



Jerilderie Shire Council Annual Report 2012/2013





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MISSION

"To provide sound infrastructure, services and management fundamental to the wellbeing of the community"

VISION

"A sustainable economic environment and attractive lifestyle"

OUR VALUES

We will approach our work with professionalism and integrity

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We will always put the community interest first

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We will consider the differing views on issues expressed

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We seek constructive partnerships with community groups and organisations

Mayoral Report

The Year in Review

As the first year of our four year term draws to a close we look back at the achievements and the events that have transpired over that period.

From the outset I would like to thank all the Councillors, especially our two new Councillors, and staff for their contribution and effort in working together in a very tough environment to improve our community and make it a place where we are proud to live, work and enjoy family life.



My sincere appreciation to former Councillor Ross Rowe for his time and effort during the previous 4 years, and I can assure him that his pleasant smile and affable disposition will be missed around the Council table. Good luck for the future.

This last year has been a very challenging one, and it is times like this where hard working people and those who are able to think outside the square can take advantage of the new environment and conditions.

So, in order to benefit from the changed conditions, it is hard work and commitment for all of us as we plan and work together for a better and brighter future for this great Shire of ours.

Vale Terri Leeds

It was with a great deal of sadness that we farewelled our highly respected work colleague and friend Terri Leeds. Terri passed away on Saturday 1 June 2013. Terri's courage and positive thinking was an inspiration to us all.

Terri was an exceptional lady who had a passion and a strong conscience for her community, and her efforts to establish the Community Garden at the Jerilderie Public School will serve as a tribute to her memory.

We keep in our thoughts David, Lachie, Harry, Grace and extended family during this very sad time.

Independent Local Government Review Panel-Future Directions Paper

We are experiencing a time of change in Local Government, with the extensive review by the State Government of the structure of Local Government. Council needs to turn its attention to its business, examining all the services it provides to ensure only cost effective and appropriate delivery of services remains. Council has been active in resource sharing with neighbouring Councils for many years, and this is expected to continue to grow, making sure we meet expectations at minimum cost.

One of the 20 "Essential Steps" listed in the Paper focuses on reconfiguring rural Councils, presenting merger proposals. Council sees no benefit in amalgamation and considers that the Paper does not address the underlying issue - that Local Government continues to be underfunded. Such mergers will do nothing to address the underfunding, and amalgamations undermine another essential step highlighted in the Paper - to keep the "local" in Local Government.

The Future Directions Paper does address many issues, some of which have the support of Council in principle, the strengthening of Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) has some benefits attractive to Council.

Council will continue exploring co-operative beneficial arrangements with its neighbours and other members of RAMROC to strengthen its performance for the residents of the Shire.

Local Land Services Changes

Local Land Services (LLS) are the new regional service delivery bodies that will replace Catchment Management Authorities, Livestock Health & Pest Authorities and incorporate agricultural advisory services currently provided by Agriculture NSW.

These new structures will face enormous challenges in winning back the confidence that was lost during the changes that took place some many months ago.

We hope that they are properly funded to be able to carry out the enormous challenges that they face in serving their respective regions. Without being properly resourced their task will be seriously undermined.

Murray Darling Basin Plan

This time last year I talked about my grave concerns regarding the impact that the Murray Darling Basin Plan would have, not only on our community and town, but our entire region, if it was implemented in its current form at that time.

Sadly, I have to report that very little has changed despite the countless meetings and deputations to the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

Despite the new coalition coming to power and the positive things that the new ministry that have the carriage of this extremely important issue of water

At a very recent meeting at Narrandera with the MDB Authority I must say the body language and rhetoric of the MDB Authority has change little.

It is quite incomprehensible that a plan like the Murray Darling Basin Authority Plan, that was specifically engineered and designed to address the environmental needs and concerns of the Murray Darling Basin, does not even contain an Environment Plan.

In other words, there is no structure or plan within the Murray Darling Basin Plan as to how all this water that the Commonwealth has purchased might be used to enhance the environment. How sad is that?

If it cannot address the principal objective that it was set up to address, you have to wonder how they will take account of the more important issue of the social and economic wellbeing of our region.

The whole exercise is a shameful and reprehensible attempt to win political seats in South Australia by both the major parties.

Now, with the sign off on the Murray Darling Basin Plan, it is time to consolidate and rebuild the confidence of the community and businesses so that we can get on with doing what we do best...producing food and fibre to sustain humanity.

We must keep up the lobbying to make sure that our communities and regions do have a future.

After all, we do produce food and fibre for humanity.

Councillors and Management Strategic Workshop

The first Community Strategic Plan 2012-2030 tells us that the community expects and supports a strong tourism sector as part of an economy that provides opportunity and stability.

Council's strategic planning workshop held in January resulted in two important priorities for the next twelve months. The first is to focus on attracting new business to Jerilderie and surrounds, and to that end Council will be working closely with the NSW Department of Trade and Investment to attract overseas investment into establishing an intensive animal industry into the district, with the important outcome of creation of new jobs. That task has had a lot of focus this year and the journey will be long and hard.

I have long been a believer that charity begins at home and, as the second priority, Council will be focussing on supporting existing businesses by addressing enhancement of the visitor experience in Jerilderie, to grow the visitor economy.

Regional Tourism

Council's involvement with the NSW Government is through Riverina Regional Tourism (RRT) which is entering a new structural phase under the direction of Destination NSW, the State Government's tourism governing body.

We welcome the new structure which requires clustering of the member Councils. Our Shire is grouped in the Southern Cluster of RRT with Deniliquin and Conargo Councils, a liaison we are very enthusiastic about.

Council has co-operative relationships under our visitor economy activities with Victorian Councils in the Ned Kelly Touring Route Promotion Committee, and with NSW Councils in the Newell Highway Promotions Committee and the Kidman Way Committee. All this work enhances our exposure and provides peer support for all visitor related activities, both by Council and our community.

We look forward to the new relationship with the State Government where a focus is being placed on regional areas under the new Destination NSW initiatives.

Visitor Information Centre

The Jerilderie Visitor Information Centre, under the Management of Kathleen McFarlane, has been officially recognised as an accredited Visitor Information Centre, Level 3.

Moonbria Bush Fire

On behalf of Council and the Jerilderie community, thanks must go to all those who provided assistance with the Moonbria fire. This fire commenced in the Conargo Shire on the evening of Monday 7th January 2013, and very quickly entered Jerilderie Shire, creating a huge problem for fire fighters and residents, as it made its way to the Yanco Creek. It was a major fire fighting effort, with 1028 people involved in the operation. An area of approximately 4000 hectares was burnt, with losses of 72 sheep, 20km of fencing and 2800 hectares of native pasture. Fortunately only 2 minor injuries were reported.

