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Council Meeting – 14th January, 1957

Delaneys Falls Bridge collapses – c. 2nd January, 1957

Mr. A.C. Barlow appointed Storeman.

Water restrictions may be needed as supply at Reservoir could not be maintained.

Building Permit issued for Publican's Booth at Showground.

Licences issued included Public Vehicles (K. Nelson, J.N.R. Burton, W.C. Gardner and S. Bartlett); Public Vehicle Driver (K. Nelson, E.L. Warhurst, R. Nelson, J.N.R. Burton, W.C. Gardner and S. Bartlett); Barber Shop (W.S. Oran and N.E. O'Brien); Refreshment Room (N.J., R. & K. Nelson and C.T. & T. Conomos); Fish, Poultry, Crustaceans, etc. Vendor (C.T. & T. Conomos and K. Nelson).

Owing to water restrictions, the continuous changing of water in the pool has had to be stopped. However, if pool cannot be emptied and refilled within the next week, it will have to be closed.

Suggestion that drinking fountain be installed at swimming pool. Probable cost £25.

Taxi Rank telephone box erected at rank but telephone not yet connected.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. L. Mors, Officer in Charge of Oberon Forestry, for arranging a demonstration of fire fighting equipment and methods and a tour of the forestry areas on 11th January.

5/- per week or 1/- per night be charged for camping facilities at Caves Road camping area.

2 way radio for taxi cab approved.

Letter to be forwarded to Dept. Public Works requesting advice on any further developments in the proposed sewerage scheme for the town.

Letter to be forwarded to Board of Fire Commissioners stressing urgency for a unit to be supplied as present equipment is inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Health Inspector to prepare plans and estimate of cost of alterations or addition to offices.

Council Meeting – 31st January, 1957

Council have decided to have an Official Opening of the Duckmaloi River Bridge, which is expected to be completed by March.

Council Meeting – 11th February, 1957

Gordon, Wilson appointed Council's solicitors.

Licences issued to W.C. Gardner, R.L. Hawken, P. Hogan and T.H. Rich (Public Vehicles) and R.L. Hawken, P.D. Hogan and T.T. Rich (Vehicle Drivers).

As Council is now the Trustee of Reserve No. 64027 at The Reef, action will be taken to have the campers there removed within a week.

Police to be asked to patrol the swimming pool area during the summer months to try to prevent vandalism and destruction of property.

Mr. V. Harris given permission to grade the private airstrip on Goulburn Road.

The completion of the approaches to the Duckmaloi River Bridge is to be by A.C. Stephens & Sons. Council expressed its concern at the delay in commencing this work.

The Apex Club asked Council for details of progress in the proposed Golf Course.

Special Council Meeting – 18th February, 1957

The business of the meeting was to report on Inquiry under Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 1919 into the suspension of the Shire Clerk, F.H. Rowe.

The following motion was carried after considering the report “that the services of the Shire Clerk, Mr. F.H. Rowe, be terminated as from this date (18th February, 1957).

Applications to be called for position of Shire Clerk.

Council Meeting – 22nd February, 1957

Council has decided to make available to the R.S.L. Bowling Club sufficient land to permit the construction of a bowling green 138 feet square.

Dept. of Local Government asked to refer to Section 99 Inquiry in assessing compensation to ex Shire Clerk, Mr. F.H. Rowe.

Council Meeting – 11th March, 1957

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

Licences issued to J.M. Attuel (Public Vehicle); J.M. Attuel, Peter Attuel and W.A. Baker (Public Vehicle Driver); and Mrs. F.A. Johnson (Barbers Shop).

1,000 doses of Polio vaccine forwarded for vaccinations on 29th March. Pre-school and country children in the morning and 2 other Oberon schools in the afternoon.

The Dairies Supervision Act finally extended to Oberon Shire from 1.3.57. Fee to be 10/-.

Letter to be forwarded to the Editor of the “Sun-Herald” complaining of the misrepresentation of facts contained in an article on activities of Oberon Shire.

Mr. G. Maliphant of Dubbo Council and Mr. J. P. Baker of Bellingen Council be asked to attend interview on 14th March.

On the Termination of Services of Mr. F.H. Rowe, Shire Clerk and payment of

compensation under Section 99 (11) of the Local Government Act it was resolved that the past Presidents of the Council be approached regarding their association with Mr. Rowe as Shire Clerk and they be asked if they would be prepared to give an opinion, in writing, on this association. It was further resolved that a copy of the Auditor’s Report, together with relevant facts and information, be forwarded to L.G. Dept. setting out Council’s reasons and opinion why full compensation should not be paid and that the Minister be requested to interview the Council after reading the report setting out Council’s case.

A.L. Morse & Co. be appointed as Council’s Auditor for 1957.

Bathurst Aero Club given permission to drop leaflets over the town during an aeronautics display.

Health Inspector given temporary assistance.

G. Evans granted sanitary and garbage contract.

Because of the dilapidated condition of the Pound, it is to be closed.

Mr. Kenneth Slingo of Easthope, Victoria appointed Assistant Engineer.

Health Inspector to prepare plans and specifications for erection of shelter sheds at Oberon Central and Oberon Convent Schools.

Special Council Meeting – 14th March, 1957

Mr. George Lawrence Pearse, ex Town Clerk to the previous Grafton City Council, be appointed to the position of Shire Clerk.

As Mr. Slingo could not take up duties as Assistant Engineer for some time, President appointed Mr. T. Ludkiewicz to the position commencing on 18th March.

Council Meeting – 8th April, 1957

Mr. Alan Dickson appointed as Plant Overseer.

Council to try for a loan of £8,000 for improvements and additions to Council Chambers.

Polio Vaccinations commenced but ran out of vaccine. Extra vaccines will be available for next session.

Cricket Association asked that Council stop the grazing of stock on the Recreation Ground. This was agreed to by Council but decision later made to call tenders for grazing on the Recreation Ground for 12 months.

Committee of Councillors Sheppard, Webb, Cunynghame and Buckley be appointed to investigate possibilities of securing suitable land for new Council Chambers and Offices or, alternatively, additions to the present building.

Council supports the establishment of an Ambulance Station and will be prepared to subsidise to an amount of £50 initially and that the matter of a subsidy be reviewed at the end of each year.

Letter to be sent to Government asking the Minister what steps are being taken to provide a new Court House and better Police Station facilities in the town.

Council Meeting – 6th May, 1957

Shire Clerk's residence at 36 Carrington Avenue.

Schools to be contacted advising of behaviour of children on buses throwing articles from bus windows and the fact that an apple had hit a windscreen of one of Council's vehicles.

"Sun Herald" stating that as a result of their article, many tourists visited the town at Easter.

Council Meeting – 3rd June, 1957

Kalamazoo Wages System be installed from 1st July, 1957.

Naturalisation Ceremony at C.W.A. Rooms, Friday, 31st May, for Council's Assistant Engineer, T. Ludkiewicz.

If buildings erected in preceding 12 months were less than £100,000 the Council is not required to have a separate Building Inspector but works can be covered by the Health Inspector.

Bathurst & District Chamber of Commerce advised Council that it intends publishing a Tourist Information Book, not only covering Bathurst, but on Jenolan Caves, Oberon, Fish River Dam, and Kanangra Walls. 2,000 copies proposed selling for 2/6 each.

After a visit of the Secretary of the N.S.W. Ambulance Board, permission was given to the Oberon members to go ahead and collect money to purchase an ambulance.

As the Fish River Dam is almost completed, The President suggested that Council offer the P.W.D. a price for the cottages or discuss it as a housing scheme so the buildings will not be demolished or shifted from their present site.

An agenda for future Council Meetings was tabled and is just about the same as is still used today.

Vulcan State Forest No. 621, No. 12 Extension, has been proclaimed a sanctuary from 26th April, 1957.

4 cases of Scarlet Fever reported.

The Polio Campaign vaccinated 1,200 children. Thanks to Drs. Robey and Goddard, Hospital, teaching staff at schools, etc.

Council resolved to acquire an area of 200 ft. x 100 ft. adjacent to the northern boundary of Portion 48, Parish of Oberon which has been approved for the location of the Treatment Works and that 40 acres in the south west corner of Portion 4, Parish of Blenheim had been approved for effluent disposal. It is unlikely that the scheme could be undertaken for some time due to lack of loan funds.

Provision of a new Police Station, Court House and Police Residence has been approved and P.W.D. has been asked to

implement the proposal during forthcoming financial year.

Committee Appointed by Council re F.H. Rowe Suspension – 6th June, 1957

Discussion of suspension and the letter forwarded to Dept. Local Government.

Special Council Meeting – 20th June, 1957

This meeting was called to report on the Jaunter Bridge and Campbells River Crossing and the administration and operation of the Engineering Department.

Council Meeting – 8th July, 1957

Council will be declared a fire district during September and once the town is declared a fire district, the Board of Fire Commissioners becomes responsible for fire protection and a fire engine is provided.

The Shire President reported on the Shires Conference and advised that a motion (which was defeated) was moved that Councillors be paid a fee for attendance at Council meetings as it would attract younger men to serve as Councillors.

B. Hayes resigned as Engineering Assistant as from 28th June.

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

Licences granted to Howell Bros and S.E. Mawhood (Small Goods); Cunynghame Bros (Butchers Shop and Cattle Slaughtering).

Atom Bomb and Hydrogen Bomb tests were (or were to be) held on Christmas Island.

Council Meeting – 12th August, 1957

F.H. Rowe granted compensation of £2,000.

Council asked to give consideration to erecting a public hall in Oberon, to be owned and controlled by the Council and to investigate ways and means of financing the proposition.

Oberon District Women's Basketball Association thanked Council for 1

basketball court at the Recreation Ground but informed Council that 1 court is inadequate and asked for a second. Additional court to be provided at a cost of £10.

Naturalisation Ceremony for Mr. N. Streltschenko to be held.

Licences granted to Teaman & Bowman, O'Connell (Small Goods) and Mrs. A. Ohrin (Refreshment Room).

Council appointed Trustees of Reserve 79496 for Reservoir and Reserve No. 79502 for Public Recreation.

Council to enter into agreement with Coleman's Business Services of Bathurst to service Council's typewriters twice yearly at a cost of £5.5.0 each per year.

Bell to be installed on telephone at Taxi Rank.

Special Council Meeting – 12th August, 1957

This meeting called to discuss proposed Shire Boundaries.

Council Meeting – 9th September, 1957

Licences issued to E.H. Howard (Public Vehicle Driver); R.L.W. Coombes (Fish, Poultry, Crustaceans, etc.); Conomos Bros, Peter Christian and N.J.R. & K. Nelson (Small Goods) plus plumbers, drainers and water fitters from out of town.

Vandals have damaged the water fittings in the dressing sheds at the swimming pool. Council to make enquiries concerning an insurance policy covering vandalism.

As 2 typists are not warranted, Miss J. Harris given 1 month's notice to terminate on 11th October, 1957.

Another Diphtheria Campaign to be conducted in September-November.

D.R. Paton, Shire Engineer, resigns.

Council Meeting – 14th October, 1957

New fire engine expected around 1st November.

S.M.C.C. Chambers opened on 27th September.

Official opening of new Convent School class rooms to be on 20th October.

A copy of the Council letter to the Department of Local Government giving reasons why Oberon should not have any boundary alterations, etc. is tabled.

Shire Engineer left about 1st October, 1957.

Council asked to form a local committee to conduct functions in aid of the Sydney Opera House Appeal.

Main Roads Commissions to be apportioned as 1/3 d each to General Fund, Shire Clerk and Shire Engineer. Very much earlier in Council's history the Shire Engineer always used to receive part of the commission from the Main Roads Department.

Public Meeting to be called to consider establishing a Golf Course on the land now vested in Council for this purpose.

Council to take action to have additional private post office boxes installed at the P.O.

Council Meeting – 11th November, 1957

A Public Meeting was called to form a Golf Club and a Committee of 5 was appointed to investigate the proposal and another meeting is to be held on 14th November.

Council's Auditor, Alderman A.L. Morse elected as President of the Local Government Association.

President attended opening of new wing of Oberon Convent School and laying of Foundation Stone of Oberon District Hospital.

Next Polio vaccination day to be 4th December with 600 doses to be given.

Central Control Centre for Bush Fires to be located at Council's Offices.

President of the Board of Fire Commissioners be invited to perform the official opening of the Fire Station on 18th January, 1958.

Dept. Public Works asked Council to either acquire or resume land for the sewerage treatment works.

S.M.C.C. to be informed that proper notification of blackouts was not given to consumers when disconnections were made to extend supply and asking that better notice be given in future.

Stand Pipe to be installed at Council's Depot for sale of water @ 2/6 per 1,000 gallons.

Appointment of temporary surveyor, draftsman be left for decision of President, Clerk and Assistant Engineer.

Special Council Meeting – 9th December, 1957

Presidential Allowance: £100.

Shire President: Councillor R.N. Buckley

Deputy Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Committees:

Finance: Whole Council.

Works: Crs. Buckley, Armstrong, White, Dwyer & Webb

Health & Town Improvement: Crs. Buckley, White, Cunyngame & Sheppard

Bitumen: To be carried out by Works Committee.

Bush Fire: Crs. Buckley and Armstrong.

Council Meeting – 9th December, 1957

Meeting to discuss formation of Golf Club poorly attended. Bathurst Golf Club discussed proposed layout of 9 hole course. Another meeting to be called with personal invitations to attend.

Bush Fire Danger Periods for the whole State now to be from 1st October to 31st March with provision for councils in any area to apply an earlier commencement or closing date or to whole or partially rescind such period.

The following persons recommended by Board of Fire Commissions as volunteer

firemen – H. Ralls (Captain), L.C.E.
Williams (Engine Keeper), B.N. Goddard,
J.E. Ryan, H.T. Harvey, G.H. David, B.
Neervoort, S. Bartlett, R.C. Mawhood and
K. Campbell.

P.M.G. advised that an additional 21 private
post office boxes are to be installed at
Oberon.

Black Springs Sports Committee requesting
that Recreation Reserve in the Village of
Swatchfield be dedicated and asking to erect
a tennis court and cricket pitch in the area.

Tender called for sealing of town streets.

A letter pointing out the fire hazard created
by the Oberon-Tarana train to be sent to the
Superintendent of Railways at Lithgow
requesting him to replace the present steam
engine with a diesel engine, or to alter the
timetable so that all trains run at night, or to
have an employee follow the train on a
“trike” if no alteration can be made to the
timetable or train.

Council’s application for a loan of £8,000
for additions to Council Chambers deferred
until 1st July, 1958.

Mr. Tadeusz Ludkiewicz appointed Shire
Engineer, subject to approval of Department
of Local Government.

Applications invited for position of
Surveyor.

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Council Meeting – 13th January, 1958

Fish River Water Supply Administration has been amended to read “the price to be paid for water supplied by the Administration to any Council on or after 1.1.56 shall be and shall be deemed to have been the rate of 1/- per 1,000 gallons” and “the Governor shall from time to time subsequent to 1.1.58 vary the price per 1,000 gallons to be paid by any council for water supplied and fix the minimum amount to be paid in any one year irrespective of the quantity of water supplied, any such regulation shall not commence until the first day of January next” and “Oberon Shire Council shall for 45 years, commencing on 1.1.56 (i.e. until 1.1.2001) pay each year, in addition to its annual account for water supplied, the sum of £307 which sum shall be revenue received.”

The Department of Public Works advised that the Department of Lands has advised that Oberon Council shall be Trustee of a Recreation Reserve for golf links which was notified on 5.4.57, subject to the following conditions: (1) No building to be permitted on the southern slopes of the Reserve that drain into the reservoir; (2) no drainage from any buildings or septic tank to be discharged in such manner as to flow down the southern slopes and/or into the reservoir; (3) no trees, scrub or natural vegetable cover to be destroyed on any part of the reserve unless essential for the establishment of a golf links (the standard Erosion Mitigation Conditions 1955 to be complied with; (4) the Trustees of the area agree to cease any practice or use of the land or remove any building which the Department may consider at any time to be detrimental to the maintenance of the purity of the water in the Fish River Water Supply Scheme.

Oberon C.W.A. advised their branch provided food to the hundreds of fire fighters for 5 days and nights during the disastrous fires which recently raged within

the Shire. They now have a commitment of over £100 to meet and ask Council to assist them with this debt. At a Conference on bush fires between Abercrombie, Blaxland, Oberon and Turon Shires, it was felt that in a major fire, councils should assist with the purchase of food. They also advised that, in future, they will not purchase food for firefighters but they are quite willing to prepare the food in the Hall.

There were fires at Hazelgrove and Gurnang.

Building application approved to Oberon R.S.L. Club for stone retaining wall - £350.

During 1957 3 cases of Infectious Hepatitis and 4 of Scarlet Fever reported.

Licences approved for Milk Vendors (Conomos Bros and N.J., R. & K. Nelson); Refreshment Room (Con, Theo & Terry Conomos and N.J., R. & K. Nelson); Fish, Poultry, Crustaceans, etc. (K. Nelson, Conomoc Bros. and A.A. MacArthur); Public Vehicles (J.N.R. Burton, W.C. Gardner, R. Nelson & K. Nelson); and Public Vehicle Drivers (J.N.R. Burton, W.C. Gardner, E.L. Warhurst, K. Nelson & R. Nelson).

During 1957 over 1,100 children (and a few adults) received 2 injections against polio and 570 children received 3rd injection.

Application to be made to the P.M.G. that phone calls made by Group Captains, Deputy Group Captains, Captains, Deputy Captains, the Council, Forestry Commission and other Control Centre concerning bush fire be free of charge.

Fire Station opening now changed to 22nd February, 1958.

Councillor J. White new delegate to U.M.C.C. on resignation of Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Council to obtain a valuation of the cottages at the Fish River Dam to discuss acquisition.

Radio equipment to be purchased to improve communications during bush fires.

Council Meeting – 10th February, 1958

Official Opening of Seventh Day Adventist Church on 25th January, 1958.

Licences approved included N.E. O'Brien, Mrs. F.A. Johnson and W.S. Oran (Hairdresser); Mrs. A. Ohrin (Refreshment Room); P. Christian (Milk Vendor); R.L. Hawken and J.M. Attuel (Public Vehicle); and R.L. Hawken, J.M. Attuel, W.A. Baker and Peter Attuel (Public Vehicle Drivers).

An offer of £1,125 per cottage be made for purchase of 36 of the Fish River Dam Cottages and that the offer is made subject to Council obtaining permission to borrow the money and obtaining necessary finance from a lender.

Bush Fire Relief Committee is prepared to favourably consider meeting 50% of the cost of purchase of food supplies for volunteer fire fighters with a maximum of £75.

R. Hay and I. Mauro to be called for interview for position of Shire Engineer.

Lands Dept. to be asked to dedicate to the Council the areas on which the Fish River Dam Housing Settlement is situated.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed Auditor.

Special Council Meeting – 10th March, 1958

Councillor H.H. McKinnon appointed as Delegate to S.M.C.C.

Council Meeting – 10th March, 1958

Premier of N.S.W., J.J. Cahill, will Officially Open the Fish River Dam on 21st March, 1958.

P.M.G. advises that the Act prohibits free telephone calls (in this case notification of bush fires) but if the subscriber notifies local Post Master of the approach of a fire, the latter may quickly notify other subscribers concerned, including local fire fighting authorities.

The Minister for Transport advised that the fire hazard created on the Oberon-Tarana Railway Line started on private property, does not warrant a diesel electric engine in place of the steam engine and temporary arrangements have been made for an employee to follow the train at an interval of 10 minutes to watch for cinders or hot ash dropping onto the line.

Shire Engineer recommends appointment of either a permanent or temporary surveyor.

Mr. G.R. Wagner invited for interview for position of Shire Engineer on 10.3.58.

The Civic Welcome for the Premier (J.J. Cahill) to be in Malachi Gilmore Hall and it was suggested that a Public Holiday be proclaimed for school children and also Council employees be granted a holiday. (This is for official opening of the Dam).

The "Powers that be" to be approached re new Police Station and Post Office.

Council to contact the Dept. of Health and ask to have the provisions of the Noxious Trades Act applied to the Shire.

Forestry Commission Offices now at the corner of Ross and Prince Streets.

J.S. Gowans appointed temporary surveyor for 3 months.

J.R. Bell, Deputy Shire Clerk, resigns. L.G. Dept. be requested to grant permission to appoint Mr. T. Ludkiewicz as Shire Engineer until results of 1958 examination are known as all other certified applicants have declined the position.

30 m.p.h. road signs to be installed at the intersection at the Village of Swatchfield.

D.M.R. to be asked for "Narrow Bridge" signs at the Fish River Bridge at O'Connell.

Council Meeting – 14th April, 1958

Police Department wrote explaining situation re new Police Station, etc. at Oberon. Funds can only be obtained for construction of the residence. As 2 cramped rooms of the Police residence are used for Police work it is recommended that the cell block, being a separate building, if

extended, could provide 2 large offices, a store room and barrack room.,

Council allowed to borrow £2,400 for establishment of stores and materials depot.

S.M.C.C. has authorized the purchase of 3 blocks of land on the corner of Scotia Avenue and Bathurst Road to provide a site for a sub-station, with possibility of a cottage for a person occupying dual position of patrolman and sub-station attendance and space for storage area for poles.

Public Vehicle and P.V. Drivers Licences granted to P.D. Hogan and T.H. Rich.

At the request of the Matron, the Labour Ward, Maternity Ward and Nursery of the Hospital were fumigated.

On 17th March the Health Inspector was notified that the water taken from the Fish River Dam and Oberon town supply was unfit for drinking unless first boiled. On 19th March a chlorination plant was installed.

J.R. Bell withdrew his resignation as Deputy Shire Clerk.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of establishing a camping area at the Oberon Dam using buildings already erected by the Department of Public Works.

The offer of the P.W.D. to sell 32 of the Dam Cottages (made up of 4 cottages in the staff area and 28 in the area situated between Jenolan Street and Oak Street) for £1,125 per cottage be accepted.

Council to make application for a grant for the Oberon Golf Club towards the construction of a golf links. Club prepared to make contribution to Council to cover Council's portion of the programme but would expect to be able to spend the grant as it desires and Council to pay such amounts to Club upon request.

Lease to be granted to Oberon Golf Club for a period of 5 years at a rental of 5/- per annum and any buildings erected on the Reserve to be the property of the Council.

Council Meeting – 12th May, 1958

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

At a Works Committee Meeting to consider the grounds of objection against the boundary proposals a number of issues were decided.

Council to take necessary action to secure land and buildings for a camping area at the Fish River Dam and notify Chamber of Commerce of proposal.

Council to become a branch of the Civil Defence Organisation with President as Controller and Shire Clerk as Deputy Controller.

Chamber of Commerce revived.

Shire Engineer delegated powers under Ordinance 30C re overloading of vehicles on roads.

Oberon Golf Club thanked Council for lease of land for 5/- p.a. for 5 years but asked for a 20 year lease after expiration of the 5 year lease at an amount not exceeding £50 per annum. Council could not accede to the request at present but will give full consideration to the suggestion after the successful establishment of the Club.

Oberon Ambulance Committee advised Council they have placed an order for an ambulance. They ask that it be housed next to the Fire Station. Action deferred until investigation into suitable sites by the Shire Clerk.

Council Meeting – 2nd June, 1958

R.S.L. seeks portion of Council's land adjacent to the Bowling Green to erect a shed for the storage of equipment. Agreed with the stipulation that if, at a later date, Council requires this area, the Club will vacate when so requested.

Council Meeting – 14th July, 1958

Civil Defence – in the event of war, it would be the task of the Organisation at Oberon to be a Receiving Centre for the injured, care for city dwellers passing through and saving within the area and maintaining food supplies and health facilities.

President suggested that, as all occupying tenants have vacated the Brighton Boarding House, Council could give consideration to acquiring this site for a new Council Chambers.

2 cases of Infectious Hepatitis and 1 of Rheumatic Fever reported.

Following Licences issued for Small Goods (E. & L.J. McNamara, P. Christian, Howell Bros and Conomos Bros); Butchers Shop and Slaughterhouse (Cunynghame Bros); Sewer Plumber, Drainer & Water Fitter (F. Smith, Bathurst); Fish, Oysters, Crustaceans, etc. (Howell Bros and N. Hooper); Public Vehicle & P.V. Drivers (F.P. Hogan).

P.W.D. to be asked to permit Council the use of temporary cottages at the Fish River Dam for staff housing.

Mr. J. Gowans resigned as Temporary Survey Assistant and Mr. R.B. Cheetman of Woollahra be asked to accept the position.

Taxi Licence transferred from K. Nelson to E.L. Warhurst.

Council to support Ku-Ring-Gai Council in its endeavours to have minimum ceiling height of habitable rooms reduced from 9 ft. to 8 ft.

Grant for works on Oberon Golf Course will be considered in 1958/59 financial year and request made for detailed estimate of cost of work proposed.

Oberon Ambulance Committee granted permission to station the ambulance on the vacant block adjacent to the Deputy Shire Clerk's residence in Balfour Street.

Tenders to be invited for both plans of alterations to the Council Chambers.

Dept. of Lands intends to undertake a review of the advantages of the Oberon Common in the light of Council's application for a motel and camping site.

Dept. of Lands will favourably consider an application for a special purchase of the land on which the Dam Cottages are situated.

Apex Club prepared to provide voluntary labour for erection of tables and chairs at the swimming pool and of street and country

road signs, provided Council provides the materials.

Farmers & Settlers Association seeking Council's support in having a quick freezing factory established in the district.

R.E. Esdaile resigns as Health Inspector from 8th August, 1958.

Mr. H. Murray appointed Pound Keeper.

"Old Brighton Hotel" (corner of Oberon and Fleming Streets) to be demolished within 2 months of service of the Order upon the owner and if not Council will do the job.

Council Meeting - 18th August, 1958

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

Approval for alterations at R.S.L. Club worth £8,000.

Smallgoods Licence granted to S.E. Mawhood.

Health Inspector's Report to the T.I. Committee on Residential Districts.

Old Peoples' Welfare Council of N.S.W. advised they were sponsoring an Old Peoples' Week commencing on 23rd November and seeking Council's support to focus attention on and create interest in the need and problems of the elderly and to bring home to everybody their personal responsibility in this matter.

Council to support the Chamber of Commerce to establish the proposed Prison Camp in Oberon Shire.

Certificates of Naturalisation (2) to be presented as soon as possible. Only name supplied was W. Vitnyedvolgyi.

Messrs. Stapleton and Hanrahan's proposal to erect a shop, dwelling and petrol bowser in Black Springs be approved.

Shire Clerk to carry out duties of Health Inspector pending appointment of new officer.

Application to be made to Minister for declaration of portion of town of Oberon to be declared as a Residential District.

A.J. Hudson appointed as Health Inspector and if not, Mr. P.J. Corcoran.

W.E. Holness appointed as Shire Engineer.

T. Ludkiewicz appointed Deputy Engineer.

Council Meeting – 8th September, 1958

Council asked by Apex Club of Oberon to resume the block of land bounded by the Oberon-Bathurst Road, Oberon-Goulburn Road and Rupert Street for a park.

Shire Clerk recommended resumption of land for sewerage treatment works and effluent disposal area.

Tender of F.H. Cunynghame of Bathurst for £6,560 be accepted for erection of Council Chambers and Offices.

Council Meeting – 13th October, 1958

In the Presidential Minute it was revealed that the President had been present at the boundaries enquiry for 14 days and the Shire Clerk for 16 days. On the Dam Housing front it was advised that 11 vacant cottages were available for occupation; 6 cottages were occupied by persons who have applied to the Council to purchase their cottages; 1 cottage was reserved for the Police Department; 3 cottages were occupied by persons not engaged on works associated with the dam; and the balance were occupied by employees of either P.W.D. or Rocla Pipes. The Dept. of Lands to be informed that P.W.D. had no objection to Council acquiring the land on which the cottages are situated. This will enable Council to commence survey and fencing of the blocks.

A Small Goods Licence was granted to Teamond & Bowman of O'Connell and a licence as a fat extractor and pig keeper for Cunynghame Bros.

Deputy Engineer, T. Ludkiewicz, resigned from 5th December, 1958. Council then decided to suspend him on the following grounds: 1. He failed to carry out efficiently and economically certain C.A.R. Programmes within the approved allocations. 2. He failed to adhere to the approved Main Roads Maintenance and Improvement Programme. 3. He failed to

obtain approval from the D.M.R. for permission to engage contractors at plant hire rates. 4. He failed to carry out Council's directions in minor works programmes.

Shire Clerk, G.L. Pearse, resigned as from 7th November, 1958.

Council to enquire whether a Coronial Enquiry (following a fire) is to take place and, if not, Council proceed with demolition of the "Old Brighton" Hotel. No Coronial Enquiry. Council to proceed with demolition at owner's expense.

A.J. Hudson decided not to take Health Inspector's position because of housing position.

Mr. P. Corcoran to be appointed as Health Inspector.

The Temporary Surveyor, Mr. R. Zarycky's services terminated from 17th October, 1958

Holden Sedan to be purchased for use of Shire Engineer.

Council Meeting – 10th November, 1958

2 cases of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

As there were minor changes requested for Residential Districts Nos. 1 and 2 by the L.G. Department, the final Residential Districts were decided.

Keith Hawken appointed Impounding Officer from 8.11.58.

Measures to be taken to acquire the land bounded by M.R. 253 (Oberon-Bathurst), M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn) and Rupert Street being Section C, Lot 31, D.P. 2364, Parish of Oberon and if not, then by resumption for the purpose of establishing a public park (now known as Apex Park).

