

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE

22 September 2010

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

I have to advise that an Ordinary Meeting of <u>Bathurst Regional Council</u> will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 29 September 2010 commencing at approximately 5.15 pm (or immediately following the conclusion of the Policy Committee).

D J Sherley

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

- 1. MEETING COMMENCES
- 2. APOLOGIES
- 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.

- 4. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS
  - \* Director Environmental Planning & Building Services' Report
  - \* Director Cultural & Community Services' Report
- 5. MEETING CLOSE

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Present:	Councillors Toole (Chair), Bourke, Hanger, North, Thompson, Westn	na

2	<u>APOLOGIES</u>
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<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the apologies from Crs Aubin, Carpenter & Morse be accepted and leave of absence granted.
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3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST MOVED: B Bourke SECONDED: I North		
	RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.		

Declaration Of Interest to the Council Meeting 29/09/2010

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

## DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

General Manager Bathurst Regional Council

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2010/0729 – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING HOUSE AND ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING WITH DETACHED GARAGE AT LOT 1 DP 857310, 204 BENTINCK STREET, BATHURST . APPLICANT: K & D FIELD. OWNER: K & D FIELD (2010/0729)

**Recommendation**: That Council:

- (a) direct the Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services to approve Development Application No. 2010/0664, subject to conditions able to be imposed pursuant to Section 80(A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as amended and including conditions to the effect that:
  - Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, the developer is to submit to Council details of the colours of the external materials to be used in the construction;
  - ii. Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, the developer is to submit to Council a photographic record of the existing dwelling in accordance with the Guidelines for photographic recording of sites;
  - iii. During the carrying out of the proposed works, if any archaeological remains are discovered, the developer is to stop works immediately and notify the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning, and Council. Any such find is to be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with the Heritage Act 1977, recorded, and details given to Council prior to the continuing of works
- (b) call a division.

#### **Report**: The Site

Council has received a Development Application (DA) for demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a single storey dwelling with detached garage at 204 Bentinck Street, described as Lot 1 DP 857310. A location plan is provided at **attachment 1**.

The site currently contains a single storey dwelling of brick and iron construction.

#### The proposal

The proposal involves:

- Demolition of the existing single storey dwelling;
- Erection of a single storey dwelling with detached garage.

A plan of the proposed development is at <u>attachment 2</u>.

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#### Planning Context

Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005

The subject site is zoned 2 (a) Residential under the provisions of the *Bathurst Regional* (*Interim*) *Local Environmental Plan 2005.* A Dwelling House is permissible with consent in the 2 (a) zone. The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the zone.

The site is within the Bathurst Heritage Conservation Area and is therefore subject to the provisions of Clause 23 Protection of environmental heritage, of the Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005.

In order to assess the conservation significance of the dwellings proposed for demolition an assessment under the *Bathurst Conservation Area Management Strategy* (BCAMS) was undertaken in consultation with Council's Heritage Advisor (see full Demolition Report at **attachment 3**).

The following table provides a summary of the assessment.

Date of construction	1840-1890
BCAMS results:	
Integrity	2
Streetscape rating	3
Heritage Significance	3
Overall Rating (out of 10)	8
Significant historical matters	See historical assessment below
Cost of repairs	\$220,000
Value of the existing fabric	Existing fabric is beyond its usable lifespan
Compliance with infill policy	Proposed new dwelling will complement the existing streetscape
Impact of demolition on streetscape	Positive, the proposed replacement dwelling will have a positive impact on the Bentinck Streetscape

As part of the assessment process the applicant has prepared a Heritage Impact Statement in accordance with Councils policy. As part of this statement an historical assessment and structural assessment was undertaken. The salient parts are repeated below and the full report is shown at **attachment 4**.

#### Historical Assessment

Below is an extract taken from the historical assessment prepared by the Bathurst and District Historical Society.

Bathurst Rate Books show that 204 Bentinck Street was built on Section 81 Lot 8. This land had originally been purchased by the noted Bathurst Solicitor John Nepean McIntosh who had arrived in Bathurst in 1846. McIntosh was listed as the owner of the block in the earliest surviving Rate Book of 1875.

In 1876 McIntosh sold the block to the significant local builder David Jones who was engaged in several major building works during the 1870s including the construction of Abercrombie House (Stewart's Mount), The Bishop's Seat (William Street), Bathurst Court House, Bathampton, Hereford, Logan Brae, and numerous

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others. He invested in several land blocks around the city during this period.