In true Australian fashion, in times of crisis there is no shortage of people willing to lend their assistance to those facing difficulties. The Rural Fire Service (Mid Murray Zone), fire crews (both local and out of area), National Parks, aircraft and plant operators, individuals, catering volunteers and Council staff certainly rose to the challenge, and this commitment to our community will not be forgotten, particularly by those whose homes and livestock were in the path of this fire.

Our most sincere thanks to all those involved in this effort. We must never stop praising and thanking our volunteers despite what organisation they choose to serve.

Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture

The Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture commemorates the brilliant and famous Australian, Sir John Monash, acknowledging the importance of his great feats and the sheer brilliance he demonstrated on the battlefield.

This event has certainly attracted some high profile and great Australians as guest speakers since its commencement in 2008.

Those present at the fifth annual Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture, November 2012, were fortunate to hear guest speaker Major General Jeff Sengelman, DSC, AM, CSC, Head of Modernisation and Strategic Planning – Army, speak of his life experiences and his life in the Army.

Major General Sengelman's senior officer appointments have been as the Director of Military Art of the Royal Military College Duntroon, the Deputy Special Operations Commander, Commander of the 6th Brigade and as the Commander of Forces Command. He was appointed Deputy Chief of Army in October 2011, prior to assuming his current appointment in February 2012.

What a fantastic and inspiring gentleman.

ANZAC Centenary

With the celebrations of the Centenary of World War 1, 1914-18 just around the corner, Jerilderie Shire Council continues to look at ways in which we can promote our connection to Sir John Monash.

Council looks forward to having an involvement in this historic celebration, and has put in place a Committee consisting of myself, Deputy Mayor, Cr Ruth McRae, Cr Laurie Henery, General Manager, Craig Moffitt and RSL Sub Branch President, Mr Laurie Blackmore to investigate ways in which we can be part of this event, successfully attracting something meaningful for our town and community.

Staff Milestone

Council Plant Foreman, Mr John Bryce, celebrated 20 years service with Council on 1 March 2013. Council recognised this outstanding commitment with a morning tea and presentation of his 20 Year Service Award at Council's March meeting.

Staff Training

Council is pleased to have been instrumental in providing the opportunity for the following staff members to gain qualifications in their chosen field:

- Catie Purtell completed her traineeship and received a Certificate III in Library/Information Services in July 2012
- Darcy Bell-completion of apprenticeship. Darcy received his Certificate III in Automotive Mechanical Technology on 22 February 2013
- Jak Payne- completion of apprenticeship. Jak received his Certificate III in Engineering-Fabrication Trade on 23 February 2013

Charles Sturt University Scholarship

Education, particularly tertiary education, is a key process in the development and growth of our residents, particularly the youth of Jerilderie. In order to aid this development, as well as ease the transition and expense for rural students, Jerilderie Shire offers a scholarship at Charles Sturt University. The recipient of the 2013 Scholarship was Dylan Henery. We wish Dylan well as he furthers his education.

Seniors and Youth Week

Council hosted a Seniors Week luncheon for members of the Jerilderie Shire community.

The youth of Jerilderie were treated to a movie night on the Monash Park oval as part of Youth Week celebrations. Thanks to the Jerilderie Football and Netball Clubs for their assistance and support of this event.

A good roll up at both functions ensured their success.

Australia Day - 2013 Winners

Congratulations go to our worthy 2013 Australia Day Award Winners. The involvement these people have within our community is certainly something to be celebrated.

Citizens of the Year	– Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee
Sportsperson of the Year	– Christopher Marshall
Little Aussies	– Skye Nash and Glen DiLullo

Jerilderie Gold Cup

Each year I am so impressed with the Jerilderie Gold Cup Race Meeting. This once a year event is a credit to the Jerilderie Race Club Committee and volunteers who work so hard to make the meeting a terrific success. Well done to President Des McRae and his band of hard working supporters.

Jerilderie Football and Netball Clubs

Jerilderie Football and Netball Clubs had a very successful 2012 season with all four football teams and seven netball teams competing in the finals series. The Club was well represented with three football teams and four netball teams playing on Grand Final Day. The Senior and Thirds football teams brought home the Premiership Cup while A Grade and Under 13's were successful on the netball court. Commiserations to our Reserves footballers, C Reserve and 15 & Under netballers.

The Clubs also had several League Best and Fairest Winners; Chris Marshall – Seniors; Ben Nash – Seconds; Blair Henery – Thirds; Zoe Stephens – Under 15s and Paige Nash – Under 13s.

Community Organisations

Jerilderie is fortunate to have so many community minded people to support local organisations and sporting bodies. Without these dedicated and hard working Committee members who give up their time and money voluntarily, our town would be so much the poorer.

Whilst there are so many organisations and individuals who work hard all year, I highlight the 2012-13 achievements of the following groups:

- Congratulations to Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee who received 2nd place in the Overall Tidy Town Award and Highly Commended for the Jerilderie Printing Office in the Cultural Heritage Award section (population category B—351 to 1200 people). A well deserved reward for our hard working Tidy Towns Committee and Council staff.
- The Jerilderie Sports Club, with assistance provided under the Water for Rivers Programme, has been working hard installing a new automated sprinkler system, and has also completed the refurbishment of the bar area.
- As has been the case for many years, the annual Sports Club Good Friday Golf Day, which raises much needed funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, was a fantastic success. The organising committee, sponsors and competitors raised an amount in excess of \$12,000. What an amazing effort for our community.
- The Jerilderie Netball Club has funded the resurfacing of the 2 netball courts at Monash Park, ready in time for the commencement of the 2013 season. The courts look fantastic and are a credit to the Club.
- The Jerilderie Business Chamber of Commerce & Development promoted Jerilderie through the "Fly the Flag" Northern Tour. This Tour saw the main street and Lake area lined with approximately 150 older style cars of all makes and models. Thank you to this organisation and their hard working volunteers who catered for 396 people on the day. A major undertaking and carried out very capably.
- The Jerilderie Apex and Lions Clubs and St Vincent De Paul Society combined to run a raffle to assist Robyn and Peter Douglas, who in April lost their Coreen Street home due to fire.

Portsea Camp

Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee enables local children to attend the Portsea Camp at Port Phillip Bay, Victoria. The Portsea Camp has been in operation for over fifty years and gives an opportunity for country children and children with special needs to have a wonderful holiday that their families would otherwise not be in a position to provide.

In January 2013, the Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee was able to send 20 children and 5 Counsellors to enjoy 7 action and fun filled days at the Portsea Camp. The generosity of Jerilderie community organisations/clubs enables Jerilderie children to attend the Camp at subsidised rates.

The Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee wishes to thank all the community groups who sponsor the Portsea Camp, enabling Jerilderie children to get away for a beachside holiday.

Appreciation

My sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks goes to Deputy Mayor, Cr Ruth McRae, for the support she provides to me, and her dedication to her position as Deputy. Her enthusiasm and commitment is outstanding and she is a pleasure to work with.

To all my fellow Councillors, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for all your hard work and magnificent support of me. It is a privilege for me to serve as Mayor, and it certainly makes my job much easier when I can rely on such solid support from an enthusiastic group of Councillors as we have on Jerilderie Shire. Thank you!

To General Manager, Craig Moffitt, and his talented team who work in some very difficult and trying conditions at times, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our region, Shire and community.

Again, a very sincere thank you to all the staff. Hang on to your strong work ethic and let's keep our Shire strong.

My thanks to our Parliamentary Members and various Government agencies for their support during the year.

Yours sincerely

Terry Hogan AM
MAYOR

General Manager's Report

2012/2013 has been a year that has again demonstrated Council's enthusiasm and dedication to delivering on the priorities of the community. Jerilderie Shire Council is a small organisation, full of people who are both competent and committed to their work. Council's activities for the year highlight the versatility that is a feature of the organisation.

We have the privilege of being led by Councillors who are active both within the community and the Council Chambers, working tirelessly to achieve outcomes for our Shire. September 2012 was an election year for NSW Local Government. I would like to welcome our new Councillors Gaila Smith and Faith Bryce, while thanking previous Councillor Ross Rowe for his support and efforts.

I am pleased to have the privilege of working with a group of people who make up a formidable team in a very successful Local Government operation.

Developing and Achieving our Strategic Direction - Integrated Planning and Reporting

In June 2012, Jerilderie Shire Council completed and adopted all Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents. The documents included the Community Strategic Plan; Delivery Program (4 year program) and Operational Plan (1 year implementation plan); Asset Management Plan; Long Term Financial Plan; and Workforce Management Plan.

In June 2013, Council again reviewed these documents to ensure they continue to meet the needs and priorities of our community.

These documents will guide Council's work with the community, local businesses, service providers and State and Federal Government over the next 10 years. All documents were developed after extensive work with the community and a thorough exploration of the needs, priorities and challenges facing our community.

As part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting process, a Community Vision was developed to reflect and articulate where the community wanted to be in the future. This Vision encapsulates the priorities for the Jerilderie Shire community for the year 2030:

"We are blessed with a strong and vibrant community, a resilient economy and an environment that provides us both enjoyment and productivity. As a community, we offer diverse opportunities, exciting possibilities and a strong sense of belonging. We possess an identity that reflects our rich history, our focus on the land, and our hope for the future. Together, we will make our Shire the place to be in the year 2030."

This Community Vision continues to inform and guide planning and projects within Council and we look forward to continuing to work with our community and our partners to achieve the priorities within our Plans.



Human Resources

Special recognition goes to the management team. David Tamlyn, in the role of Director of Technical Services, continues to run the core business activities of the Engineering Group, and also plays a significant role regionally in negotiating the expansion of Council contractual support for the Roads and Maritime Services in the maintenance of road infrastructure asset.

The engineering part of the organisation provides the bulk of our activity. We continue to be concerned over the shrinking income in real terms, which has a profound effect on the ability to maintain the road and drainage, parks and gardens assets, resulting in a continuing reduction in the level of service.

The engineering section continues to be active and innovative in seeking work outside our core areas. Success has been seen in winning work in shed building for the Rural Fire Service, both in and outside the Shire, road and drainage construction for a neighbouring Shire, and additional construction and rehabilitation work for the State Government on main roads. This is a testament to the quality of work achieved by the outdoor staff, led by a competent and professional management team.

Susan Appleyard who, in the position of Manager of Development, achieved the completion of the introduction of Council's Local Environment Plan in record time, while continuing to supply part time development control services to other Councils in the region. Susan holds responsibility for maintaining the building assets of Council. We approach a time where Council will face difficult decisions in the Chambers to resolve the issue of maintaining buildings which are underutilised and/or owned by the State Government, for which Council is Trustee.

Vicki Sutton manages the financial records of Council, meeting the management needs admirably, providing extensive financial controls and reporting to State in a timely and efficient fashion.

This team is supported by groups of dedicated staff who all take responsibility for a number of different activities made necessary because of a small staffing group. I am proud to be associated with this group of dedicated people who continually meet the challenges required by Local Government.

We were deeply saddened by the untimely loss of one of our team, Terri Leeds, who became a hero in our eyes as she dealt with her illness. Our thoughts and support go to David, Lachie, Harry and Grace.

Craig Moffitt
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayor & Councillors

Council meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month commencing at 9.00am at the Jerilderie Shire Council Chambers. Councillors are elected for a 4 year term and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected annually by Councillors each September.

Council Elections were held in September 2012, two new candidates were elected taking the place of Ross Rowe and Michael Abney-Hastings (deceased).

Mayoral Elections were held in September 2012. Councillor Terry Hogan was re-elected as Mayor, a position he has held since September 2003, with Councillor Ruth McRae continuing in the role of Deputy Mayor.



Councillor Terry Hogan
Mayor



Councillor Ruth McRae
Deputy Mayor



Councillor Faith Bryce



Councillor Laurie Henery



Councillor John Hudson



Councillor Tim Sheed



Councillor Gaila Smith

About Us

Jerilderie Shire at a Glance

Jerilderie Shire was constituted in 1918 from the amalgamation of Jerilderie Municipality (1889 – 1918) and Wunnamurra Shire (1906 – 1918) and the first meeting was held 16 December 1918.