Mr. Courtney William McDowall appointed as Shire Clerk.

**Special Council Meeting – 24th
November, 1958**

This meeting covered various subjects such as M.R. M. & I. Programme, Bush Fire Conference, Repairs to Council Residence, Grazing Rights of Recreation Ground, Condition of Dozers, Forestry Commission work, Lease of Fire Station, Hiring of Plant – D.M.R., and Sector Maps for District Bush Fire District.

**Special Council Meeting – 15th
December, 1958**

Presidential Allowance: £150.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Committees:

Finance: Whole Council.

Works: Whole Council.

Town Improvement & Health: Crs. Buckley, Cunynghame and White.

Housing & Building: Crs. Buckley, Cunynghame and White.

**Council Meeting – 15th December,
1958**

7 cases of Infectious Hepatitis reported. Medical Officer of Health tried to find out what was causing the outbreak but could not find cause of infection, but it is believed to be carried by food and person contact.

Naturalisation Ceremony to be held for Mrs. S. Reinsberg and Messrs. Libralato, Licato and Szabo.

A further Polio Vaccination Scheme to be carried out on 17th December.

Mr. P. Brooke appointed Assistant Engineer.

1959

Council Meeting – 12th January, 1959

In 1958 20 cases of Infectious Hepatitis, 1 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Rheumatic Fever were reported.

20 Dam Cottages, for a total price of £22,500 to be paid within 21 days of acceptance.

A.L. Morse re-appointed Auditor.

Crs. J. White and A. Press appointed delegates to U.M.C.C. Cr. B. Webb appointed as delegate to Blue Mountains Fire Prevention Association.

Council Meeting – 9th February, 1959

T.P. Nunan's property, "Fairlight", Duckmaloi, gazetted as a Sanctuary under the Fauna Protection Act.

Licences granted to Conomos Bros., E. & L.J. McNamara and A. Ohrin (Refreshment Rooms); Conomos Bros., Howell Bros., E. & L.J. McNamara and A. McArthur (Fish Vendors, etc.); W.S. Oran, N.E. O'Brien and F.A. Johnson (Barber Shop); Conomos Bros., E. & L.J. McNamara, P. Christian and R.A. Evans (Milk Vendors); J.N.R. Burton, R.L. Hawken, W.C. Gardiner, J.M. Attuel, P.D. Hogan, F.P. Hogan and E.L. Warhurst (Public Vehicles); and J.N.R. Burton, R.L. Hawken, E.L. Warhurst, W.C. Gardiner, J.M. Attuell, W.A. Baker, L. Payne, M. Feebrey, A. McGrath, P.D. Hogan and F.P. Hogan (Public Vehicle Driver).

Council Meeting – 9th March, 1959

Naturalisation Ceremony held on 9th February for Joe Polonsky and Frank Miklavcic. 2 more Naturalisation Certificates have been received for John Matey and Wladyslaw Stelmaszyk.

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

Council decided to re-name Oak Street and Jenolan Street (or Old Jenolan Caves Road) to Buckley Crescent and Jenolan Street.

P.M.G. now say it will be 2 or 3 years before commencement of new Post Office.

Council Meeting – 13th April, 1959

Ex-Shire Engineer and Deputy Shire Engineer, Tad Ludiewicz, died in Inverell on 17.3.59.

Polio Clinics are not well attended. Hospital to give injections to those who missed clinic. Thanks to Hospital and Drs. Robey and Battersby.

Shire Clerk to take necessary steps to convene a meeting of interested bodies to plan the planting of trees and general town beautification.

Council Meeting – 11th May, 1959

A public meeting was held on tree planting and town beautification. It was decided that the Committee be called the Oberon Shire Council Tree Planting and Shire Beautification Advisory Committee, a public meeting be called annually and the Committee be elected from that meeting. 9 persons to be elected in addition to Council Delegates and Officers. The Committee comprised Messrs. Hammond, Whittam, Mors, Tribe, Harvey, Binns and Salmon and Mrs. Hesson and Miss O. Cunynghame. Public Meeting be called prior to end of February each year.

After discussions with Forestry Dept. and Timber Industries re log trucks causing extensive damage to roads during wet weather, the following was agreed: 1. Timber Industries agreed to avoid, where possible, using the roads and overloading during wet weather. 2. To make every endeavour to build up a stock pile of logs during fine weather of several months supply so as to avoid logging during winter conditions. 3. All parties agreed that an approach be made to the Premier's Dept. to have special grant monies made available for establishment of a new industry and that

this grant be primarily for necessary improvement to Oberon-Hampton, Oberon-Goulburn and Shooters Hill Roads, in that priority, to ensure that within the foreseeable future these roads will adequately carry the raw materials from timber forests to the mill.

F.P. Hogan granted Taxi Truck Licence.

Shire Engineer granted delegation of powers to approval all plans of subdivision.

S.E. Mawhood has been interviewed regarding alternative heating for now Council Chambers.

Special Council Meeting – 18th May, 1959

This meeting covered Shire Engineer's recommendations for purchase of motor trucks and deputation from Oberon Rugby League Club.

Council Meeting – 8th June, 1959

Tree Planting, etc., Committee recommended that a Garden and Street Frontage Competition be inaugurated Council be asked to donate a trophy for an annual competition. £5.5.0 to made available for trophy.

C.B.C. Bank be asked to provide a plaque setting out historic information and age of walnut tree.

Council still donating to Bathurst District Ambulance Service (£2.2.0).

Council Meeting – 13th July, 1959

Licences granted to E.L., H.W. and C.R. Cunynghame (Butcher Shop); C., T., G. & T. Conomos, Howell Bros., P. Christian, S.W. Mawhood, E.L. Warhurst and Teamond & Bowman (Small Goods); Cunynghame Bros. (Slaughter House); and Cunynghame Bros. (Noxious Trades).

Commonwealth Bank wants to purchase part of the postal site in Oberon for premises and the residue of the postal site will be sufficient for the purposes of the P.M.G.

Building Application submitted for Ambulance Station in Dart Street - £500.

Council Meeting – 10th August, 1959

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 14th September, 1959

Black Springs Progress Association formed with temporary officers to improve facilities generally in the village and asking for Council's assistance where possible. Agreed.

Housing Commission proposes to build cottages at Oberon for rental and purchase.

Special Council Meeting – 28th September, 1959

This meeting covered the purchase of additional road plant, the suspension of E.J. O'Neill under Section 99 (2) of the L.G. Act, vacancies for plant operators, and construction of tennis court at O'Connell.

Council Meeting – 12th October, 1959

Principal Polling Place for next election to be Council Chambers, Oberon. Other polling places to be Black Springs, Duckmaloi, Edith, Emden Vale, Essington, Gingkin, Hazelgrove, Isabella, Jaunter, Jenolan Caves, Jerrong, Melville Park, Norway, O'Connell, Paling Yards, Porters Retreat, Shooters Hill, Turonville and Wisemans Creek.

Council to call for applications for a typist (shorthand or not) and recommending that the duties of the Cost Clerk and Rates Clerk be combined.

Keith Hawken advised, subject to satisfactory service, he is appointed to a permanent post with the Council under the Control of the Health Surveyor (Impounding Officer).

Mr. S.T. White appointed sanitary and garbage contractor.

Hon. J.B. Renshaw, Minister for Local Government and Hon. C.A. Kelly, Chief Secretary, be asked to indicate a convenient date for them to officially open the Council Chambers, sometime in January, 1960.

Council Meeting – 9th November, 1959

The President, in his report, said that during the past 3 years there had been 16 ½ miles of roads bitumen surfaced, 13 ½ miles under reconstruction ready for bitumen, 90 miles of road had been reformed and graveled and £29,700 had been spent on construction of bridges and major culverts. Also, after many years, the construction of a new Council Chambers had been finalized at a cost of £8,500. The Fire Station was opened on 18th January, 1958 giving the town better fire protection and reducing insurance premiums. 3 ½ miles of streets have been bitumen sealed and paving and kerbing and guttering continues. 25 Dam cottages have been purchased from a total of 32 and have been painted and renovated and home seekers assisted to purchase them on liberal terms of £50 deposit and balance repayable over 25 years at an average cost of £2,000 per cottage. This scheme is self-supporting and has been carried out at no cost to ratepayers. Town improvement and tree planting commenced in August, 1959 and 160 trees, shrubs and tree guards have been placed in Dart and Queen Streets. This programme will continue on a yearly basis. The sewerage scheme for the town will commence late 1960.

Harold Murray resigned as Pound Keeper and Keith Hawken appointed.

Mr. S.T. White, Sanitary and Garbage Contractor, to commence on 1st December, 1959.

Golf Club asked to have plans and specifications and an estimate for a new Club House and Council make application for a loan of £3,000.

There was a well on the corner of Fleming and Dart Streets.

Special Council Meeting – 23rd November, 1959

This covered tenders for road plant.

Special Council Meeting – 14th December, 1959

Presidential Allowance: £150.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Committees:

Finance: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame & White.

Works: Whole Council.

Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Health, Building & T.I.: Crs. Alexander, Buckley and White.

Tree Planting: Crs. Alexander, Buckley and White.

Staff & Administration: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame & Mors.

Council Meeting – 14th December, 1959

Lease of Golf Club to be vested in Council's hands and membership of the Golf Club must be open to any reputable resident of the district and also reserving the public right to enter any part of the area except the Club House and the greens.

Notices of resumption for the Sewerage Treatment Works and effluent area be signed and sealed by Council.

Cr. H.H. McKinnon appointed delegate to Southern Mitchell County Council for 3 years. Crs. V.H. Arrow and J. White appointed delegates to Upper Macquarie County Council. Cr. L. Mors appointed representative to Blue Mountains Bush Fire Prevention Assocn.

Cr. L.C. Armstrong appointed representative to Mitchell Bush Fire Prevention Assocn.

Special Council Meeting – 21st December, 1959

Council Meetings to be held on the 3rd Monday of each month.

The rest of the meeting covered Estimates for the forthcoming year.

1960

Council Meeting – 18th January, 1960

Hon. P.D. Hills, M.L.A., available for opening of Council Chambers on 6th February, 1960 as long as it is a luncheon and the Official Opening is, say, 2.30 p.m. luncheon to be 12 noon at Masonic Hall.

Licences granted to Howell Bros., Conomos Bros., Micos & Calamaras and E.L. Warhurst (Fish Vendors); Conomos Bros., Micos & Calamaras, A. Ohrin and E.L. Warhurst (Refreshment Room); F.A. Johnson, W.S. Oran and N. O'Brien (Barbers Shop); E.L. Warhurst, J.N.R. Burton, F.P. Hogan, R. Hawken, W.C. Gardiner, P.P. Hogan, W.A. Baker, M. Feebrey and J.M. Attuel (Public Vehicle Driver); and E.L. Warhurst, J.N.R. Burton, F.P. Hogan, R. Hawken, W.C. Gardiner, P.P. Hogan, J.M. Attuel (Public Vehicle).

£5 donated to Oberon Ambulance Finance Committee for 1960.

Suitable seating to be provided under the Walnut Tree in the main street.

Council Meeting – 15th February, 1960

Public Vehicle Driver's Licence granted to P. Richards.

A.L. Morse re-appointed Auditor for 1960.

Special Meeting – 24th February, 1960

This meeting covered all sorts of road matters.

Council Meeting – 21st March, 1960:

Denise Artery appointed as Junior Typist.

P. Brooks appointed Deputy Engineer from Assistant Engineer.

A claim of £2,250 to be paid to L.H. Marks for resumption of his land for Sewerage Treatment Works, etc.

Council Meeting – 20th April, 1960

Council has now been advised that the proposed sewerage scheme should commence in the 1961/62 financial year.

A Tourist Direction Map to be constructed at Shire Depot (5' x 5') with relevant direction maps painted by Health Inspector and to be erected at the side of the Council Chambers with suitable lighting for the benefit of tourists.

Council Meeting – 16th May, 1960

All organizations can use the Council's Notice Board provided such notices are authorized by the Shire Clerk.

R.S.L. interested in acquiring present Council depot should Council move from that site.

Council Meeting – 20th June, 1960

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

Licences issued to Cunynghame Bros (Butchers Shop, Cattle Slaughtering and Noxious Trades); and Conomos Bros., S.E. Mawhood, Howell Bros., E.L. Warhurst, P. Christian and Teamons & Bowman (Small Goods).

Council Meeting – 18th July, 1960

Further Polio Clinics are to be held in July.

The Medical Examination of school children within the Shire will commence within the next month.

1 case of Scarlet Fever reported.

Health Surveyor to re-number the whole of the town.

Council wants new Police Station and Court House to be erected in Oberon Street, not Queen Street.

Special Council Meeting - 25th July, 1960

This meeting was called to discipline the Shire Engineer. As the Shire Engineer, Mr. W.E. Holness had tendered his resignation Council decided not to discipline him but insisted he terminate his employment not later than 25th October, 1960.

Council Meeting - 15th August, 1960

At this meeting Council was advised that the Shire Engineer, W.E. Holness, had died.

Council Meeting - 19th September, 1960

Extensions to Town Boundary decided.

Council to contact Housing Commission asking for 20 more cottages to meet demand.

A Special Meeting was held between Blaxland and Oberon Council re need for an abattoir at Wallerawang. It was suggested that the area comprise City of Blue Mountains, City of Lithgow, Shires of Oberon and Blaxland and part of Turon. Oberon does not wish to be part of the Blayney Abattoir.

On receipt of a loan of £4,000 for Sewerage Treatment Works and Effluent Area, Council proceed with purchase of land from Lionel H. Marks.

Tenders called for construction of bridge over 8 Mile Swamp Bridge.

Cr. Alexander to be Council's representative on the re-constituted Mitchell Regional Development Committee, Orange.

Provision of garbage disposal bins in the main street agreed to.

Special Council Meeting - 28th September, 1960

Mr. M.J. Farleigh appointed as Shire Engineer with L.J. Blood and R.S. Hoy 2nd and 3rd choices.

Council Meeting - 17th October, 1960

Proposed new boundaries for the town for Town Improvement, Fire Brigade, Scavenging and Building Area.

Shire Clerk to prepare a draft agreement between Council and Cunynghame Bros. whereby the Council appoints Cunynghame Bros. Slaughterhouse as the Central Abattoir for the Oberon Shire in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meats Amendment Act.

Whereby the Shire Clerk, Shire Engineer and Council were paid the Main Roads Commission it was resolved that only the Shire Clerk and Shire Engineer receive it now.

A Mrs. J.S. Robinson requested Council to donate a prize for a new section to be introduced to the A.H. & P. Associations attractions at next Show. The new section would cover tourist attractions and the prize would be given to the 6 best photographs of the district. Council to donate £2.2.0.

Second-hand Dealers Licences approved for G.T. Evans and J.K. McCusker.

Trout fishermen in Lithgow have approached Council for access to the Fish River Dam for trout fishing.

Committee to be formed to formulate a policy on the limitation of weights on roads in the Shire.

Council Meeting - 21st November, 1960

D.M.R. approved acceptance of tender of J. Miller for £6,336 for construction of new bridge over 8 Mile Swamp Creek on M.R. 253 (Oberon-Bathurst).

Housing Commission has negotiated with Mrs. Cunynghame for the acquisition of a parcel of her land with a potential for 28 lots.

New Court House expected to be built during current financial year next to the Police Station.

Council's Impounding Officer empowered by Bathurst P.P. Board to impound any

stock trespassing on any Travelling Stock Reserve (T.S.R.) on any day of the week or at any time of the day or night within the Oberon Shire area.

New Shire Engineer, L.J. Blood, commenced around about November, 1960.

Council to consider water meters for the town in the 1961 Estimates.

**Special Council Meeting – 5th
December, 1960**

Presidential Allowance: £150.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor C. Alexander.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance: Whole Council.

Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Health, Building & T.I.: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame and White.

Staff: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame and Mors.

**Special Council Meeting – 9th
December, 1960**

This meeting covered the limit of weights and vehicles on roads.

**Council Meeting – 19th December,
1960**

Mulwaree and Turon Shires have given permission for Council to impound stock within 1 mile of the Shire boundary.

1961

Special Council Meeting - 9th January, 1961

This meeting was called re distribution to Riding Boundaries and a delegation to take up this matter before the Dept. of Local Government to retain the present boundaries.

Council Meeting - 16th January, 1961

Licences issued to Howell Bros., Conomos Bros., Touralis & Kalogeras, P. Christian, E.L. Warhurst and W.J. Evans (Milk Vendors); F.A. Johnson, W.S. Oran and N.E. O'Brien (Barbers Shops); Conomos Bros., Touralis & Kalogeras, E.L. Warhurst, A.H. MacArthur and Howell Bros. (Fish Vendors); W.C. Gardiner, R.A. Evans, R.L. Hawken and E.L. Warhurst, F.P. Hogan, P.D. Hogan and J.M. Attuel (Public Vehicles); and W.C. Gardiner, E.L. Warhurst, R.A. Evans, R.A. Warhurst, R.L. Hawken, F.P. Hogan, Norman Feebrey, W.A. Baker, J.M. Attuel and P.D. Hogan (Public Drivers).

Bubbler fountain to be installed in front of Harrison's store.

Council Meeting - 20th February, 1961

Shire Clerk, Mr. McDowall resigned as from 1st May, 1961 but he was granted sick leave on full pay from 20th February, 1961 to date of resignation.

Local Govt. Dept. have no objections to deferring changes to Riding boundaries until after the next triennial elections.

Council has purchased a fogging machine to try to alleviate the terrible fly menace in the town. So far the first spraying has covered the schools, depot and slaughterhouse yards.

Proposed loan borrowing during 1961/62 financial year covered things like accounting machine, receipting machine, office equipment, installation of metered water

service, main roads reconstruction, town streets reconstruction, drainage construction, recreation ground improvements (tennis courts), ladies rest room, public library, baby health clinic, and part contribution to Oberon Sewerage Scheme. These totaled £88,900.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed Auditor.

Council Meeting - 20th March, 1961

Mr. Teerman of Sandy Bay, Hobart appointed to position of Engineering Assistant, to commence on 17th April, 1961.

1 case of Infectious Hepatitis reported.

Council Meeting - 17th April, 1961

Mr. W.F. Todd appointed as Shire Clerk.

If Council disposes of the Depot site, the R.S.L. Club be granted 1st option for purchase. Shire Engineer to investigate availability of alternate Depot site.

Tenders to be called in April or May for construction of new Court House.

Council to become member of the Royal Australian Historical Society.

Meeting to be convened for preliminary discussions for Oberon's Centenary in 1963.

A suitably inscribed sign to be erected at the junction of Bathurst and Carlwood Roads denoting that the Carlwood Road was the first road built into inland Australia by William Cox between July, 1814 and January, 1815.

Councillor Alexander to be Council's delegate to the (district) Tourist Association meeting in Bathurst. Council to affiliate with the Bathurst Tourist Association at a fee of £2.2.0.

Council Meeting – 15th May, 1961

Typist Clerk, Miss J. Armstrong, resigned.

Housing Commission to build a further 3 dwellings in North Street and requested Council to furnish street names in the new North Street subdivision.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1961

The Land Board Office, Orange, advised Council that it proposed to create a National Park of about 182 square miles (to be known as Kanangra-Boyd National Park).

Licences granted to Howell Bros. and S.E. Mawhood (Small Goods); and J.N.R. Burton (Public Vehicle Driver).

Miss Hindy new Typist-Clerk.

New streets in the North Street subdivision be named Phillip Street and Kelly, Luchetti and Armstrong Place.

Council Meeting – 17th July, 1961

P.W.D. to be asked for inclusion of chlorination plant in construction of sewerage treatment works.

Tree Planting Committee decided to hold 2 competitions for (1) best pavement garden (between front fence and street) and (2) best garden (to be judged from appearance from street, outside front gate) and donations to be asked for from Arthur Yates, Andersons, Apex Club and Council. Headmaster of Central School be asked to recommend a form of essay or drawing for school children for which prizes could be given on the theme of "Methods of Beautification of Shire, Town, Park or School". Council to donate £5.5.0. A Mr. Crowe - £5.5.0, Apex Club - £5, Open Orders from Arthur Yates and Andersons Seeds for 10/6 and 7/6 respectively.

Building applications from January to June this year totaled £69,205 compared to £14,455 for the same 6 months last year – an increase of £54,755.

Licences granted to Cunynghame Bros (Butcher Shop, Slaughterhouse and Noxious Trades); Howell Bros., S.E. Mawhood, P.

Christian, Conomos Bros. and E.L. Warhurst (Small Goods).

Minimum building line of 15 ft. from the front boundary for erection, reconstruction, alterations or renovation of a dwelling house suggested.

Mr. A. Barlow be transferred from the Store to the General Office. Agreed.

Dave Toohill appointed to position of Storeman.

Council to seek option for purchase of Edgell's property at £4,000 for 90 days.

Council to attend next R.S.L. meeting to submit the price of £7,000 for the proposed purchase by the R.S.L. for Council's Depot.

Council Meeting – 21st August, 1961

Housing Commission advised it will be building 8 new homes in North Street.

Health Inspector reported to Council on Proposed Residential Districts. Extension of Residential District No. 3 to include the Council Depot and Methodist Church.

Council to erect "Children Crossing" flags in Oberon Street, Dart Street and adjacent to the Convent School.

Council to try to get better lighting at the Oberon Railway Station. The Railways say "NO" as the expenditure would not be justified but if residents patronize the rail service to the extent which would warrant improved illumination, the matter would be given further consideration.

The Black Springs Progress Association asked Council to support the request for a 6 day mail service per week (up from 4) for the Oberon, Edith and Porters Retreat areas.

Council Meeting – 18th September, 1961

Council to defer decision on Library, but plans for Ladies Rest Room and Baby Health Clinic be submitted to L.G. Dept. for a building costing £5,000. Council confer with members of the C.W.A. concerning a site.

Oberon Football Club (Captain A. Paskins) be congratulated on their Premiership win and the favourable publicity brought to the Shire by the manner in which the win had been achieved.

Council Meeting – 16th October, 1961

Dept. of Local Government advising that Minister has decided not to proceed with the proposal submitted by Lithgow Council for the division of City of Lithgow and Blaxland, Oberon, Rylstone and Turon Shires into 4 new areas, nor with the proposal by Oberon for the transfer of part of Blaxland Shire into Oberon Shire.

Mrs. O. Pople resigned and Miss Anne Dunlop appointed Typist Clerk.

Mr. Makarov, Second Secretary to the Russian Embassy to visit Shire on 13th November and a Civic Reception to be held at 9.30 a.m.

Lithgow Council concerned with the inadequacy of pensions paid to Invalid and Old Aged Pensioners and seeking support for the introduction of a National Insurance Scheme whereby compulsory deductions are made from wages, salaries or other personal income during the person's working life and invested in a fund which would provide an adequate pension to all people, irrespective of means upon retirement, chronic illness or infirmity.

Commissioner for Railways will be at Tarana and will receive Council's deputation re installation of electric lighting at Oberon Railway Station. Railways are prepared to have electricity installed immediately at the Railway Station if Council is prepared to pay half the cost. Council agreed to pay half the cost of the quote for electrification of the station as given by Mr. Syd Bartlett.

The Library Board asked Council if it would be prepared to be represented at the Regional Meeting proposed for Lithgow in early December. This is for formation of Mitchell Regional Library Service.

2 cases of Infectious Hepatitis reported (1 local and 1 import).

Pine Forests of Australia Pty. Ltd. (Mrs. Korduba's) subdivision of Portions 77, 76, 43, 83, 44 and 84 in the Parish of Garrynian approved.

Council Meeting – 20th November, 1961

M.C. Cotton willing to accept position of Civil Defence Controller for the Shire.

Water Meters to be purchased and tenders called for supply and installation.

Special Council Meeting – 11th December, 1961

Presidential Allowance: £150.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor C. Alexander.

Committees:

Works and Finance: Whole Council.

Bush Fire: Crs. M. Dwyer and H. McKinnon.

Health, Building & T.I.: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame, Mors & White.

Staff: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame and Mors.

Town Beautification: Crs. Alexander, Buckley, Cunynghame, Mors & White.

Council Meeting – 11th December, 1961

The Shire Clerk, W.F. Todd's, name appears on Agendas from June to December, 1961, but the Deputy Shire Clerk, J.R. Bell, has been signing all Reports, Minutes, etc. since June. The Shire Clerk's name appeared on all his reports, but they were never signed. One presumes he must have been off sick (or something). His resignation was tendered from 13.4.62.

The Department of L.G. wrote concerning the alteration to Residential Districts and advised that no purpose was served in submitting applications which contravene a prescribed scheme.

2 further cases of Infectious Diseases reported (no type given).

A School Bus Committee has now been formally constituted with a Constitution.

Council is not prepared to participate in a Regional Library.

Miss A. Dunlop resigned and Mrs. W. Cunynghame appointed as Typist-Clerk.

1962

Council Meeting – 15th January, 1962

1 case of a Notifiable Disease was reported (the patient being from another Shire and entering Oberon Hospital). It does not say what the disease was.

Licences issued to E.L. Warhurst, A. & F. Soulios, A.H. Macarthur, Howell Bros. and Conomos Bros. (Fish Vendors); F.A. Johnson, A.J. Chapman, W.S. Oran and N.E. O'Brien (Barbers Shop); E.L. Warhurst, A. & F. Soulios, F.M. Elliott & D.M. Nawd and Conomos Bros. (Refreshment Room); E.L. Warhurst, G. & F. Soulios, Howell Bros., R.A. Evens, Conomos Bros., Peter Manousos and W.J. Evens (Milk Vendors); E.L. Warhurst, R.A. Warhurst, S.T. White, W.C. Gardner, P.D. Hogan, R.L. Hawken, F.P. Hogan, J.M. Attuel and K.L. Hogan (Public Vehicles).

Recommended Council purchase the land owned by Gordon Edgell & Co. in Lowes Mount Road for £4,000, with Council to pay all legal costs.

Recommendation that Council Offices hours of 8.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. be adopted but be subject to review in 12 months' time.

Council Meeting – 19th February, 1962

Health Inspector, P.J. Corcoran resigned from 22.2.62.

Shire Clerk, W.F. Todd resigned from 13.4.62.

A.L. Morse re-appointed as Auditor.

Mulwaree and Oberon Council's requested that Abercrombie Hill be designated a "mountain pass".

Mr. C.R. Wilson, Aberdare (Cessnock), appointed Chief Health Inspector.
(Withdrawn).

Council Meeting – 19th March, 1962

Mr. J.W. Ferry of Taree appointed as Chief Health Inspector.

President granted permission for C. Doust, Coroner, Oberon, to use Council Chambers on 2nd and 3rd May, 1952 for the purpose of holding a Coroner's Inquest into the recent accident on the Jenolan Caves Road.

McGrath Motors given permission to use Crown land in Oberon Street for a Used Car Yard.

Council willing to provide necessary materials for the construction of a proposed bus shelter at Black Springs but the Association has to carry out work by voluntary labour.

Mr. Harold Murray to install water meters at weekends at a cost of 30/- per meter.

Mr. R.A. Warhurst's application for a licence to operate a vehicle as a public vehicle be refused as it is considered that the granting of the licence is not in the public interest.

Plans and specifications requested from T. Trevor-Jones, Architects, Bathurst for Ladies Rest Room and Baby Health Clinic and that tenders be called for construction at a cost in the vicinity of £10,000.

Council Meeting 16th April, 1962

Forestry Commission to be asked to raise stock for tree planting in Oberon Shire.

Position of Shire Clerk to be offered to Mr. B.B. Gaggin, Town Clerk, Condobolin Council.

A loan of £5,000 procured for the purchase of land and buildings and erection of public works depot.

The plan of subdivision submitted by Messrs. Carpenter, Bentley and McKenzie for Pine Forests of Australia Pty. Ltd. be approved.

Applications invited from aged persons desirous of suitable accommodation within the town. Circular to be forwarded to Church of England, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches advising of Council's proposal for the establishment of homes for the aged and asking that this matter be brought to the notice of their congregations.

Council Meeting – 21st May, 1962

Additional accommodation to be provided at Oberon Central School consisting of 1 class room in timber and 1 clinic.

Mr. A.B. Brook, Station Master at Oberon, advised that installation of electric lighting at Oberon Railway Station is now completed satisfactorily and thanking Council for their efforts in having this work carried out.

D.M.R. advised that it is unable to accede to Council's application for proclamation of Abercrombie Hill as a "Mountain Pass". D.M.R. to be asked to receive a deputation to discuss the matter at length.

1 case of Polio has been reported.

Council to borrow £60,000 to meet Council's costs of the Oberon Sewerage Scheme.

Application for resumption of Lot 31, Section C, D.P. 2364, Carrington Avenue for the purpose of public recreation (park at corner of Carrington and Crete Streets).

Tenders to be called for proposed additions and alterations to Council Chambers.

Applications to be invited for Caretaker for Council's Recreation Reserve. It is envisaged that this Caretaker could oversee Council's interest for Camping Reserve, Oval and Swimming Pool.

Bitumen sealing through Village of Black Springs to be carried out in accordance with the existing road alignment.

Chief Health Inspector authorized to investigate proposals for establishment of tetanus clinics in the Shire.

Negotiations proceeding for sale of Council's Depot to Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club.

Council Meeting – 18th June, 1962

Mr. J.C. Cotton's residence in Ross Street to be purchased as Shire Clerk's residence.

