

MINUTES

for the ordinary meeting of council
held in the council chambers on
Monday, 18 August 2008, commencing at 6:00pm.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Statement of Acknowledgement of the traditional land owners.

Present

Cr R Wangman (Mayor)
Cr B Wicks (Deputy Mayor)
Cr J De Kruiff
Cr J Hanuska
Cr J Mahony
Cr L Mahood
Cr A Speedie

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Mr M Gobel	Acting Chief Executive Officer and Director Investment Attraction
Mr T Ierino	Director Business Services
Mr R Bon	Manager Infrastructure Delivery
Ms P Harrington	Director Community Development
Mr J Louw	Director Sustainable Development



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2. Declarations of Interest or Conflict of Interest

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of council held on Monday, 21 July 2008, copies of which were circulated to all councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.
- 2. The Minutes of the special meeting of council held on Monday, 4 August 2008, copies of which were circulated to all councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.

Councillors Mahony/Wicks

That:

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- 2. The Minutes of the special meeting of council held on Monday, 4 August 2008, copies of which were circulated to all councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.

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4. Petitions

4.1 *Saleyards (No. 1)*

A petition has been received signed by 361 persons opposed to the relocation of the Wodonga Livestock Exchange. The petition states:

I am opposed to the relocation of the Wodonga Livestock Exchange (Wodonga Sale Yards) from their current location at Bandiana to Barnawartha North (Wodonga)

A copy of the petition will be tabled at the meeting, and separately has been forwarded to councillors.

Council's Local Law stipulates that unless Council determines to consider it as an item of urgent business, the petition must lay on the table until the next ordinary meeting of Council, at which time a further report will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION

That the petition received from persons opposed to the relocation of the Wodonga Livestock Exchange, lay on the table for a period of one month.

During discussion of this item the Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that since the preparation of the agenda additional pages of this signed petition had been received. The total number of petitioners in the tabled document is 646.

Councillors De Kruiff/Wicks

That the petition received from persons opposed to the relocation of the Wodonga Livestock Exchange, lay on the table for a period of one month.

CARRIED 2008-109

4.2 *Saleyards (No. 2)*

A second petition has been received on the Saleyards signed by 512 persons. The petition states:

We the undersigned respectfully petition Council to defer further action in relation to the disposal of Wodonga Livestock Exchange and examine in detail the option of selling the current facility as a going concern.

A copy of the petition will be tabled at the meeting, and separately has been forwarded to councillors.

Council's Local Law stipulates that unless Council determines to consider it as an item of urgent business, the petition must lay on the table until the next ordinary meeting of Council, at which time a further report will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION

That the petition received from persons requesting action be deferred in relation to the disposal of the Wodonga Livestock Exchange, lay on the table for a period of one month.

During discussion of this item the Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that since the preparation of the agenda additional pages of this signed petition had been received. The total number of petitioners in the tabled document is 803.

Councillors Speedie/Wicks

That the petition received from persons requesting action be deferred in relation to the disposal of the Wodonga Livestock Exchange, lay on the table for a period of one month.

CARRIED 2008-110

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

5.1 2008 Election Update

Further to the report to the May Council meeting, planning is proceeding for the November Council elections.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has secured premises at 132 High Street (old Highpoint Furniture building) and the office will open on Monday, 20 October. Gwen Howard has been appointed as the VEC's Returning Officer.

Council will be hosting a Community and Candidate Information session to be run by the Municipal Association of Victoria on Monday, 22 September, commencing at 7.00pm at the Council Chamber. The objectives of the sessions are to:

- Ensure prospective candidates and others have a good understanding of the role of local government and councillors
- Introduce prospective candidates to the electoral process
- Provide prospective candidates with sufficient information for them to determine if they wish to pursue candidature for local government

The key dates for the 2008 elections (postal) are:

Exhibition roll on display	Friday, 26 September
Close of rolls (entitlement day)	4.00pm, Friday, 3 October
Nominations open	Thursday, 23 October
Nominations close	4.00pm , Tuesday, 28 October
Mail out of ballot packs	Tuesday, 11 November
Voting closes	6.00pm, Friday, 28 November

In October the VEC will run an information session at the Council Chamber to explain the electoral process to potential candidates. The session has been scheduled for 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 21 October at the Council Chamber.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only

6. Business Services Director's Report

6.1 *Finance Report*

The Finance Report is submitted for council's information (attached as Appendix A).

RECOMMENDATION

For information only

6.2 *Human Rights Charter*

As of the 1 January 2008 Council is required to demonstrate its compliance to the State Government's Human Rights Charter. The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 is a law that protects the human rights of all people in Victoria. Whilst Victoria enjoys a relatively healthy and robust democracy, prior to the enactment of the Charter, mechanisms for the protection of human rights were inadequate. The Charter is designed to have moral authority and provides a systematic approach to the delivery and advocacy of human rights outcomes for our citizens.