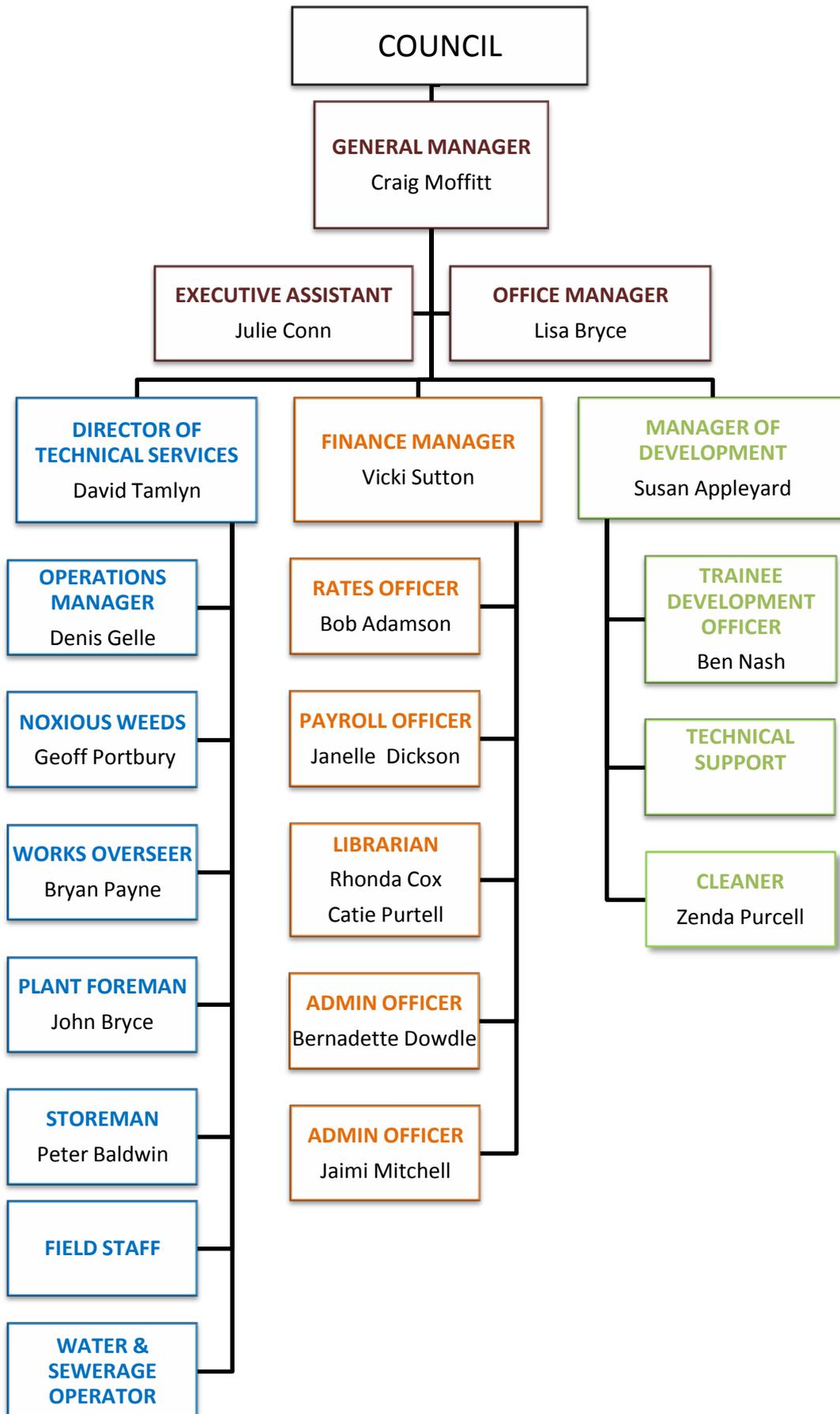
Facts & Figures

Area	3,397 square km
Population	1496 people ¹
Elevation Above Sea Level	111.00 metres
Office Location	35 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie
Office Hours	8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday
Average Rainfall	390mm
Staff	Indoor- 14 Outdoor- 30
State Roads	44.58km
National Highways	57.69km
Regional Roads	99.30km
Shire Roads - Sealed	306.2km
- Unsealed	507.43km
- Other	185.27km

¹ According to the 2011 Census, Australian Bureau of Statistics

About Us

Organisational Chart



Environmental Services

Environmental Services Staff

The Environmental Services team consists of Manager of Development, Susan Appleyard; Trainee Development Officer, Ben Nash; and Council's cleaner Zenda Purcell.



Environmental Services Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Environmental Services Department are numerous and quite varied. They include:

- Environmental Planning
- Health
- Heritage
- Council's Property Maintenance
- Environmental Protection
- Sports Centre
- Swimming Pools
- Civic Hall
- Kerbside waste management

Achievements and Aims for Environmental Services

Achievements for 2012/13

- Completion of the restoration of the Post and Telegraph Office
- Completion of the Jerilderie Development Control Plan 2012
- Continued Food Premises Inspections in the Shire
- Continued improvement of intranet for the Shire Offices
- Continuation of the compulsory Swimming Pool Inspections throughout the Shire
- Completion of the Monash Park Master Plan
- Commencement of the Jerilderie Urban Flood Study

Aims for 2013/2014

- Completion of the Jerilderie Urban Flood Study
- Seek funding for the replacement of Jerilderie Swimming Pool
- Pilot E-Waste Program for waste disposal

Condition of Council and Public Buildings

Some Committees and user groups contribute to the cleaning and maintenance of Council buildings; however the majority of general cleaning is undertaken by Zenda Purcell, the Council cleaner. These buildings include the Shire Office and Chambers, Jerilderie Civic Hall, Jerilderie Sports Centre Stadium and Library

The building maintenance program for the 2012-2013 period was valued at over \$90,000. Council, in the main, utilise the services of contractors for building maintenance works.

Gradual and progressive implementation of budget recommendations has continued within the Council's Delivery Plan / Budget. This has ensured not only the maintenance of existing swimming pool, public halls, public conveniences, recreation reserves, housing and other assets, but to also portray a positive image of responsible management of Council owned buildings for the Shire.

Routine maintenance, storm water repairs, painting, pest control and fire equipment servicing at various locations were undertaken as necessary.

Significant work and improvements have been undertaken in public buildings throughout the Shire. The Council staff has continued to work closely with the Committees on areas of visual improvement, security, disabled accessibility, safety and convenience.

Development and Building Control

Applications received by Jerilderie Shire Council from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 inclusive.

Type of Construction	Number of Applications	Total Value
Commercial		
- Shops/Offices	Nil	
- Additions/Alterations	Nil	
- Other	3	\$66,000
Dwellings	1	\$350,000
- Dwelling Additions/Alterations (includes attached carports and garages, verandahs and pergolas)	7	\$76,746
- Detached shed/garage/carports	3	\$28,230
- Flats/Units	Nil	Nil
Factories/workshops/warehouses	Nil	Nil
- Additions/alterations	1	\$1850
Other		
- Includes fences, rural buildings, farm dams and irrigation works, septic tanks, signs, swimming pools etc	13	\$1,403,685
TOTAL	28	\$1,926,511

The high number of other developments has been due to 4 rural fire sheds and two telecommunication towers.

Subdivisions	No. of Lots Created	No. of Lots formally Registered
Subdivision Applications 5 applications total – all boundary realignments or consolidations	0	0

Waste Minimisation and Management

Council residences are provided with a weekly collection of garbage using 240L mobile garbage bins. The Council's garbage contractors are Deni Works.

Council participates in the MurrayROC and RIVROC Waste Management Groups to develop regional waste strategies. Council continues to operate the DrumMuster programme for clean, empty farm chemical containers. Other programs run include the Waste Watchers Program for Schools.