Jones sold the block to Alfred S Thompson in 1886 and by 1893 it was owned by Alfred Gordon Thompson until 1906 when it became the property of John Gilmour. The Bathurst Municipal Council Rate Books do not indicate when the house at 204 Bentinck Street was built but it appears in the Rate Book of 1920 as being owned by Elizabeth Downey, Housewife.

A City of Bathurst heritage Study was conducted in 1990 and 1991 which included a listing of 204 Bentinck Street (Item No A151) describing the house as "a picturesque, intact & well maintained Victorian cottage which contributes to the streetscape of Bentinck Street". The entry does not attempt to date the building or give historical details, placing the likely period of construction between 1841 and 1890 (contrary to the Rate Book entries which indicate an early 20th century date) Similarity in architectural style to the adjoining house (202 Bentinck Street) suggests that these two were built together.

#### **Building Integrity**

As part of the assessment process the applicants submitted to Council a Structural Engineers report prepared by Calare Civil.

The key structural problems identified were as follows:

- Removal of the internal wall linings revealed category 4 damage (Highest Category) through the internal walls. The single brick internal walls could be displaced under light pressure.
- External walls revealed crack damage which tended to reflect damage noted on the internal walls.
- External timbers and eaves displayed weather damage at the time of inspection.

#### Causes

The building has suffered severe damage due to reactive clay movement. The internal single brick walls have become unstable due to ongoing movement and inherent slenderness. The cost of essential remedial works to stabilise the building were identified at \$165,000. Desirable works to make the dwelling more habitable were estimated at \$55,000.

Having had the benefit of a site inspection in conjunction with the owners and structural engineers, Council Staff are in agreement that the dwelling is in an extremely degraded state and at the point where it is dangerous.

#### **Infill Development**

#### Character

The new dwelling has similarities in character with those in the surrounding streetscape and others in the vicinity, with a verandah running most of the front elevation. The hip roof and projecting gable are a common local design form.

#### Scale

The new dwelling has very similar scale and massing to both the original building and more importantly, the adjoining dwellings.

#### Form

The form of the development exhibits similarities with many other nearby buildings, with similar roof pitch and general vernacular design.

#### Siting

The new dwelling is sited on almost the same footprint as the original. This assists in maintaining the existing setbacks and streetscape.

#### Materials and colours

While materials and colours were not submitted with the application, it has been indicated by the applicant the intention is to keep to the same palette as the existing streetscape. Conditions can be imposed to ensure that colours, materials and details are appropriate prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

#### Detailing

The proposal is not an exact replica building, but rather designed to blend in with the existing streetscape.

Overall, Council is of the opinion the proposed dwelling will sit well within the streetscape.

#### Bathurst Regional Council Residential Housing Development Control Plan

The site is contained within Precinct 1 pursuant to the *Residential Housing Development Control Plan* (DCP). Dwelling houses are permissible with consent in the precinct. The proposal complies with the objectives of the precinct and the development standards for dwelling houses:

<b>Development Standa</b>	rd Proposed	Permissible	Compliance
Height	Single storey	Two storey	Yes
Setbacks			
Front	4	N/A	Yes
Rear	35	0.9	Yes
Side	1.25	0.9	Yes
Access way width	4	3-6m	Yes
Open space	< 500sqm	20sqm	Yes

#### **Submissions**

The Development Application was advertised and notified to adjoining property owners from 23 August 2010 to 6 September 2010.

No submissions were received.

#### Conclusion

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zoned 2(a) Residential under the provisions of the Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005. Dwelling houses are permissible. The existing dwelling has significant structural issues. It is considered that this proposal will have a positive impact on the streetscape as the proposed building demonstrates sympathy to surrounding

architectural styles and uses complimentary materials. Inspection of the building has revealed that it is in an extremely degraded state with significant structural problems. Approval for the demolition of the dwelling at 204 Bentinck Street can be supported in this instance because the proposed replacement dwelling will compliment the existing streetscape and the existing building is no longer structurally sound. Financial Implications: Nil.