The attached Policy (appendix B) has been developed to build on Council's strong commitment to human rights and has been designed to affect operational and cultural change within the organisation, embedding human rights awareness across all Council functions, contracted services, community agencies and citizens.

Due to restructuring within the Organisational Development team earlier in the year, the City of Wodonga is running behind schedule with the implementation of the Charter. Full implementation of the Charter and the associated documents will be completed within a twelve (12) month timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Wodonga Charter of Human Rights, attached as Appendix B, be approved.

Councillors Speedie/Hanuska

That the City of Wodonga Charter of Human Rights, attached as Appendix B, be approved.

CARRIED 2008-111

7. City Infrastructure Director’s Report

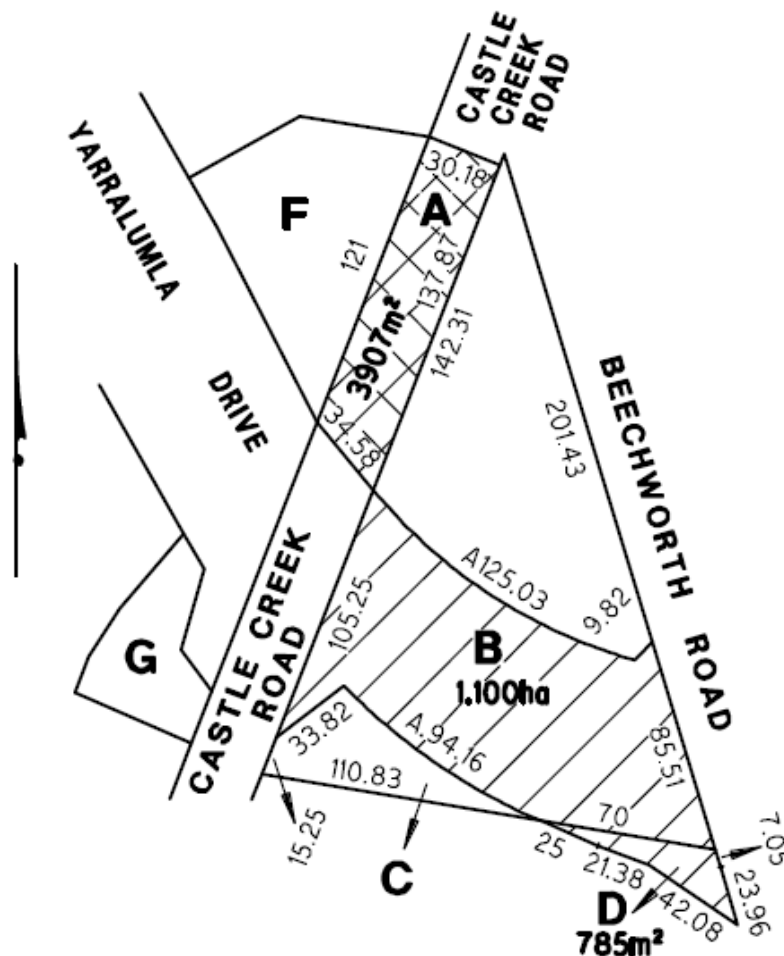
7.1 *Yarralumla Drive proposed road deviation and closure of section of Castle Creek Road between Yarralumla Drive and Beechworth Road (R50.0360)*

INTRODUCTION

Council at its April 2008 meeting agreed to the Yarralumla Drive road deviation and closure of a section of Castle Creek Road between Yarralumla Drive and Beechworth Road.

At the ordinary meeting of council on 21 April Council resolved to seek;

1. *Consent from the minister administering the Land Act 1958 to exercise the powers under clause 2 of schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989; and*
2. *Once the Ministers approval is obtained the deviation of Yarralumla Drive and closure of a section of Castle Creek Road proceed in accordance with section 207B of the Local Government Act 1989.*



CURRENT STATUS

On 12 June 2008 Council received the signed consent by the Minister's delegate to the deviation of the road.

Council can now proceed with publication of notice in the Government Gazette as per Clause 2(3) of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 and also place an advertisement in the local newspaper notify of the road deviation. Upon publication in the gazette the road vests in Council.