Council's Depot to be sold to R.S.L. Club for £2,500 provided the Club proceeds with construction of a suitable building within 12 months.

Department of Interior asking if Council has any objections to the proposed acquisition of land at Norway and Essington for Automatic Telephone Exchange.

Oberon P. & F. requesting construction of a basket ball court at the Convent School.

Mr. J. Skene appointed Caretaker of Oberon Recreation Reserve.

Council Meeting – 16th July, 1962

Licences renewed by Conomos Bros., S.E. Mawhood, Howell Bros. and G. & F. Soulios (Small Goods); Cunynghame Bros. (Butcher Shop, Slaughter Yards and Noxious Trades)

A Committee was formed to arrange suitable celebrations for Oberon's Centenary.

Council Meeting – 20th August, 1962

Installation of water meters throughout town has been completed.

Licences granted to E.L. Warhurst and P. & E. Manousos (Small Goods).

Special Committee of 4 members of the Oberon Centenary Celebrations Committee to investigate and consider suitable memorial as an historical mark of Oberon Centenary.

Dept. of Railways to conduct a 1 day tour from Sydney to Oberon on 28th October, 1962.

Estimates for cost of proposed alterations and additions to the Council Chambers are as follows:-

First Floor – Council's Offices
£7,750

Alterations to existing structures to provide a Baby Health Centre, incl. ramp
£2,500

Women's Rest Room
£2,750

No provision to be made for a library in the proposed alterations.

Chief Health Inspector requested to submit a report to Council on the Fluoridation of Oberon Water Supply.

Engineer to investigate cost of providing suitable protection boxes for water meters as during heavy frosts they "blow".

Council to undertake construction of a Go-Kart track.

Council Meeting - 17th September, 1962

Council to purchase Bibles to be given out at Naturalisation Ceremonies.

Minister offers a grant of £500 towards actual construction of a park at corner of Cunynghame and Ross Streets on a £ for £ basis.

No further action be taken for appointment of Caretaker for Recreation Reserve and report on possibilities of providing funds for erection of a cottage for use by the Caretaker on the Reserve.

Arrangements to be made with the Fluoridation of Water Supplies Committee and the Anti-Fluoridation Campaign Committee to discuss the merits and demerits of fluoridation of water supplies.

Special Council Meeting - 24th September, 1962

This meeting covered an application for a loan to purchase a Jenolan Street cottage, proposal for the implementation of a housing scheme in the town and refixing of levels in Balfour and North Streets.

Shire Clerk to submit a report setting out possible conditions for introduction of a housing scheme within the town.

Council Meeting - 15th October, 1962

The Shire Engineer reported that "an extremely bad outbreak of vandalism occurred on the Sunday evening and early

Monday morning of the long weekend (Labour Day). All the signs on the Bathurst Road, including warning signs and 30 m.p.h. signs, were either pulled out or turned to face the wrong way. "Roadworks in Progress" signs and lights in the town were scattered over the streets and a recently erected street name sign in Scotia Avenue was pulled down. In all it was a rather disgusting exhibition of vandalism."

Maintenance of the Bridge over Fish River at O'Connell is being transferred to Turon Shire Council and Oberon's caretaking role will cease on 30th September, 1962.

Oberon Apex Club asked Council's permission to paint the swings, roundabouts, etc. in the park next to the swimming pool, to do actual painting work at the pool when it is drained and cleaned and for the use of a bulldozer to undertake general cleaning up work at the cemetery. Granted.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Jozsep Marton.

The conditions drawn up by the Condobolin Municipal Council for the housing scheme operating in that area be adopted in their entirety.

Oberon to be Principal Polling Place for elections on 1st December. "A" Riding - Wisemans Creek, Turonville, Norway, O'Connell, Black Springs and Essington. "B" Riding - Turonville, O'Connell, Hazelgrove. "C" Riding - Isabella, Melville Park, Duckmaloi, Edith, Black Springs, Gingkin, Emden Vale, Paling Yards, Porters Retreat, Jerrong, Shooters Hill, Jenolan Caves and Jaunter.

Shire Engineer asked to prepare and submit plans, specifications and cost estimates of a suitable building for use as a caretaker's residence at the Recreation Reserve.

Council considered erecting a Historic Sign on the Carlwood Road, but this was deferred pending all possible information being obtained from the Historical Society.

Oberon Building Society No. 3 given permission to use the services of Council's Chief Health and Building Inspector, J.W.

Ferry, in making valuations on behalf of the Society.

Council Meeting – 19th November, 1962

A 1 day railway tour to Oberon took place on 28th October when 273 visitors were shown the area. Mrs. H. Rodwell provided interesting information concerning the town and district.

More vandalism in the form of a “Roadworks in Progress” sign on Jenolan Caves Road, opposite the Forestry Office, was chopped off the 2 4” x 4” supporting posts, also a brass D.M.R. name plate has been taken off the concrete end post at the Isabella River Bridge.

It has been established that the Carlwood Road was the road actually constructed by Cox in 1814. Mrs. Hilary Rodwell (she was the first woman Councillor in this Shire), who is a member of the Royal Australian Historical Society, obtained a plan of the road and has invited the Shire Engineer to accompany members of the Society on a tour of the road from Mt. Blaxland to the Bathurst Road.

1 case of Scarlet Fever has been reported.

Licences issued to C. Stavropoulos (Fish & Crustaceans, Small Goods, Refreshment Room and Milk Vendor); and P. Dale of Lithgow (Sewer Plumber).

The Minimum size of an allotment of land upon which a dwelling house may be erected shall be 6,000 sq. ft.

The Health, Building and Town Improvement Committee suggested that the Baby Health Clinic be built on land at the corner of Fleming and Dart Streets; the construction of a Women’s Rest Room be constructed on the Council Chambers site; and alterations and additions to the Council Chambers and Offices be on the ground floor only.

Country Television Services advised they will shortly be commencing “live” programmes, one of these being “Byways and Highways”, a ½ hour motoring programme, and one segment of the

programme would feature tours of points of beauty and interest within the coverage areas. Council was asked to supply details and photographs, where possible, of scenic drives and points of interest in its area.

Sgt. Foot of the Oberon Police to leave Oberon on 12th December, 1962.

Female members of the Clerical staff to be supplied with uniforms at a total cost of £30.

S.T. White’s tender for supply of sanitary and garbage services accepted for 3 years.

Special Council Meeting – 29th November, 1962

This meeting was called to confer with Mr. A.H. Kemp, Divisional Engineer, D.M.R., re proposed construction of high level bridges at Little River and Running Stream.

Special Council Meeting – 10th December, 1962

Presidential Allowance: £150.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Finance Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley, Cunynghame, Turner & White.

Works Committee: Whole Council.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley, Cunynghame, Rodwell & Sheppard.

School Bus Committee: Councillors Buckley and Rodwell.

S.M.C.C.: Councillor J. White.

U.M.C.C.: Councillors Arrow and White.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Staff Committee: Councillors Arrow, Buckley, Cunynghame and White.

Bush Fire Committee: Councillors, Armstrong, McKinnon and Turner.

Tree Planting & Beautification: Councillors Buckley and Rodwell.

School Bus Committee: Councillors
Armstrong and 2 others.

Bath. & District Tourism: Councillor
H.E.A. Rodwell.

**Council Meeting – 10th December,
1962**

Authority given for the acquisition of the
saleyards area owned by Winchcombe
Carson Pty. Ltd. at a cost of £6,000.
Charges, for the time being, to be fixed at
1/3 per head sold for cattle, 4d. per head
sold for sheep and 1/1 per head sold for pigs.

Professor N.D. Martin, Professor of
Preventive Dentistry, is to visit Oberon on
18th February, 1963 to address the Council
on the subject of water fluoridation.

Court House at Oberon not anticipated to be
ready for occupation until January or
February, 1963.

Council approved that householders have a
garbage bin, having a capacity of not greater
than 2 ½ ct. ft. and 3 ½ ct. ft., for business
premises.

1963

Council Meeting – 21st January, 1963

Council asked if it would take part in the 175th Anniversary of the Foundation of Australia in 1963. Council declined.

Forestry Commission and Department of Agriculture investigating the proposal to establish pine forests on land heavily infested with serrated tussock at Rockley and Mt. Macquarie.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mr. Gabriello Mazzotti.

As from 22nd January, 1963 the public office hours of Council be from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays (Public Holidays excepted).

The Shire Clerk has been granted permission to purchase 1 electrically operated Gestetner duplicator, 2 electrically operated adding machines, 1 electric typewriter, 1 Edison Voicewriter (comprising dictation and transcription units). 1 office desk, 1 key cabinet and 4 steel filing cabinets.

Government officials to visit Kanangra Walls on 31st January concerning proposed National Parks establishment in that area.

Council Meeting – 18th February, 1963

Council approached by Bathurst Council asking if it would be prepared to associate itself with a proposed tourist road from Cooma to Wellington, via Canberra, Goulburn, Taralga, Oberon Bathurst, Orange and Molong.

A grant of £1,000 accepted by the Council for the realignment of the road to the Oberon Dam.

Council to accept trusteeship of Reserve No. 80358 in the Village of Black Springs.

Council Meeting – 18th March, 1963

Railway Historical Society made a visit to Oberon on 9th March.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Modesta Mazzotti.

Council has decided to provide a Baby Health Clinic and Women's Rest Centre on land at the corner of Fleming and Dart Streets.

Council to purchase 8 rubbish receptacles for installation in Oberon Street at a cost of £30

At a Committee Meeting of the Oberon Tenancy Advisory Committee it was noted that there were now 22 persons on the waiting list for cottages in the town.

Council Meeting – 17th April, 1963

Council to contribute £5 to the Apex Club for construction of Apex Park.

A total of 12 accidents occurred in the Oberon Shire during the quarter ended 31st December, 1962, resulting in 1 death and 14 injured.

Rental for the cottage being erected by Council for a Caretaker at the Oberon Camping Reserve be £3 per week.

Council Meeting – 20th May, 1963

Another 5 homes to be erected for the Housing Commission in North Street.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed Auditor.

D.M.R. requested to give consideration to the sealing of the Two Mile Hill on M.R. 253 at Jenolan Caves. (This was finally done in the 1980's).

Quotations requested for the amenities block at the Oberon Recreation Reserve.

Better loading facilities for livestock at Oberon Railway Station was requested.

Mr. A. Beasley appointed as Engineering Assistant, Grade 1 and commencing on 17.6.63.

Council Meeting – 17th June, 1963

Railways Department asked to provide a residence for the Oberon Station Master.

A petition containing 70 signatures has been sent to the Minister for Local Government on behalf of S.R. Harrison and others concerning Council's direction that verandah awnings on shops in Oberon be removed by 19th June, 1963. Chief Health & Building Inspector requested to make an inspection of all existing awnings in the town with a view to taking any necessary action for rendering such awnings safe.

A Certificate of Naturalisation was received for Mr. Ray Kuzman.

Council Meeting – 15th July, 1963

Oberon P. & C. drew attention to the need for a resident dentist in Oberon and asking Council to provide dental services in the area. Council to contact Housing Commission re matter of housing for a resident dentist.

Mr. R.G. Inglis accepted appointment as Camping Ground Supervisor from 29.7.63.

During the quarter ending 31st March, 1963, 17 accidents occurred in the Oberon Shire – 5 persons were injured.

Council agreed to the proposal of the Soil Conservation Service to establish an experimental roadside erosion site on the Bathurst-Bathurst Road in close proximity to Eight Mile Swamp Creek.

Black Springs Progress Association accepted Council's offer to make available second-hand materials from the Oberon Works Depot for use in the construction of a bus shelter at Black Springs.

Mrs. Mazzotti and Mr. Kuzman to receive their Naturalisation Certificates on 19th August, 1963.

Council to purchase, from the Department of Lands, the Council Works Depot for £925 for subsequent resale to the Oberon Branch

of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. for £3,000, subject to the land being used by the Sub-Branch for the benefit of the community and the price to include the concrete block storeroom, concrete block barracks and oil storage depot, all other improvements to remain the property of the Council.

Council Meeting – 19th August, 1963

Approval for a service station at Oberon Freighters on Bathurst Road.

Council agreed to support a request for a "Golden Way" highway from Canberra to Tamworth via Goulburn, Taralga, Black Springs and Oberon and thence north via either Bathurst or Portland.

Tenders for 7 new timber framed premises by Housing Commission to be called.

Lot 18 in the North Street Housing Commission subdivision to be used for construction of cottages and that Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 be dedicated as a children's play area. In the past 2 years, 14 dwellings have been completed for allocation to ordinary applicants and 3 with funds provided by the Department of Industrial Development & Decentralisation.

Council to offer to the Trustees of the Oberon Golf Club a renewal of the lease of the section of the Recreation Reserve used for the Golf Course for a period of 15 years from 10th January, 1964 under existing conditions, with the exception that the rent payable to the Council shall be £52 per year.

Council to contribute up to £125 towards the cost of replacing the boundary fence between the Recreation Reserve and the property of A.D. Cunynghame (golf club fence).

The Amenities Block at the Camping Reserve to be constructed by the Camping Ground Supervisor, assisted by a labourer.

Council to purchase and install an electrical type of filtration equipment at the Oberon Swimming Pool.

His Excellency, the Governor of N.S.W. and Mrs. Woodward to visit Oberon on 13th and 14th March, 1963. Sub-committee to be

formed to prepare details of official functions.

Oberon Sub-Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. are prepared to pay £3,000 for the old Depot site, provided that the land is cleared of all buildings and graded. Sub-committees of Council and the R.S.L. to meet to discuss the matter.

Council Meeting – 16th September, 1963

After an inspection of the old Depot site at the R.S.L., Council agreed to sell the site at a cost of £3,000 and Council to undertake the removal of all buildings and grading of the land. Council also to resume the land for the purpose of selling the whole of such land in 1 lot as authorized by Sections 321 (1) (b) (VIII) and 532 (1) of the Local Government Act to the R.S.L. and pay the Department of Lands the compensation of £925.

Council gives permission for high level bridges over Little River and Running Stream on Goulburn Road at a cost of £36,000, 1/8th the cost to be borne by Council.

Council to provide waterproof macs and overalls for members of the Council's staff at a cost of £220.

Temporary removal of tents from camping ground during construction works be left in the hands of the Chief Health Inspector.

The matter of a zebra crossing in Oberon Street to be investigated.

Hon. C.A. Kelly, M.L.A., Chief Secretary and Minister for Tourist Activities, Mr. A.S. Luchetti, M.P. and Mr. J.H. Robson, M.L.A. to attend Centenary Celebrations whilst Mr. A. Fuller, M.P. advised he would endeavour to be present.

A tender from A.B. Jamieson of £6,375 for alterations and additions to Council Chambers accepted, and a further tender from him of £5,525 for construction of a Baby Health Clinic and Women's Rest Room accepted.

Council Meeting – 21st October, 1963

Jenolan Caves Reserve to be designated as a Wildlife Refuge. The Fauna Protection Panel requested that all roads bounding the Jenolan Caves Reserve should also be included in the Refuge. Council agreed with the proposal.

N.S.W. Governor to travel to Oberon by rail coach and would be based on the coach throughout his visit to Oberon on 13th and 14th March, 1964.

Council would not give permission for a Billy Cart Derby in Dudley Street (from Queen Street to the Jenolan Caves Road) because of safety concerns, but would be willing to allow it to continue on some other acceptable site in the town.

4 new Housing Commission homes to be built.

Golf Club asked Council to raise a loan of £6,000 for extensions to club house.

Naturalisation Certificates received for Mr. Donimik, Mrs. Jadwiga and Miss Teresa Orzowski.

During the quarter ended 30th June, 1963, 20 accidents occurred in the Shire with 1 person killed and 7 injured. A barometer of accidents, deaths, etc. to be erected on the Hampton Road.

As from 1st January, 1964, a retainer of £10.10.0 per annum to be paid to Council's Solicitors, Messrs. V.F. Gordon, John Wilson & Co.

Council to contact the D.M.R. as to whether the Hampton Road would be completed in time for the Oberon Centenary Celebrations in March, 1964.

Recommended programme covering the visit of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Woodward to Oberon was set out in the Shire Clerk's Supplementary Report and was adopted by the Council.

Slight changes recommended for the Golden Way Highway from Canberra to Tamworth. The changes being that instead of going from Goulburn to Oberon and thence Portland, Cullen Bullen and Mudgee to

Tamworth, an alternative route be Kelso, Sofala, Ilford then Mudgee.

Department of Railways requested to make provision, wholly on Railway property, for the unloading of stock at the Oberon Trucking Yards.

Council Meeting – 18th November, 1963

Council advised that a proposal for the construction of a Golden Way Highway from Canberra to Tamworth is not favoured by the D.M.R. and anyway Orange Chamber of Commerce has put forward a proposal for the same name to be applied to a road from Canberra, through Yass, Boorowa, Cowra, Canowindra, Cargo, Orange, Mullion Creek, Mudgee, Merriwa and Willow Tree to Tamworth.

Central Acclimatisation Society in Bathurst objected strongly to any attempt to close the road known as Kelly's Lane as this road was frequently used by fishermen and others.

Oberon P. & C. asked if Council would offer to sponsor a dentist to take up residence in the area. Apparently a scheme in Tumberumba, in which a Local Committee was set up to raise the finance necessary to provide the equipment, etc., was financed by way of a bank draft and that the dentist paid for electricity, telephone costs and surgery rental.

Naturalisation Certificate received for Mrs. Constantina Kantares.

Council to advise Australian Local Government Women's Association that no representative will be at the Parkes Conference as Council considers there is no place for a separate women's organization in local government.

The definition of a portion of the town as a brick area was published in the Government Gazette.

After a fire at S.E. Mawhood's, the fire brigade attended in total darkness. Council to make arrangements for the switching on of the street lights in town when the fire siren sounds during the hours of darkness.

Chief Health Surveyor to be paid £2.10.0 per inspection on behalf of War Service Homes.

Special Council Meeting – 16th December, 1963

Presidential Allowance: £150.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Committees:

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley, Cunynghame, Rodwell & White.

Works: Whole Council.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley, Cunynghame, Rodwell & Sheppard.

Staff: Crs. Armstrong, Arrow, Rodwell, Turner & White.

Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong, McKinnon and Turner.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley and Rodwell.

Bath. & Dist. Tourism: Councillor H.E.A. Rodwell.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Council Meeting – 16th December, 1963

1 minute's silence held for John F. Kennedy.

A suitable brochure to be sent out with the 1964 Rates Notices giving particulars of the 1964 Budget and other statistical information in respect of the Shire.

Mrs. J. McLardy resigns from clerical staff.

1964

Council Meeting – 20th January, 1964

“Sydney Morning Herald” has a special section on Tuesdays devoted to Local Government and asks all councils to insert their advertisements for “Positions Vacant” and “Tenders” on that day, as it is cheaper. Council agreed.

Council has requested the Forestry Commission to establish a Community Forest on about 60 acres of recreation area facing the water reservoir of the Oberon Dam. All details requested by Forestry to be decided at February meeting.

S.M.C.C. have agreed to allow their Electrical Mechanic, Mr. Keen, to switch on streets lights if the fire siren sounds after 2 a.m. but will charge £21.9.4 per call on weekdays and Saturdays and £3.5.10 on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Governor to officially open the Oberon Hospital on 14th March, 1964 and receive Debutantes at the Centenary Ball, with Lady Woodward to crown the Centenary Queen at the Bushmen’s Carnival.

Mrs. R.B. Jenson appointed as Senior Typist/Stenographer.

Council Meeting – 17th February, 1964

During 3 months ending 30th September, 1963, 8 accidents occurred in the Shire and 3 persons were injured.

Council to support Bathurst’s request for the establishment of a University College for the West to be situated in Bathurst. The State Government has recently suggested that there be a 4th University in Sydney.

Council to take no action on the proposals for the establishment of a Community Forest.

Council to prepare and enter a float in the Centenary Procession on 14th March at a

cost of £30 and arrange for the display of equipment in the procession.

Council prepared to pay £50 of the £100 required to provide street decorations during the Centenary Celebrations and the Shire Clerk to make arrangements for decoration of the Council Chambers.

Council to act as host for proposed North/South Road Conference on 4th April and request Bathurst Council to make appropriate arrangements for organization of this Conference.

Council Meeting – 16th March, 1964

Letters to be sent to the Centenary Celebrations Committee, various sub-committees and helpers for the outstanding success of the Oberon Centenary Celebrations held from 12th to 15th March, 1964.

Police Association advised Council that they are trying to have a further 1,000 Police in the Force. They also asked Council if they thought there were sufficient Police in Oberon (Council said “No”) and the cost of damage caused by vandals in the last 12 months.

Council to convene a public meeting in connection with the provision of dental services.

A Parks & Recreation Reserves Committee to be established to decide conditions under which Recreation Reserves should be used by sporting bodies. The Committee to consist of Councillors Armstrong, Buckley, Cunynghame, Rodwell and Sheppard.

Housing Commission to call tenders, at an early date, for another 4 cottages in Oberon.

Council donated £10 to the Air Ambulance Service of N.S.W.

Mrs. R. Jenson resigned from position of Senior/Typist Stenographer.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Auditors.

Special Council Meeting – 24th March, 1964

This meeting was called to consider a proposal for the extension of the Bush Fire Danger Period in the Oberon Shire. It was extended to 30th April.

Council Meeting – 20th April, 1964

Mr. K. Brunoff, Consul General for West Germany, will be attending the Apex Club's International Relations Dinner on 23rd April. Apex asked if it was possible for a Civic Reception to be tendered to Mr. Brunoff on his arrival in Oberon.

Department of Railways thanked Council for assistance with the Rail Tour to Oberon on 15th March and expressing appreciation of help which Councillors E.L. Cunynghame and H.E.A. Rodwell afforded the Department by joining the Tour Train at Tarana to welcome tourists.

The Shires Association forwarded information on how to deal with the introduction of decimal currency and indicating the action to be taken concerning conversion of machines to the new currency.

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1963, 10 accidents occurred in the Shire as a result of which 7 persons were injured.

Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon elected to be Council's representatives on the Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road Committee.

As Council expects to save £5,000 on the construction works on M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn) at Abercrombie Hill, this amount to be used for sealing the hill with bitumen.

Crs. Arrow, Buckley, Turner and White elected to Council's new Plant Committee.

Council Meeting – 18th May, 1964

The Oberon Roman Catholic Church are desirous of selling the Malachi-Gilmore Hall and informed Council they would be given first offer to purchase the building. This has been referred to the Town Improvement, Health & Building Committee for report.

Council proposes to bitumen seal the tennis courts but apparently the Tennis Association

Rules state that inter-town competitions can only be played on loam courts.

Council advised the Wild Colonial Days Research Society that it appreciated its participation in the Oberon Centenary Celebrations and their interest and suggestion that some annual event should be held in Oberon to reflect the history of the area.

Council Meeting – 16th June, 1964

Proclamation to be published on 1st June, 1964 as the day on which certain parts of the State Planning Authority Act, 1963, shall commence and indicating that correspondence on current planning matters should now be addressed direct to the State Planning Authority.

Quota Club of Bathurst asked Council to help sponsor a candidate for the Queen Competition for the Sesqui-Centenary of Bathurst to be held in March, 1965.

Department of Industrial Development & Decentralisation has published a series of booklets setting out the steps necessary to commence operation in a number of industrial fields in country centres and enclosed a copy of the first booklet entitled – "Manufacture of Potato Chips and Crisps".

Councillor Buckley was requested to attend a meeting of the United Farmers' and Woolgrowers' Association in order to discuss the possibilities of establishing a Potato Washing and Potato Chip Factory in Oberon.

Council Meeting – 20th July, 1964

Council decided to issue meeting business papers to members of the public attending Council Meetings.

Council to accept Trusteeship of the proposed public hall site at the corner of Burruga and Rockley Roads, in the Village of Black Springs, and that the Black Springs Progress Association be requested to furnish full particulars of the land required for a hall site so that an appropriate application can be submitted to the Department of Lands. Also the B.S.P.A. suggested a camping

reserve be built on the site of the old Black Springs Post Office but Council does not consider the site suitable and the Association was requested to submit an alternative site for Council's consideration.

£20 allocated to the Oberon Shire Tree Planting & Shire Beautification Advisory Committee to conduct a Garden Competition in late 1964.

Minister for Local Government & Highways, the Hon. P.D. Hills, M.L.A. to be invited to officially open the Baby Health Centre & Women's Rest Rooms during November, 1964.

A scheduled meeting to discuss the setting up of a Potato Washing Plant at Oberon was called off due to small attendance.

Council decided to inform the R.S.L. that it is unable to sell the old depot site to the Sub-Branch unless the original arrangement to use the land for the benefit of the community (a community centre was mentioned) is honoured.

Mr. P. Teerman, Assistant Engineer, resigned.

Council Meeting – 17th August, 1964

Department of Works propose to establish an aircraft navigational beacon on Bindook as part of an improved airways navigational system.

Due to the resignation of Councillor H.E.A. Rodwell, an extraordinary election will take place on 12th September, 1964 the following Councillors were elected to the various Committees on which Councillor Rodwell sat: – Finance – Councillor H. Turner; Town Improvement, Health & Building – Councillor H. Turner; Staff – Councillor C.R. Sheppard; Tree Planting and Shire Beautification – Councillor V.J. Arrow; Bathurst & District Tourist Association – Councillor H. Turner.

Engineering Assistant – Allan Beasley resigns.

Council Meeting – 21st September, 1964

Councillor H. Rodwell resigned and Councillor S.T. White elected in place of Councillor H.E.A. Rodwell.

Department of Education advised Council that it proposed to provide additional facilities at the Oberon Central School comprising 1 Science Laboratory with preparation room and animal and plant room; 1 composite cookery/needlework room with standard ancillaries, including laundry; 1 composite woodwork/metalwork room; 1 general activities suite; 1 staff room and store; 1 text book store; additional toilet/ablution facilities; plus conversions to provide a library and a good service unit.

For the quarter ended 30th June, 1964 there were 21 road accidents in the Shire and 15 persons were injured.

Around about March/April Miss L.M. Cain commenced work at the Council.

A right-of-way 12 ft. wide at the rear of the Council Chambers to provide rear access to shop premises of Mr. R.J. Johnston as long as all legal costs are met by Mr. Johnston, the right-of-way to be kept free from obstructions at all times and an annual rental of £1 be paid for the use of the right-of-way.

Council paid the Department of Lands £925 representing compensation for acquisition by Council, by resumption, of land described as Lot 11, Section 13.

Council Meeting – 19th October, 1964

Special Lease of Oberon Golf Club Clubhouse area became operative as from 1st January, 1965 and the Club's lease of the remainder of the Reserve required for the Golf Course operating from the same date. Nominal rent of 5/- to be paid by Golf Club for use and occupation of Reserve No. 79502 for Public Recreation during 1964.

Council to open up negotiations with the Oberon Sub-Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. concerning the sale to the Sub-Branch of the old depot site in Oberon Street.

Mr. M.R. Kerle of Walgett commenced work as Assistant Engineer.

Council agreed to the Black Springs Progress Association's request that the Community Hall in the village be vested in private trustees and it had no objection to a similar course being taken in connection with the proposed camping area, provided it is established on a site which Council considers suitable.

Council Meeting – 16th November, 1964

Council is prepared to support a scheme for a sealed road from Goulburn to Muswellbrook.

Deputy Premier & Minister for Local Government, Hon. P.D. Hills, M.L.A. is unable to open the new Baby Health Centre and Women's Rest Rooms about mid-January, 1965, but suggests that the Minister for Health, the Hon. W.F. Sheahan, Q.C., M.L.A. be invited to attend this Ceremony.

Mr. G. Benson, Dentist of Bathurst, offering to provide dental services in Oberon if Council would undertake to provide and equip suitable rooms involving an estimate cost of £800-£900 for dental equipment, furnishing a waiting room and carrying out of any necessary plumbing and electrical work in the building. Mr. Benson would provide a minimum of one service per week. Council has set up a Citizens' Committee to investigate the provision of dental services in the area. This Committee requested particulars of the dental service scheme operating in Tumberumba.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mr. Josef Orzowski.

Mr. J.R. Bell, Deputy Shire Clerk, tendered his resignation as from 3rd December, 1964.

Councillors L.C. Armstrong and E.L. Cunynghame appointed as Council's representatives on the Saleyards Promotion Committee.

Special Council Meeting – 14th December, 1964

Presidential Allowance: £250.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs Armstrong, Buckley, Cunynghame, Turner & J. White.

Staff: Crs. Armstrong, Arrow, Cunynghame, Turner & J. White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley, Sheppard, Turner & S. White.

Parks & Recreation Reserves: Crs. Armstrong, Buckley, Sheppard, Turner & S. White.

Plant: Crs. Armstrong, Arrow, Buckley, McKinnon & J. White.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Sheppard and S. White.

Oberon Shire Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong, McKinnon and Turner.

Bath, & Dist. Tourist Assocn.: Councillor H. Turner.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Councillor H. Turner.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Rd.: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Council Meeting – 14th December, 1964

A decision to sell the old Depot site to the Oberon R.S.L. for the sum of £3,000, with freehold title and without covenant, was deferred for 3 months.

Beverly Hills Public School to visit Oberon to compete in the Public Schools Amateur Athletics on 12th and 13th December.

Mr. A.V. Worgan appointed Deputy Shire Clerk (Chief Clerk).

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Council Meeting – 18th January, 1965

Council to raise a loan to set up a dental service in Oberon Street for 2 days a week and the Dental Services Committee undertake to meet the charges of any loan raised.