Jerilderie Sports Centre & Swimming Pool Complex

In 2009/2010 Council resolved to open the Sports Centre to the public for unsupervised use, provided users signed a waiver. Usage of the Sports Centre has remained steady during the 2012/2013 year.

The Swim Centre was operated by the Council and the 2012/2013 year saw patronage remain steady.

Environmental Heritage Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal

Protecting, restoring and celebrating our history and our historic buildings is a key priority of the Jerilderie Community Strategic Plan 2012-2032.

The highlights for 2012/2013 with regard to heritage matters include:

- Completion of the restoration of Post and Telegraph Office
- 3 Local Heritage Fund Grants being given to assist in the preservation of heritage items within the Shire. Total value of the grants given was \$7270. Works were for painting the exterior of buildings, drainage works and period style fencing.

Susan Appleyard
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT

Finance

Financial Overview

The financial statements are annexed as Appendix 1 to this report. These are prepared to comply with accounting standards and provide significant detail on Council operations. They are however sometimes seen as too technical in nature for the "person in the street".

The following simple statement of receipts and payments has been derived from the Statement of Cash Flows which forms part of Appendix 1. This shows actual cash receipts and payments against the amounts originally budgeted and with the related notes following, provide explanations on variances from the original budget.

Summary Cash Flow	Actual 2013 \$000	Budget 2013 \$000	Variance \$000
Receipts			
Rates & annual charges	2,086	2,156	(70)
User charges & fees	2,183	2,547	(364) ²
Investment Income	256	280	(24) ³
Grants & contributions	4,752	5,927	(1,175) ⁴
Other operating receipts	1,295	130	1,165 ⁵
Proceeds from sales equipment etc	372	542	(170) ⁶
Proceeds from sales of real estate	93	0	93 ⁷
Proceeds from sale of investments	3,173	0	3,173 ⁸
Proceeds from borrowings	0	903	(903) ⁹
Total receipts	14,210	12,485	1,725
Payments			
Employee costs	2,988	3,216	(228) ¹⁰
Materials & contracts	2,833	4,131	(1,298) ¹¹
Borrowing costs	63	91	(28) ¹²
Other operating payments	1,888	726	1,162 ¹³
Purchase of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	2,676	4,531	(1,855) ¹⁴
Purchase of real estate	0	250	(250) ¹⁵
Purchase of Investment Securities	1,984	0	1,984 ¹⁶
Repayment of borrowings	122	175	(53) ¹⁷
Total payments	12,554	13,120	(566)
Net Increase/(decrease) in cash	1,656	(635)	2,291

² An unfavourable variance as a result of fluctuations in anticipated works on State and national roads undertaken for Roads and Maritime Services

³ An unfavourable result due to changes in interest rates in the short term money market

⁴ This unfavourable result is in some ways attributable to decisions made by State and Federal governments after the original budget is adopted, together with deferral of significant flood restoration works

⁵ A favourable result due to increased rebates being made available, water sales unknown at time of budgeting and additional commissions from agency undertakings

⁶ Sales of plant and equipment have decreased due to market fluctuations together with some deferrals

⁷ A favourable result due to finalisation of contracts within the financial year

⁸ Council does not attempt to budget for investment movements

⁹ Deferral and cancellation of proposed loan borrowings

¹⁰ Savings in employee costs due to mix of capital/operational works

¹¹ Favourable variance due to the mix of capital projects

¹² A favourable result due to the deferral of some borrowings

¹³ An unfavourable variance due to additional payments for contributions to other organisations and government departments, together with significant increases in electricity costs

¹⁴ Savings have been experienced in this area due to deferral of infrastructure works, including swimming pool restoration

¹⁵ Savings due to deferral of Wunnamurra Estate development

¹⁶ Council does not attempt to budget for investment movements

¹⁷ Decreased borrowing repayment resulting from deferral of borrowings

Analysis of Capital Works Expenditure

The summary of cash flows indicates expenditure of \$2,676,000 on capital projects. The following list indicates how Council funds have been attributed.

Plant and Equipment	\$1,022,000
Office Equipment	\$ 26,000
Buildings	\$ 200,000
Roads, Bridges and Footpaths	\$1,368,000
Water Supply Infrastructure	\$ 46,000
Library Books & other media	\$ 9,000
Land	\$ 5,000

Performance Highlights

Actual Result/Budgeted Result

The consolidated deficit of \$559,000 for the year was an increase on the original budget deficit of \$270,000. Total expenses were \$1,667,000 less than budgeted with total income \$1,956,000 less than budgeted.

Condition of Infrastructure

Staff assessments of the condition of infrastructure found its overall condition to be average to good with an estimated cost of \$2m to bring bridges, kerb and gutter and the town swimming pool up to a satisfactory standard.

Liquidity

Net current assets improved by \$128,000 increasing to \$5.850 million.

Cash Flow

Cash and Investments increased by \$481,000 to \$7,034,000.

Performance Indicators

Liquidity Indicators

Unrestricted Current Ratio

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
5.94:1	5.64:1	4.24:1	5.09:1	4.71:1

For the Local Government sector, a ratio of 2 or better is regarded as good, while a ratio of less than 1.5 is regarded as unsatisfactory.

Debt Servicing Cost

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2.17%	2.22%	2.16%	2.71%	2.81%

Rate and Annual Charges Arrears

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
8.94%	9.05%	10.16%	11.82%	11.91%

The rate arrears show a marginal upward trend reflecting the impacts from the previous drought upon economic conditions.

Number of Assessments	June 2012	June 2013
Water	516	519
Sewerage	452	454
General (rateable)	1101	1100

Value of rateable property as at 30th June 2013 - \$188,255,345.

Community Services

The Council has a broad scope of activity and services, including maintaining roads and other infrastructure, collecting garbage, running the library, managing parks and delivering services such as medical facilities, sporting and recreational areas. Much of this activity has a substantial cost, however it is seen as essential in order to provide for the expectations of residents.

Community Services – Net Operating Costs	\$
Parks and Gardens	121,360
Public Halls	104,075
Sports Fields	136,709
Swimming Pool	98,541
Sports Centre	78,103
Library	162,281
Museum	11,399
Fire Protection and Emergency Services including SES	81,112
Animal Control	10,885
Medical Services	8,946
Tourism and Promotion	24,395
Public Conveniences	42,607
Cemetery	19,527
Waste Management	51,907
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths and Aerodrome	2,478,645
Street Lighting	22,032
TOTAL	\$3,452,524

Jerilderie Library Branch Report

Resources, Access and Usage

The opening hours of the library have increased from 19 hours per week to 27 hours. The new hours enable patrons to utilise the library on Monday mornings and during lunch times. With the additional opening hours this has allowed the library staff to offer more programs such as a genealogy group for those searching for their ancestors.