As mentioned in the April report, Council needs to consider submissions received submitted within the 14 days of advertising in the local newspaper and in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Hence, Council must:

- (i) fix the day, time and place of the meeting referred, and
- (ii) give reasonable notice of the day, time and place of that meeting to every person who has lodged a separate submission
- (iii) the Council or where the Council so determines a committee of the Council must consider any written submission

It is proposed that Council consider the submissions on Monday 15 September 2008 after advertising on 23 August 2008 in a local newspaper.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* any Section 223 submissions received on the Yarralumla Drive road deviation and closure of a section of Castle Creek Road between Yarralumla Drive and Beechworth Road be considered at the next ordinary meeting of Council on Monday, 15 September 2008.
2. If no Section 223 submissions are received that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute the necessary documents to allow the road deviation to proceed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Councillors De Kruiff/Wicks

That:

1. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* any Section 223 submissions received on the Yarralumla Drive road deviation and closure of a section of Castle Creek Road between Yarralumla Drive and Beechworth Road be considered at the next ordinary meeting of Council on Monday, 15 September 2008.
2. If no Section 223 submissions are received that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute the necessary documents to allow the road deviation to proceed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

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8. Community Development Director's Report

8.1 *Stanley Street Pool Precinct Future Use*

From October, 2006 until April, 2007, Wodonga Council undertook a process of consulting the community to determine the best design, site location and funding model for a new aquatic facility.

During this process, community feedback, impact assessments of various sites and funding all contributed to White Box Rise Estate being selected as the site for the new aquatic and leisure facility.

The funding model for the aquatic and leisure facility at White Box Rise Estate included council funds, a \$2.5 million Victorian Government grant and proceeds from the sale of the current Stanley St pool precinct and adjoining council-owned land.

On March 17 Council began a process of working with the community to determine the most appropriate use of the Stanley street pool precinct.

Two community information kits were developed and distributed with the key considerations guiding the consultation being:

- Adjoining uses and the Stanley St Preschool;
- Style, size and functionality of the retained public space;
- Linkage to existing and future green space of the CBD;
- Principles of New Urbanism;
- Inner city accommodation and business sites, and;
- The need to use funds from the sale of part or all of the Stanley Street pool precinct to go towards the new aquatic facility at White Box Rise Estate.

An enquiry by design workshop was conducted with the community on April 29 and 30. Participants felt it was important to define the key design principles that will inform the Expression Of Interest document and be the measure of subsequent tender applications for development of the site.

These principles were also reflected in design examples that were placed on our website and discussed at the enquiry by design workshop.

Design Principles for Stanley Street Pool Precinct Future Use

- Walkable community
 - Site accessible to general public
 - Connectivity to plaza and CBD
 - Realising economic return
 - Retail and residential mix
 - Diversity in demographics
 - Creative public open space that encourages social interactions
 - A safe neighbourhood
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- Small creative green spaces and activity areas
- Reflects the character of Wodonga
- Creative landscaping with mature trees
- Encourages sustainable living principles by:
 - Reducing the carbon footprint
 - Minimising water and energy use
 - Conservation of non-renewable natural resources through efficient use and careful planning
 - Minimising emissions, effluents and waste caused by the operations of the development
 - Car parking minimised
 - Adaptable building design.

To retain and value the historical significance particular to the site e.g. history of sale yards and outdoor pool

Developers may reflect these design principles differently in their planning applications –but not in what the final outcome will achieve for the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the design principles defined through the process of consultation with key stakeholders be adopted and an expression of interest document to progress the sale of the Stanley Street Pool precinct be developed.

Councillors Hanuska/Speedie

That the design principles defined through the process of consultation with key stakeholders be adopted and an expression of interest document to progress the sale of the Stanley Street Pool precinct be developed.

CARRIED 2008-113

9. Investment Attraction Director's Report

9.1 *Wodonga Livestock Exchange Update*

Following the updates to the December 2007, April, June and July 2008 council meetings, the evaluation panel for the Wodonga Livestock Exchange (WLE) EOI process has selected the preferred proponent for the proposed sale of the business.

The preferred proponent is Regional Infrastructure Pty Ltd. Regional infrastructure is made up of a consortium of companies that has been formed to develop Livestock Exchanges throughout Australia. The companies making up the consortium are:

- Brice Engineers Pty Ltd (BE), responsible for project design and construction
- Perpetual Regional Infrastructure Fund, responsible for finance and ownership.
- Livestock Exchange Pty Ltd, responsible for the installation and management of the livestock traceability system.

The consortium was formed to build and operate new modern livestock saleyards at strategic locations where the stock numbers justify a significant multi million dollar investment.

The joint venture has invested in a new facility in Carcoar NSW and is currently putting together a portfolio of up to ten livestock exchanges throughout Australia.

With the preferred proponent having signed the Terms of Negotiation Agreement it is now intended that the negotiation panel negotiate with Regional Infrastructure the:

- sale of WLE business
- lease of the existing WLE site
- contract of sale of the North Barnawartha site and
- a section 173 agreement, under the Planning and Environment Act, to be attached to the development of the Barnawartha North site.

It is intended that the negotiation panel be made up of Council officers and an offer has been made to the Albury Wodonga Stock Association to have two representatives of this group be part of the negotiation panel to negotiate the design principles to be included in the section 173 agreement.