For the quarter ended 30th September, 1964 there were 12 accidents in the Shire with 8 persons injured.

Council to join with Bathurst and Turon Councils in asking the Railway authorities to install electrically operated gates at the Kelso railway crossing.

Government Gazette of 18th December, 1964 declared Residential Districts Nos. 1 and 2 within the Oberon Shire.

1 cottage to be constructed in Scotia Avenue for the Housing Commission,

Minister for Health, Hon. W.F. Sheahan, M.L.A., to officially open the new Baby Health Centre and Women's Rest Room at Oberon on 27th January, 1965.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors.

Tenders to be called for the supply and delivery of decimal currency machines for use in Council's offices.

Old flag pole at the Council Chambers donated to the Oberon Boy Scouts.

Council Meeting – 15th February, 1965

Council to convey to Lady Churchill, through the appropriate channels, their sympathy in the passing of Sir Winston Churchill.

Various companies and government departments have advised Council that the changeover of their machines would be on a zonal basis, and could take up to 2 years to complete from the date of changeover to decimal currency on 14th February, 1966.

Still more letters to governments re new Post Office at Oberon.

A public meeting to be convened to consider a report from the Oberon Centenary Celebrations Committee concerning the provision of homes for the aged in Oberon.

Council Meeting – 15th March, 1965

The Oberon to Hampton road is to be completed by 31st March, at which time the road will be known as M.R. 558 instead of D.R. (Developmental Road) 1276.

Mention of existing Go-Kart Club and Go-Kart Track.

Councillor R.N. Buckley resigned from the Plant Committee. Councillor S. White replaced him.

Council Meeting – 12th April, 1965

Tenders for a new Post Office in Oberon Street to be called in April and it is hoped that construction will commence before the end of the current financial year.

A further approach made to Council re purchasing Malachi-Gilmore Hall.

Council Meeting – 17th May, 1965

Councils to conduct a check of employees liable for registration under National Service Scheme and establish that Certificates of Registration are held by all officers or employees who are male British subjects and who have turned 20 during that period.

R.S.L. Sub-Branch prepared to purchase vacated depot land for the sum of £3,000 with the assurance that consideration will be given to a community project on the subject land when sufficient funds are available and each party to pay its own legal and transfer costs.

Mr. V.W. Bayliss appointed Regional Civil Defence Controller for Mitchell Region.

The Special Lease over the Golf Clubhouse site be varied from 20 years to perpetuity.

Naturalisation Certificate for Mr. Bellarmino Valente of Edith received.

The bridges on M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn) at Little River and Running Stream were officially opened on 23rd April, 1965.

Mr. A.V. Worgan reclassified from Chief Clerk to Deputy Shire Clerk from 22nd January, 1965.

D. Trevor-Jones & Assocs., Architects of Bathurst, invited to inspect the Malachi-Gilmore Hall re proposed acquisition for public purposes and a report on the condition of the building as well as its suitability for reconstruction as a public hall.

Council Meeting – 21st June, 1965

Mr. A. Grocott resigned as Engineering Assistant as from 25th June, 1965.

There have been many suggestions about fluoridating the water supply. Council was asked to provide fluoride tablets to the public at reduced rates. This was not agreed to.

Mr. M. Stephenson of Blacktown was appointed as Plant Foreman.

Special Council Meeting – 8th July, 1965

This meeting was called to consider tenders for the supply and delivery of grading and loading equipment.

Council Meeting – 19th July, 1965

A sub-committee comprising Crs. E.L. Cunynghame and S. White to investigate the question of providing a library service in Oberon.

There were 15 accidents, with 6 persons injured, in the quarter ended 31st March, 1965.

Until further notice, vehicles having a gross loaded weight of five (5) tons or less shall be allowed to travel the Jerrong Road from the intersection with the Mt. Werong-

Jerrong Road to the Oberon Shire boundary at the Abercrombie River.

Department of Main Roads considers that an official opening ceremony for the Oberon-Hampton Road would not be appropriate.

Residential District 1 at Oberon – removal of prohibition placed on erection or use of any building for the purpose of residential flat buildings.

A further dam cottage at 7 Jenolan Street purchased by Council.

Council requested the Roman Catholic Church authorities to grant Council an option of purchase of the Malachi-Gilmore Hall until 31st August, 1965.

S.T. & N.V. White granted tender for provision of sanitary services at 60 d. per service for sanitary services and 21 d. per service for garbage services for 3 years commencing on 1st January, 1966.

Council Meeting – 16th August, 1965

Housing Commission to erect 1 timber framed cottage and garage at Jenolan Caves.

Contract for sale of the old Council Depot to the R.S.L. executed under the Seal of Council about 16th August, 1965.

Public Meeting re provision of a community centre in Oberon (including the possible acquisition of the Malachi Gilmore Hall) be called for 30th August, 1965.

Ex Councillor and Shire President, Mr. R.C. Cotton, elected to the Senate.

Council Meeting – 20th September, 1965

Dept. of Lands advised Council of the names of the Trustees of the various denominational sections of the Oberon Cemetery and enclosed a plan of the cemetery.

Council to buy a further dam cottage at 23 Buckley Crescent.

The Local Government Department advised that all Council staff should be fully conversant with the operation of decimal currency and advising Council to adopt a

minimum accounting unit 6d. Accounts prior to "C" Day for ratepayers be adjusted to the nearest 6d. below and wages and other payments to nearest 6d. above.

D.M.R. again asked to seal the Jenolan Caves Road between Edith and Two Mile Hill.

Public Meeting called for 14th September to try and form a Junior Jaycees (Junior Chambers of Commerce) in Oberon.

Council to bitumen seal the Black Springs Recreation Reserve Tennis Courts.

Shire Engineer, Lance Blood, resigned.

Council to contribute £50 towards the cost of publishing a brochure on tourist aspects in the area proposed by the Bathurst District Tourist Association.

Council Meeting 18th October, 1965

5 Certificates of Naturalisation received.

R.S.L. asked Council to accept responsibility for the clearing of the land of all buildings and the grading of the property and also asked for a clear undertaking from Council that it would approve plans for extension to the Club and would not insist on the land being in any way required to be used for community benefit. Council has approved clearing and grading works to the value of £300 but is not prepared to enter into any agreement covering prior approval of plans for any buildings proposed to be erected on the land.

Polling Places for "C" Riding in the 1965 elections be established at Isabella, Duckmaloi, Edith, Black Springs, Emden Vale, Paling Yards, Porters Retreat, Jerrong, Shooters Hill and Jenolan Caves.

Polling Places for "A" Riding to be at Wisemans Creek, Turonville, O'Connell, Black Springs and Essington.

Polling Places for "B" Riding to be at Turonville, O'Connell and Hazelgrove.

Council Chambers to be Principal Polling Place.

Mr. R.L. Hooper of Nundle to be interviewed for position of Shire Engineer.

The Shire Clerk, Mr. B.B. Gaggin, to have special Leave of Absence (estimated at 4 days per year) in the event he is elected to Bishop-in-Council at Bathurst so he can attend at Bishop-in-Council Meetings and the Anglican Synod.

Special Council Meeting – 21st October, 1965

Mr. R.L. Hooper appointed as Shire Engineer and Council to supply motor transport for use on official duties.

Council Meeting – 15th November, 1965

The Government has decided that in the designing of routes of transmission lines and other public utilities, every effort should be made to avoid siting them on National Parks.

Council to revoke Residential District No. 1 – Oberon Shire as proclaimed and replace with Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" to prohibit the erection of any buildings for use for the purpose of any trade, industry, manufacture, shop or place of public amusement, erection or use of advertising hoardings.

The Library Board of N.S.W. advised Council that it could not see its way clear to establishing a Library at the School as it would not be available to the general public, but suggested Council co-operate with Lithgow Council in the establishment of a joint service.

Special Council Meeting – 13th December, 1965

Presidential Allowance: £250.

Shire President: Councillor L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Councillor John White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Armstrong, Cunynghame, Haswell, Sheppard & J. White.

Staff: Crs. Armstrong, Arrow, Brien, J. White and S. White.

T.I., Hlth & Building: Crs. Armstrong, Brien, Cunynghame, Sheppard and S. White.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Sheppard and S. White.

Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong, Brien and McKinnon.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. Haswell.

Mitchell Regional Development: Cr. Sheppard.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. McKinnon.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. John White.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Arrow and J. White.

(NOTE: S.M.C.C. stands for Southern Mitchell County Council (electricity) and U.M.C.C. stands for Upper Macquarie County Council (weeds).

Council Meeting – 13th December, 1965

In certain cases, the positions of Health Inspectors and Building Inspectors will be combined.

It was decided that no further action be taken for the provision of a library service in the Oberon Shire because of the high cost per capita.

Council to make application for a Certificate of Local Government Service for ex-Councillor R.N. Buckley.

Councillor S. White appointed as Council's representative on the Housing Tenancy Advisory Committee.

Council to look into the possibilities of leasing the camping area and swimming pool at the Oberon Recreation Ground to a private person.

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Council Meeting – 17th January, 1966

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mrs. C. Varlas.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditor.

During the Christmas/New Year period, Council's Depot had been broken into and the loss by theft and damage amounted to approximately £114. The matter was reported to the Police and an insurance claim lodged.

Council Meeting – 21st February, 1966

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Christos Stavropoulos, Marie Stavropoulos, H.A. Gondermann and Martha Gondermann.

Department of Public Works expenditure on the Oberon Sewerage Project, as at 31st December, 1965, amounted to £217,660.13.0.

Council Meeting – 21st March, 1966

The Deputy Head Master of Oberon Central School, D. Govey, attended the Council Meeting with 25 pupils from Class 6 A.

Bathurst P.P. Board asked if Council intended to go ahead with the acquisition of about 20 acres of the southern portion of T.S. & C.R. 62115, Parish of Oberon, for afforestation purposes. Council to obtain information from the Headmaster at Oberon Central School as to whether an afforestation scheme for school children should be proceeded with.

Council wishes to introduce the payment of wages and salaries by cheque at fortnightly intervals and asked staff to indicate any objections they may have.

Special Council Meeting – 25th March, 1966

This meeting was called to deal with a proposal for the acquisition of additional Public Works plant.

Council Meeting – 18th April, 1966

After yet another fire at the Pyneboard premises, Council to write to Pyneboard expressing concern at the fire danger which exists at the Company's premises and seeking information as to the steps proposed to be taken to alleviate the problem.

The new Dog Bill to commence on 1st October, 1966.

Council to order 1 copy of the "History of Local Government in N.S.W." compiled by Mr. H.E. Maiden at the cost of £6.50.

Dept. Motor Transport advised that there were 17 accidents in the quarter ended 31st December, 1965 with 3 persons killed and ten injured.

Contract for Sale and Memorandum of Transfer in connection with the sale of the old Depot site in Oberon Street to the Oberon-Sub-Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. be executed under the Common Seal of the Council.

The Upper Macquarie County Council is to be constituted as an all weeds authority.

Council to consider the purchase of a franking machine, dry photocopier, replace the existing electric typewriter, and purchase a ledger trolley and voucher cabinet.

From 1st July, 1966 the Shire Depot staff to be paid fortnightly in cash.

Register of house numbers prepared and 1967 estimate make provision for fixing of these numbers to premises in the town.

Oberon Central School does not now wish to proceed with the proposal for the

establishment of a School Afforestation Scheme on part of C.R. 62015.

Council Meeting – 16th May, 1966

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mr. Angelo Varlas.

Mr. J.J. Cosgrove lost his Returned Serviceman's Certificate in a fire and Council arranged for a replacement. Mr. Cosgrove thanked Council for its action.

Special Council Meeting – 26th May, 1966

This meeting was called to consider tenders received for the operation of the Oberon Camping Ground.

Council Meeting – 20th June, 1966

The Forestry Commission contributed \$5,000 towards the cost of reconstruction of a section of the Shooters Hill Road between Shooters Hill P.O. and Mt. Werong turnoff.

Government also provided \$9,000 for further reconstruction works on the Shooters Hill Road.

Trustees of the Oberon Sub-Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. forwarded a cheque in complete payment of all settlement moneys due to the Council for the purchase of the old Depot Site in Oberon Street.

Council to support, in principle, the proposal for the establishment of a College of Advanced Education in Bathurst.

Black Springs Progress Association asked Council to provide a garbage tip at Black Springs.

2 more Housing Commission homes to be erected in Armstrong Place.

Mr. G.L. Montgomery to operate Oberon Camping Ground for 2 years from 1.7.66.

Council to investigate the possibility of establishing a Joint Library Service with either Lithgow or Bathurst Councils.

Certificate of Local Government Service to be presented to R.N. Buckley on 28th July, 1966.

All premises connected to the Council's water supply system to be metered.

Council Meeting – 18th July, 1966

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 15th August, 1966

Housing Commission to erect 2 new 3-bedroom timber framed cottages in Armstrong Place and calling tenders for construction of 8 timber framed cottages in Bell Street, Armstrong Place and Bathurst Road.

Council Meeting – 19th September, 1966

Compulsory Chest X-Rays to be held on 16th, 17th and 20th February, 1967 outside the Council Chambers.

Approval given for the extension of the stage at the Malachi-Gilmore Hall for the production of "Salad Days" by the Oberon Amateur Theatrical Society (OATS).

Council Meeting – 17th October, 1966

The Dept. Local Government advised Council that owners of greyhounds would only have to pay registration fees of \$2.00 for the first dog and 25 cents for each subsequent dog but that they have amended the Regulation from the requirement of a choker chain and prescribed instead a leash of leather or other durable material not less than ¾ inch in width and securely connected by a metal buckle or clasp to the collar.

Dept. Public Works advised Council that the construction of the Oberon Sewerage Scheme is complete and is now formally handed over to the Council.

Bathurst, Turon and Oberon Councils to confer on the installation of an overhead bridge, instead of flashing lights, at the railway crossing at Kelso.

Council to look into the possibility of a suitable site for the provision of a rubbish tip for Black Springs.

Council to adopt, in principle, the proposal for the establishment of a Joint Library

Service, the provision of Library premises and the Oberon P. & C. with a request the Association organize amongst the interested bodies, some form of fund raising activity to help defray the library establishment costs.

Crs. L.C. Armstrong, E.L. Cunynghame and S. White appointed as Council's representatives to conference with Lithgow Council's Library Committee.

The matter of reciprocal visits by Council and officers and ratings of the submarine H.M.S. "Oberon" be left in the hands of the Shire President, Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Council Meeting – 21st November, 1966

A letter of appreciation was received from Lt. Cdr. Phillip Cookson (H.M.S. "Oberon") for the hospitality he, his wife and members of the Ship's company received in Oberon between 4th and 8th November, 1966.

A copy of the Revised Standard Version Bible be presented to new Australian citizens of all faiths at future Naturalisation Ceremonies in the Oberon Shire.

Council decided to join with Lithgow City Council in the establishment of a joint library service.

Road accidents in the Shire for the year ended 30th June, 1966 increased by comparison with the previous year. Of 3,899 accidents deaths increased by 349 and injuries increased by 822.

Oberon District Hospital has agreed to contribute \$50.00 towards the proposed tree planting works adjacent to the hospital premises in North Street.

Council to consider proposal to accommodate the public library at Oberon in the Council Chambers building.

Provision in 1967 Estimates suggested for purchase and installation of gas chlorination plant at swimming pool at an estimated cost of \$600.

Council to place an order with Lithgow Council for the purchase of library book stock to the value of \$2,400.

Cr. Armstrong requested to forward to Commander of H.M.S. "Oberon" a letter expression appreciation to him and to the ship's company for the hospitality extended to those Oberon residents who recently inspected the submarine at Garden Island.

Special Council Meeting – 28th November, 1966

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates for 1967.

Council to establish Library in Council Chambers Building with alterations and additions to cost approximately \$21,000.

Special Council Meeting – 2nd December, 1966

This meeting was called to deal finally with the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1967.

Special Council Meeting – 19th December, 1966

Presidential Allowance: \$500.

Shire President: Cr L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr John White.

U.M.C.C.: Cr H.H. McKinnon.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Cunynghame, Haswell, Sheppard & J. White.

Staff: Crs. Arrow, Brien, Cunynghame & S. White.

T.I., Hlth. & Building: Crs. Brien, Cunynghame Sheppard and S. White.

Tree Planting & Shire Beautification: Crs. Armstrong, Sheppard and S. White.

Bush Fire Committee: Crs. Brien and McKinnon.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Cr Sheppard.

Bathurst Dist. Tourism: Cr Haswell.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr Brien.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Lithgow Regional Library: Crs.
Cunynghame & S. White and G. Austin
(Citizen Rep)

**Council Meeting - 19th December,
1966**

Dept. of Railways to provide fire breaks on
the Tarana-O'Connell line as in previous
years, even though there are now no steam
trains running on the line.

1967

Council Meeting – 23rd January, 1967

Road accidents for the quarter ended 30th September, 1966 were 13, from which 6 persons were injured.

Denise Artery resigned, effective from 3rd February, 1967, to be married.

Miscellaneous fees and charges approved for 1967.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Auditors for 1967.

Luncheon for visiting officials of the Post Master General's Department to be arranged for 6th February to make the occasion of the opening of the new Post Office.

Council Meeting – 20th February, 1967

Council to urge that a resident Clerk of Petty Sessions be appointed to Oberon or that existing facilities be improved.

Diane Ballinger appointed Junior Book-Keeping Machine Operator.

Council to employ an Apprentice Mechanic.

Shire Health Surveyor requested to investigate a proposal for the employment of a part-time Impounding Officer in connection with the administration of the Dog Act.

Council Meeting – 20th March, 1967

A further Housing Commission cottage to be built in Balfour Street.

The catchment area for the Fish River water supply has been described as "all that area or tract of country situated in the Shire of Oberon, Parishes of Oberon, Norway, Crete, Balfour, Mozart, Duckmaloi, Vulcan, Kowmung, Drogheda and Bulgarres, County of Westmoreland, shown in plan catalogued Ms 4, 120 Oe R. at the Department of Lands, Sydney, and having an area of 93 square miles or thereabouts."

Council to set up a garbage disposal area in the village of Black Springs on land forming part of Portion 113, Parish of Swatchfield, held by A.L. Behan & Sons under Crown Lease 20/13 and an area of about 2 ½ acres would be required and estimated cost of establishment would be about \$470.

Council Meeting – 17th April, 1967

During the recent chest X-rays, 1,700 people were x-rayed.

Council Meeting – 15th May, 1967

Mr. A.C. Armstrong dies in an aircraft accident on 7th May, 1967. Mr. M.C.C. Cotton was also injured in this accident.

Government refuses request for a full time (5 day per week) Clerk of Petty Session in Oberon and advising they consider this work can be easily done in the 2 days allotted.

Special Council Meeting – 22nd May, 1967

This meeting was called to consider proposed alterations and additions to the Council Chambers and Offices.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1967

There were 16 road accidents in the Shire in the quarter ended 31st December, 1966 with 10 persons injured. Road accidents in N.S.W. for year ended 31st December, 1966 increased by 1,746 but deaths and injuries had decreased by 8 and 176 respectively.

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Flemming Nielsen of Black Springs and Enrico Sormani of Taralga.

The Oberon Library Establishment Committee to form a fund raising committee to help defray the establishment costs covering initial book stocks and fittings and asking whether enquiries could be made to ascertain if donations to such a fund would be eligible as a taxation deduction.

A Committee for the Promotion of Country Manufactured Goods held at Conference at Orange on 5th May and Council agreed to pay an annual subscription of \$100.

A load limit of 2 tons gross weight placed on bridge over Fish River in Bailey's Lane.

Special Council Meeting – 10th July, 1967

This meeting was called to consider a report from the Shire President, Councillor L.C. Armstrong, on the Council's deputation to the Commissioner for Main Roads on 20th June, 1967.

Council expressed the opinion that M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn) should be reconstructed and sealed within a period of 10 years.

Council Meeting – 17th July, 1967

A new Ordinance has been enacted wherein a minimum penalty of \$20 and a maximum penalty of \$200 for the deliberate breaking of any bottle, glass or glass receptacle in any public reserve, public bathing reserve or public bath has now been provided for.

Council to apply to the Dept. of Lands to have the section of Portion 222, Parish of Oberon (bounded by Bligh, Fleming, Hume and Ross Streets) declared as a public recreation reserve, with the Council as Trustee and it be regarded as future expansion for the Golf Club and to provide outdoor activities for Scouts and the public generally in an area lacking a maintained playing area for children.

The Graziers' Association and many private land holders are against the formation of a library in Oberon as they consider they would possibly never use it and would still have to pay for it in the rates whilst non-ratepayers in the town would benefit.

The Taxation Dept. have advised that any amount above \$2 donation to the establishment of a Library in Oberon would be tax deductible.

Council has been, for some considerable time, trying to get a deputation to the Government for the reconstruction, sealing and maintenance of the Shooters Hill Road

because of the heavy timber traffic using this road and the cost to Council to maintain it. The Government is making a good deal of money from these State Forests but not putting anything back into the infrastructure. The Government has been refusing deputations and moving the responsibilities from Department to Department, with each saying it is not their responsibility. Council is now to make further representations (as the Premier, R.W. Askin, refuses to see them) to Ministers for Local Government & Highways, the Minister for Conservation and the Minister for Decentralisation and Development to make an inspection of the Shooter's Hill Road under winter conditions.

Council to convene a public meeting for the purpose of setting up a committee in Oberon with the object of promoting the tourist potentialities of the Shire.

Council to call for applications for a mechanic as a replacement for Mr. B. Holden who is to retire on 1st December, 1967.

Council Meeting – 21st August, 1967

Housing Commission have called tenders for the construction of 4 timber framed cottages in Balfour Street.

The Oberon Committee of the Graziers' Association has now decided to support the new Library proposal.

Dept. of Local Government has advised all councils that as from 1st October, 1967, the Council of an area in which is situated a public cemetery shall be charged with the care, control and management thereof. Council decided that, in view of the limited notice given to Council, that the Trustees of the various public cemeteries in the Shire be requested to attend to cemetery matters in the areas under their control until 31st December, 1967 and the Shire Clerk was authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the transfer of control of public cemeteries to the Council by the earliest possible date.

W. Artery appointed to the position of Mechanic.

Council Meeting – 18th September, 1967

Letter of appreciation to Council in connection with the haulage of granite for the Opera House and thanking Council for its co-operation in the matter which resulted in the job being completed with the least possible inconvenience to all.

Council to make rate levies for 1967 on the cottages erected on Reserve 43615 at Jenolan Caves.

Council to investigate the provision of an official Council crest.

Council Meeting – 16th October, 1967

In order to mark Old People's Week, the Council is to organize a Civic Luncheon to which senior citizens resident in the Shire be invited by public advertisement in the press.

The Housing Commission advised Council that 59 dwellings had already been erected in Oberon and this number will increase to 73.

Taxi Cab Licence transferred from R. Collins to W. Collins.

A sub-committee comprising Crs. Armstrong, Brien, J. White and S. White be set up to study all aspects relating to the retention of resident medical services in Oberon.

Special Council Meeting – 9th November, 1967

Called to consider tenders for supply and delivery of 2 x 9 ton diesel trucks fitted with 7 cu. yd. tipping bodies.

Council Meeting – 20th November, 1967

3 new Housing Commission cottages to be erected in Dudley Street and an additional cottage in Balfour Street.

An amount of \$759.10 (plus a typewriter valued at \$40) handed over to Council by the Oberon Library Establishment Committee.

A V-notch Chlorinator and cabinet to be installed at the swimming pool for about \$600.

Oberon Town Improvement District extended.

Special Council Meeting – 18th December, 1967

Presidential Allowance: \$500.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Cunynghame, Haswell, Sheppard and J. White.

Staff: Crs. Arrow, Brien, Cunynghame and S. White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Brien, Cunynghame, Sheppard and S. White.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Sheppard and S. White.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Brien and McKinnon.

Mitchell Regional Develop.: Cr. C.R. Sheppard.

Bath, District Tourism: Cr. A.J. Haswell.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.F. Brien.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Lithgow Regional Library: C.G. Kruger (Citizen Representative).

Council Meeting – 18th December, 1967

Oberon Library Establishment Committee presented a cheque for \$1,077.67 to Council plus a second-hand typewriter donated by Colemans Business Services worth \$40 and a further \$100 from Pyneboard Social Club to provide text and reference books.

Council advised of the presumed death of Prime Minister Harold Holt.

Statistics for road accidents in N.S.W. for year ended 30th June, 1967 increased by 3,174 with deaths decreasing by 38 and injuries increasing by 828.

All records for O'Connell General Cemetery to be handed over to the Council.

Council to take no action to adopt an official crest for the Shire.

Appointment of a part-time Library Assistant to be made.

Council asked to provide machinery and staff for final preparation of the parking areas at Jenolan Caves.

Establishment of lawn cemeteries in the Shire be made the subject of investigation and report by the Shire Clerk and Shire Engineer.

A roof to be provided for the water service reservoir at Oberon.

1968

Council Meeting – 22nd January, 1968

Alan Benson appointed as Engineering Assistant to commence duties on 26.2.68.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed Auditor for 1968.

Council Meeting – 19th February, 1968

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Mrs. Lucia and Mr. Roberto Mazzotti.

Councillor John White elected Chairman of Southern Mitchell County Council for 1968.

Council Meeting – 18th March, 1968

Official Opening Ceremony to take place on 23rd April of the Oberon Branch Library.

Council Meeting – 23rd April, 1968

A market pedestrian crossing is to be provided mid-block (opposite Post Office) in Oberon Street.

Census information shows that the Shire had an estimated population of 3,860 at 30th June, 1967 compared with 3,872 on 30th June, 1966.

T.R. (Ted) Fewtrell appointed as Motor Mechanic.

Council Meeting – 20th May, 1968

Road accidents in N.S.W. for the year ended 31st December, 1967 increased by 3,457 with deaths decreasing by 26 and injuries increasing by 520.

Richard L. (Dick) Northey appointed as Apprentice Motor Mechanic.

Council Meeting – 17th June, 1968

Council to expend a maximum of \$100 for the provision and erection of a wooden flagpole in a suitable position on the western side of the façade of the Council Chambers.

Council Meeting – 22nd July, 1968

The Totalizator Agency Board (T.A.B.) is prepared to open an Agency in Oberon, even though the population is below 2,000, as soon as suitable premises can be found.

21 accidents occurred in the Oberon Shire for the first quarter of 1968 with 2 people killed and 10 injured.

Bureau of Census and Statistics figures indicate that the population in Oberon Shire as at 30th June, 1947 totalled 3,214 whilst at the census taken on 30th June, 1966 this figure had risen to 3,871 or an increase of 657 in 19 years. It further showed that the population growth of the Shire between July, 1961 and June, 1966 totalled 119 or 3.17% increase on the 1961 figure.

Pedestrian crossing in Oberon Street to be installed during period 17.6 to 5.7.68.

Council to organize a dinner, similar to that held in 1967, for aged persons in the Shire in observance of Old People's Week which commences on 3rd November, 1968.

Playground equipment, of a total value of 41,000, to be erected in the Buckley Crescent and Armstrong Place playground areas.

Council Meeting – 18th August, 1968

Oberon Church of England (St. Barnabas) to celebrate its Centenary culminating in a Parish Dinner on 1st November and Festival Service on 2nd November, 1969 and advising they will be inviting the State Government, Sir Roden Cutler, to the celebrations.

Council Meeting – 16th September, 1968

Council has decided that, in connection with Council officers' attendance at conferences, a maximum daily rate of \$10 be fixed for

accommodation and subsistence, plus 1st class return rail fares and that these allowances be reviewed from time to time to keep in line with current cost variations.

Council Meeting – 21st October, 1968

The Shire President to convene a public meeting in order to ascertain the wishes of the community in connection with the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations to be held from 20th March to 16th May, 1970.

For the quarter ended 30th June, 1967, 17 accidents occurred in the Oberon Shire with 12 persons injured.

Council advised that after a date to be proclaimed, the ordinary triennial election of aldermen and councillors shall be held on the third Saturday in September in lieu of the first Saturday in December.

A supply of pentobarbitone sodium will be made to councils for the destruction of sick and injured animals, as well as dogs, for use by the Health Inspectors only if a local veterinary surgeon is not available.

Council has written to the Government in connection with their objection to the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and New Zealand to prevent the decline in rural income.

Elections for 7th December: Principal Polling Place – Oberon Central School; “A” Riding – Wisemans Creek, Turonville, O’Connell, Black Springs and Essington; “B:” Riding – Turonville, O’Connell and Hazelgrove; and “C” Riding – Isabella, Duckmaloi, Edith, Black Springs, Emden Vale, Paling Yards, Porters Retreat, Jerrong, Shooters Hill and Jenolan Caves.

Council to call applications for the position of Overseer General Grades 1-4 with no reference to provision of housing accommodation.

Council Meeting – 18th November, 1968

Road accidents in N.S.W. for year ended 30th June, 1968 increased by 4,984 in comparison with last year, with deaths rising by 78 and injuries by 794. Oberon Shire

had 66 accidents, with 5 persons killed and 43 persons injured.

Council raised no objection to the proposal of the T.A.B. to establish an agency at 189 Oberon Street.

Council gave authority for the purchase of uniforms for the female members of the clerical staff .

Special Council Meeting – 25th November, 1968

Meeting called to deal with Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1969.

Council to investigate the erection of 2 cottages in the \$7,000 to \$8,000 group (for school teachers) and 1 cottage in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 group (for the Shire Engineer).

