actions)		9. 30/6/07
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

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Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Action: ADM 06

Ensure all other statutory returns are completed and lodged by the due date.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Pecuniary Interest Returns	1. GM	1. 30/9/06
2. Council Annual Report prepared and forwarded to Minister		2. 30/11/06
3. Grants Commission Data return		3. 30/11/06
4. Freedom of Information - Summary of Affairs submitted to Government Printer.		4. 11/12/06
5. Freedom of Information - Summary of Affairs and Statement of Affairs to be submitted to Government Printer.		5. 30/6/07
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Action: ADM 07

Implementation of council decisions.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Implement council decisions following council meeting.	GM	1. Within 10 working days of council meeting.
		2. For prosecutions within 2 months of council resolution.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Finance

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Goal

Provide the framework for council to undertake its activities in a financially responsible and economically sustainable manner that protects council and community assets.

Action: ADM 08

Continue current financial management direction and develop strategic long term plan.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Update long term financial strategy	GM	1. 31/3/07
2. Provide adequate funds for employee leave entitlements		2. Maintain cash at 50% of Long Service liability.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments

30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.
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Action: ADM 09

Provide financial information and advice to Council.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Provide other information as required	GM	1. At council meeting
2. Provide quarterly update on financial trends relating to council's expenditure		2. At Council Meeting following end of quarter.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments

30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.
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Action: ADM 10

Ensure that Council's 2007/2008 Annual Management Plan is considered in order to allow adoption of the Management Plan by the due date.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Draft Plan to be presented to council.	GM	1. 30/4/07
2. Draft plan to be adopted to allow 28 day public exhibition.		1. 31/5/07

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3. Draft Plan to be adopted following consideration of any submissions received.		2. 30/6/07
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Intergovernmental relations

Goal

To promote the interests of the County Council stakeholders through active interaction and participation with other Council bodies (such as Macquarie Valley Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee and the Shires Association) and through active pursuit of politicians.

Action: ADM 11

Promote the county interests through participation in council bodies.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Participate in Macquarie Valley Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee through attendance at meetings and supply of information as required to assist the lobbying of state and federal governments.	GM	1. Attend meetings and provide information as requested.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter. The Council has not participated in the Committee's Group Funding Program for some years. The Council has recently taken steps to ensure that it receives correspondence from the Committee.

Action: ADM 12

Provide active support to the Shires Association.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Provide information as requested by Shires Association to assist them to lobby governments.	GM	1. Information to be provided by the date requested.
2. Utilise the services of the Shires Association to further Council's		2. As and when required by

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interests.		council.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Action: ADM 13

Actively pursue politicians to further the council's interests.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Invite politicians to attend Council meetings on a regular basis.	GM	1. At least 2 politicians to be invited to council annually
2. Meet with state and federal politicians to promote the interests of the council.		2. As required.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	The Council has maintained close contact with Mr Gerard Martin MP concerning the Council's funding situation. The General Manager and Chairman met with the Minister for Local Government on 5 June 2007. Mr Kerry Bartlett MP, Federal Member for Macquarie attended the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 6 July 2007. Mr Bob Debus, the Labor candidate for Macquarie, attended the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 3 August 2007.

Risk Management

Goal

To minimise Council's potential exposure to risk and provide a safe work environment for staff and a safe environment for county landholders.

Action: ADM 14

Minimise the risks associated with all functions of Council.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Identify new risks associated with the functions of council.	GM	1. Ongoing
2. Analyse and prioritise all risks identified.		2. Within 3 months after identification

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3. Minimise exposure through rectification of risks.		3. As possible within budget constraints.
4. Update policy on the use of contractors.		4. Ongoing
5. Review risk management policy.		10. Ongoing
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Staff Matters

Goal

To provide a committed, well-informed, well-trained and positive staff that is able to respond to the council and community needs.

Action: ADM 15

Ensure Council staff are aware of their rights and responsibilities in relation to Occupational Health & Safety (OH & S) and Risk Management.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Provide training to staff on OH & S Regulation and Act.	GM	1. Ongoing as identified.
2. Provide training on Equal Employment Opportunity to staff.		2. Ongoing as required
3. Provide staff with training on risk management.		3. Ongoing as required
4. Review and update staff training program.		4. Annually
5. Review EEO Management Plan.		5. As required
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Information technology

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Goal

To provide an effective information technology service that provides relevant, accurate and timely information to council, staff and other stakeholders.