The agreements above will be subject to:

- successful negotiation with the preferred proponent
- the findings of the GHD update on the Huefner 2006 report
- council Resolution and

- requirements under the Local Government Act relating to s.189 and s.223.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only

9.2 *Wodonga Homemakers Centre*

Following the planning application approval for the Wodonga Homemakers Centre in Anzac Parade construction is well under way on the \$10 million development.

The owner has been successful in leasing out over 50% of the development and is actively negotiating with additional tenants for the remainder of non committed space. It is expected the development will be completed and open for trading in December 2008.

With the project likely to deliver as many as 150 long term jobs for the area in addition to providing an additional retail offering in Wodonga, Council is keen to see the continued success of this development.

Council recognises also the importance of the completion of the connecting roads of Victoria Cross Parade to Anzac Parade to facilitate more direct connections to this retail precinct in our city.

RECOMMENDATION

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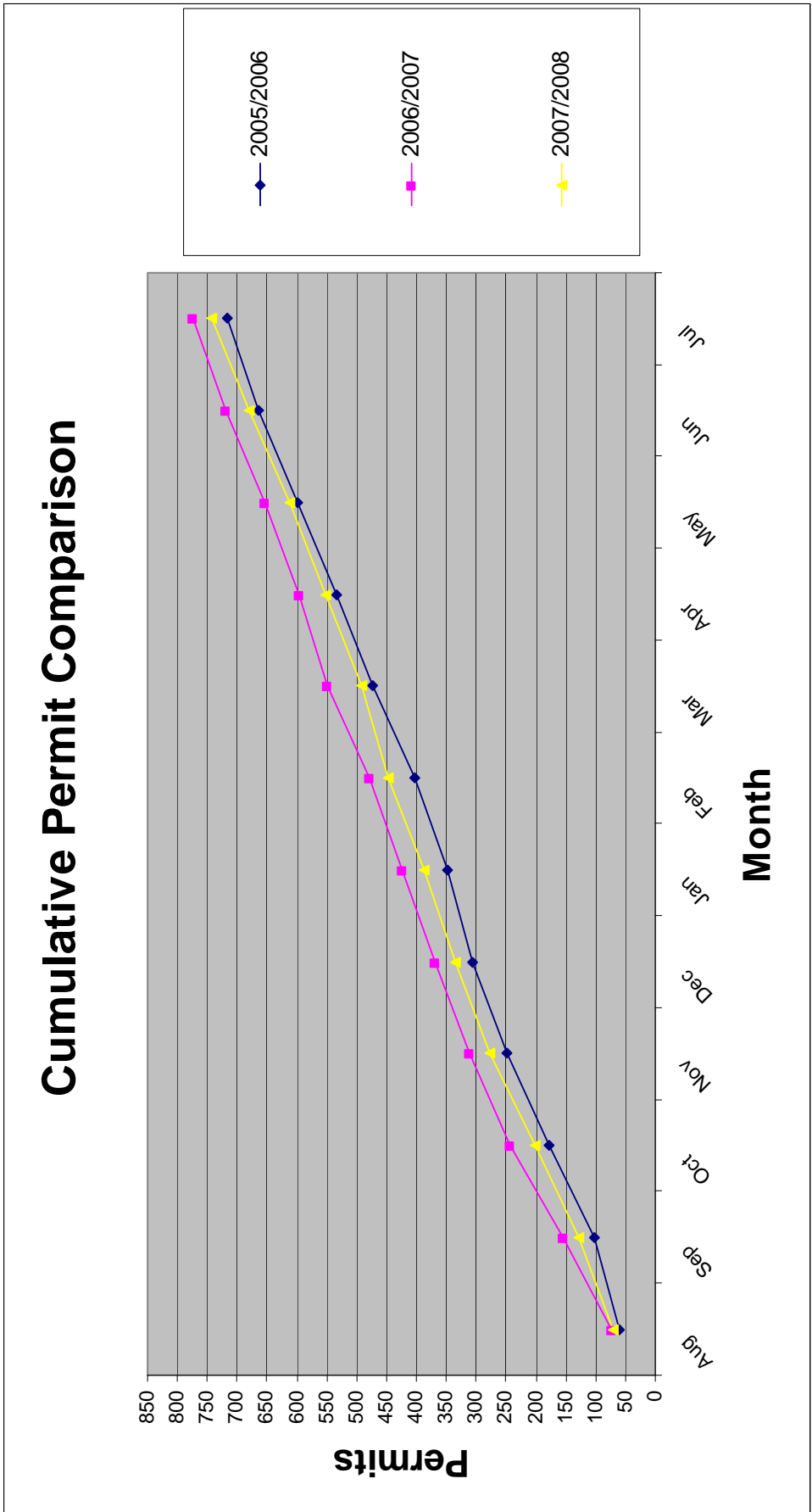
10. Sustainable Development Director's Report