Special Council Meeting – 16th December, 1968

Presidential Allowance: \$500.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Cunynghame, Gearon, Sheppard and Wolstenholme.

Staff: Crs. Cunynghame, Murray, White and Wolstenholme.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Murray and Sheppard.

Oberon Shire Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. J. White.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. McKinnon and Wolstenholme.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Cr. Sheppard.

Bath. & Dist. Tourism: Cr. Murray.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. Dwyer.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. Cunynghame. C.G. Kruger (Citizens’ Representative).

Housing Tenancy: Cr. Cunynghame.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs.
Armstrong and McKinnon.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. Armstrong.

**Council Meeting – 16th December,
1968**

6 additional cottages to be erected by
Housing Commission in Dudley Street.

Transfer of Taxi cab plates from J.N.R.
Burton to Mrs. A.E. Toole.

Suggestion that new Shire Engineer's
residence be at Lot 8, Bathurst Road.

1969

Council Meeting – 20th January, 1969

A.L. Morse elected Chairman of the Local Government Grants Commission.

During the quarter ended 30th September, 1968, 217 accidents occurred in the Shire with 9 persons injured.

Bathurst Council has set up a Committee to formulate plans to endeavour to have Bathurst made the Capital of N.S.W. at some future date. Crs. White and Wolstenholme appointed as Council's representatives to the above Committee.

Council again asked to fluoridate the water supply.

R.G.R. (Ronnie) Goodair resigned as Clerk Grade 3 at a mutually convenient date in April, 1969 as he is retiring and leaving area. He has been with Council since 27.1.53.

Titania Motel wants to make additions by way of a new kitchen, guest lounge, staff quarters and additional units.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed Auditor for 1969.

Deputy Shire Clerk, A.V. Worgan, resigned, as from 21st February, 1969, to take up the position of Shire Clerk at Guyra.

State Planning Authority requested to make an officer available to discuss the preparation of a Town Plan for Oberon.

Council Meeting – 17th February, 1969

Expenditure on the Oberon Sewerage Scheme as at 31st December, 1968 amounted to \$437,366.71.

Council Meeting – 17th March, 1969

Certificate of Naturalisation received for L. Ujhelyi of Caves House, Jenolan Caves.

C.J. Pritchard appointed Deputy Shire Clerk as from 17.3.69.

Bureau of Census and Statistics indicated that the estimated population of the Oberon Shire at 30th June, 1968 was 3,860.

3 mobile radios to be installed in Council's vehicles.

Council Meeting – 22nd April, 1969

The Apex Club granted permission to hold a "Dinky Derby" (to be ridden by Apex members on small tricycles normally ridden by children about 5 years old) on 3rd May between Fleming and Ross Streets for about 15 to 20 minutes from 12.15 p.m. to help raise money for the purchase of 2-way radios for the local ambulance.

Road accidents for the quarter ended 31st December, 1968 indicated that there were 9 accidents in the Shire as a result of which 10 persons were injured.

Naturalisation Certificate received for a Mrs. A. Ujhelyi.

The Deputy Shire Clerk, Mr. C.J. Pritchard, appointed as Registration Clerk under the provisions of the Dog Act, 1966 in respect of Oberon Shire.

In accordance with the provisions of Part XIIA of the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended, and for the purposes of controlling the use of land and the purposes for which land may be used, the Council proposes to prepare a Town and Country Planning Scheme with respect to the whole of the Shire.

Council has asked for plans of 2 x 3 bedroom cottages of brick veneer construction suitable for use by subject masters at the Oberon Central School on a rental basis.

Council Meeting – 19th May, 1969

A further Housing Commission cottage to be erected in Balfour Street.

State Planning Authority have agreed to a simple 3 zone Interim Development Order to be made for the Shire.

C.G. Kruger resigned as citizen representative to the Lithgow Regional Library Committee due to his transfer to Gundagai.

Mr. J. Stewart be requested to accept appointment to the above Library Committee. He accepted.

Council to approve the issue of a Public Vehicle Licence to R.A. Corby for the operation of a motor omnibus on a proposed town bus service.

The Governor or N.S.W., H.E. Roden Cutler and Lady Cutler to visit Oberon on 1st and 2nd November in connection with the centenary celebration of St. Barnabas' Church. Council to appoint a sub-committee of 3 of its members to confer with representatives of St. Barnabas' Church of England with a view to preparation of an appropriate programme covering the intended Vice-Regal visit. The Committee to consist of the Shire President, L.C. Armstrong, Deputy President, J. White and Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Council Meeting – 23rd June, 1969

Councillor H.H. McKinnon to receive a Certificate of Service covering his local government service.

Road accidents in N.S.W. for the year ended 31st December, 1968 showed an increase, in comparison with 1967, of 5,647 accidents with deaths increasing by 94 and injuries 1,418. Accidents in the Council's area for the quarter ended 31st March, 1969 showed 10 accidents, with 7 persons injured.

If the Council decides to establish some permanent memorial to mark the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations, the provision of facilities for the aged be taken into consideration.

Stonemasons in the area to be requested to submit, for Council's approval, designs for normal types of slabs and monuments erected at public cemeteries in the Oberon Shire.

Council Meeting – 21st July, 1969

As from a date to be proclaimed, Mayors and Presidents are to be elected in September of each year but, until this Act is proclaimed, this will continue to take place in December of each year.

A sub-committee consisting of Crs. Armstrong, Murray, White and Wolstenholme be set up to examine the possibilities of industrial development in the Shire.

Council Meeting – 18th August, 1969

Department of Immigration advised councils that aliens may obtain Australian Citizenship after 3 year's residency provided they can read and write English to an acceptable degree.

Application to be made for a grant from the Local Government Assistance Fund towards Stage 1 of the project (parklands, suitable playing equipment for children, public toilets) for approximately \$5,000 for the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations.

Councillors Dwyer and Murray to represent Council on the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Sub-Committee and that a donation of \$25 be made to cover initial administrative costs.

Application to be made to the Lands Department for control of Lot 14, Section 62, Bligh Street which has been set aside as a children's playground.

No tree plantings be permitted within the town without the prior approval of the Shire Engineer.

A flag pole to be erected at front of Council Chambers at an estimated cost of \$40.

Council Meeting – 15th September, 1969

In a variation to the Local Government Engineers' Award, Clause 5 (a) restricts to 1 per week the number of nights which the Engineer may be required to attend meetings of Council or of Standing Committees.

Council gave approval for the sale of Lot 1, Section 10, Dart Street to G.G. Benson for the purpose of construction of a new dental clinic.

Council agreed to a quarter page advertisement and the publication of an Oberon Supplement in the "Sydney Morning Herald".

The tender of Mr. T. Van Dalen of The Reef for the provision of grave digging services at public cemeteries in the Oberon Shire for a period of 3 years commencing 1st October, 1969 and termination on 30th September, 1972 be accepted.

Council Meeting – 20th October, 1969

In the quarter ended 30th June, 1969 there were 16 accidents in the Shire, with 5 injuries.

Council agreed to secure a bronze plaque for erection at Oberon as a permanent record of the Bi-Centenary of the discovery of the east coast of Australia in 1770 by Captain Cook.

The Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Committee asked Council to look into the procurement of land for the Captain Cook Memorial Centre at Oberon. This was passed to the Town Improvement, Health and Building Committee.

Council decided not to provide fluoride tablets as the P.W.D. is examining a proposal for the fluoridation of the Oberon Water Supply.

Council Meeting – 17th November, 1969

The P.W.D. advised Council that the total cost of the sewerage construction at Oberon to date amounts to \$444,326.27.

The Black Springs Progress Association advised that they had been granted a block

of land by the Department of Lands for the provision of a public hall in Black Springs. The land has an area of 2 roods, 6 ½ perches and is described as Allotment 4, Section 3, Black Springs. It is to be capable of providing accommodation for 350 people with a supper room and meeting room for district organizations and is estimated to cost \$14,000.

N.S.W. road accidents for the year ended 30th June, 1969 had an increase of 4,016 accidents over last year. Deaths increased by 32 and injuries by 768.

Barbara Mawhood resigned after 5 years with Council.

Council to approach G.H. & J.E. David for the purchase of Lot A in re-subdivision of Lot 8, Section 10 having a frontage of 24 ft. to Oberon Street, with a depth of 167'4" for the erection of public toilets and establishment of a small park area for the Captain Cook Memorial Centre. Council then decided to provide public toilets in the commercial section of Oberon as a separate project.

Special Council Meeting – 24th November, 1969

This meeting was called to deal with estimates of income and expenditure for 1970, application for extension of Edith to Oberon School Bus Service and proposed Interim Development Order.

Due to staff difficulties the I.D.O. is to be deferred to 15th December, 1969 meeting.

Council gave authority for the purchase, from G.H. & J.E. David for the sum of \$2,400, the land described as Lot A in re-subdivision of Lot 8, Section 10, Oberon Street for the provision of public toilets.

Special Council Meeting – 15th December, 1969

Presidential Allowance: \$800.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. H.H. McKinnon.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Cunynghame, Sheppard, White & Wolstenholme.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Murray, White and Wolstenholme.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Cunynghame, Murray, Sheppard and Wolstenholme.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Murray and Sheppard.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Cr. Sheppard.

Bath. District Tourism: Cr. Murray.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. Dwyer.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Rd.: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Council Meeting - 15th December, 1969

Senator R.C. Cotton appointed as Minister for Civil Aviation.

Mr. F. Weatherall from the N.S.W. Council on the Ageing will visit Oberon on 9th December in connection with proposed survey regarding the need for construction of Homes for the Aged in Oberon.

1970

Council Meeting – 19th January, 1970

In the quarter ended 30th September, 1969 there were 20 road accidents in the Shire in which 4 persons were injured.

Following a report from Mr. Weatherall from the N.S.W. Council on the Ageing the Oberon Centenary Homes Committee be asked to make the funds held in trust available to the Council to build homes for the aged and an approach be made to the Hospitals Commission of N.S.W. for approval to build the proposed units on a suitable part of the Hospital grounds.

The N.S.W. Liberal Government refused help in the construction and continued maintenance of roads used by school buses in the daily transport of children to schools in the Shire.

A Certificate of Local Government Services was presented to Councillor H.H. McKinnon by the Southern Mitchell County Council.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1970.

Council to apply to the Shires Association of N.S.W. for the issue of a Certificate of Local Government Service to Mr. V.H. Arrow, a former Councillor.

The Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club had a fire in 1969 and the Board of Fire Commissioner's newsletter advised that as there was only a 4" main the damage was worse than it should be. Council advised that there was a 6" main and the article in the Summer 1969 edition of the newsletter was wrong. A retraction will be printed in the near future giving the true state of affairs.

Council Meeting – 16th February, 1970

Estimated population of Oberon Shire as at 30th June, 1969 was 3,860.

Council to seek information from the Royal Historical Society of Australia in regard to the historical character of the Carlwood Road and that when details are confirmed, it be suggested to the Tarana Branch of the Agricultural Bureau that a suitable type of cairn be erected at an approved location on the road.

Mr. F.E.A.B. Sewell, Divisional Planner (West), State Planning Authority of N.S.W. attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Interim Development Order for the Shire.

Council Meeting – 16th March, 1970

Tennis Courts at Black Springs to be sealed at an estimated cost of \$907.

Robert Letondeur resigned from position of Junior Engineering Assistant as from 27.2.70

Crs. Armstrong and Wolstenholme to be Council's representatives at business meeting of the N.S.W. Council on the Ageing.

Minister for Public Works advised he would give consideration to a special grant towards the cost of sealing of the Shooters Hill Road in the new financial year in the light of funds then available. If funds not available, consideration would be given to a joint approach to the Premier and Treasurer requesting that special funds be granted to Council to enable the proposed sealing works to proceed.

After an inspection of land in Ross Street, Dillon Street and Jenolan Caves Road as a possible site for the Captain Cook Memorial Centre, Council were of the opinion that Lots 1, 2, 9 and 10 and Part Lot 10, Section 35 when added to an area of 3 acres, 3 roods, 32 perches of a Reserve in Ross & Dillon Streets would be a suitable site.

Mrs. H.E.A. Rodwell completed a labour survey for the town, as requested by Council and advised that 170 females and no males

were seeking employment. In the 18 to 45 age group full time employment was sought by 73 females while 64 females were interested in part-time employment. In the over 45's, 12 females were available for full time employment and 21 females were interested in part-time employment.

Council Meeting – 20th April, 1970

2 more Housing Commission homes to be built in Dudley Street.

Timber Industries presented to Council, as a matter of historical interest, an old steam engine used at its timber mill and suggested that the unit be placed in the playground in Cunynghame Street or another suitable place as amusement for children.

The R.S.L. Club is to rebuild a section of the Club premises destroyed by the fire last year.

The A.B.C. thanked Council and its officers for the co-operation given the Commission in the filming of an episode of the "Delta" series at Tarana, and indicating that prior advice will be furnished when the episode is to be telecast.

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1969, 19 motor vehicle accidents occurred in the Shire in which 6 persons were injured.

Special Council Meeting – 27th April, 1970:

This meeting was called to deal with the purchase of bush fire equipment and the Shire Engineer's Special Report dated 3rd April, 1970 re various staff regradings, extension of office accommodation, street cleaning contract and the costs of converting existing suitable caravans and of purchasing new units.

Council Meeting – 18th May, 1970

Scotch thistle proclaimed a noxious plant in the Shires of Monaro and Snowy River.

Geographical Names Board advised that the Dept. of Lands is producing a new map of the village of Glenburn and expresses the desirability of amending the name to Wisemans Creek. The Board pointed out

that the name of Glenburn was proclaimed on 15th December, 1888, but for many years the village has been known as Wisemans Creek. The Board asked if Council could supply any information regarding the name "Wiseman" as they thought some of Solomon Wiseman's descendants may have settled in this area. Council agreed to the name change.

Interim Development Order No. 1 – Shire of Oberon was proclaimed on 1st May, 1970.

The Shire Engineer, R.L. Hooper, appointed as Planning Officer for the Shire.

A Planning Committee was formed with Crs. Armstrong, Cunynghame, Gearon, McKinnon and Murray for the remainder of the 1969/70 term.

P. & B.M. Dale to construct public conveniences in Oberon Street.

Council Meeting – 22nd June, 1970

Road accidents for year ended 31st December, 1969 were an increase of 8,900 compared to previous year, deaths decreased by 23 but injuries increased by 1,833.

The Housing Commission has already completed construction of 80 dwellings in Oberon.

A free Chest X-ray unit will be outside the Council Chambers in November, 1970.

Oberon Centenary Homes Committee advised that the Board of Directors of the Oberon District Hospital have decided to make land available for the erection of aged persons' home units on the southern boundary of the hospital grounds facing North Street.

The Geographical Names Board advised Council that the water storage known as "The Fish River Dam" is known to them as the "Oberon Dam".

Crs. Armstrong and Wolstenholme were re-appointed as Council's delegates to the N.S.W. Council on the Ageing for the 1970/71 year.

John Fairfax & Sons sent awards to the Council for the recent Garden Competition and asking the Shire President to present

these awards to the winners. They also congratulated Council on having such civic-minded citizens who do much to beautify the district.

Certificates of Naturalisation have been received for Miss Theadora M., Mr. Marinus L. and Mrs. Theadora C. Luyks.

Planning Committee extended to include Crs. Dwyer, Sheppard, White & Wolstenholme.

No authority to be given by Council to private owners for the lopping of ornamental trees at O'Connell.

Council renewed the contract of G.L. Montgomery for the operation of the Oberon Camping Ground for a further 2 years from 1st July, 1970.

Council Meeting – 20th July, 1970

There was a request for a street in Oberon to be named after the Keen family as Mr. Keen had resided in Oberon for 42 years farming and mail contracting. Mr. Keen died at Titania on 9th February, 1911. Council to consider when future street naming proposals are dealt with.

The A.B.C. thanked Council for their co-operation in the filming of the episode "The Honeywind Blows" of the "Delta" series and indicating that the programme is scheduled to be telecast on A.B.C. Television on Friday, 28th August, 1970 at 8.00 p.m.

For the period ended 31st March, 1970, 15 accidents occurred in the Shire area with 8 persons injured.

M.R. Kerle resigned from Council as from 24th July, 1970 to take up position of Deputy Shire Engineer at Walgett.

Council will not grant permission for any car trials to be held during the winter months.

Health Surveyor to draw up plans for the erection of an upper level office for himself and his office be added to the Engineering Department.

A Certificate of Local Government Service to be presented to former Councillor V.H. Arrow on 17th August, 1970 as well as

Certificates of Naturalisation and winners of the "Herald" Garden Competitions.

The Shire Health Surveyor has prepared a sketch plan for the proposed homes for the aged.

Because of a complaint from truck, grader, etc. drivers, Council is to install heater demister units in all new and existing plant.

Council Meeting – 17th August, 1970

The Commonwealth Taxation Office has opened a new office in Orange.

John Drzyzga appointed Senior Assistant Engineer as from 7th September, 1970.

Council did not offer any objections to the proposed closure of the Carlwood and Hazelgrove Railway Stations.

Council Meeting – 21st September, 1970

Council to approach the Local Government Department for permission to treat the public toilets and associated works in Oberon Street as a Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations project, thus qualifying for the special grant of \$1,000 already held by Council.

Council entered into a Tenancy Agreement with the Dept. of Railway for the lease of 1 acre, 17 ³/₄ perches, being 40 ft. deep and 1,290 ft. frontage along the Lowes Mount Road boundary of railway land in Oberon.

Barbara Mawhood tendered her resignation on 10th November, 1969 to become effective on a mutually convenient date. She is now to leave Council's employ on 24th December, 1970.

Triennial elections of Councils will be moved to the third Saturday of September in 1971.

A "forestry exposition" is to be staged in the Shire.

A tender of \$4,900 accepted from F.H. Cunningham for the construction of additions to the Council's offices.

Council Meeting – 19th October, 1970

Housing Commission to call tenders for 2 brick veneer and 2 timber framed cottages in Tarana Road.

Oberon Hospital has made application to Hospitals Commission for release of a portion of the hospital land facing North Street for the purpose of building homes for the aged and indicating this land was to be a gift with no restrictions. The Crown Solicitor was of the opinion that the Commission could not make the land available as a gift, but a long term lease (50 years) could be negotiated. The Hospital advised the Commission that the land would not be required for future hospital development. Shire Clerk to make personal contact with Commission with a view to expediting a decision on the use of hospital land for the homes for the aged project.

Oberon Tennis Club given permission for the construction of up to 2 additional courts west of the existing courts and to use the road east of the present courts in providing the additional playing areas.

Proposal for the establishment of a School Forest Area at Oberon and indicating that 47 ½ acres would be proclaimed. This was north of Dudley Street, south of M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves) and down the left hand side of Jenolan Street down to the dam.

Council Meeting – 16th November, 1970

A further \$50 donation made to the Bathurst District Ambulance Service. This is a yearly contribution from Council.

Council to investigate alarm facilities which will operate when the storage level in the Oberon service reservoir has reached, or will reach, a point below desired level. It was pointed out that this alarm would not work if there was a power outage.

Road accidents in N.S.W. for the year ended 30th June, 1970 increased by 13,336 from the previous year, deaths increased by 61 and injuries by 3,635.

Permission was given to Bathurst Broadcasters (2BS) to conduct a heat of its

“Golden Girls” competition at the Oberon Swimming Pool on 7th February, 1971. The girls will be from Oberon, Blayney and Orange and the winner would win a holiday in N.Z. and a girl from each town would win a trip.

Frank R. Wolstenholme Pty. Ltd. requested the lease, or otherwise, of portion of the Oberon Common near the Oberon Dam, for the purpose of furnishing a substantial tourist attraction for Oberon and indicating if the project proceeds the Company would spend \$50,000 to \$60,000 on the area.

A presentation copy of the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Commemorative Publication “Australia 200” be placed in the Oberon Library for public reference.

For a trial period of 3 months, the Oberon Branch Library be opened from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon on Fridays in addition to the Friday afternoon session in substitution for the Monday morning session and that the Librarian keep a record of usage for the Friday morning session. The consideration of a mobile library service to be considered when further information on possible cost distribution becomes available.

Council to purchase playground equipment to the value of \$500 for installation at the Oberon Street public toilets and Council’s recreation reserves.

Council to attempt to obtain land from the Hospitals Commission for the erection thereon of aged persons’ units, by purchase, if satisfactory terms are available, or by lease in perpetuity.

Special Council Meeting – 21st December, 1970

Presidential Allowance: \$800.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. H.H. McKinnon.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Planning: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Cunynghame, Sheppard, White and Wolstenholme.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Murray, White and Wolstenholme.

T.I., Health & Building: Although Crs. Cunynghame, Gearon, Sheppard and Wolstenholme were nominated, and none withdrew, Crs. Gearon, Murray, White & Wolstenholme were elected.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Murray and Sheppard.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Cr. Sheppard.

Bathurst District Tourism: Cr. Murray.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. Dwyer.
Goulburn/Muswellbrook Rd.: Crs.
Armstrong and McKinnon.

Council Meeting – 21st December, 1970

Oberon Hospital advised Council that the Hospitals Commission has given approval for a portion of the Hospital site 66' x 165' on the corner of Springfield Street and North Street is to be made available for home units for aged persons by means of a lease for a period of 21 years with the option of an extension for a further period of 21 years at a nominal rental of \$2 per annum. Council wished to acquire a section of hospital land having a frontage of 132' to North Street by a depth of 165' (Lots 7 & 8, Section D) having an area of ½ acres for a Homes for the Aged project.

As there has been a considerable delay in reaching finality for the sale of the land adjacent to the Hospital for Aged Persons' Units, Council asked the Health Surveyor to investigate the possibility of securing land elsewhere in Oberon for use for the Homes for the Aged project.

Having enquired of the Government about the rumour of a Kraft Mill being established in Oberon, the Dept. of Decentralisation & Development advised Council that, so far as the Department is aware, there are no plans

by any company to establish a mill in the area or in any other area at the present time.

In the quarter ended 30th September, 1970, 13 motor vehicle accidents occurred in the Shire with 10 persons being injured.

The "E" Division Conference of the Shires Association is to be held in Oberon in February, 1971.

Shire Engineer to arrange for the purchase and installation of fire extinguishers in 19 Council vehicles.

The Council is to place an advertisement in the Service Directory put out by the Oberon Tourist Group at a cost of \$6.

As the Oberon Tennis Club was interested in the use of the former Daisybank School at the tennis courts, approval has been given by the Land Board office for the buildings to be disposed of. Council to advise the Tennis Club.

Council to extend Buckley Crescent to Dudley Street, close access to Buckley Crescent from Jenolan Street at the point nearest to the town area.

Shire Engineer to furnish an estimate of cost for the provision of a gravel road from M.R. 253 (Oberon-Bathurst to Lowes Mount Road).

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Council Meeting – 18th January, 1971

The Manildra Shire Council suggested that councils write to the P.M., John Gorton, requesting the proceeds of the 3 cents additional petrol tax recently imposed on motorists be passed on to rural shire councils in addition to existing road grants in order to assist in the reduction of rural rates.

Alan L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1971.

Council to purchase and install on white posts, 3 suitable litter bins, attractively coloured in appropriate locations in Oberon Street.

1,517 persons were Chest X-rayed in the recent programme in Oberon.

Council Meeting – 15th February, 1971

The Hospital Commission was not prepared to release more than 1 allotment in North Street for Homes for the Aged and the Health Surveyor to complete his investigations into the possibility of securing land elsewhere in Oberon for use for the project.

The Bureau of Census & Statistics advised that the estimated population of the Shire at 30th June, 1970 was 3,820 compared with 3,860 at 30th June, 1969.

The Minister for Mines refused an application by Stellar Mining N.L. for an exploration licence for sapphire, opal, ruby, topaz and emeralds but decided that because of the interest in lapidary he would assist amateur fossickers in their search for gemstones to setting aside areas of Crown Land for the exclusive use of fossickers and these areas would be known as gemstone and rock reserves.

Council to approach Mrs. A.A. Cunynghame and ask if she would be prepared to make

Lots 24, 25 & 26, Section D, Balfour Street available for the homes for the aged project.

Ex-President and ex-Councillor J.J. Hoolihan dies.

Council to provide 8 industrial sites (each 100' x 200') in Lowes Mount Road and an extension of Albion Street east of Lowes Mount Road and the sites be offered for sale at cost plus 10% after subdivision, sealed road construction and kerbing and guttering.

Council Meeting – 15th March, 1971

The Board of Health has approved a type of chemical closet known as the "Aqua Magic" Model "Starlight No. 10".

The Land Board, Orange, Oberon Central School P. & C. and Council to meet on 17th March to discuss proposed School Forest area.

Minister for Conservation replied to Council's letter re the possible establishment of a timber processing complex in the Oberon area, including a Kraft Mill, and indicates that it is not possible, at present, to forecast the nature, size and location of major timber using industries which will eventually be established to process the substantial volumes of softwood timber which will become available in Oberon and neighbouring areas and the current plans of the Forestry Commission provide for the Oberon plantation acreage to be at least 100,000 acres by 1985 and technological advances in various timber using industries, market demands for various wood based products and economic considerations would influence the type, size and location of the processing plants to be eventually established.

Council to provide 1 self-propelling swing and 2 seats at Captain Cook Park in Oberon Street.

Council to draw to the attention of the Police the continued vandalism of the public toilets

in Oberon Street and ask them to check these conveniences at night.

Council to negotiate, up to a limit of \$550 per block, for the purchase of land in Balfour Street as a site for the Homes for the Aged Project.

Council Meeting – 19th April, 1971

After information received from the Government, Council decided to defer the consideration of a Senior Citizens' Centre until the completion of the Homes for the Aged.

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1970 there were 11 accidents in the Shire with 1 person killed and 5 persons injured.

A Committee of Crs. Armstrong, McKinnon, White and Wolstenholme was set up to examine the case for a progressive Poll Tax as a substitute for Local Government rates.

The Balfour Street land was approved for acquisition as a site for the Homes for the Aged.

Council to ensure that before lime trees are planted on land leased by Council from the Department of Railways, necessary grading works be undertaken.

Council to approach the Federal Government requesting that an automatic telephone service be provided at Oberon.

The Education Department requested to defer action on the dedication of the School Forest Area at Oberon pending receipt of information from the Department of Lands as to the new area.

Council Meeting – 17th May, 1971

Bathurst Broadcasters advised that the 1971 2BS "Perfect Secretary" Quest was launched on 22nd February, 1971 and will conclude with a mammoth all-day Radio Appeal on Sunday, 7th November, 1971. The Quest is open to all single and married women residing in the 2BS listening area of Bathurst, Orange, Blayney and Oberon who are normally employed in the position of Secretary and the girls must be nominated

by their employer who has to pay a \$10 entrance fee. All proceeds will support the current "Glenray" \$120,000 expansion programme to provide additional facilities for the mentally and physically handicapped people of the district and Council was asked to make a nomination.

Council to write to Member for Bathurst, C.G. Osborne, on behalf of landowners in the vicinity of the Oberon Prison Farm concerning the inconvenience caused to them through theft of their possessions by escapees from the Prison Farm.

Council Meeting – 21st June, 1971

Traffic accidents for year ended 31st December, 1970 were 92,998 accidents, of which 1,309 persons were killed and 34,886 persons injured. Oberon Shire had 53 accidents with 1 person killed and 37 persons injured.

The "Bathurst Carillon" requested Council's business papers so they can increase their coverage of events in the Oberon district.

Various ratepayers in all parts of the Shire withheld ½ their rates as a protest against the inequitable rating system. This was done on the advice of the Oberon Ratepayers' Association. Council informed the various ratepayers that they deplored this action and that interest was chargeable on the unpaid balances and that the usual recovery action would be instituted in respect of the unpaid balances.

Tenders to be called for the construction of the proposed Homes for the Aged units when the detailed planning and preparation of specifications are prepared.

Mr. A.B. Connoley retired from Council on 9th July, 1971 after 19 years with the Council.

The Meat Industry Authority is now to act as the licensing authority for all slaughtering premises in N.S.W. from 1st June, 1971, instead of councils.

Council Meeting – 19th July, 1971

The Forestry Commission received the following timber royalties in 1970 – Hardwood \$33,161; Pinus \$108,790, and expect this figure to increase by between 5% and 10% in 1971.

Shire Clerk to arrange for the conduct of an appropriate Foundation Stone Ceremony to mark the commencement of the construction of the Homes for the Aged Units in Oberon.

It was suggested to the Nature Conservation Council of N.S.W. that city dwellers should contribute to the cost of the preservation in a natural state of bushlands in country areas and an appropriate programme is required to educate city dwellers in the preservation of National Parks, Nature Reserves and other forms of reservations.

Oberon Central School to be fixed as the principal polling place in connection with the ordinary election of Councillors to be held on Saturday, 18th September, 1971.

“A” Riding Polling Places to be at Turonville, Black Springs and O’Connell, “B” Riding at Turonville, O’Connell and Hazelgrove, and “C” Riding at Black Springs, Edith, Paling Yards, Shooters Hill, Isabella and Porters Retreat.

A slogan competition was held and Anthony Caladine from Oberon Central School won with the slogan “This Town Plants Trees – Protect Them Please”. A sign to this effect to be placed in an appropriate position at the Oberon Dam site.

Council Meeting – 16th August, 1971

Angle parking to be introduced in sections of Oberon, Ross, Queen, Dudley and North Streets with provision for Bus Zones in Fleming and Dart Streets. Council still wants angle parking in Dart Street between Dudley and Earl Streets.