Action: ADM 16

Implement system of information technology capable of providing information that is relevant and timely.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Monitor reporting system ability to provide information requirements.	GM	1. Ongoing
2. Monitor technology improvements and assess future requirements.		2. Ongoing
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter. Negotiations with Bathurst Regional Council in relation to IT and electronic mapping support to the Council have not progressed owing to other priority work. This matter remains a priority and will receive attention during the coming year.

Action: ADM 17

Maintain and update as required the council's records management system .		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Monitor record keeping procedures to ensure that they provide the best method of maintaining an accurate record of council activities.	GM	1. Ongoing
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter. Council's record keeping procedures require upgrading and this remains a priority item.

Asset management**Goal**

To develop an affordable maintenance program that will protect and maintain council and community assets.

Action: ADM 18

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Compile accurate data on the condition of current council and community assets for which council is responsible.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Maintain assets register for all assets valued over \$2,000.	GM	1. Ongoing
2. Monitor the condition of those assets.		2. Ongoing
3. Identify maintenance requirements for those assets.		3. Ongoing
4. Cost maintenance requirements and incorporate in budget.		4. As identified.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Plant and vehicles

Goal

To ensure that council's plant and vehicle fleet are satisfactory to council's needs and maintained in a serviceable condition so as to minimise down time.

Action: ADM 19

Compile data on current plant and vehicle fleet condition and usage.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Analyse council's current plant fleet, its activities and assess future plant needs.	GM	1. Ongoing
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Business activities

Goal

To provide Council with additional funds to carry out its noxious weed control works through the undertaking of commercial activities that are financially sound.

Action: ADM 20

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Provide access to competitively priced chemicals for participants in council noxious weed control programs and purchasers of bulk supplies.

Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Provide access to chemicals at commercially competitive prices.	GM	1. As required
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments

30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.
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Health

Noxious Weed Control

Goal

To provide a regulatory and advisory role to stakeholders and landowners that improves the natural environment through a reduction in the invasion of noxious weeds.

Action: ADM 21

Actively pursue the control of noxious weeds along the roadsides in the council area.

Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Inspect Council roadsides prior to control works to ensure that control programs are efficient.	CWO	1. At least one week prior to spraying.
2. Carry out necessary control works in line with Council's budget allocations.		2. 28/02/07 or as seasonal conditions permit
3. Respond to reports of noxious weeds problem areas.		3. Carry out inspection within 7 days of notification.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments

30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.
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Action: ADM 23

Actively pursue the control of noxious weeds on private lands.

Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Through inspection of private lands	CWO	1. At least 250 inspections per

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assist landowners to fulfil their legal responsibilities in relation to noxious weeds.		quarter.
2. Provide information to landowners on noxious weed control.		2. If not done at time of inspection within 1 week.
3. Respond to noxious weed complaints.		3. Initial inspection within 10 working days.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter. 330 inspections of private land were carried out. Work on the serrated tussock eradication program at Pipers Flat being carried out in cooperation with Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority continued.

Action: ADM 24

Actively pursue the control of noxious weeds on vacant crown lands.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Through inspection of vacant lands assist landowners to fulfil their legal responsibilities in relation to noxious weeds.	CWO	1. Inspect vacant crown land parcels prior to submission of grant application.
2. Provide information to Department of Lands on noxious weed control requirements.		2. Within 10 working days of inspection.
3. Respond to noxious weed complaints.		3. Initial inspection within 10 working days.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Action: ADM 25

Actively pursue the control of noxious weeds on government owned lands.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Through inspection of government owned (both State and Federal) lands assist land managers to fulfil	CWO	1. Inspect government owned land parcels prior to submission of grant

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their legal responsibilities in relation to noxious weeds. 2. Provide information to relevant department on noxious weed control requirements. 3. Respond to noxious weed complaints.		application or prior to spraying programs. 2. Within 10 working days of inspection. 3. Initial inspection within 10 working days.
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	All targets met this quarter.