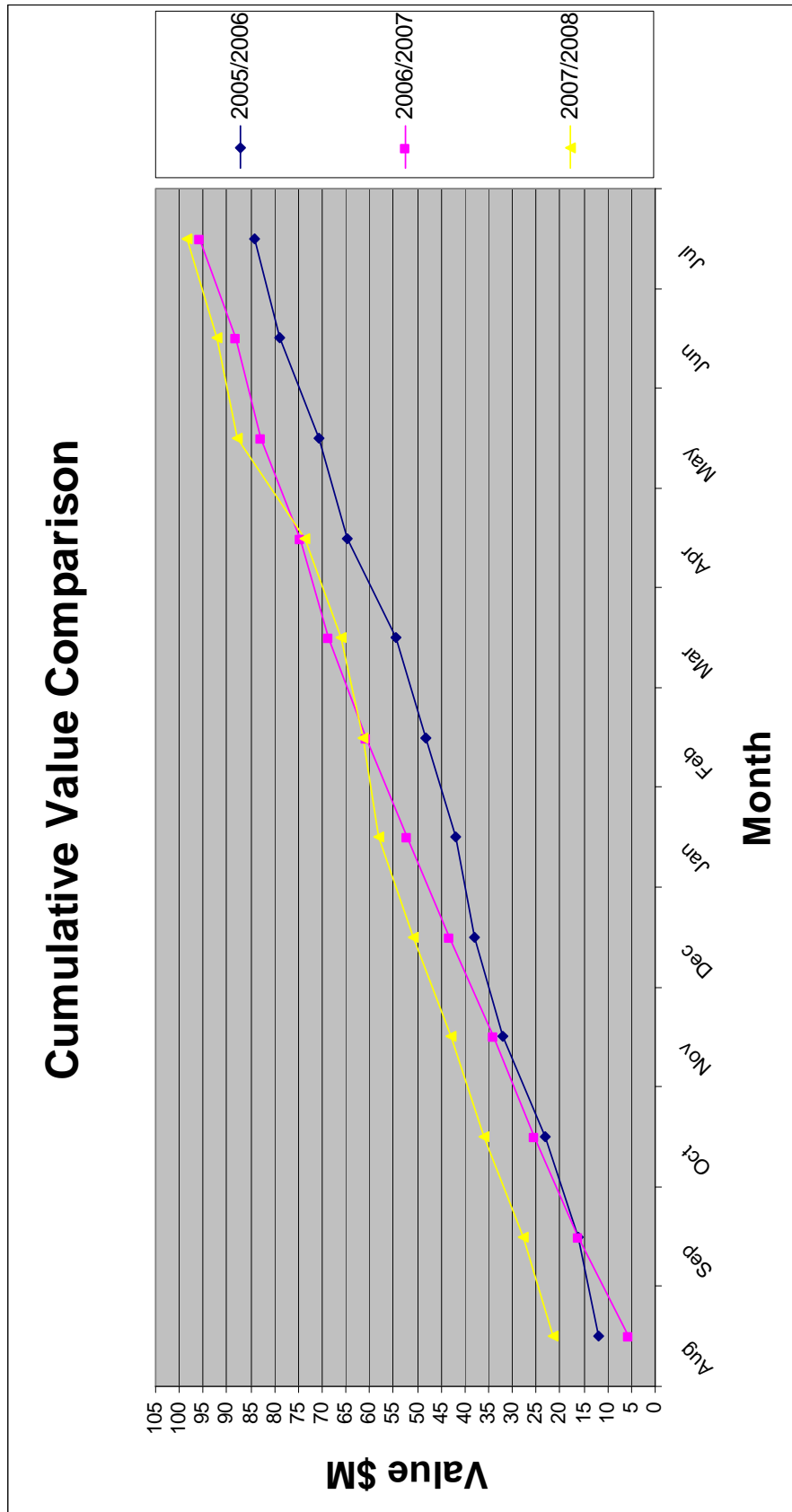
10.1 Building Report for July 2008

The value of building permits issued in Wodonga from 1 July 2008 to the 31 July 2008 is \$6,360,386.92. Details of the building approvals in excess of \$100,000 are as follows.