Dianne Ballinger (Slattery) given 6 months leave of absence from November to travel overseas as long as a satisfactory temporary replacement is found.

Council Meeting – 13th September, 1971

Council received \$350 as a contribution from Oberon Rotary Club towards the Homes for Aged project.

The Rotary Club to convey, by bus, those old people who indicate they are interested, to the Skyline Restaurant at Katoomba for lunch on 20th October and to inspect at least 2 notable and interesting gardens in the Katoomba-Leura area for Old People’s Week. The Club is also to present a small memento of the day’s celebrations to those persons who cannot make the trip due to illness, etc.

The Masonic Lodge intends donating the proceeds from the Masonic Ball to the Homes for the Aged.

Oberon R.S.L. Cricket Club asked for 2 practice cricket pitches and nets. Council to put in 1972 Estimates and indicate if the Club can provide any assistance.

A special train tour is to be run to Oberon on 5th September, 1971.

Application to be made to the Shires Association of N.S.W. for the issue of a Certificate of Local Government Service to Councillor E.L. Cunynghame.

The Police have agreed to angle parking on the southern side of Dart Street between Dudley and Earl Streets and the eastern side of Raleigh Street between Oberon and Queen Streets.

The Shire President and Deputy Shire President to be appointed as Council’s representatives on the Selection Panel in connection with the occupation of Homes for the Aged.

As the Rotary Club is to donate the proceeds of a Sports Day to be conducted at the Recreation Ground, the Council waive the usual charge of \$4 for ground rental.

Special Council Meeting – 27th September, 1971

Presidential Allowance: \$800.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. H.H. McKinnon.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance, Sewerage & Planning: Crs. Brien, Dwyer, Murray & Wolstenholme.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, McKinnon, Sheppard and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Brien, Gearon, Sheppard and Wolstenholme.

Tree Planting & Beautification: Crs. Armstrong, Murray and Sheppard.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. J. White.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. McKinnon and Gearon.

Mitchell Reg. Development: Cr. C.R. Sheppard.

Bathurst Dist. Tourism: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Rd.: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. Murray (Council) and J.P. Stewart (Citizen's Rep.)

Housing Comm. Tenancy: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

N.S.W. Council on Ageing: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Bathurst for Capital: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Council Meeting – 18th October, 1971

Road accidents in the Shire until 30th June, 1971 totalled 26, resulting in 14 injuries.

L.G. Evans resigned from Council as from 8th October, 1971.

The Oberon Rotary Club offered the services of its members in doing any landscaping work necessary for the new Aged Persons' Units. Council decided that as the Oberon Shire Tree Planting and Shire Beautification Advisory Committee had also made the same offer, that Rotary and the Committee should meet to discuss the matter.

Rotary also to hold a Fishing Competition on behalf of the Homes for the Aged appeal.

Oberon District Hospital Board Chairman to become a member of the Selection Panel to consider applications for tenancy of the Homes for the Aged units.

Oberon Rural Youth are to conduct a "Coin Drive" in the main street and proceeds will be donated to the Homes for the Aged project.

Anthony Gearon to commence with Council on 15th November, 1971.

Dr. L.T. Robey also willing to become a member of the Selection Panel for the Aged Persons' Units.

Oberon R.S.L. Cricket Club to be allowed to carry out works on the Oberon Recreation Ground on a site approved by the Shire Engineer.

Council Meeting – 15th November, 1971

Council agreed to a bus shelter being constructed at Edith on the proviso that the shelter is moved should the school at Edith close.

Council made a contribution of \$50 to the Bathurst District Ambulance for 1971.

Cr. John White appointed as Council's representative on the Basic Examination Committee in connection with the proposed clearance of a section of the Fish and Campbells Rivers.

Council to ask the Superintendent of Police at Parkes to make full investigations into an incident which occurred at a School Dance and the acts of vandalism which have

occurred in the area (the public toilets in Oberon Street for one).

Shire Health Surveyor to investigate and report on the possible extension of the brick area to The Reef area.

Council to investigate the erection of Town Name Signs on the various major entrances to the town, with the population shown on the signs.

Shire Health Surveyor to investigate (and appropriate action to be taken) on a complaint that pigs are grazing in The Reef area near the water supply catchment.

Mrs. Hazel Harrison appointed to represent the Oberon Branches of the Red Cross and C.W.A. on the Homes for the Aged Tenancy Panel.

Special Council Meeting – 29th November, 1971

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1972.

Council Meeting – 20th December, 1971

Oberon Branch of the Graziers' Association forwarded a cheque for \$37.84 as a donation to the Homes for the Aged project.

Trevor Jarrett, Greg Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Eileen Connell appointed as Trustees of the proposed Reserve for Public Recreation (the site of the former Hazelgrove School).

Because of various acts of vandalism at Council's Cemeteries, it has been decided to repair the monuments and lock the vehicle gate at the Oberon Cemetery, place an appropriate notice concerning key availability and provide pedestrian gates.

1972

Council Meeting – 24th January, 1972

Accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 30th September, 1971 totalled 9, with 3 injuries.

In N.S.W. for the year ended 30th June, 1971 there was an increase of 1,480 accidents, with deaths decreasing by 3 and injuries decreasing by 350.

Crs. McKinnon, White and Wolstenholme (with Cr. Armstrong as ex-officio) to be the sub-committee to make recommendations to the Local Government Inquiry.

Councillor C.R. Sheppard presented to Council an electric wall clock, for erection in the Council Chambers.

Hon. W.C. Wentworth, M.P., Commonwealth Minister for Social Services to open the Aged Persons' Units in Balfour Street on Saturday, 20th May, 1972 at 3.00 p.m.

Alan L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1972.

In future town subdivisions, the subdivider is required to provide 10% of the area proposed to be subdivided for public recreation space, or where considered more appropriate by the Council, contribute to the Council an amount equal to 10% of the Council's assessment of the value of the new building land being provided, such contribution to be set aside for the maintenance and improvement of public recreation areas in the town.

The new Housing Commission subdivision off Springfield Street to be known as "Spicer Place".

Shire Clerk authorized to investigate the provision and erection of a suitable type of board recognizing the service of Presidents and Senior Officers of Council.

Council Meeting – 21st February, 1972

Shire Clerk to arrange for a suitable plaque for the opening of the Aged Persons' Units and also invitations to the Opening Ceremony and other associated functions be limited to citizens in the Shire as well as A.S. Luchetti, M.P. and C.G. Osborne, M.L.A.

Council has procured a grant of \$20,800 in respect of the Aged Persons' Units in Balfour Street from the Commonwealth Department of Social Services such subsidy being based on an estimated total outgoing of \$34,137.

The Oberon Central School has printed a Centenary Booklet on the activities of the school for the past century.

Council to act as agent for the Builders' Licencing Board in the distribution of application forms for use by builders in the area wishing to obtain licences.

Council Meeting – 20th March, 1972

Rotary Club to do planting and rock work is a self-supporting one. The land is described as Lot 1, Section 46, Prince & North Streets (Old Pound Yard).

Trusteeship of the Oberon Showground to be accepted by Council, subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made with the Oberon A.H. & P. Association, the Oberon Rugby League and the Department of Lands and that appropriate provision be made at the Showground for a Community Centre if and when its construction can be undertaken.

The whole of the land included in The Reef area to be defined as a brick area.

Council to purchase the land in Oberon Street owned by the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes Grand Australasian Banner Ltd. for the rates and charges outstanding on the property.

Council Meeting – 17th April, 1972

The provision of an overhead crossing over the railway line at Kelso on the O'Connell Road was brought up. Council to approach local member re. this.

The land at The Reef has been declared unsuitable for use as a commercial poultry farm because of the possible pollution of the water supply but that the use of land for market gardening is unobjectionable provided insecticides and chemical fertilizers were used with reasonable care.

Peter Sheppard received a Certificate of Qualification as Overseer of Works.

Peter Ralls appointed as Captain of the Oberon Volunteer Fire Brigade as from 4th January, 1972 in succession to Captain H.R. Ralls who has resigned.

Traffic accidents in the Shire in the quarter ended 31st December, 1971 were 19, with 5 injuries.

The Government is making a review on the future policy on daylight saving and asking Council to complete a questionnaire on this matter. 5 Councillors were against and 3 in favour of the retention of daylight saving.

A bronze raised letter plaque to be purchased at a cost of \$175 for the opening of the Aged Persons' Units on 20th May, 1972.

The Apex Club to hold a Ball on 16th June with the proceeds to provide carpeting in living and bedroom areas of the new aged persons' units. Council to provide Westminster carpet in the units and the Apex Club and Police be asked to apply the proceeds from the Ball towards the cost of carpeting of the units.

It was decided to plant a lime tree avenue from Cunynghame St. towards Lowes Mount.

New chairs for the Council Chambers cost \$993.00.

Council decided that Mrs. Mary O. Brady, Mr. Bruce Holden, Mrs. Bertha M. Campbell and Mrs. Eva M.M. Callaghan be the first tenants of the Balfour Street Aged Persons' Units. If any of the above cannot

move in then Mrs. Alice M. Slattery, followed by Mrs. Rose Hughes be offered placements. Bruce Holden declined.

Rentals to be as follows: Single occupation - \$6.00 per week; Double occupation (by married couple) - \$8.00 per week; and Double occupation (where occupants are not married) - \$12.00 per week with a Tenancy Agreement providing for the local Government Medical Officer to certify that a tenant is fully capable of looking after himself/herself, and that a right of rental review is reserved to the Council.

Tony Gearon granted 2 weeks' leave per year on full pay for 5 years and Deputy Shire Clerk, Col Pritchard, granted 1 week's leave per year on full pay for maximum of 5 years in connection with their compulsory attendance at the Mitchell College of Advanced Education for participation in Local Government courses.

Council Meeting – 15th May, 1972

Road accidents in N.S.W. for the year ended 31st December, 1971 increased by 6,549 from previous year, with deaths decreasing by 60 and injuries increasing by 1,774.

Dept. of Agriculture raised the question of the need to observe precautions in the application of plant hormone herbicides to avoid risk of crop damage as the main danger appears to be associated with the use of hormone sprays during Autumn when damage to vegetable crops has been reported in previous seasons. Attention of all people engaged on the control of noxious plants be drawn to the dangers posed by the careless use of hormone-type herbicides.

The Rotary Club will, in the near future, consider the possibility of providing facilities for a public lookout on that area of land west of the town known as Falls Hill.

J. Burns resigned from Council effective as from 7th July, 1972.

Miss L. (Lil) M. Cain resigned as from 26th May, 1972. Barbara Mawhood to act as relief typiste until the appointment of a replacement senior typiste/stenographer.

Mr. G.L. Montgomery's contract for the operation of the Oberon Camping Ground extended for 2 years from 1st July, 1972.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1972

The Rotary Club donated \$176.73 as a further donation towards the Aged Persons' Units being the net proceeds of the Club's recently concluded fishing competition. So far the Rotary Club has donated \$785.24 towards these units.

Housing Commission to construct 3 dwellings in Spicer Place.

Council Meeting – 17th July, 1972

Council to support the Oberon Tourist Group to retain a section of the Blenheim Forest.

The P.M.G. rejected Council's request for an automatic telephone service saying that the existing manual exchange is capable of providing a satisfactory service and meeting expected developments for some years and that the replacement of the existing manual exchange with automatic equipment in advance of centres with a more pressing claim could not be justified.

Council expressed their opposition to the introduction of a 35 hour week.

The Kangaroo Protection Committee requested Council's co-operation in furnishing certain information and comments on the true picture of the kangaroo question.

The Rotary Club again to be asked to undertake the organisation of a suitable function for the entertainment of the aged, if possible, during Old People's Week 1972 as they did last year, and Council to contribute \$100 towards the cost associated with such a function.

Council also to convene a public meeting with a view to setting up a local Committee to survey the needs of the aged in Oberon.

An application is to be made to the Department of Lands for planning assistance in connection with the proposed development of the Oberon Showground

and financial assistance for the Showground development.

Council to call tenders for grave digging services and associated works within the Shire for a period of 3 years from 1st October, 1972.

Public Works Dept. to be requested to place on its priority list the provision of a new half million gallon reservoir at an estimated cost of \$100,000 at the existing reservoir site, Falls Hill or any other suitable site arising from the preliminary investigation.

Council Meeting – 21st August, 1972

A cheque for \$290.49 received from the Oberon-Police-Apex Ball to go towards the cost of providing carpets in the Aged Persons' Units in Balfour Street.

S.R. Nichols forwarded 2 cheques to be used towards the carpeting of the Aged Persons' Units. The 1st cheque for \$23.37 was the proceeds from photos taken at the 1971 Masonic Ball and the 2nd cheque for \$13.14 was the residual sum from the Industry Queen's account created and used during the 1964 Centenary celebrations.

Geoffrey Charles Gough to be approached to ascertain if he would be prepared to accept the appointment of Local Controller for the Oberon Shire area under the State Emergency Services and Civil Defence Act, 1972.

A Conference to be conveyed between Abercrombie, Blaxland, Oberon and Turon Shires for the purpose of discussing the joint employment of a full time Fire Control Officer.

Sometime after May, 1972, Mrs. Jean Kember joined Council as typist/stenographer.

Approval granted for an airstrip in close proximity to the Village of Mt. Werong.

Lands Board Office to add to the area of the proposed trout hatchery on the Fish River adjacent to the Village of Oberon, that part of the river containing old concrete slabs.

Special Council Meeting – 18th September, 1972

Presidential Allowance: \$800.00.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White (out of a hat).

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Dwyer, Murray, Sheppard and White.

Planning: Crs. Dwyer, Murray, Sheppard and White.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, McKinnon, White and Wolstenholme.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Crs. Brien, Murray, Sheppard and Wolstenholme.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Armstrong, Murray and Sheppard.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong, Dwyer and McKinnon.

Bathurst District Tourism: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Rd.: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Bathurst for Capital: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Council Meeting – 18th September, 1972

A further cheque for \$193.53 received from the Apex Club towards the Homes for the Aged project.

The Local Government Dept. informed Council that information concerning the payment of rates by instalments to be included in the rate notices issued by Council.

Council to investigate the feasibility of an exchange of the existing Showground site

for another suitable Showground area in Oberon.

Lois Luther (Gibbons) appointed as junior typist around about September, 1972.

Street stalls are not allowed to be held on a main road (Oberon Street being a main road).

Council to seek information as to the possibility of establishing a wood chip industry.

Mrs. Rose Hughes to occupy Flat 4 in the Aged Persons' Units following the death of Mrs. B.M. Campbell.

The tender of Mr. T. Van Dalen of The Reef accepted for the provision of grave digging services in public cemeteries in the Shire for a period of 3 years, provided that the Council reserves the right to allow friends and/or relatives of any deceased person to dig the grave in a public cemetery other than the Oberon General Cemetery and no charge is to be made for this service.

Council Meeting – 16th October, 1972

Council to introduce the metric system with respect to works on main roads.

Crs. Armstrong, Brien and White were appointed to the Select Committee to confer with Cunynghame Bros. Concerning the provision of a full time meat inspection service in the Shire.

Council to require a minimum frontage of 60 ft. in all future residential subdivisions in the Village of Oberon.

Council has accepted Trusteeship of the painting of Oberon, provided by Oberon Freighters Pty. Ltd., and displayed in the auditorium, and that the Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club asked to acknowledge that these paintings are on loan from Council.

\$50 contributed to the Bathurst District Ambulance Service for 1972.

Council to resume land at the corner of Carrington Avenue and Crete Street for a park (this is now known as Herb David Park).

**Special Council Meeting – 31st
October, 1972**

This meeting was called to consider a proposal for the acquisition and development of industrial and residential land in Oberon.

**Council Meeting – 20th November,
1972**

Edith Parents' & Citizens' Association thanked Council for the erection of a bus shelter at the Village of Edith and indicating that shelter has already proved to be of great value to the children waiting for parents and the bus in the last few weeks when it has been wet and cold.

Mr. F. Weatherall visited Oberon and took the opportunity of inspecting the Homes for the Aged. He stated "having seen many units for the aged built by the Housing Commission and other organizations, I must say, without fear of successful contradiction that they are the best I have seen. The following aspects impressed me; the choice of the site and materials; the design and size of rooms; the quality of the finish, including P.C. items; the built-in furniture, cupboards and floor coverings. I feel sure that everyone concerned with the building of these units must feel pleased with the result, for they will, without doubt, be an achievement that the Shire Council and the people of Oberon will always be proud." (Mr. Weatherall made a survey of the housing needs for the aged in Oberon and district in 1969 and following receipt of his report, that the provision of the Balfour Street units was undertaken.)

Rotary Club to arrange a senior citizens' outing to Jenolan Caves on 21st November.

Council to accept custody of a mobile street stall constructed by Oberon Rotary for use by various Oberon charities and investigate the possible cost of handling the stall on a permanent basis, and also the most suitable location for the stall.

Blaxland and Oberon Shires to combine in the employment of a full time fire control officer, subject to an assurance being received that the annual allocation of funds

for the purchase and maintenance of equipment would not be prejudiced by the diversion of funds to finance the appointment.

Council to make provisions for the employment of an Apprentice Motor Mechanic and Junior Draftsman in 1973.

Approval given for the Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club to carry out alterations and additions on the western side of the Club's premises.

The Policy Summary in relation to subdivisions be adopted.

Applications to be called from persons qualified to occupy the position of Trainee Health Inspector with the Council.

**Council Meeting – 18th December,
1972**

A Committee consisting of Crs. Armstrong, White and Wolstenholme has been set up to discuss with the District Forester and/or Local Forester the proposal to establish a woodchip in industry in Oberon.

Council has decided not to establish a proposed brick area at The Reef.

M. Stephenson, Plant Foreman, tendered his resignation as from 23rd February, 1973.

1973

Council Meeting – 22nd January, 1973

Council executed, under Seal, the Deed of Agreement in connection with the occupation of Railway land in continuation of Albion Street for access purposes.

The Road from M.R. 253 (Oberon-Bathurst) to Albion Street gazetted.

Oberon Pre-School Kindergarten licenced for a maximum of 24 children between 3 and 5 and has been awarded a “B” classification.

Authority granted to Shire President to impose water restrictions within the town at any time that such a course of action should be considered necessary.

Miscellaneous Fees and Charges for 1973 adopted.

Alan L. Morse re-appointed Council’s Auditor for 1973.

Shire Health Surveyor to proceed with the appointment of a Trainee Health Inspector after the appropriate interviews have been made.

Council to accept responsibility for the storage, movement and placement of the mobile street stall until Council confers with the Rotary Club on the difficulties associated with the storage, movement and placement of the mobile stall.

Mr. W.H. Murphy to take over caretaking of the Camping Area and Swimming Pool.

Permission granted for Oberon Rugby League Football Club to erect dressing rooms and a kiosk at the football ground on Lowes Mount Road.

Subject to his acceptance, S.R. Harrison nominated to the position of Civil Defence Controller for the Oberon Shire for 3 years from 1st January, 1973.

In response to an appeal from the Bathurst District Ambulance Service for assistance in the provision and outfitting of a new

ambulance unit, the Council accept responsibility for the cost of the Maternity Kit and Modified A.J. Thomas Splint to be provided in the new unit at a total cost of \$100.

Dianne Ballinger to wed (now Slattery).

Ian Jamieson, Junior Draftsman, dismissed from Council.

Council Meeting – 19th February, 1973

Council gave approval for the erection, at the eastern end of the grass strip in front of the Council Chambers, a notice board for public use by local organizations to publicise forthcoming events.

For the quarter ended 30th September, 1972 there were 21 accidents in the Shire with 2 persons killed and 8 injured.

Typist/clerk, Mrs. L. Gibbons (Luther) resigned as from 30th March, 1973.

Council Meeting – 19th March, 1973

G.E. Robinson appointed Apprentice Motor Mechanic as from 2nd January, 1973.

Police asked co-operation of Council in its campaign against Indian Hemp (cannabis).

Bathurst Veterinary Hospital wrote to Council expressing their opinion that a Veterinary Clinic would be of great value to the people of Oberon and the farming community which surrounds the town as asking if a similar plan to that approved for the dental clinic could be adopted. Council to grant assistance for the establishment of a Veterinary Clinic of the type previously provided for the dental clinic.

Oberon Inner Wheel Club asked permission to donate a tree or shrub to the community each year and seeking approval for the first tree to be planted at the rear of the existing building at the Balfour Street Units. Council agreed to the scheme.

The Rotary mobile street stall to be located on the vacant land adjoining Howell Bros, in Oberon Street, provided that the unit can be weatherproofed, and that a fee of \$1 in respect of each usage of the stall be imposed with any surplus over and above maintenance costs to be distributed to local charities using the stall.

Council accepted that an area of 350 acres be retained by the Forestry Commission from the Blenheim State Forest as natural bushland.

G. McDonald appointed as Junior Draftsman to the Engineering Staff.

Mr. E.R. Fewtrell appointed as Plant Foreman from 6th March, 1973.

Council Meeting – 16th April, 1973

Council accepted the offer of the Lions Club of Oberon to supply a street seat.

Oberon Central School requested Council to fluoridate the town water supply.

Approval given to the Oberon R.S.L. Club for additions to the Club's premises comprising a swimming pool, squash court, sauna bath and associated facilities.

Mr. Theo Barker, Head of the Dept. of Social Sciences, Mitchell College of Advanced Education has been requested by the National Trust of N.S.W. to lead a panel to make a survey of the area of the Bathurst/Orange Growth Centre, to list features that are worthy of presentation, e.g. scenery, places where natural fauna and flora flourish, aboriginal sites, isolated graves, etc., and Council suggested that Mrs. S.M. Hughes or Robert Rawlings may be able to help him.

State Cabinet has approved a Bill allowing 18 year olds to vote in L.G. elections.

The final cost of the aged persons' units in Balfour Street was determined at \$37,071.65 (\$20,800 of which was provided by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services).

Sewerage Treatment Works Operator is J. McIntosh.

Shire Engineer to investigate a street beautification scheme in the main street of Young with a view to cost and practicability of its implementation in Oberon's main street.

Ex-Councillor (Mrs.) H.E.A. Rodwell died in March/April, 1973.

Council Meeting – 21st May, 1973

Oberon Rugby League thanked Council for the grant of \$75,000 for the year 1973.

Apex Club to build a new 6 ft. rock pyramid with the Apex sign in Apex Park.

The Inner Wheel Club of Oberon advised that an advanced Rhododendron shrub will be planted at the Balfour Street Units on 31st May, 1973.

The N.R.M.A. to list the Oberon Camping Ground in their Holiday Directory as a 2 star rating.

There were 29 accidents in the Oberon Shire for the quarter ended 31st December, 1972 and 9 persons were injured.

Council to advise the Oberon Lions Club that it would cost about \$35 to supply and install a 6 ft. wooden park seat with metal legs and a wooden seat on extruded aluminium frames or on precast concrete legs would be a similar amount.

Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Murphy to continue the operation of the Oberon Camping Ground for a further 12 months from 7th July, 1973.

Council to develop Part Portion 47, Parish of Oberon (Cunynghame Subdivision) with Stage I being the acquisition of the whole land required for subdivision and leveling of the whole of the land to be developed in the subdivision at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Stage II to be Oberon Street development, involving roadworks and water and sewerage services estimated to cost \$15,000 providing 7 residential blocks, 15 commercial blocks and 11 blocks for recreation space. Stage III to provide an additional 29 residential blocks.

Council Meeting – 18th June, 1973

The Shire President, Councillor L.C. Armstrong, elected to the Executive of the Shires Association of N.S.W.

A public meeting to be convened with a view to forming a Senior Citizens' Club and \$100 voted for preliminary expenses for its formation. The Oberon Branch of the C.W.A. was also thanked for their offer to provide their premises for the use of such a club.

Miss K. Perrott is the Oberon Branch Librarian (don't know when she was appointed).

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Mr. John and Mrs. Anna Pacak.

Council Meeting – 16th July, 1973

Council to assume the control and management of Reserve 88925 for Public Recreation the Parish of Oberon (The Reef).

For the year ended 31st December, 1972, road accidents in N.S.W. increased by 13,828. Deaths decreased by 157 and injuries increased by 154.

Council to support, in principle, the submission of G.H. David and C. Saurine for the establishment of a natural fauna sanctuary on portion of Public Reserve R79502 (being Portions 13 & 160, Parish of Oberon – Golf Club and adjoining area) and the Shire Clerk to make enquiries as to the use of a Public Reserve in this manner.

P.A. King resigned as Overseer as from 31st May, 1973.

P.A. Sheppard appointed Overseer from 31st May, 1973.

Council Meeting – 20th August, 1973

The possible improvements to the Oberon Swimming Pool, e.g. tiling of pool, improved filtration, shelter (on the western side), covering of dressing sheds and improving the pool surrounds be considered in the 1974 Estimates of Income & Expenditure.

Road accidents in the Oberon Shire for the quarter ended 31st March, 1973 were 28, with 8 persons being injured.

The maximum daily allowance payable to Council's servants for the attendance at conferences be increased from \$15 to \$20.

Council to ask for dedication of what is now known as Butterfactory Lane.

The following scale of meat inspection fees were introduced:- Cattle - \$2.80 per head; Sheep – 42.5 cents per head; and Pigs - \$2.70 per head.

Bathurst Veterinary Hospital asked Council for help to buy other land in town as the price of the land they were interested in had doubled in price. Council suggested they purchase the land or advertise their requirements.

Special Council Meeting – 17th September, 1973

Presidential Allowance: 1,000.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White (out of the hat).

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance, Sewerage & Planning: Crs. Dwyer, Murray, Sheppard and White.

Staff: Crs. Brien, Gearon, McKinnon and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Brien, Dwyer, Murray and Sheppard.

Tree Planting & Beautification: Crs. Armstrong, Gearon and Sheppard.

Bathurst District Tourism: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Bathurst for Capital: Cr. F.R. Wolstenholme.

Council Meeting – 17th September, 1973

Dept. of Public Works advised Council that the cost of a 650,000 gallon reservoir constructed of either pre-stressed or reinforced concrete is estimated to cost \$75,000.

Council to introduce the following scale of charges in connection with the use of the camping area at the Oberon Recreation Ground: With the use of power - \$1.40 per day or \$9.80 per week; Without the use of power - \$1.00 per day or \$7.00 per week.

Provision to be made in the 1974 Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the construction of a new swimming pool.

Council Meeting – 15th October, 1973

The Health Commission has approved the Aqua Magic Starlight Model 20 as a chemical closet.

Council to approach the National Parks & Wildlife Service to determine any requirements the Service may have in regard to the proposal for the establishment of a Fauna Park at Oberon.

Mr. W.J. Walther promoted to the position of Plumber.

Council to again contribute \$100 towards the cost of entertainment of Oberon Senior Citizens which is to be arranged by Oberon Rotary Club. The outing is to be to No. 1 George Street and the "Gold Diggings" in Bathurst.

Council Meeting – 19th November, 1973

Council advised Southern Mitchell County Council that no building permits have been issued for the construction of home swimming pools in the Oberon Shire.

\$50 donation was made to the Bathurst District Ambulance Service.

Councillor H.H. McKinnon elected Deputy Chairman of the Upper Macquarie County Council.

J.A. (Jim Nicholls) appointed as Trainee Health Surveyor as from 14.2.73.

E.R. (Ernie) Burgers appointed as Engineering Assistant as from 2.1.74.

Oberon Rugby League given the option to purchase, at a price of \$1,000 per acre, the land which is now encroaching on the area being acquired by Council from A.H. Cunynghame and that a possible exchange of land be investigated.

Special Council Meeting – 26th November, 1973

This meeting called to consider the estimates of income and expenditure for 1974.

Council Meeting – 17th December, 1973

The Lions Club forwarded a cheque for \$45.00 for the provision of a street seat which is to be placed on the footpath under the walnut tree.

Ex-Shire Clerk, Fred H. Rowe, congratulated on his completion of 50 years in local government.

Road accidents in N.S.W. for year ended 30th June, 1973 were 117,206 accidents with 1,181 persons killed and 38,301 injured.

The Land Board Office requested further information on the proposed establishment of a natural fauna sanctuary on a section of Reserve 79502 at Oberon (part of the Golf Course). They were details of proposed use; any control or management; type of boundary or any subdivisional fencing; and any buildings, structures and earthworks proposed.

Council to act as agent for the Southern Mitchell County Council for the receipt of the County Council's revenues in Oberon for a trial period of 6 months from 1st February, 1974.

Len Ballinger appointed as Apprentice Plumber as from 22nd November, 1972.

Council to try to secure the services of a part-time employee for a period of up to 3 months as Litter Control Officer.

After breaking the 2 minute barrier for a "flying mile" Council congratulated the owners of "Hondo Grattan", Messrs. A. Turnbull, B.S. & R.S. Webb.

1974

Council Meeting – 21st January, 1974

Alan L. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditor for 1974.

Alan Morse re-appointed as Chairman of the Local Government Grants Commission for a further 5 years from 1st January, 1974.

Council to call for tenders for the construction of an additional water reservoir as soon as plans and specifications are received from the Department of Public Works.

Council Meeting – 18th February, 1974

Accidents in the Oberon Shire for the quarter ended 30th September, 1973 were 21 with 1 person killed and 15 injured.

Department of Public Works has expended \$437,695.32 on the Oberon Sewerage Project as at 31st December, 1973.