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#### MOVED: B Bourke SECONDED: G Westman

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On being PUT to the VOTE the MOTION was CARRIED

#### The result of the division was:

<u>In favour of the motion</u> - Cr B Bourke, Cr G Hanger, Cr I North, Cr R Thompson, Cr P Toole, Cr G Westman,

Against the motion - Nil

Absent - Cr W Aubin, Cr T Carpenter, Cr M Morse,

Abstain - Nil

Yours faithfully

D R Shaw **DIRECTOR** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES** 

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE
DIRECTOR CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT
29 SEPTEMBER 2010

## DIRECTOR CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

General Manager Bathurst Regional Council

### 1 2010/2011 RURAL VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (16.00104)

#### **Recommendation**: That Council:

(a) Council allocate 2010/2011 Rural Village Infrastructure Improvement Program funds as follows:

APPLICANT/ ORGANISATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANTED	TOTAL/ GROUP
Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association Inc	Project to be resubmitted by Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association Inc	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sofala and District Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society Inc	Infrastructure Program Stage 1– Concrete slab for Pavilion (to provide better facilities for users)	\$21,340	\$37,825
Sofala and District Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society Inc	Infrastructure Program Stage 2 – New Pavilion construction (to provide better facilities for users)	\$16,485	
Sofala Progress Association Inc	Replace old cloth wiring in Hall (wiring getting dangerous and will also include electricity to composting toilets for lighting)	\$3,773	\$19,136
	Light in dressing/storage shed (currently no lighting and is required when plays are held, will also include security lighting between two halls)	\$253	
	Shelter over BBQ area (to prevent children jumping from fence onto BBQ)	\$3,380	
	Covers over two picnic tables in park (request has been made by parents)	\$5,750	
	Verandah over front of hall (to protect doors and carpet on wet days, will give cover when other functions held)	\$5,980	
	Turon Valley picnic lookout	\$3,850	\$7,370
Lands Trust	Shadehouse #4, water tank and picnic tables	\$3,520	
Wattle Flat Progress Association	All weather shelters at park rear of Wattle Flat School (cover over existing tables)	\$7,200	\$22,078
	Lights to picnic area at rear of School (install lights to oval and picnic area)	\$4,565	
	Install roof vents at BBQ Shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (for removal of smoke, fumes and heat from shed)	\$2,904	
	Supply and install two glass sliding windows to BBQ Shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse	\$1,936	

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Power and light to BBQ shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse	\$750	
Concrete floor to BBQ shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (to prevent dust, etc in food area)	\$4,723	

(b) Council commence the preparation of Village Community Strategic Plans for: Rockley; Trunkey Creek; Sofala; Wattle Flat; Hill End; Peel; Yetholme; and Sunny Corner in 2010/2011.

**Report**: Bathurst Regional Council instituted a Rural Village Improvement Program in 2005/2006 to facilitate the long term viability of the villages in the Bathurst Regional Council area. The program is based on the premise of horizontal equity – "the provision of public facilities each of a similar grade" to villages across the local government area.

Since the program's introduction, Council has made significant contributions to the villages of Hill End, Rockley, Sofala, Trunkey Creek, Wattle Flat and Yetholme in improving the infrastructure available to their residents. A listing of these projects and allocated funding is available at **Attachment 1**. The majority of these programs have been completed, however the following remain outstanding:

- 1. Rockley Sportsground storage shed, signs and bollards (2007/2008)
- 2. Rockley fencing playground in Stevens Park (2007/2008)
- 3. Hill End Beyers Avenue Extension (2009/2010)
- 4. Rockley Cricket Nets (2009/2010)
- 5. Yetholme Hall repairs (2009/2010) this grant was reallocated as funding was also received from the NSW Government.

An inspection of all programs to date was undertaken by Council staff during May and June 2010. As part of these inspections each of the community organisations met with staff to view works and discuss the impending grant process. The Rockley Sportsground and Rodeo Committees did not attend their inspections; there has been no success in rescheduling this. However, the Rockley & District Progress Association have met with staff and participated in an inspection of the Rockley School of Arts building.

The village of Sunny Corner is able to access this grant program, however to date no application has been received for improvements in the Sunny Corner village.

Advertising for the current program commenced in the Western Advocate on 26 June, continuing on 3, 10, 17 July 2010 with a closing date of Tuesday 20 July 2010, allowing 3.5 weeks to prepare and lodge an application. Formal advice was provided to each known community group eligible to apply, together with an application form on 21 June 2010. This was in addition to the informal discussions held as part of the previous projects inspections. This letter is attached as **Attachment 2**.