Permit No	Value	Construction	Address
2008/165/DWELL	\$175,000	DWELLING	21 WOODLAND STREET WODONGA
2008/190/DWELL	\$250,000	DWELLING	47 CASTLE CREEK ROAD WODONGA
2008/230/DWELL	\$180,000	DWELLING	12 GRANGE CLOSE WODONGA
2008/113/PBSADD	\$150,000	DWELLING	16 MURPHY STREET WODONGA
2008/140/PBSCOM	\$675,000	VETERINARY CLINIC	75 THOMAS MITCHELL DRIVE WODONGA
2008/51/PBSDWL/2	\$250,000	DWELLING	29 CLARENDON AVENUE WODONGA
2008/62/PBSDWL	\$208,013	DWELLING	24 BREMER AVENUE LENEVA
2008/122/PBSDWL	\$450,000	DWELLING	6 ARDERN PLACE WODONGA
2008/130/PBSDWL	\$198,300	DWELLING	12 WHITELEY CIRCUIT BARANDUDA
2008/135/PBSDWL	\$228,265	DWELLING	4 ACE COURT WEST WODONGA
2008/137/PBSDWL	\$301,500	DWELLING	13 CORELLA WAY WODONGA
2008/138/PBSDWL	\$784,329	DWELLING	32 MCGAFFINS ROAD WEST WODONGA
2008/146/PBSDWL	\$263,532	DWELLING	7 CORELLA WAY WODONGA
2008/147/PBSDWL	\$175,000	DWELLING	362 BEECHWORTH ROAD WODONGA
2008/149/PBSDWL	\$280,000	DWELLING	3504 MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY BONEGILLA
2008/151/PBSDWL	\$200,596	DWELLING	60 STREETS ROAD LENEVA
2008/154/PBSDWL	\$218,076	DWELLING	1 BIRKDALE TERRACE WEST WODONGA
2008/161/PBSDWL	\$335,000	DWELLING	364 BEECHWORTH ROAD WODONGA
2008/162/PBSDWL	\$240,000	DWELLING	77 YARRALUMLA DRIVE WODONGA
2008/127/PBSUTS/1	\$287,047	2 DWELLING UNITS	5 BUTTERWORTH PLACE WODONGA

Building activity – July 2008		(June 08)
• Total number of building permits issued in Wodonga.	64	(66)
• Total number of dwellings approved in Wodonga (Dwellings & Units).	17/2	(14/2)
• Total number of permits relating to commercial & industrial works in Wodonga.	6	(9)
• Percentage of work approved by Council	45.31%	(78.79%)
• Number of permits approved outside Wodonga - Victoria	1	(1)
• Number of permits approved outside Wodonga - NSW	2	(0)





RECOMMENDATION

For information only

10.2 Planning Report – Delegated Planning Permits (PPA.001)

The Manager Statutory Planning has approved 28 permits including six permit amendments by delegation from 1st July 2008 to 31st July 2008. Significant applications considered in the last month include:

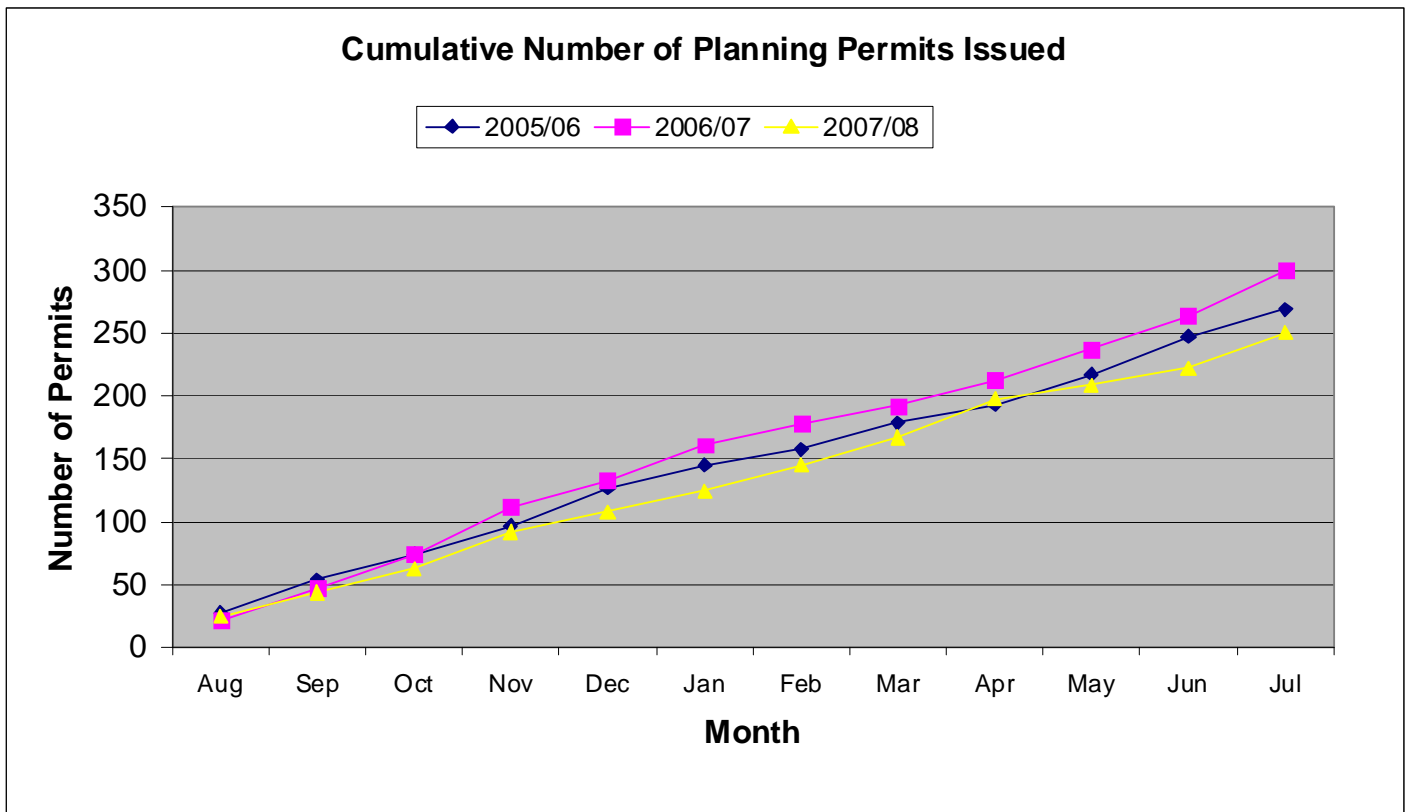
Permits approved in July 2008

Permit	Use/Development	Applicant	Site Address
08/69	Extension to existing medical centre, use and development of café, advertising signage and reduced car parking provision	Lightwoodvale Pty Ltd	287-291 Beechworth Road
08/73	6 double storey townhouses/units	Arcadia Building Design	76 Charles Street & 89 William Street
08/111	Construction of new kennel facility	Mr. A Baker	75 Thomas Mitchell Drive

Permits refused in July 2008

None

Comparison of monthly permits/amendments issued for previous years



RECOMMENDATION

For information only

10.3 Amendment C64 Wodonga Planning Scheme – Correction of Zone Anomaly Moonya Drive, Wodonga

This is a procedural amendment to the Wodonga Planning Scheme and proposes to rezone the rear portion of privately owned land along Moonya Drive Wodonga, from a Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to a Residential 1 Zone (R1Z) (refer Appendix C). The proposed amendment affects land which is in an existing residential development area and is within a well established older part of Wodonga.

Background

The subject land appears in pre-consolidation planning maps as being in a Rural Zone. At the time of consolidation (1999) the rear sections of the 11 lots along Moonya Drive were inappropriately zoned to PPRZ, while the front sections of the lots were zoned R1Z. The result is that the 11 lots are currently within two zones, i.e. part R1Z and part PPRZ. The impact of the incorrect zoning is that land holders require a planning permit or written permission of the public land manager, to conduct as of right development or use on their land.

Some parts of the land are impacted by a flood overlay which requires any development within the overlay, to be considered by the appropriate catchment authority. These planning triggers help maintaining and ensure environmental considerations for the waterway at the rear of the lots.

Council must now seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an amendment under Section 4 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Authorisation be sought from the Minister for Planning to prepare Amendment C64 to the Wodonga Planning Scheme to rezone the rear parts of the affected lots along Moonya Drive Wodonga, as described in this report.
2. The planning scheme amendment be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act (1987).

Councillors De Kruiff/Speedie

That:

1. Authorisation be sought from the Minister for Planning to prepare Amendment C64 to the Wodonga Planning Scheme to rezone the rear parts of the affected lots along Moonya Drive Wodonga, as described in this report.
2. The planning scheme amendment be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act (1987).

CARRIED 2008-114

11. Documents to be Signed and Sealed

11.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 21 July 2008

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 23 June 2008 be signed and sealed.

Councillors Mahood/Mahony

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 21 July 2008 be signed and sealed, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of 4 August 2008 be signed and sealed.

CARRIED 2008-115

11.2 Section 173 Agreement – Lot 11 PS 340793 Title vol No 10244 Folio 028, Kiewa Valley Highway, Wodonga (307473)

This is an agreement which has been agreed to and signed by, the City of Wodonga and the Albury Wodonga Corporation in March of 2007. The agreement is again presented to Council due to a typographical error in the original identification of the land.

The agreement relates to the *Wrens Strategy* (2006) and in particular to significant vegetation and landscapes at the Baranduda Industrial Area.

The agreement requires that:

- a) The owner of the does not undertake any prohibited activities over the sites unless authorised to do so by the City of Wodonga
- b) The owner to maintain stock proof fencing and gates along the boundary of the retained habitat network
- c) That at any time within five (5) years from the date of this agreement, if required by the Council upon the issuing of a Planning Permit for the development of the land or within 12 months of a formal written request by the Council to excise, fence and transfer to the Council at no cost to the Council the 3B land which must then be designated a Reserve

- d) The owner to allow unfettered access by the Council's authorised personnel to carry out maintenance and enhancement to the 3B land.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Section 173 Agreement relating to land known as Lot 11 Kiewa Valley Highway Baranduda Wodonga, as tabled, be signed and sealed.

Councillors Hanuska/De Kruiff

That the Section 173 Agreement relating to land known as Lot 11 Kiewa Valley Highway Baranduda Wodonga, as tabled, be signed and sealed.