Tenders to be called for the operation of the camping area for a period of 2 years from 1st June, 1974.

Council granted permission for the Oberon Rugby League to purchase the area from Portion 2, Parish of Oberon for \$1,000 per acre.

Special Council Meeting – 26th February, 1974

This meeting called to consider the report of the Committee of Inquiry into Local Government Areas and Administration in N.S.W.

Council Meeting – 18th March, 1974

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 22nd April, 1974

Australian Bureau of Statistics estimated that the population of Oberon Shire as at 30th June, 1973 was 3,770 compared with 3,752 as at 30th June, 1972.

Council supports the action of the State Government to update local government boundaries in N.S.W.

The \$400 in the possession of the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Committee was to be held for the Oberon Community Centre project but as this does not seem to be going ahead it is being given to the Building Fund of the Oberon Pre-School Assocn.

Any unregistered vehicles used for bush fire fighting purposes are to have the name of the appropriate bush fire brigade painted thereon or a sign affixed to the vehicle indicating the name of the particular brigade.

Subject to satisfactory interview, R.G. Rowe's tender for the operation of the Oberon Camping Ground for a period of 2 years from 1st June, 1974 be accepted.

Council Meeting – 20th May, 1974

Porters Retreat Rural Youth Club granted permission, as a community project, to place 4 x 44 gallon drums at the Little River Camping Area for the disposal of rubbish and indicating that the Club members would attend to the emptying of the bins.

1975 to be International Women's Year.

Inner Wheel to plant another tree on 30th May at the Aged Person's Units.
Councillor Sheppard to represent Council.

The first 9 allotments of the new Cunynghame Subdivision (in Tarana Road) are to be put on the market.

H.E. Murray resigned from Council on 26th April, 1974 having commenced with Council on 29th July, 1952.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1974

J. Stewart resigned his position from the Lithgow Regional Library Committee.

3 more Housing Commission homes to be erected in North Street.

Accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 31st December, 1973 totalled 45 with 1 person killed and 24 persons injured.

N.L. Cridland new operator of Oberon Camping Ground and Swimming Pool for a 2 year period from 1st July, 1974.

Council Meeting – 15th July, 1974

Special Sub-Committee formed to investigate the proposed boundary changes consist of Crs. Armstrong, Gearon and White.

Dick Northey resigns from Council.

The proposal for the establishment of a natural fauna sanctuary at Oberon does not appear likely to proceed.

A Regional Planning Committee to be established in connection with the proposed Hydatid Disease Education Programme on 29th August, 1974.

Oberon Central School to be the Principal Polling Place for the 1974 Triennial Local Government Elections. Other Polling Places were: "A" Riding – Turonville, Black Springs and O'Connell; "B" Riding – Turonville, O'Connell and Hazelgrove; and "C" Riding – Black Springs, Edith, Paling Yards, Shooters Hill, Isabella and Porters Retreat.

Representations to be made to the Bathurst District Ambulance Service for the establishment of an Ambulance Branch Station at Oberon.

Council to undertake the Agency on the behalf of the Southern Mitchell County Council on the basis of 1% of collections, with a minimum annual payment of \$2,200 and each Council having the right to

terminate the arrangement upon 3 months' notice.

Council Meeting – 19th August, 1974

Council received a grant of \$1,000 towards the cost of establishing a children's playground on the corner of Carrington Avenue and Crete Street (Herb David Park).

Road accidents in the Shire for the year ended 31st December, 1973 were 122, with 3 fatalities and 63 injuries.

Cr. L.C. Armstrong re-elected as Chairman of the Central Western Regional Organisation and the Shire Clerk. B.B. Gaggin, was re-elected Secretary.

Council to contact the P.M.G. for the provision of a buzzer extension from the office telephone system to the Council Meeting Room to enable Council and staff members to be contacted by telephone when attending night meetings.

Council Meeting – 16th September, 1974

Council approached by the Oberon Branch of the Historical Society requesting support for a proposal for the acquisition of a steam locomotive.

Oberon Rugby League made application for development approval in respect to the Club's proposal to use its premises on Lowes Mount Road for the purposes of a licenced club.

The National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.) advised Council they intend to include the Settlement of O'Connell in its list of classified environmental features.

Accidents in the Oberon Shire for the quarter ended 31st May, 1974 totalled 23 with 12 persons injured.

Oberon Rotary Club be requested again to organize an outing or entertainment for senior citizens and Council to contribute up to \$100 towards the cost.

N.L. Cridland resigned as operator of the Oberon Camping Ground from 8th September and Mrs. J.F. Boyd took over for a period of 3 months.

Planning approval, in principle, granted to the application of the Oberon Branch of the Central Acclimatisation Society for the establishment of a trout hatchery on the Fish River below the Oberon Dam.

As a general policy, no provision of recreational space, or cash contribution in lieu thereof, be required in respect of industrial subdivisions subject to the Council examining the adequacy of and the need for the provision of recreational space for employees where the engagement of a significant work force appears likely.

Council prepared to hold the sum of \$10,000 from the Estate of the Late Jens Christian Johansen to go towards the cost of building a unit for aged people in Oberon and Council to convey to the surviving beneficiaries its appreciation of their willingness to comply with the wishes of the late Mr. Johansen.

Special Council Meeting – 3rd October, 1974

Presidential Allowance: \$1,250.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Finance, Sewerage & Planning: Crs. Brown, Dwyer, Gearon, Lang and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Brien, Brown, Dwyer and Sheppard.

Staff: Crs. Brien, Gearon, Lang and McKinnon.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. J. White.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. McKinnon and Gearon.

Central West Regional Organisation: Cr. Armstrong. Cr. White (Alternate).

Bathurst District Tourist: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. A.L. Brown (Council); B.B. Gaggin (Citizen).

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Bathurst for Capital: Discontinued.

Tree Planting & Shire Beautification: Crs. Lang and Sheppard.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Areas Special (L.G. boundaries): Crs. Armstrong, Gearon and White.

Oberon Boy Scouts given permission to construct a barbecue near the Reed Road.

Mrs. M.S. Watson new tenant at the aged persons' units.

Council Meeting – 21st October, 1974

Council has written to the brother and sister of Mr. Jens Christian Johansen thanking them for their willingness to comply with the wishes of their brother that \$10,000 be placed in the care of the Council to build a unit for aged people in Oberon.

Council has been advised that, although Government has insisted on metrication, councils will have to pay all costs associated with the changeover.

Certificates of Australian Citizenship to be presented to Husein Blazevic and Rene Bosshard on 16th December, 1974.

Council Meeting – 25th November, 1974

The Public Transport Commission advised Council that the proposed acquisition of a 19 Class Steam Locomotive requested by the Oberon District Historical Society is receiving attention.

Council to call tenders for the provision of an additional water service reservoir at Oberon.

Rotary Club to again arrange an outing for aged persons in Oberon and indicating that they will organize a trip to the sights of the Blue Mountains with lunch at the Skyline Restaurant.

A.G. McDermott to retire on 20th December, 1974 after nearly 18 years with Council.

Special Council Meeting – 28th November, 1974

This meeting called to deal with the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1975.

Council Meeting – 16th December, 1974

Golf Club given permission to convert Special Lease 63/42 to Condition Purchase 74/33 Bathurst for the sum of \$9,500.

Mrs. D. Harper to resign from Council from 3rd January, 1975.

Certificates of Naturalisation for H. Blazevic and R. Bosshard now to be given on 28th January, 1975.

Part Portion 47, Parish of Oberon to be now known as the Cunynghame Subdivision.

Council asked to co-operate in the provision of facilities for handicapped persons in public buildings.

There was a Notice of Motion for the ordinary meetings of Council to be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m. This was lost.

The Shire Clerk, B.B. Gaggin had his period of service extended for 12 months from 10th October, 1975.

1975

Special Council Meeting – 13th January, 1975

This meeting was called to consider the effect of industrial award variations on the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Year 1975.

Council to take steps to retrench staff to achieve an easing of the adverse effect of inflation on Council's financial position and also to, as much as possible, discontinue overtime.

Council to draw up a boundaries proposal for submission to the Local Government Boundaries Commission, in collaboration with representatives of the Lyndhurst Shire.

Council Meeting – 28th January, 1975

Council to apply to the Department of Manufacturing and Industry for the allocation of a 25 pounder gun for display in the Shire area.

Out of 127,353 accidents in the State for the year ended 30th June, 1974 there were 1,257 people killed.

Subject to Police approval, the Oberon Rugby League was given permission to hold a bed race from the Royal Hotel, down Oberon Street and Lowes Mount Road to the football ground.

A.L. Morse & Co. re-appointed auditor for 1975.

Council to approach the Oberon Historical Society asking them to suggest names for the new streets in the Cunynghame Subdivision.

Council Meeting – 24th February, 1975

Council to support the restoration of compulsory voting in local government elections.

Council offered a grant of \$1,000, with Council putting in a similar amount, towards the cost of erecting a kiosk at the Oberon Recreation Ground.

Road accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 30th September, 1974 were 24 with 4 persons killed and 12 injured.

Council Meeting – 24th March, 1975

Keep Australia Beautiful Council (N.S.W.) held its inaugural meeting on 27th February, 1975.

Mr. G.H. David indicated he would consider selling the Malachi-Gilmore Hall to Council for the sum of \$40,000 and Council to proceed with the investigation of land suitable for acquisition for public development. The Shire Engineer and his staff to make an examination of the Malachi-Gilmore Hall and furnish a report to the Council on the alterations necessary for the carrying out of various sporting facilities therein and Crs. Armstrong and Brown to comprise the deputation to Mr. David.

Council Meeting – 21st April, 1975

Council approved the application of the Black Springs Progress Association for the erection of a building at Black Springs for use as a Community and Sporting Centre subject to the siting of the building at least 20 ft. from the splay corner.

Council to enquire of the Department of Lands concerning the procedure to be followed in the appointment of Trustees for Recreational Reserves.

Forestry Commission offered additional financial assistance towards the cost of reconstruction and sealing the Shooters Hill Road and Commission asked to confirm that its total contribution towards the work will amount to 50% of the completed cost (approximately \$80,000) – total cost estimated to be \$160,000.

Shire Engineer's Report on possible sporting complexes is.

Council Meeting – 19th May, 1975

Council advised to prevent development of The Reefs areas and any other areas in the catchment of the dam and development to be restricted to 1 dwelling per existing allotment.

Road accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 31st December, 1974 totalled 15, with 9 persons injured.

Oberon Historical Society mentioned rumours concerning the N.S.W. Transport Commission's intention to close the Tarana-Oberon Railway Line and the Local Member, C.G. Osborne, to be reminded of the undertaking given by the former Railway Commissioners that the Tarana-Oberon branch line would not be closed without prior reference to the Council.

Council to convene a public meeting to ascertain interest in organizing a Committee to operate a "Meals on Wheels" service within the town.

Australian Department of Social Security accepted the Council's sketch plans and cost estimated for the extension of the Aged Persons' Units in Oberon and asked Council to proceed with the preparation of working drawings and specifications.

Special Council Meeting – 11th June, 1975

This meeting was called to discuss the proposed local government boundaries changes.

Council Meeting – 23rd June, 1975

Council's application for the acquisition of a 125 pounder ordinance piece for display purposes was unsuccessful, but Council is on a list should other pieces become available.

The following names were suggested for the Cunynghame subdivision by the Oberon Historical Society – (1) Strathroy Avenue, (2) Dulce Domum Drive, (3) Nurse Fox

Crescent, (4) Esther Hawke Crescent, (5) John Nicholas Crescent, (6) Timothy Brennan Crescent, (7) James Inglis Crescent, (8) Dr. Perkins Crescent. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 were selected. The spelling of Cunningham Street is incorrect, it was noted that the correct spelling was Cunynghame. Tally's Lane and Ramsgate Lane were also named.

Council to convene a meeting with members of various craft organisations to discuss their specific requirements.

Council Meeting – 21st July, 1975

Council adopted a Policy that, as from 1976, no more than 4 doorknock approvals per year will be allowed and these must be at 3 monthly intervals.

Housing Commission to erect houses in Spicer Place and Springfield Street.

Because of possible problems with shingles as a roofing material in bush and grass fire prone areas, all applications for building approval where the use of cedar wood shingles as a roofing material is proposed, should be referred to Council.

Mr. E.T. Brodie retired from Council.

Council terminated negotiations for the purchase of the Malachi-Gilmore Hall.

A public meeting is to be called with a view to setting up a Local Committee for Social Development.

Cr. L.C. Armstrong appointed as Fire Control Officer for the Shire.

Council Meeting – 20th August, 1975

The estimated population of the Shire as at 30th June, 1974 was 3,800.

Accidents in N.S.W. for the year ending 31st December, 1974 were 128,842 crashes with 1,275 people killed and 40,429 injured.

The Public Trustee forwarded a cheque for \$10,000 in full settlement of the bequest made from the Estate of the Late J.C. Johansen to Council to be used as a contribution towards the cost of constructing additional aged persons' units in Oberon.

The cul-de-sac in the Cunynghame Subdivision to be named Henrietta Hawke Crescent in lieu of Esther Hawke Crescent.

Mr. P.L. Klower's tender accepted in respect of the camping ground and swimming pool.

Special Council Meeting – 15th September, 1975

Presidential Allowance: \$1,250.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Finance, Sewerage & Planning: Crs. Brown, Dwyer, McKinnon and White.

Staff: Crs. Brien, Gearon, McKinnon and Sheppard.

T.I., Health and Building: Crs. Brien, Brown, Gearon and Sheppard.

Works: Whole Council.

Tree Planting & Shire Beautification: Crs. Lang and Sheppard.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Central West Regional Organisation: Cr. L.C. Armstrong and (alternate J. White).

Bathurst District Tourism: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.P. Gearon.

Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road: Crs. Armstrong and McKinnon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Areas Special Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Gearon and White.

Council Meeting – 15th September, 1975

Department of Motor Transport advised Council that the installation of an overhead flashing symbol sign at the marked foot crossing in Oberon Street is not warranted because of good illumination and low pedestrian usage during the hours of darkness.

Oberon Rotary Club informed Council of their project relating to the establishment of a lookout on Falls Hill off the Oberon-Goulburn Road and asking Council for assistance by way of construction of access roads, entrance and any other heavy construction work which may be required on the site.

The Health Commission has designated measles as a disease and councils may undertake immunisation of persons voluntarily seeking immunisation.

The Public Works Department has given permission for the Oberon Branch of the Central Acclimatisation Society to establish and operate a limited hatchery below the Oberon Dam.

Mr. T. Van Dalen resigned as grave digger for the Shire and Council is to utilize its own staff and plant for the digging of graves.

Council to resume Lot 4, Section 10, Dart Street for a vehicle parking area (Mawhood's Car Park).

Council to lodge a further application for assistance under the Aged and Disabled Persons' Homes Act for the erection of further aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

Brian Dellow's application to establish a veterinary clinic for the treatment, surgery and hospitalization of small animals at Shop 6, Howell's Arcade was refused.

Council Meeting – 20th October, 1975

Council has set up conditions to be attached to car rallies in the Shire, together with a \$100 bond which will be refunded when all conditions adhered to.

The final cost of the Oberon Sewerage Scheme has been determined at \$434,205.60.

Forestry Commission to establish a rest area in Black Springs.

Brian Dellow given permission to establish and operate a veterinary hospital, with facilities for the treatment, surgery and hospitalisation of small animals at 94 Oberon Street.

Peter Fisher, Forester at Oberon, leaves the area.

Mr. A.B. Jamieson offered Council part of the site of Lot 10, Section 35 as a site for the proposed Community Centre for Oberon at a price of \$12,500.

Council conveyed to Mr. J. Gunning, a member of the Bathurst "Western Advocate" staff, its congratulations on the completion of 50 years' service in journalism.

Council Meeting – 17th November, 1975

Cr. J. White re-elected as Chairman of Southern Mitchell County Council.

Special Council Meeting – 2nd December, 1975

This meeting was called to discuss the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1976.

Provision to be made in the Estimates for the allocation of the balance of the 1975/76 grant from the Australian Grants Commission, amounting to \$32,783, for expenditure on site acquisition, planning, etc., for a Cultural and Recreational Centre in Oberon.

Council Meeting – 15th December, 1975

Accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 30th June, 1975 were 29, with 7 persons injured.

Dianne Slattery to resign as from 30th January, 1976.

No tenders were accepted by Council for the construction of a 3 million litre reinforced concrete water reservoir. P.W.D. to be asked if a pre-stressed concrete reservoir would be satisfactory and the Shire Engineer to negotiate with Concrete Industries (Monier) for the construction of the reservoir with or without a roof.

1976

Council Meeting – 19th January, 1976

A letter stating that as a result of a decision in Carr-v-Carr it is claimed “in effect it now means that no British parent is able to send his or her children to Australia during the school holidays on a United Kingdom passport for a temporary visit to N.S.W. without incurring the risk that they will never see or hear of their children again.”

Mr. A.S. Luchetti, Member for Macquarie, either resigns or was beaten at the elections.

The Shire Health Surveyor, J.W. Ferry, appointed as authorized officer under the Noise Control Act, 1975.

Shire President, Cr. L.C. Armstrong, to be nominated for membership of the Fire Control Officers’ Association.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Auditors for 1976.

Wilma Artery appointed 21.1.76 as Accounting Machine Operator.

Council approval given to the Methodist Church to develop existing buildings on the church grounds into a Retreat Centre.

Council accepted the offer of Monier Prestressed Tanks to construct a pre-stressed concrete reservoir (without roof), having a capacity of 3 million litres, for the sum of \$102,750 subject to the reservoir design being acceptable to the Public Works Department.

Council Meeting – 16th February, 1976

Oberon Pottery Club granted permission to use 2 rooms at the Depot Barracks on Lowes Mount Road subject to the club accepting responsibility for the carrying out of any necessary structural alterations as well as painting, cleaning and maintenance works @ \$2.00 per week, to be reviewed at the end of the 1st quarter having regard to the use of

electricity in the conduct of the Club’s activities.

Council Meeting – 15th March, 1976

Council accepted a tender from Monier of \$102,750 for the construction of a 3 million litre pre-stressed concrete reservoir at Oberon (without roof).

Oberon Rugby League to again conduct a Gala Day (including a Bed Race) on 6th March, 1976.

Councils on the Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road Committee asked to indicate whether they would be prepared to agree to the Committee being wound up and that authority be given to refund, with interest, any contributions made by affected councils or bodies.

Council to make an offer of \$4,500 to Mr. A.B. Jamieson for the purchase of Lot 10, Section 35 and approach Mrs. S.M. Hughes for the acquisition of Lots 1 to 9, Section 10, as the sites for the proposed Community Centre at Oberon.

There was a proposal for the establishment of a lawn cemetery.

Council Meeting – 12th April, 1976

Rotary thanked Council for the material assistance Council is to render in connection with the access road to the proposed lookout west of Oberon. The Department of Main Roads objected to the proposal on the grounds that access is prejudicial to the safety of traffic on M.R. 256.

Certificate of Australian Citizenship received for Gail Blunt of Jenolan Caves.

Council to make enquiries of the Lithgow and Katoomba Hospitals concerning the possible availability of a mobile blood bank attached to these hospitals visiting Oberon. Orange Base Hospital advised there was no hope of them providing a mobile blood bank.

Council Meeting – 24th May, 1976

Following Council's suggestion that the Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road Committee should be wound up, Goulburn City, Lithgow City, Turon Shire, Blaxland Shire, Rylstone Shire and the Goulburn & District Chamber of Commerce agreed, but Bathurst City, Muswellbrook Municipal and Denman Shire wanted to know why.

Council to contribute \$200 towards the Rotary Club's outing to Warragamba Dam for 56 senior citizens.

The estimate population of Oberon Shire as at 30th June, 1975 was 3,840.

Council to make an application to the Minister for Local Government for the provision of additional grant funds for the carrying out of further works at the kiosk at the Oberon Recreation Ground.

Council Meeting – 21st June, 1976

Accidents in the Shire as at quarter ended 30th September, 1975 were 8, with 3 injuries.

Council to ask Forestry Commission for a further \$10,000 towards completion of gravelling and sealing of the Shooters Hill Road and Council also to contribute \$10,000 in the 1977/78 R.L.R.G. Programme.

Tools and equipment stolen from the Council Depot totalling \$1,242.80.

Council to investigate the possibility of establishing a bus service for use by aged persons

Council Meeting – 17th July, 1976

Council has forwarded a plan of a proposed alternative access to the suggested Rotary Lookout on Falls Hill because of the objection from the D.M.R. on safety concerns.

Denman Shire Council still holding out for the Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road link but Muswellbrook Council have now decided that this Committee should be wound up. Denman Shire wrote again concurring with the decision to wind up the above committee.

Crs. Armstrong, White and Brown to form a sub-committee in respect of the White Rocks Dam proposal which is to service the Bathurst-Orange Growth Centre.

The matter of an overbridge at the Kelso level crossing was again raised by Bathurst Council asking for Council's support in having this overbridge instead of flashing lights.

The Shire Clerk, B.B. Gaggin, granted a further 12 month extension of his tenure from 10th October, 1976.

Council Meeting – 16th August, 1976

Mr. & Mrs. K.L. Webb's property known as "Sydmouth Valley" has been included in the National Trust of Australia's Register which covers classified buildings considered essential to the heritage of Australia.

S.R. Harrison re-appointed as S.E.S. Local Controller for a further period of 3 years ending 31st December, 1978.

Road accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 31st December, 1975 were 15, with 12 persons injured.

S.R. Nichols resigned as Secretary of the Oberon Building Societies as from 4th August, 1976 and advised that his duties will be taken over by Alan Morse & Co. He thanked Council for the use of Council's offices once every fortnight for the past 27 ½ years.

Shire Clerk, Cr. Alan Brown and Ross Corby to confer with the Oberon Senior Citizens' Group re the need for a town bus service and the likely number of patrons.

Cr. Brien asked why the Deputy Shire Clerk, Col Pritchard, had to be present at Council Meetings. He was advised that the D.S.C.'s attendance ensured that he was aware of the reasons prompting the decisions of Council on the various matters before it, so qualifying him to deal competently with any such matters in the Shire Clerk's absence and, in addition, the D.S.C. was able to advise the Council on any matters relating to its accounting activities.

Council agreed to the proposal by the D.M.R. to set up a committee of 3 to

consider proposals for traffic facility installations in the Shire and the Shire Engineer, R.L. Hooper, be nominated as Council's representative,

Council to negotiate with A.B. Jamieson for the purchase of lands in Curtis Street (now Hathaway Cottages) and land at the corner of Ross and Dillon Streets as sites for possible Community Centre.

Special Council Meeting – 20th September, 1976

Presidential Allowance: \$1,500.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire Clerk: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance, Sewerage & Planning: Crs. Brown, Dwyer, McKinnon and White.

Staff: Crs. Brien, Gearon, Lang and Sheppard.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Brien, Brown, Gearon and Sheppard.

Central West Regional Organisation: Cr. L.C. Armstrong. Cr. White (alternate).

Bathurst District Tourist: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.P. Gearon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. J.L. Brien.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Areas Sub-Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Gearon and White.

White Rock Dam Sub-Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Brown and White.

Council Meeting – 20th September, 1976

The D.M.R. has now agreed to the access to the proposed Falls Hill Lookout.

The Oberon Equestrian Club, Oberon Pony Club and Oberon Polocrosse Club have sought permission for a Special Lease of

about 7 ha. of T.S. & C.R. 62015. Both the D.M.R. and Council offered no objections.

The Public Transport Commission to be approached to ascertain the likelihood of the addition of a passenger carriage to the goods train which currently travels between Oberon and Tarana.

Council Meeting – 18th October, 1976

The lands in Curtis Street and the corner of Ross and Dillon Streets to be purchased from A.B. Jamieson.

A further grant of \$1,000 made available for fittings and fixtures for a kiosk at the Oberon Recreation Ground.

Shire Health Surveyor, J.W. Ferry, has been authorized by the Meat Industry Board as a "lamb brander and selector".

Council to be represented on any deputation to the Minister for Transport in opposition to the proposal to replace rail services with coach services.

Council to call tenders for 4 additional aged persons' units in Balfour Street as the Department of Social Security is willing to give a \$2.00 to \$1.00 subsidy for the scheme.

Council Meeting – 15th November, 1976

Road traffic crashes in N.S.W. for the year ended 31st December, 1975 were 1,288 killed, 38,141 persons injured as a result of 1,150 fatal crashes and 27,067 injury crashes.

The Shire Clerk to attend the Licensing Court on behalf of the Oberon Rugby League Club who are trying to get a Liquor Licence.

Mrs. B. McKinney resigned from her position of Typist/Clerk in November, 1976.

A Schedule of Reserves was requested by the Planning Committee.

**Special Council Meeting – 22nd
November, 1976**

This meeting was called to deal with the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1977.

**Council Meeting – 20th December,
1976**

Councillor C.R. Sheppard died on 17th December, 1976.

Australian Bureau of Statistics forwarded information on population and dwellings from the 1976 and 1971 Censuses as follows – as at 30th June, 1976 Oberon's population was 3,835 persons, with 1,105 occupied dwellings and 213 unoccupied dwellings. At 30th June, 1971 the population was 3,755 with 1,022 occupied and 155 unoccupied dwellings. The average annual rate of increase in persons from 1971-76 was 0.42%.

Minister has approved the alteration of the I.D.O. to permit Portions 16 & 17 and 23-25, Parish of Werong to be developed as a Fishing and Recreation Club.

The Central Western Regional Organisation decided to wind up the Organisation as from 10th November, 1976.

An extraordinary election to be held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cr. C.R. Sheppard and that polling places be Oberon Central School, Edith and Porters Retreat.

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Council Meeting – 24th January, 1977

The Government gave a promise that there would be no discontinuance of the Bathurst-Lithgow Rail Service and no proposal to discontinue passenger trains on that route at this stage, although they have stopped the rail passenger service from Oberon to Tarana.

Council gave the Rotary Club permission to install "Save-A-Life" buzzers at the aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

Safety rails to be installed in the shower recesses of the aged persons' units in Balfour Street (via an employee of Oberon District Hospital) at no cost to Council.

Council to act as agent for the Builders' Licensing Board.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Auditors for 1977.

J.N. Nichols to be authorized as a Meat Inspector in the Shire.

Special Council Meeting – 28th January, 1977

This meeting was called to consider the making of Closing Orders, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, in respect of premises situated on part of Lot 9, Section 11, Oberon Street.

Council Meeting – 21st February, 1977

The Dept. of Local Government forwarded a Circular concerning the use of disinfectants in the handling of infectious corpses.

The Oberon Apex Club's offer to provide seating in Oberon Street and Apex Park was accepted by Council.

Council to negotiate with Ian Gordon on the purchase of Portion 130, Parish of Oberon for the extension of the garbage depot.

At the suggestion of the Shire Engineer, Council to support a proposal for the

fluoridation of the Fish River Water Supply Scheme.

The Shire Engineer, R.L. Hooper, to enter upon 10 weeks' long service leave from 4th July.

Council to call tenders for an additional 4 aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

An application for a Certificate of Local Government Service to be made covering the service of the late Councillor C.R. Sheppard.

Oberon Rugby League to again hold a Bed Race on 12th March.

Council Meeting – 21st March, 1977

Former Shire President, A.H. Cunynghame, died on 20th March, 1977.

Cr. W.J. Stapleton elected on 5th March, 1977.

An overhead railway bridge will be built at Kelso commencing in 1977/78 financial year, taking about 65 weeks to complete after date of acceptance of tender.

Cr. W.J. Stapleton appointed to the Town Improvement, Health & Building Committee, the Staff Committee and the Works Committee for the remainder of the 1976/77 term and he also be a representative on the Oberon Shire Tree Planting & Shire Beautification Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 1976/77 term.

Council Meeting – 18th April, 1977

Jean Kember to resign from Council as from 12th August, 1977.

Road accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 30th September, 1976 were 16, with 11 persons injured.

A public meeting is to be called to discuss the possibility of public participation in the control of fossicking areas and should the public interest not be strong, the Department

of Mines be informed that the Council has no interest in accepting the control of such areas and Council is not prepared to allocate funds for this purpose.

Pyneboard and Timber Industries to be asked to erect appropriate signs at the loading points in their respective premises that pine bark chips are littering Council's roads.

Council Meeting - 16th May, 1977

The Shire Health Surveyor, J.W. Ferry, resigned as from 10th June, 1977 due to ill health.

Council Meeting - 20th June, 1977

Council to support the application made by the Fish River Sailing Club for approval to sail on the Fish River Dam as long as it does not use power boats on the Dam.

Shires Association informed Council that a Certificate of Services in the name of the late Councillor C.R. Sheppard has now been prepared and is in the process of being framed.

The Oberon Branch of the Central Acclimatisation Society has suggested 2 x 44 gal drums for litter in Kelly's Lane and advised that it will service them.

The Shire President, Councillor L.C. Armstrong, has been appointed Treasurer of the Shires Association of N.S.W. and Council congratulated him on his appointment.

Presentation of a Certificate of Local Government Service will be presented to Mrs. C.R. Sheppard and Certificates of Australian Citizenship to be presented on the same night to Mr. A. Giovanetti, Mr. J. & Mrs. R. Jovanovic and possibly Mr. S. Lukacivic and all arrangements to be left in the hands of the Shire President and Shire Clerk.

A further extension of service was granted to the Shire Clerk, B.B. Gaggin, until 30th January, 1978.