Storytime is now held weekly instead of monthly, also a Surf Club which is designed for seniors who want to learn about computers, whether they have a computer at home or not. The extra opening hours has seen an increase in membership, loans and attendance.



Librarians from Griffith, Hay, Narrandera and Jerilderie travelled to Melbourne for 3 days of book buying. Visiting these larger book stores is an opportunity to purchase titles that may not be available in the country stores, as the selection covers a much wider range of subject areas.

School Visits

Students from St Josephs School visited the library on a regular basis. The visits were allocated to K/1, Year 2/3/4 and Year 5/6. A story was read to the class with a borrowing session at the end of the visit.

Promotions and Events

Tea for Two

The library displayed an exhibition from a bygone era with "Teatime for Two", courtesy of Beth McMeeken from Ye Old Bank of NSW. This was an opportunity to view elegant, quirky and fun items from a slower-paced era which brought back many memories for the visitors to the exhibit.

Hat Exhibition

The Banski Room provided an excellent showroom for milliner Jo-Anne Rolfe from Vintage Designs to display some of her timeless vintage headpieces. An evening was held in the library for Jo-Anne to talk about how she found her way into millinery, and her achievements thus far. Louisa Bryce from the Jerilderie Race Club spoke of the history of "Fashions on the Field" with Tracey Howes modelling outfits, interchanging with Jo-Anne's headwear. A light supper was held after.

Noelene Allen Author Visit

An evening was held with author Noelene Allen promoting her new book *Ellen: A Woman of Spirit*, which is the story of Ellen Kelly, mother of bushranger Ned Kelly. Approximately 14 people attended, with a light supper provided at the end of the evening.

Children's Craft

Several craft days were held during the year, with themes including Christmas, Australia Day, Easter and Mothers Day. Various items were made which included cards, rabbit bookmarks, boomerangs and angels.

Movie Games Day

During the school holidays the library held a movie day where children watched "Yogi Bear" and Flicka 2". Xbox & car racing games were also played on the day. A craft activity was completed after these exciting events. Snacks were provided for the weary game players and movie watchers.



Wrap with Love

The knitting group continue to meet weekly to knit or crochet for the charity "Wrap with Love" A total of 31 wraps were made and distributed to communities in need, worldwide.

Biggest Morning Tea

The library again hosted the Biggest Morning Tea event. Morning tea was delivered to 28 business houses and approximately 50 community members attended the afternoon tea. Continuous raffles and a scrumptious afternoon tea were enjoyed by all who attended. This was a great success, with an amazing \$1560.00 raised for the Cancer Council.

Donations

The library once again received a generous donation of DVDs, CDs and various books from a wonderful lady who has donated to our lovely library in recent years.

Also the Men's Shed donated a wooden rack to display the beautiful and colourful "Wrap with Love" blankets.

Staff Training and Staff Changes

Staff from Griffith travelled to Jerilderie to give a demonstration on downloading eBooks with the Borrow Box App. This new resource has been popular, with our patrons using this facility on their iPad or tablet.

Rhonda Cox
LIBRARIAN



Technical Services

Director of Technical Services

This year has been a productive year. Council's existing road network has been maintained to a good standard, various roads have been upgraded after the past flood events, and some are still being repaired. Again a number of Council's roads have been upgraded with road base materials and prior stream gravel (gravel re sheeting) as per Council's normal gravel road maintenance program. A small section of the town Streetscape Program is to be completed in Jerilderie Street between Wood Street and Kennedy Street on the south side. Town infrastructure has continually been improved and maintained within Council's budget. Council has maintained both the sealed and unsealed road network and has also improved Council's infrastructure to the standard that is expected by our community.



I would like to thank all staff for their efforts, their commitment and dedication during the year. The high level of workmanship, what has been achieved and what continues to be improved in maintaining Council's road network and infrastructure within our Shire and workplace is a credit to all staff.

Construction and Maintenance

Main Roads and National Roads

During the past 12 months Council has performed maintenance on Main Road 321 (Kidman Way) length 44.58 km, and on Highway No.17 (Newell Highway) length 4.75km, under the Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) for the Roads & Maritime Services (RMS)

The RMCC commenced in September 2008 and concluded in June 2012. Roads & Maritime Services continued the RMCC for all Council in 2013 for a further 12 months, with a new Contract expected to be introduced in June 2014. Council will continue to maintain Main Road 321 (Kidman Way) to the Shire boundary and part of Newell Hwy No 17 within the town limits. Council contracts are expected to be introduced for a further four year period or longer with the Roads & Maritime Services starting June 2014.

Council's RMCC with the RMS is of benefit to Council's budgeting program, enabling maintenance works, heavy patching works, resealing works and rehabilitation works on both Main Road 321 and the National Road No.17 within Jerilderie Shire Council's area. This contract helps to ensure staff stability, also better utilisation of Council's plant and equipment, training and also helping to achieve a safer road network within Jerilderie Shire.

Regional Roads (RR)

Council's Regional Roads Network is made up of the following roads:

Oaklands Road – Regional Road 323	31.90km
Conargo Road – Regional Road 552	19.30km
Morundah Road – Regional Road 596	10.65km
Berrigan/Oaklands Road – Regional Road 356	6.35km
Berrigan Road – Regional Road 564	15.05km
Urana Road – Regional Road 59	<u>16.05km</u>
Total	99.30 km

Various maintenance works (resealing, shoulder widening and traffic facilities) were carried out on all of the above Regional Roads located within the Shire boundary.

This year shoulder widening rehabilitation and primer sealing works were also carried out on RR 323 (Oaklands Road).

Shoulder widening (reconstruction) for a further 3km between 27.70km to 30.70km west of Oaklands, widening the existing pavement from a 6m seal pavement to an 8m seal pavement under the Repair Program Funding.

Resealing works were carried out on RR 323 (Oaklands Road) total 5.00km, RR 59 (Urana Road) total 2.20 km

Flood damage heavy patching works carried out on RR 59 (Urana Road) in various sections.

Council Roads

Maintenance works have been performed on all Council roads within Jerilderie Shire. Heavy patching, sign maintenance, guide post maintenance, shoulder grading, fire breaking in specific areas, maintenance grading and resealing of various roads.

Resealing works carried out on Wilson Road 3.50 km and McDonald Road 2.00km

Reconstruction works were minor during this year. Road base and road gravel material carted to various locations to restore the road network as per normal maintenance and also in relation to the flood events. Council's graders, construction crew and road maintenance crews continued to patrol the road network and maintain.