CARRIED 2008-116

12. Competitive Tendering Report

Key Competitive Tendering activities for the month of July 2008

Tenders advertised / quotations issued

081093 - Wodonga Aquatic Centre – Construction

081122 - Internal Fit out of the Youth Services Bus

081124 - Construction of service road and turning lanes on the Murray Valley Highway at Bonegilla

081125 - High Street Revitalisation Project

081126 - Logic Centre Landscaping Works 2008

081128 - Supply Fertilizers & Insecticides

081129 - Electrical fit out of Mobile Youth Bus

081130 - Belgrade Avenue Pre-School & Community Centre Redevelopment

Tenders / Quotations Under Evaluation

081096 – Construction of Fishing Jetties – Streets Road & Brockley Street

081100 – Construction of Carpark at 2 Havelock Street, Wodonga

081102 – Installation of Pipes for use of Recycled Water in Lawrence Street

081106 – Design & Construction of Sandy Creek Pedestrian/Cyclepath Bridge

081109 - Stanley Street Flood Works

081115 – Fabrication & Installation of Bus Shelters

081121 - Installation of Adshell Bus Shelter to various locations

081123 - Management & Operation of Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre & the new Aquatics & Leisure Centre, Wodonga

081128 - Supply Fertilizers & Insecticides

EOI – Wodonga Livestock Exchange

Contracts Awarded (by Delegate)

Council

081110 – Construction of Yarralumla Drive from Castle Creek Rd to Beechworth Rd

081117 - Electricity Supply to All Metered Sites - Contract 1106/0607

CEO

081108 - Supply & Delivery of two Diesel Cabover Tipping Truck GVM 24,000kg

Manager Financial Services

081118 - Wodonga Sustainable Transport Strategy

081120 - Supply & Delivery of Trailer Mounted Drum Brush Chipper 15" Capacity

081122 - Internal Fit out of the Youth Services Bus

081125 - High Street Revitalisation Project

081129 - Electrical fit out of Mobile Youth Bus

Tenders / Quotations Cancelled or Not Awarded

Variations / Extensions

RECOMMENDATION

For information only

Councillors Mahood/De Kruiff

That standing orders be suspended for the purpose of question time, the time being 6.44 PM.

CARRIED 2008-117

13. Question Time

1. One question was received from Haran L Mortimer regarding

- ◇ The decision to sell the saleyards

This question was received on the night of the meeting and as it related to an agenda item (Item 9.1) the Mayor provided a verbal response and advised that a written response would also be provided.

2. One question was received from Les Boyes regarding

- ◇ The brief given to GHD to update the Huefner Report

This question was received on the night of the meeting and as it related to an agenda item (Item 9.1) the Mayor provided a verbal response and advised that a written response would also be provided.

3. One question was received from Valerie Proctor regarding

- ◇ Concern that the decision has already been made to sell the saleyards.

This question was received on the night of the meeting and as it related to an agenda item (Item 9.1) the Mayor provided a verbal response and advised that a written response would also be provided.

4. One question was received from John Edney regarding

- ◇ The return Council expects to get from the sale of the saleyards.

This question was received on the night of the meeting and as it related to an agenda item (Item 9.1) the Mayor provided a verbal response and advised that a written response would also be provided.

5. One question was received from B Yayman regarding

- ◇ The incorporation of a buffer zone into a section 173 agreement over the sale of land to the Albury Wodonga Corporation.

This question was received on the night of the meeting and as it related to an agenda item (Item 9.1) the Mayor provided a verbal response and advised that a written response would also be provided.

6. Two questions were received from Jean Whitla regarding

- ◇ The proposed sale of the Wodonga livestock Exchange, specifically relating to the option on the land for the proposed new site, and a call for a referendum on the matter at the forthcoming Council elections.

These questions were received on the night of the meeting and as they related to an agenda item (Item 9.1) the Mayor provided a verbal response and advised that a written response would also be provided.

7. One question was received from Jean Whitla regarding Council's exposure to the sub-prime financial crisis given that other Australian local councils have reportedly lost funds through such investments.

This question was received on the night of the meeting and although it did not relate to an agenda item the Mayor confirmed that Council has no exposure to the sub-prime situation. It was further stated in relation to the media reports that Council has no current dealings with Lehman Brothers nor is it proposing any.

Presentation to Young Achievers

At this point the Mayor made a presentation to Jacob Isles, Novak Sojic, Zac MacKenzie and Hudson Magerstein being winners of the Young Achiever Support Scheme for August 2008.

Presentation of Eagle Award

At this point the Mayor made a presentation to Bette McGrath being the Eagle Award winner for August 2008.

Councillors De Kruiff/Wicks

That standing orders be resumed, the time being 7.20 PM.

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Meeting Closed at 7.20 PM.

Chairperson

Date