This process and timeline had not changed from the 2009/2010 program. The application form remained in the same format, requiring no additional information. The scheduled timeframe is attached as **Attachment 3**. The final stages of this timeline have run over, however this is not expected to have any significant impact on the completion of the 2010/11 projects.

The current programs allocation in accordance with Bathurst Regional Council's 2010/11 Management Plan and Budget is \$150,000. Attachment 4 are the guidelines provided for

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the program and distribution of funds.

The table below lists briefly the applications received by the Village community organisations for the 2010/11 program. Yetholme Progress Association provided advice that they would not participate in the current program due current work commitments surrounding the funding they had received from the NSW State Government Grant funding and the remainder of the Bathurst Regional Council Funding for 2009/10.

APPLICANT/ ORGANISATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	ESTIMATED COST	ASSISTANCE SOUGHT	TOTAL/ GROUP
	Construction of unisex toilets including disabled facility and access at Art Gallery	\$57,275	\$33,475	\$33,475
Sofala and District Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society Inc	Infrastructure Program Stage 1– Concrete slab for Pavilion (to provide better facilities for users)	\$21,340	\$21,340	\$37,825
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	Shelter over BBQ area (to prevent children jumping from fence onto BBQ)	\$3,380	\$3,380	
	Covers over two picnic tables in park (request has been made by parents)	\$5,750	\$5,750	
	Verandah over front of hall (to protect doors and carpet on wet days, will give cover when other functions held)	\$5,980	\$5,980	
Wattle Flat Heritage Lands Trust	Toilet facility building southern section of camping area	\$15,850	\$15,850	\$67,220
	Turon Valley picnic lookout	\$3,850	\$3,850	
	Shadehouse #4, water tank and picnic tables	\$3,520	\$3,520	
	Public Reservoir and standpipe renewal Stage 1	\$44,000	\$44,000	
Wattle Flat Progress Association	All weather shelters at park rear of Wattle Flat School (cover over existing tables)	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$58,280
	Lights to picnic area at rear of School (install lights to oval and picnic area)	\$4,565	\$4,565	
	Bore at Wattle Flat Racecourse (for emergency water supply for fire fighting)	\$11,990	\$11,990	
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Bore pump at Wattle Flat Racecourse (supply and install submersible bore pump)	\$4,599.10	\$4,599.10	
Clean out existing dam at Wattle Flat Racecourse (improve raw water supply for fire fighting purpose)	\$3,200	\$3,200	
Install roof vents at BBQ Shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (for removal of smoke, fumes and heat from shed)	\$2,904	\$2,904	
Supply and install two glass sliding windows to BBQ Shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse	\$1,936	\$1,936	
Concrete floor to BBQ shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (to prevent dust, etc in food area)	\$4,723	\$4,723	
Power and light to BBQ shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (to enable functions to be held safely in evenings, ie Country Music Awards)	\$750	\$750	
Supply and install hot water system to showers at Wattle Flat Racecourse (currently only cold showers available)	\$3,300	\$3,300	
Form up access roadway to divert traffic at Wattle Flat Racecourse (to divert vehicles away from the area where public assembles, pedestrian access to toilets and other facilities has become a safety issue)	\$5,060	\$5,060	
Gravel and pipes to new road (proposed) at Wattle Flat Racecourse (subject to approval of funding for new access road)	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Supply and install glass sliding door at Recreation Ground	\$2,262	\$2,262	]
Purchase of community tables and chairs (for community and private function use)	\$791.78	\$791.78	
TOTAL			\$215,936

This list, together with Attachment 1, indicates the Village Improvement Program has achieved its goals in providing significant village enhancements across the rural sectors of Bathurst Regional Council. The application program in 2010/11 offers worthwhile projects; however the impact of the current batch of projects is questionable in terms of ongoing community benefit on a regular and recurring basis. Many projects listed provide benefits on only one or two occasions each year, other projects are clearly the responsibility of other State or Federal Government bodies. Appropriate funding should be sourced from those institutions, rather than from Bathurst Regional Council.

The Village Improvement Program, whilst an infrastructure program, has also built invaluable social capital and capacity in each village that is essential in maintaining a quality of life to attract residents and visitors alike. The level of pride and satisfaction that members of the

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community displayed in recent inspections is admirable. It is abundantly clear the residents in these villages are committed to ensuring they maintain a high level of social interaction and in doing so have developed an acute sense of place.