Roads to Recovery Program

The Roads to Recovery Program for 2012/2013 plays a very important part in helping to improve and maintain Council's road network for the community and also for heavy vehicle travel. Gravel and road base material has been carted and mixed in with existing gravel pavement, and road base material added to some roads for rehabilitation to provide a better travel surface in both dry and wet conditions, safer travel surface for school buses, the community and primary producers.

Various roads as listed -:

- Hutchings Road (Rehabilitation and seal 3.20km)
- Wood Road (Gravel re-sheeting with Poly Com additive 4.70km)

Rehabilitation under Road to Recovery (R2R)

The Roads to Recovery Program assists Jerilderie Shire Council in helping to provide a better foundation for Council's road network, enabling Council to add a better standard of road making material (road base / Poly Com) to our existing prior stream gravels. Road base materials help to strengthen and reduce the maintenance of our network and also provide better safety in all weather conditions for school buses, residents and visitors to our shire.

Shire Road Maintenance Program

Council's gravel re-sheeting program has covered a total of approx 30.00 km on various roads in both the northern and southern areas of the Shire during the 2012/ 2013 financial year.

Grader maintenance of local roads over the Shire road network this year was consistent with previous years. Also, the continuation of restoring the network due to the flood event has stretched out Council's programs. With the addition of better materials added to our network due to the Roads to Recovery Program, the network has held up very well.

The road network overall in our Shire is in good condition. With normal seasonal rainfalls and the agricultural industry stabilising, funding is required to be increased for resealing of Council's existing sealed road network. At present Council's resealing program is still approx on a 12 year cycle. Increased allocation is needed to maintain this level of service and also to cater for the large vehicles that are required to use the network.

Town Area

Town maintenance program continued similar to past years, with maintenance of town streets and amenities. With the addition, as in previous years, of the extended footpaths in Southey Street, this has helped to upgrade access to the town shopping area. Other works included tree lopping and installation of new trees, bitumen road maintenance, kerbing and guttering maintenance and replacement with new guttering, cleaning of storm water drainage lines, signs maintenance and replacement and slashing within the town area and entrances, all of which have helped to maintain and beautify our town.

Bicycle Track/Walkway/Pamps

Bicycle track/walkway construction continued in 2012/2013. This project was undertaken in conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Services. Works were completed in Southey Street (west side) adjacent to Legacy Units and Hospital and in Wood Street (east side) between Jerilderie Street and Mahonga Street. In addition, kerb ramps were completed in Mahonga Street at the intersection with Mahonga Street and Brown Street. Further projects have been programmed and will be submitted to the Roads & Maritime Services each year for the continuation of the program.

Water Supply

Jerilderie's water supply system provides filtered water for internal use and raw water for external use. At present there are 520 connections altogether.

Council continues to provide a high quality filtered water service to all residences of the town. Minor raw and filtered water repairs to mains and services were conducted over the past year. Upgrading of older raw water mains with PVC pipe will be continued into the future to help infrastructure maintenance. Town water is supplied from the Billabong Creek. Regular flushing of the filtered water mains was performed approx every 3 weeks, and raw water mains approx 4 times per year. New raw water main replaced in Coonong Street from Kennedy Street to east for approx 300m, and various new flushing points on the filtered water line installed to help with cleaning and monitoring the supply.

Sewerage System

The town sewerage system has been maintained and has continued to provide a first-rate service to the community. At present there are 455 sewerage connections.

Existing settling ponds and sludge ponds have been maintained and are adequate for the community's needs into the foreseeable future. Council is licensed to provide waste water from the sewerage treatment plant to the adjacent Race Course to help maintain its turf track.

Council sewerage mains and rising mains are performing adequately. No major repair was undertaken during the past year. Council is monitoring our rising mains, with a program to renew existing sections, replacement of the rising main from No.1 pump station is programmed in 2013/2014. Maintenance of Council's sewerage mains continues with flushing and cleaning out of root matter, which is performed on demand.

Noxious Weeds

Destruction and eradication of noxious weeds within and surrounding our Shire is still of major importance to Council and we continue to canvas for funding to achieve these goals, however changes to funding for weed control continues to be a concern to Council.

During the year Council's Noxious Weeds Inspector has helped to encourage and promote noxious weeds control and has provided support by participating at field days, distributing leaflets to property owners and providing relevant information to land owners as and when required for the destruction of various noxious weeds.

Spiny Burr Grass and Boxthorn eradication continues to be vigorously supported by Council and the community. Council continues to spray road shoulder to help with weeds and also for reduction of fire hazards within the road network. An eradication program each year will continue to be part of Council's budget.

Drum Muster

During the year Council has received a number of chemical drums and will continue with the program as per Council's budget.

Saleyards/Stock Control

During the year 30939 sheep were yarded and sold, with fencing and two more ramps upgraded to provide safer handling of stock. Regular maintenance has also been performed during the year.

The truck wash continues to benefit Council with the Avdata system providing an income stream to cover maintenance costs and equipment replacement. The truck wash is available to the travelling transport industry.

Various incidents of straying stock were dealt with during the year, on both Council roads, Main Roads and National Highways.

Parks and Gardens

Council continues to maintain all areas of parks and gardens within the town. The parks, gardens and sports ground area are a major asset to our community in providing residents and travelling public with a place to relax and play sport when visiting our town. Our parks and gardens staff continues to provide a high standard in maintaining our parks, gardens and nature strips within the town area.

The increase in town beautification works has also seen an increased demand on Council's financial resources, with staff numbers within the parks and gardens area during the year maintained to help in the maintenance of these areas. In addition, the maintaining of various nature strips throughout the town has put further pressure on our work staff.

Council has and will continue to upgrade and maintain watering systems in its parks and gardens as a means of reducing water consumption and to help with the maintenance of the same.

Depot/ Plant and Equipment

The Works Depot continues to be maintained in excellent order, with minor repairs to various areas being undertaken in the past year.

The Workshop has continued to maintain Council's plant fleet and community infrastructure in excellent condition.

Plant and vehicle replacement purchase during the 2012/2013 financial year included the following equipment; Volvo gravel truck, management vehicles, construction and work force vehicles, International tractor, Caterpillar grader, parks and gardens equipment and small plant.

The Store and amenities are also maintained in excellent order providing facilities for Council's stock items, training area and excellent staff facilities.

Bush Fire Tanker Maintenance

Council has continued to support the Rural Fire Brigades with the maintenance of the zone bush fire tankers and equipment, and fabrication requirements as needed.

This activity is extremely beneficial to Council and the community, helping to provide valued employment and training for Council's existing work force, fostering apprenticeships in steel fabrication and mechanical works. Materials are sourced from within our town and surrounding area in support of local businesses.

Private Works

Private works during the past year with regards to Council's plant and equipment has been steady. Water allocations for our farming residents have increased slightly, and also with minor construction and gravel carting jobs required, has been of a great benefit to Council's budget. Council will continue to source various areas of private works each year.