Action: ADM 26

Initiate a series of block inspections to target heavy areas of infestation and to maintain a public profile throughout the county area.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Carry out block inspections (involving all inspectors) in at least 2 different locations throughout the county area.	GM	1. 30/6/07
2. Publicise block inspections in local media to ensure maximum exposure.	GM	2. At least one week prior to inspections.
3. Map results of inspections for future reference.	CWO	3. As inspections are done
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

Action: ADM 27

Actively pursue regional resource sharing with neighbouring councils to provide cost benefits to council in provision of services.		
Required Task	Resp.	Target Date
1. Pursue resource sharing through regular interaction with nearby councils to discuss regional weed plans and coordinated approaches to	GM	1. Hold meetings with appropriate members of surrounding councils as required.

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weed control.		
Performance Measure		
Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.		

Quarterly review comments	
30 September 2007	No specific targets to be met this quarter.

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Attachment 2**UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL EQUITY AS AT 1.7.2007	362750
ADD: Income 2007/2008	1253957
LESS: Expenditure 2007/2008	1248545
COUNCIL EQUITY AS AT 30.6.2008	368162
ESTIMATED Net Result for Year	5412

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INCOME		Amount Voted 2007/2008	Actual To Date 30/09/2007	Estimated Remainder of Year	Total 30/06/2008	Variations for year
GOVERNMENT GRANTS						
1	Administration Grant	36600	0	36600	36600	0
2	Weed Control Co-ordination Grant	152919	0	156500	156500	3581
3	Regional Weed Plan Grant	0	0	0	0	0
5	Vacant Crown Land	5000	0	5000	5000	0
	HN CMA Pipers Flat serrated tussock	6000	0	6000	6000	0
	CW CMA Integrated Weed Management	19005	0	19005	19005	0
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
6	Certificate by Clerk - Sec. 160	6000	1550	4450	6000	0
7	Sundry Income	5000	720	4280	5000	0
PUBLIC SERVICES						
9	Fines & Costs - Noxious Weeds	0	0	0	0	0
UNCLASSIFIED SERVICES						
10	Interest	25000	7442	17558	25000	0
11	Constituent Council Contributions	369128	369128	0	369128	0
12	Chemical Sales	55000	4534	50466	55000	0
13	Aerial spraying program	438655	0	438655	438655	0
14	Council Supervision/Private work	0	225	5000	5225	5225
14a	Profit on sale of assets	15000	0	15000	15000	0
TRANSFER FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS						
15	Purchase Computer Equipment	28109	0	28109	28109	0
16	Plant - Motor Vehicle Replacement	15000	0	15000	15000	0
17	Transfers from Other Restricted Assets	49864	0	49864	49864	0
	Unexpended CWCMA grant	18871	0	18871	18871	0
TOTAL INCOME		1245151	383599	870358	1253957	8806