The Bathurst Regional Council villages of today represent the changing world and community diversity. No longer are these villages thriving on the sheep's back or awash with gold fever. They provide niche business opportunities, safe retirement retreats, protected children's playgrounds, diverse tourism experiences and an intricate social fabric with remnants of historical nuances intertwined into everyday life. Statistics show an increasing age and decreasing income for many residents, a reliance on services provided by volunteers, the next door neighbour and increasingly local, state and federal government. There is evidence of growing levels of disadvantage and an increasing gap between the Villages of Bathurst Regional Council and the City of Bathurst. For these reasons and many others (eg increased rental/purchase prices) these villages will once again come to life and increasingly expect and demand services be delivered to their door.

The responsibilities for Bathurst Regional Council will not deplete, their intensity will grow and their likely impact amplified in their demands on Council for services and infrastructure into the future.

The Village Infrastructure Program provides Bathurst Regional Council an opportunity to offset the growing trends while continuing to support the vital community capacity within these communities. The following proposal has been developed to continue the spirit of the Village Infrastructure Program of supporting these villages.

Council met in a working party to discuss these proposals and determine those that met the guidelines and intent of the program for funding in 2010/2011. The successful projects from the working party are identified as:

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The Working Party further recommended the remaining \$53,591 be allocated to developing Village Community Strategic Plan for each village in full and frank consultation that encompasses the principles, practices and policies already in place within Council and its Departments.

These Plans aim to give each community a strategic direction in which they can develop infrastructure, build business opportunities, create tourism prospects, build social capital, grow community capacity and importantly plan for each village's future in conjunction with Council. A key feature of the plans is each Village's ownership, without this the plans will fail. It will be essential that ownership is established early with each community allowing for a strong partnership to be developed between Council and the community.

The Plans will also provide for a strong reporting mechanism to both the Community and Council. Council's annual village meetings will be significant in this process. It is not envisaged that the plans will be static documents; an annual or biennial community review should be implemented to ensure that the goals and aspirations of both Council and the Community can be maintained, or changed as warranted.

Additionally, it is envisaged the Plans will provide Council and the Community with a lobbying platform for new or improved services to the villages; reveal greater opportunities for funding from government and non-government organisations; raise profiles; develop tourism, business and social opportunities; provide crucial information for inclusion into Council's holistic plans, together with being a source of information, history and service providers already within the community.

It is prudent that Council include the rural settlement of Peel in the development of plans as this settlement is recommended to be proclaimed as a Village in Council's impending Local Environmental Plan, thereby creating eight independent plans.

<u>Financial Implications</u>: Council has previously allocated \$150,000 in the 2010/2011 Management Plan and Budget for the Rural Village Infrastructure Improvement Program. Grant funding allocated in Council's Working Party on 8 September 2010 totalling \$96,409 will be allocated from these funds.

The remaining \$53,591 will be available for preparation of the eight village improvement plans.

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### 5 <u>Item 1 2010/2011 RURAL VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</u>

### MOVED: R Thompson SECONDED: G Westman

#### **RESOLVED:**That Council:

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	Covers over two picnic tables in park (request has been made by parents)	\$5,750	
	Verandah over front of hall (to protect doors and carpet on wet days, will give cover when other functions held)	\$5,980	
_	Turon Valley picnic lookout	\$3,850	\$7,370
Lands Trust	Shadehouse #4, water tank and picnic tables	\$3,520	
Wattle Flat Progress Association	All weather shelters at park rear of Wattle Flat School (cover over existing tables)	\$7,200	\$22,078
	Lights to picnic area at rear of School (install lights to oval and picnic area)	\$4,565	
	Install roof vents at BBQ Shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (for removal of smoke, fumes and heat from shed)	\$2,904	
	Supply and install two glass sliding windows to BBQ Shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse	\$1,936	
	Concrete floor to BBQ shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (to prevent dust, etc in food area)	\$4,723	
	Power and light to BBQ shed at Wattle Flat Racecourse (to enable functions to be held safely in evenings, ie Country Music Awards)	\$750	
	TOTAL		\$96,409

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(b)	Council commence the preparation of Village Community Strategic Plans for: Rockley; Trunkey Creek; Sofala; Wattle Flat; Hill End; Peel; Yetholme; and Sunny Corner in 2010/2011.	
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The Meetin	g closed at 5.12 pm.
CHAIRMAN:	
Date:	(20 October 2010)