During the year Council has been able to acquire heavy patching and sealing work from the Roads & Maritime Services, and various maintenance repairs and fabrication for the Rural Fire Service and surrounding district. This does help to keep our workforce skills and workmanship at its current high level.

Staff Changes

No new staff members have joined Council's employment during the past year.

David Tamlyn

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES



Plant replacement-140M Caterpillar Grader

Statutory Information

S428 (2) A Financial Reports

Refer to appendix one – Financial Report

Clause 217 (1) Local Government (General) Regulations

Mayoral and Councillor Fees, Expenses and Facilities

(a) details (including the purpose) of overseas visits undertaken during the year by Councillors, Council staff or other persons while representing the Council (including visits sponsored by other organisations)	Nil
a1) details of the total cost during the year of the payment of the expenses of, and the provision of facilities to, Councillors in relation to their civic functions (as paid by the Council, reimbursed to the Councillor or reconciled with the Councillor)	\$107,666
(i) the provision during the year of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors on a personal basis, such as laptop computers, mobile telephones and landline telephones and facsimile machines installed in Councillors' homes (including equipment and line rental costs and internet access costs but not including call costs)	\$768
(ii) telephone calls made by Councillors, including calls made from mobile telephones provided by the Council and from landline telephones and facsimile services installed in Councillors' homes	Nil
(iii) the attendance of Councillors at conferences and seminars	\$269
(iv) the training of Councillors and the provision of skill development for Councillors	\$545
(v) interstate visits undertaken during the year by Councillors while representing the Council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses	Nil
(vi) overseas visits undertaken during the year by Councillors while representing the Council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses	Nil
(vii) the expenses of any spouse, partner (whether of the same or the opposite sex) or other person who accompanied a Councillor in the performance of his or her civic functions, being expenses payable in accordance with the Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors for Local Councils in NSW prepared by the Director-General from time to time	Nil
(viii) expenses involved in the provision of care for a child of, or an immediate family member of, a Councillor, to allow the Councillor to undertake his or her civic functions	Nil

(a2) **Contracts Awarded**

The following contracts for amounts over \$150,000 were awarded during the year:

Westrac Pty Ltd – Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader	\$426,800
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(a3) **Legal Proceedings**

There have been no amounts incurred as a result of legal proceedings taken by or against the Council during the financial year. However \$18,518 for legal costs relating to various contracts, agreements and orders have been incurred.

(a4) **Private Works**

No works were carried out on private land which has been fully or partly funded by the Council. Council continues to carry out work on private land as requested by landholders at full cost recovery.

(a5) **Financial Assistance to Others**

Total amount contributed or otherwise granted under section 356 of the Act

Description	Total Contributed (\$)
Martin Heath Children Trust Fund	100
Finley High School	100
Portsea Camp	300
Coleambally Central School – Scholarship-A Hardy	200
Christmas Party for Special Children	114
Jerilderie Men's Shed – Rates	750
Total	\$1,564

(a6) **External Bodies Exercising Council Functions**

- Alf Hanna Legacy Units Committee
- Balmeringa Management Committee
- Toy Library Committee
- Tidy Towns Committee
- Central Coree Sports Complex Committee
- Yamma Recreation Reserve Management Committee

(a7) **Controlling Interest in Companies**

The Council did not have a controlling interest in any companies during the reporting period of 2012/13.

(a8) **Corporations, partnerships, trusts, joint ventures, syndicates or other bodies (whether or not incorporated) in which the Council participated during 2012/13**

Council participates in co-operative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities. Jerilderie Shire Council is a member of RAMROC (Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils) that operates with the aim of lobbying on behalf of the region and providing sub-groups, i.e. Engineers, Planners and Human Resources to ensure that all Councils are meeting their statutory obligations. This has become an excellent forum for resource sharing by member Councils.

Council is also a member of StateCover Mutual and Statewide Mutual which provide workers compensation and other general insurance respectively.

As a member of the Western Riverina Libraries, Council has a one-sixth proportion of voting power of the organisation. Council's share in the assets, liabilities and outputs of the organisation is based on the proportional population share.

(a9) **Activities to Implement Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan**

Council is committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity and the need to ensure all aspects of the employment process are conducted in accordance with the relevant legislation, and that policy and procedures reflect that legislation.

Equal employment opportunity principles were satisfied during appointment to the positions of Executive/Personal Assistant; Administration/Finance Support Officer and Casual Lifeguards.

(b) **a statement of the total remuneration comprised in the remuneration package of the General Manager during the year that is to include the total of the following:**

(i) the total value of the salary component of the package	\$136,956
(ii) the total amount of any bonus payments, performance payments or other payments made to the general manager that do not form part of the salary component of the General Manager	nil
(iii) the total amount payable by the Council by way of the employer's contribution or salary sacrifice to any superannuation scheme to which the General Manager may be a contributor	\$29,384
(iv) the total value of any non-cash benefits for which the General Manager may elect under the package	\$12,960
(v) the total amount payable by the Council by way of fringe benefits tax for any such non-cash benefits	\$7,610

(c) **Senior Staff**

There are no staff employed who fall under the definition of senior staff within the Act, however the Director of Technical Services, David Tamlyn; Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton; Manager of Development, Susan Appleyard and the General Manager, Craig Moffitt, form the Management Executive Team (MANEX).

(d) **(Repealed)**

(e) **Stormwater Management Levy**

During 2012/13 Council levied a storm water management charge on all applicable assessments, with the aim of raising additional funds in order to complete future storm water upgrades of the CBD and surrounding areas. A total of \$10,900 was levied and an amount of \$35,668 was expended during the year, including an amount of \$24,768 unexpended from previous years. Subsequent works are intended with the continuation of the streetscape upgrading.

(e1) **Coastal Protection Services**

No coastal protection services were provided by this Council.

(f) *Activities relating to enforcing and ensuring compliance with Companion Animals Act and Regulation*

- Council lodges pound data with the Department annually
- There were no dog attacks reported in the 2012/13 year
- Funding spent relating to companion animal management and activities totalled \$9,639 for 2012/13 for the management and control of companion animals
- There were no companion animal community education programs carried out in 2012/13
- To promote and assist the de-sexing of dogs and cats Council distributes brochures with registration information. Registration of de-sexed cats and dogs is considerably cheaper than non de-sexed pets to encourage owners to de-sex their animals
- In compliance with the requirements under section 64 of the Companion Animals Act, Council has a strategy in place for alternatives to euthanasia for unclaimed animals
- A large off leash area around a majority of the town's lake and encompassing the Billabong Creek gives plenty of room for dogs to exercise and to access water

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