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EXPENDITURE		Amount Voted 2007/2008	Actual To Date 30/09/2007	Estimated Remainder of Year	Total 30/06/2008	Variations for year
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
1	Administration Salaries and Allowances	83378	15936	77842	93778	10400
1a	Chief Weeds Officer - salary & allowances	65458	12958	52500	65458	0
3	Office Equipment maintenance	3000	0	3000	3000	0
4	Advertising	10000	490	9510	10000	0
4a	Community consultation	10000	0	10000	10000	0
5	Printing and Stationery	5000	46	4954	5000	0
6	Postages	1000	311	689	1000	0
7	Telephone Rents and Charges	8500	990	7510	8500	0
8	Allowance - Chairman	5208	904	4304	5208	0
9	Councillors Travelling and Subsistence	6000	977	5023	6000	0
10	Members Fees	10960	2142	8818	10960	0
11	Delegates Expenses	2500	0	2500	2500	0
12	Audit Fees	3000	0	3000	3000	0
13	Bank Charges	500	137	363	500	0
14	Insurance - Councillors (Member's Accident)	1760	1600	0	1600	-160
15	Insurance - Councillors & Officers	6600	5855	0	5855	-745
16	Insurance - Fidelity Guarantee	825	575	250	825	0
16a	Insurance - Stat & bus Pract Liability	3500	3500	0	3500	0
17	Subscription - Shires Association	825	846	0	846	21
18	Office Rent, maintenance, etc	4160	0	4160	4160	0
19	Interest on Overdraft	0	2	0	2	2
20	Sundry Admin Misc. Expenses	5000	1726	3274	5000	0
22	Lease Computer Equipment (current)	0	0	0	0	0
23	Office Equipment Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
OVERHEAD EMPLOYMENT EXPENDITURE						
24	Workers Compensation - Insurance	14500	2475	12025	14500	0
25	Superannuation Conts (SGC only)	28813	6236	22577	28813	0
26	Insurance - Public Liability	24000	17000	0	17000	-7000
ECONOMIC SERVICES						
28	Roadside Spraying Program (Contract)	60387	0	60387	60387	0
27	Roadside Spraying (inspector's salaries)	15860	3683	12177	15860	0
	Chemicals - for use for road spraying	15000	6000	9000	15000	0
	Destruction of Noxious Weeds (Misc.)	6000	0	6000	6000	0
29	Chemicals - resale & aerial spraying	225000	2393	222607	225000	0
30	Contractors - private wk (inc. aerial sp helicopter)	203700	1543	202157	203700	0
	Subsidised work for impercunious occupiers	5000	0	5000	5000	0
31	Vacant Crown Land	5000	0	5000	5000	0
32	Inspectors Salaries	202160	49120	153040	202160	0
34	Prosecutions and other legal costs	0	0	0	0	0
35	Sundry Expenses	5000	0	5000	5000	0
	CW CMA Integrated Weed Management	31556	5917	25639	31556	0
	HN CMA Pipers Flat serrated tussock	22005	0	22005	22005	0
UNCLASSIFIED SERVICES						

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36	Plant Running Expenses	44000	8388	35612	44000	0
37	Plant & Equipment Depreciation	35000	0	35000	35000	0
38	Vehicle Replacement	15000	0	15000	15000	0
39	Computer/Accounting Equipment	25000	0	25000	25000	0
TRANSFERS TO RESTRICTED ASSETS						
38	Employees Leave Entitlements	10872	0	10872	10872	0
39	For Vehicle Replacement	15000	0	15000	15000	0
	HN CMA Pipers Flat serrated tussock	0	0	0	0	0
	CW CMA Integrated Weed Management	0	0	0	0	0
	Vacant Crown Land	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1246027	151750	1096795	1248545	2518
	NET RESULT FOR YEAR	-876			5412	6288

Lithgow City Council - Receipt

Line: Cust Prop:.....
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Rail Movements State Mine Heritage Park and Railway

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been engaged by a number of organizations and am under contract to a rail company, with the onerous task of supervising the safe movement of dozens of rail vehicles currently on the State Mine Branch.

This includes railway rollingstock (carriages and locomotives) located within the State Mine Heritage Park and also those in the old Eskbank yard area.

It is my understanding that Council have issued an order in regard to a carriage or carriages located in the Eskbank yard area.

I wish to bring to Council's attention that it is an offence to move any rail vehicle without the authorization of the Government's Independent Transport Safety & Reliability Regulator (ITSRR).

Any such movement would be in breach of the Rail Safety Act 2002 and would incur a severe penalty.

On the 21st of September 2007 inspection, repairs and testing of the rollingstock located within the State Mine Heritage Park compound started.

This was undertaken as the major priority due to rollingstock within this area being in direct interface with members of the public. (Eskbank being part of the Railcorp rail corridor and therefore a restricted area)

In addition the only locomotives able to be utilized to carry out the movement and testing of rollingstock are located within the mine compound.

Given the work done to date, in conjunction with the ITSRR and the Board of the State Mine Heritage Park and Railway. It is quite possible that rollingstock within the Mine compound will be ready for movement within the week.

There are a number of issues in relation to the rail line outside the Mine compound including the Eskbank yard area and the rollingstock located at Eskbank.

ITSRR will require all issues to be addressed before any movement will be permitted in this area.

Given the present rate of progress it may be possible to see the rollingstock located within the Eskbank area moved within weeks.

I can advise Council that every effort is being made to see that close to some 20 (twenty) privately owned carriages are either removed by rail or road transported from Eskbank and the State Mine.

Where possible I would be willing to provide further information to assist.

Yours faithfully,

Merv Gaut.