Special Council Meeting - 1st July, 1977

This meeting was called to discuss the provision of housing accommodation for the Shire Health Surveyor and also the appointment of a Shire Health Surveyor.

R.J. Pollock appointed as Shire Health Surveyor as from 2nd August, 1977.

The Land Board Office advised Council that it proposed to acquire land at The Reef Recreation Area which would give full frontage to the Oberon Dam for public recreation and Council is prepared to accept the care, control and management of the area

Oberon Central School to be the Principal Polling Place for the forthcoming triennial elections on 17th September, 1977. Other Polling Places to be "A" Riding - Turonville, Black Springs and O'Connell; "B" Riding - Turonville and O'Connell; and "C" Riding - Black Springs, Edith, Shooters Hill, Isabella and Porters Retreat.

D.P. Hill appointed as Apprentice Motor Mechanic.

Elizabeth Pollock appointed as Senior Typist/Stenographer as from 8th August, 1977.

Council Meeting - 15th August, 1977

Jim Nichols appointed as Inspector under Cattle Slaughtering & Diseased Animals & Meat Act, 1902 (Certificate No. 2117).

Accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 31st December, 1976 were 21, with 11 persons injured.

Council to support the representations of the Central Western Regional Advisory Council for the provision of a subsidised public transport service between Oberon and Bathurst.

A grant of \$43,500 made available from the Department of Social Security for the construction of a further 4 aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

The Shire President, Councillor L.C. Armstrong, was congratulated on his receiving the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Council Meeting – 12th September, 1977

An area of 4.04 hectares bought from Ian Gordon for the extension of the garbage depot.

An invitation to be sent to the Minister for Social Security, Margaret Guilfoyle, to officially open the additional aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

The Oberon Sailing Club sent a copy of the guidelines for recreational use of water storages.

Special Council Meeting – 26th September, 1977

Presidential Allowance: \$2,000

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Dwyer, Lang, Rawlings and White.

Planning: Crs. Dwyer, Lang, Rawlings and White.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Lang, McKinnon and Stapleton.

T.I., Health & Building: Dwyer, Gearon, Lang and Rawlings.

Works: Whole Council.

Southern Mitchell: Cr. J. White.

Upper Macquarie: Crs. Gearon and McKinnon.

Bathurst District Tourism: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.P. Gearon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. R.M. Rawlings and A.L. Brown (Council's delegate)

Tree Planting & Shire Beautification: Crs. Rawlings and Stapleton.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Water Resources Sub-Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Gearon and White.

Council Meeting – 17th October, 1977

The Apex Club given permission to have the Lowes Mount Road, from Cunynghame Street to the Football Ground, closed for a Phoenician Carnival and Dinky Derby.

A.L. Brown nominated by Council as a citizen representative on the Central Western Regional Advisory Council.

S.M.C.C. advising that, as the land on which their radio hut and mast are located, is to be developed as a lookout and vested in Oberon Shire, the County Council is prepared to donate these assets to the Oberon Council. The Shire Engineer advised that as the Falls Hill site gave good radio coverage, particularly to the west, as well as having the added advantage of good visual cover, they could be of advantage in a bush fire or similar emergency. Council agreed to accept the offer and advised it wished to retain the electricity supply to the radio hut and mast.

Oberon Central School to be Principal Polling Place for the Extraordinary election of 1 Councillor to be held on 26th November, 1977 and also a polling place at Turonville.

The Apex Club provided \$4,600, the estimated shortfall, for the new aged persons' units.

Jim Nichols resigned as Trainee Health Surveyor as from 25th November, 1977.

Council Meeting – 21st November, 1977

Telecom advised Council that arrangements are in hand to install an automatic exchange at Oberon early in 1978.

The Minister for Social Security, Senator Margaret Guilfoyle, advised she will be available to open the new aged persons' units in April, 1978, but not in March. This is to be on Saturday, 15th April, 1978 at 2.30 p.m.

Council asked to be represented at a meeting in Sydney in regard to the proposal that all flights from N.S.W. country areas to Sydney will terminate at Bankstown.

Accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 31st March, 1977 were 16, with 10 persons injured.

The new aged persons' units in Balfour Street to be named "Johansen House" and the sisters of the Late J.C. Johansen be invited to attend the Official Opening of these units along with the Consul for Denmark.

Oberon Senior Citizens' Group donated \$100 towards the new aged persons' units.

Col Pritchard appointed Shire Clerk as from 31st January, 1978 following the retirement of the present Shire Clerk Basil Gaggin. Consideration of appointment of a Deputy Shire Clerk to be left until the December, 1977 meeting.

During the last few months there were amalgamations of several councils in the area but Oberon was not involved.

Since the September Meeting there has been no mention of Cr. John Brien but there is to be an extraordinary election on 26th November.

Council Meeting - 19th December, 1977

Cr. B.E. Lyon was welcomed to Council.

The Oberon Radio Club offered to carry out maintenance on the Falls Hill Radio Hut if it was allowed to use this hut for its activities and offered to make the hut presentable and comfortable and also to construct a new mast. If the electricity supply is retained, they have offered to install and maintain the security lighting for the site.

Council again contributed \$100 to the Rotary Club to arrange an outing for Senior Citizens in March, 1978 to the Zig Zag Railway.

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Council Meeting – 23rd January, 1978

The Australian Motor Cycle Trail Riders' Association donated \$216 towards the new aged persons' units.

A.L. Morse & Co. (A.L. Morse, M.J. Morse and R.J. Croucher) re-appointed as Council's Auditors.

Official Opening of new aged persons' units to be 15th April, 1978.

Arrangements have been made to have an Oberon Shire Council display stand at the 1978 Oberon Show to incorporate the following: (1) Screening of films on various aspects of health and safety; (2) Testing of hearing loss and general fitness; (3) Display of posters and leaflets on general health matters; and (4) If practicable, testing of dogs for Hydatid tapeworm infestation.

Council Meeting – 20th February, 1978

Both the Health Commission and the Department of Lands are opposed to any further residential development at The Reef because of the likely contamination of water in the dam, the soil is poorly absorbent and falls steeply to the impounded waters, sewerage is not available and no mention has been made of sewerage by Council.

The N.S.W. Government advised of their intention to sponsor a Senior Citizens' Week.

Mr. A.P. (Tony) Gearon resigned from Council from 3rd March to go to Kyogle Shire.

Ross Wayne Bryant appointed as Accountant on 28th March, 1978.

Ex-Shire Clerk, Basil Gaggin given a special presentation dinner on 11th February.

Council Meeting – 20th March, 1978

The Apex Club given permission to affix an Apex plaque to one of the new aged persons' unit.

Council Meeting – 17th April, 1978

A Public Meeting to be called for the purpose of determining a suitable form of recognition of the services rendered by the telephonists at the Oberon Manual Telephone Exchange. Council to contribute \$200 towards the dinner on 9th June.

Australia Post wishes to withdraw from service the 4 post boxes located in the town. Council objected and suggested they be placed in areas of special need such as new areas of town, near the aged persons' units in Balfour Street and near the public telephone in North Street and on the Tarana Road.

The Policy of telephones in the homes of Council servants be changed so Council pays the rental only and all calls are paid for by the staff members themselves.

Some damage done to headstones at the Porters Retreat Cemetery over Easter and a damaged fence is allowing access by stock.

Council Meeting – 15th May, 1978

Various sporting bodies within the Shire to be contacted to ascertain their views on the formation of a Local District Sports Council.

Miss J. Johansen advised that neither she nor her brother would be able to attend the Opening Ceremony of the new aged person's units.

Council asked to refer any people of Dutch origin who are suffering financial hardship to the Queen Wilhelmina Benevolent Fund.

Council's attention was drawn to the potential dangers of 2.4.5T fungicides and pesticides and the necessity to follow

directions and to use protective clothing and masks.

A consultation to be arranged with the parties who have expressed an interest in the need for the development of aerodrome facilities close to Oberon and the Dept. of Transport be requested to furnish Council with information on requirements, standards, etc., in connection with landing facilities for light commercial aircraft.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1978

Miss J.M. (Marion) Wilson resigned as Secretary of the Oberon Shire Beautification & Tree Planting Advisory Committee because of her impending departure from the area. Miss Wilson had been a member of the Committee for many years, possibly since its inception.

The Australian Heritage Commission, under the heading of "Oberon Shire", has placed the settlement of O'Connell (defined as an area within an 8 km. radius based on the intersection of the road to Bathurst and the road leading to the Church of England) on the Register of the National Estate. Council objected to the 8 km. radius and expressed the opinion that the originally stated radius of .8 km. should be allowed to stand.

There is to be a reciprocal agreement with the Evans Shire Council that their respective Impounding Officers can impound stock in the other Council's area.

As the Inner Wheel Club has had 2 Presidents this year, they sought permission to plant 2 trees in the grounds of the aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

Messrs. R.L. Hooper, J.I. Drzyzga, A.R. Benson, E.R. Bergers and P.A. Sheppard were authorized to impound dogs on Council's roads, reserves and properties and members of the outdoor staff engaged in impounding were to be paid an allowance of \$2 per day and authority was given for the construction of a suitable portable cage for impounding and transport of dogs.

Shire Health Surveyor given permission to prepare and promote a Hydatid Education Programme within the Shire.

The N.S.W. Government Heritage Council of N.S.W. announced the commencement of the Heritage Act from 14th April, 1978 and enclosed a copy of the Act.

Council to investigate the need for, and means of, providing additional aged persons' units.

Council Meeting – 17th July, 1978

A grass skiing demonstration is to be held at the Golf Course and a Local Advisory Committee has been formed in connection with the possible establishment of grass skiing as a sport in the Oberon area. This Committee consists of Messrs. R.J. Bearup, J.K. McCusker, D.M. Williams and Dr. W.B. Morrison.

The following buildings or localities were included in the National Trust Register: Malachi Gilmore Hall, C.B.C. Bank, Ramsgate, Settlement of O'Connell (an area within 8 km. radius of the intersection of the Bathurst Road and the road leading to the O'Connell Church of England), Bathurst Road – Westham, Oberon Road – Bolton Vale, Anglican Church Group (St. Thomas' Church – former Rectory), Barn behind store on road to Church, Hotel and R.C. Church Group.

Certificates of Australian Citizenship received for Mrs. Vicky Sutic and Mr. Ludvik Music.

Council Meeting – 21st August, 1978

A Local Government & Shires Association Circular, covering various subjects, also included support for a move for the equalization of telephone calls between rural and urban areas. Particular emphasis was placed on the need for rural dwellers to be able to phone their established service and commercial centres at "local call" rates.

Council asked the National Trust why certain buildings, locations, etc. had been listed on the National Trust Register. The Trust pointed out to Council that "the persons who comprise the committees which make recommendations to the Trust Council are experts in a variety of fields and it frequently happens that a building which

may not appear of merit to the layman is of considerable interest to the expert". An extract from the Trust's Register concerning the Malachi Gilmore Hall was enclosed describing it as "an important example of the Jazz Age Modern building and which still services its original use." The Trust will write later re the barn at O'Connell and agreed that the description of the settlement of O'Connell should read .8 km and not 8 km.

Letter to congratulations forwarded to Mrs. E.M. Booth recognizing her recent appointment as a Justice of the Peace.

Special Council Meeting – 18th September, 1978

Presidential Allowance: \$2,000.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Dwyer, Lyon, Rawlings and White.

Planning: Crs. Dwyer, Lyon, Rawlings and White.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Lang, McKinnon and Stapleton.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Dwyer, Gearon, Lang and Rawlings.

Bathurst & District Tourist Management: Cr. B.E. Lyon.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.P. Gearon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Tree Planting & Shire Beautification: Crs. Lang and Lyon.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Water Resources & Industrial Development: Crs. Dwyer, Rawlings, Stapleton & White.

Council Meeting – 18th September, 1978

The 1979 Australian Orienteering Championships to be held in the Kanangra-Boyd National Park.

Ian Glover, Editor of the "Overlander" Magazine is leading an expedition (which goes through the Oberon Shire) and which retraces Surveyor General John Oxley's explorations in 1818 when he traced the Macquarie River to its apparent end in the Macquarie Marshes.

Council wants to vary the purpose of a loan of \$15,500 as regards the unspent balance of \$3,000. The amount was raised originally as an initial contribution to a Captain Cook Memorial Community Centre and the Dept. of Local Government gave permission to divert this residue to funding proposed expenditure on the Black Springs Tennis Courts.

T.J. Ryan resigned from Council on 29th August, 1978.

Council Meeting – 16th October, 1978

In a Local Government & Shires Association Circular mention was made of "Scenic Easements". Apparently in Wisconsin, U.S.A., a procedure is in place to acquire easements over private lands for the preservation of scenery. It was pointed out that councils have a similar power under Section 88E of the Conveyancing Act and it was suggested that councils might consider the desirability of the introduction of restrictions under this provision with a view to preserving scenery of local significance.

A local bus will provide services from Oberon to Bathurst fortnightly, for 6 months, and will run on Wednesdays departing Oberon at 9.00 a.m. and returning at 3.00 p.m. Full fare will be \$4, but children and pensioners will pay half fare.

Council to submit an application for the dedication of Forest Street, Avoca Street, Vulcan Street and Reserve Avenue at Black Springs.

**Council Meeting – 20th November,
1978**

Council to make suitable arrangements for recognition of the services of the Volunteer Ambulance Drivers who conducted the service prior to the implementation of the full-time operation conducted by the Health Commission.

An appeal to be opened by Council for the family of the later M.S. Egan, killed in an aircraft accident on 17th November, 1978.

An approach is to be made to the appropriate authority to have a Coroner appointed to serve Oberon Shire.

Special Council Meeting – 28th November, 1978

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates of Income & Expenditure for 1978.

Dick Northey resigned as Motor Mechanic.

**Council Meeting – 18th December,
1978**

Council to approach the Government to request that the Forestry Commission make contributions to the local roads within the Shire which are affected by timber haulage.

Council to seek a deputation with the Minister for Corrective Services to discuss the problems associated with break-outs by inmates from the Gurnang Afforestation Camp.

Planning approval granted to the P.W.D. to provide new visiting facilities at the Oberon Afforestation Camp.

Council to take no action, for the time being, in connection with the provision of aircraft landing facilities adjacent to the town and further information on construction and funding be sought from the Federal Department of Transport.

The Shire Health Surveyor to further investigate the possibility of having the public toilets in Oberon Street locked at night in an effort to overcome problems associated with vandalism.

1979

Council Meeting – 22nd January, 1979

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1979.

Shire Health Surveyor asked to prepare plans for the satisfactory fencing of the Swimming Pool.

Glen McDonald resigned from Council effective from 26th January, 1979.

Council Meeting – 19th February, 1979

The Regional Advisory Council has been disbanded.

Council Meeting – 19th March, 1979

Revised sketch plans for a new secondary school at Oberon to go to the Dept. of Public Works on 21st February, 1979 with tenders to be called some time in August of this year.

Council to support an application by the Oberon Pre-School Association for a government grant towards the capital cost of the pre-school building now under construction.

A copy of a submission entitled "The Golden Way to Melbourne" to promote a tourist route based on the history of gold discoveries commencing in Sydney and proceeding through Bathurst, the Central West, Albury, Beechworth, Bendigo, Ballarat and Melbourne was sent to Council for their views on the proposal.

Pending the inability of Council's solicitors, Messrs. V.F. Gordon, John Wilson & Co. to continue in practice after 19th March, 1979, Council's requirements to be handled by any other solicitors visiting Oberon until such time as formal arrangements are entered into with any other solicitors, on a retainer basis.

Council Meeting – 23rd April, 1979

McIntosh, McPhillamy & Co. advised Council that the former legal practice carried on under the name of V.F. Gordon, John Wilson & Co. has been acquired by them.

The Department of Education informed Council of its intention to proceed with the construction of a new secondary school at Oberon comprising – 6 classrooms, library, administration facilities, multi-purpose centre incorporating food services units and milling area, double hard surface P.E. court, senior study centre, 3 staff studies, music room, art/craft room, 4 laboratories and 2 work preparation rooms (2 laboratories to service as 2 temporary classrooms and temporary resource centre for mathematics and social science), kitchen, needlework room, metalwork room, drawing room with associated materials testing laboratory, english/history resource centre, industrial arts resource centre, bulk stores, and toilets for pupils and staff.

A Certificate of Australian Citizenship received for Rudolph Svocak.

Mr. B.G. Casey, Bathurst District Engineer, Department of Public Works attended Council in connection with the Duckmaloi Dam proposal.

The Premier and Minister for Transport be informed of Council's concern at the rumoured closing down of the Tarana-Oberon Railway line and of the likely detrimental effect that such an action would have upon proposals for the establishment of a thermo-mechanical pulp mill within close vicinity of the town.

Council to advertise for new solicitors in place of V.F. Gordon, John Wilson & Co. following discontinuance of their practice.

Council Meeting – 21st May, 1979

There have been several blockages at the Sewerage Treatment Works caused by disposable baby napkins.

Mr. P. Bird of Kenny, Spring, Bird & Pike appointed as Council's solicitor.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1979

The Shire President, Councillor Lance Colin Armstrong, granted the award of Member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) in the 1979 Queen's Birthday Honours List for dedication to Council, as Shire President, and his services in the wider field of local government by his representation of "E" Division in the Shires Association, his holding the office of Treasurer in that Association, and his services to the Mitchell Bush Fire Prevention Association and other organisations.

Council received \$700 to assist in the preparation of a junior sports oval on the Tarana Road Recreational Ground (in Council's Residential – Cunynghame – Subdivision.)

As at 30th June, 1978, Oberon Shire's population is estimated at 4,050.

A concrete block incinerator is to be installed at the aged persons' units.

There has been a lot of correspondence concerning the rights of fishermen and private land owners. The Minister for Conservation and Water Resources has now decided that landowners would still have the right to refuse fishermen access across their lands to the river but would no longer be able to close off a section of such a river to wading or boating fishermen. Anglers would now have the right to fish all rivers in N.S.W. as long as they stand on the bed of the stream or are in a boat.

An Authority furnished to Council's solicitors, Kenny, Spring, Bird & Pike, to take possession of Council documents from the Receiver for V.F. Gordon, John Wilson & Co.

Mr. E. Gorman resigned from Council.

Council Meeting – 16th July, 1979

A letter was received from Master G. Fleming referring to the fact that, during a visit to the area with his family, the Village of O'Connell was not appropriately signposted. He suggested that signs indicating the name of the village ought to be placed at both approaches on M.R. 253. Council agreed to his suggestion and thanked him for bringing this omission to Council's attention.

The Deputy Shire Clerk, R.W. Bryant, appointed as Dog Registration Clerk @ \$200 p.a.

Permission given to the Shire Health Surveyor to arrange food handling demonstrations and screenings of appropriate films for commercial and domestic food handlers, school students and voluntary catering personnel.

A public meeting to be called for the possible formation of a branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (R.S.P.C.A.).

Council Meeting – 20th August, 1979

Council to approach the owners of "Essington Park" to ascertain if they would wish to have the property homestead listed on the Register of the National Estate.

Lithgow Council has agreed to Oberon's proposal that M.R. 558 between the Council boundary at the Duckmaloi River and M.R. 253 near Hampton should be taken over by this Council for any road maintenance and Lithgow has agreed to pay any moneys expended by this Council on this portion of the road.

Mr. A.H. Keen retired from S.M.C.C. after 22 ½ years' service.

Special Council Meeting – 17th September, 1979

Presidential Allowance: \$2,000.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. Dwyer, Rawlings, Stapleton and White.

Planning: Crs. Dwyer, Rawlings, Stapleton and White.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Lang, McKinnon and Stapleton.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Lang, Lyon, Gearon and Rawlings.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. B.E. Lyon.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.P. Gearon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Tree Planting & Shire Beautification: Crs. Lang and Lyon.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Water Resources & Industrial Development: Crs. Dwyer, Rawlings, Stapleton & White.

Council Meeting – 17th September, 1979

Oberon Lions Club given permission to establish trees along 2 sections of the perimeter of the Oberon Cemetery (2 rows of trees would be adjacent to M.R. 256 Oberon-Goulburn).

Council Meeting – 15th October, 1979

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Asan Redzeposki.

The heated swimming pool at the Oberon R.S.L. Club has been closed.

Council Meeting – 19th November, 1979

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Mrs. I.M. & Mrs. R.V. Thrumble.

Ray Callaghan died and outdoor staff were granted leave of half day to attend his funeral.

As the Oberon Pottery Club has disbanded, Council accepted custody of the equipment formerly owned by the Club and stored in the Depot building.

Council's Bush Fire Committee recommended that a fire place be constructed on the northern side of the Abercrombie River on M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn).

Special Council Meeting – 4th December, 1979

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1980.

Council Meeting – 17th December, 1979

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mrs. Stella Savvidis.

1980

Council Meeting – 21st January, 1980

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mr. Maarten Johannes.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1980.

Council Meeting – 18th February, 1980

Because of the potential hazard created by kitchen ducts terminating in the roof space above ceilings, subsequent amendments to A.S. 1668 will prohibit the discharge from duct work of the kitchen flue type into a roof space.

Any applications by members of the public for access to details relating to building or development applications will be considered individually by Council on their respective merits.

The Department of Decentralisation has established a Co-ordinating Committee to deal with matters which will be affected by the proposal to establish a wood pulp and sawmill complex at Brewongle.

There are to be helicopter joy flights at the Oberon show on 16th February, 1980.

Mr. A. Stapleton retired from Council's service (27.2.80).

Oberon to host the 1981 Conference of "E" Division Councils of the Shires Association.

Council Meeting – 17th March, 1980

A subsidy has been provided for the construction of 4 additional aged persons' units.

Council offered to buy 45 ha. of land from the Estate of the Late F.N. Richardson for use as a gravel quarry.

Council Meeting – 21st April, 1980

Approval has now been given for 4 additional aged persons' units to be built on the Balfour Street site in the 1981/82 financial year.

Council Meeting – 19th May, 1980

Mr. J. Toohill resigned from Council as from 8th May, 1980.

Following a letter from the Australian Army, Council to advise them that it has co-operated in the past with employees wishing to undertake military service and it will continue to do so when the need arises.

The Federal Liberal Government advised Councils that the cost of fuel in country areas should be not more than .44 cents per litre above city prices, e.g. if country petrol is 5.44 cents per litre above the city price, the Federal Government will pay the 5 cents with the rest (.44 cents) payable by country people. Council to ask why Sydney people can buy petrol for 30 cents per litre when it costs 30 cents per litre to buy it wholesale in Oberon.

The Department of Local Government seeking to have the Ridings abolished in the Shire.

Council Meeting – 23rd June, 1980

Master Greg Fleming (who asked for location signs to be erected at O'Connell) thanked Council for this action and added that the matter was discussed at his school and, in his words, "everyone said you must have a good Council when you listen to what children tell you".

Motor vehicle accidents in the Shire for the quarter ended 31st December, 1979 were 14, with 1 fatality and 11 injuries.

The introduction of the coloured and black and white tourist brochures will take place at the Golf Club on 25th June, 1980.

David Slattery resigned on 27th June, 1980.

Council Meeting – 21st July, 1980

In recognition of the work and dedication of Miss Marion Wilson on the Oberon Shire Tree Planting and Shire Beautification Committee it has been suggested that Miss Wilson's name be attached to a small park projected for establishment in conjunction with Council's Tarana Road Residential Subdivision.

There is talk about having all Ridings abolished by the 1983 local government elections.

A petition signed by 23 persons requested Council to resume and maintain the Foley's Creek Cemetery. Council decided that a survey of all cemeteries, not currently under Council control, be made as a prelude to an enquiry to the National Trust concerning its possible interest in the preservation and maintenance of small country cemeteries.

Council to dismantle the sheep pens at the Oberon Saleyards and offer them for sale.

Council to purchase land from D.A. & E.M. Booth (to become Oberon Hills Subdivision).

Council Meeting – 18th August, 1980

The Oberon Lions Club has offered to provide the 4 heaters for the new aged persons' units in Balfour Street.

The Principal Polling Place for the 1980 Local Government Triennial Elections is to be the Oberon Central School. Other Polling Places are: "A" Riding – Turonville, Black Springs and O'Connell; "B" Riding – Turonville and O'Connell; and "C" Riding – Black Springs, Edith, Shooters Hill, Isabella and Porters Retreat.

D.F. (Dave) Toohill (Storeman) commended on his long standing efficiency in recording the receipt and issue of Stores and Materials.

Council to investigate the possibility of acquiring more land for the extension of the Black Springs Garbage Depot.

A competition conducted at the Oberon Day Care Centre has yielded the sum of \$132.50

which they wish to donate to the construction of the new aged persons' units.

J. & G. Rush's tender accepted for the construction of the 4 new aged persons' units.

Council Meeting – 15th September, 1980

The National Australia Day Committee proposes to institute a Citizen Award and Young Citizen Award which would be presented by each Council during the Australia Day celebrations. The Shire President, local clergy, the Principals of the 2 Oberon Schools and the President of the R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club be formed for the purpose of selecting awardees.

The State Pollution Control Commission asked Council if it was going to re-use treated sewerage effluent for the irrigation of golf courses, race courses, playing fields and parks and gardens.

A Certificate of Naturalisation has been received for Mrs. M.R. Morgan of Jenolan Caves

The Land and Environment Court came into operation on 1st September, 1980.

Council gave permission to the Oberon Rotaract Club's offer to the multi-painting of the playground equipment in the Cunynghame Street Recreation Ground as a community service project.

Special Council Meeting – 29th September, 1980

Presidential Allowance: \$3,000.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. R.A. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett, Stapleton and White.

Planning: Crs. R.A. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett, Stapleton and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. R.A. Armstrong, Gearon, Jarrett and Lang.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Lang, McKinnon and Stapleton.

Water Resources & Industrial Development: Crs. R.A. Armstrong, Dwyer, Stapleton and White.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. J. White.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Gearon and McKinnon.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. R.A. Armstrong.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.M. Jarrett.

National Parks & Wildlife: Cr. H.H. McKinnon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. R.A. Armstrong and A.L. Brown (Citizen rep.)

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Gearon and Lang.

Oberon Shire Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Councillors Ray Armstrong and Peter Jarrett elected in place of Councillors Brenda Lyon and Robert Rawlings

Council Meeting – 20th October, 1980

The N.S.W. Dept. of Environment & Planning is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment in connection with the proposal by the Electricity Commission of N.S.W. to construct a 500 kV electricity transmission line from the proposed Mt. Piper Power Station near Portland to Marulan.

An advertisement was inserted in the Bathurst "Western Advocate" on 16th October announcing water restrictions in the Oberon Water Supply Local Area as follows: the use of sprinklers and garden hoses for the watering of privately owned lawns and gardens, the washing of cars, boats, trailers, etc., and fountains.

Council has no objection to the installation of water tanks or bores within the town,

subject to development approval being obtained prior to installation.

Council to insist that street stalls and ticket sellers affix to such stalls or themselves a notice clearly identifying the organisation and purpose of the stall, or purpose of ticket selling.

Council Meeting – 17th November, 1980

Council to participate in Local Government Week from 8th to 15th April, 1981 by inviting schools in the area to be represented at the Council Meeting and press coverage be sought in respect of Council's activities.

Gordon Bryant, M.P. asked Council to participate in the Australian Bi-Centenary Celebrations and establish a record of families living there by preparing a summary of their family's settlement in Australia, the family's origins, dates, reason for choosing Australia as home, etc. No action taken on this suggestion.

The Lions Club donated \$344.00 towards the installation of heating units in the new aged persons' units. Council agreed to place a Lions Club emblem to each of the heaters.

The Minister for Transport stated that the line from Oberon to Tarana closed because of a decline in the volume of rail freight, but the closing decision was made on the basis that the line could be re-opened at some future stage, if such action was considered justified.

Council gave permission to the subdivision of 2 lots in O'Connell by the Roman Catholic Church so that Lot 1 comprised the stone church, weatherboard building and graveyard and Lot 2 contained the cement rendered dwelling and Post Office.

Special Council Meeting – 26th November, 1980

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates of Income and Expenditure 1981.

**Council Meeting – 15th December,
1980**

A number of representations have been made to the Federal and State Ministers of Health concerning the curtailment of hospital services in country areas. The Federal Government blamed the States and vice versa.

Council is to raise no objection to the proposed relocation of the proposed School Forest to Portion 191, Parish of Oberon (it was Portion 264) and Council will accept the care, control and management of the area between the proposed School Forest site and the existing recreation reserve and ask that Portion 264 is dedicated as a reserve for public recreation.

An application to be made for a proclamation of the Governor to prohibit burials on private land within the Villages of Oberon and Black Springs and further that an application be sought to have this prohibition extended to the balance of the Shire, with power delegated to Council's senior servants to make exceptions to the prohibition, upon application, should they consider that the circumstances render such action warranted.

1981

Council Meeting – 19th January, 1981

Council staff have been authorized to disconnect the water supply to premises of those persons found to be in breach of the currently imposed water restrictions and that a reconnection fee be set at \$50 and should there be any further breaches the water supply be disconnected and reconnected at the owner's cost and they be prosecuted.

Under certain conditions, Council gave permission for helicopter joy flights at the Oberon A.H. & P. Association Annual Show on Friday and Saturday, 20th and 21st February.

Council Meeting – 16th February, 1981

After noise exposure tests on various items of Council's plant, the Health Commission recommended ear muffs be supplied to all persons operating plant and that audiometric tests on Council's staff be carried out.

The N.S.W. National Parks & Wildlife Service applied for a road closure in connection with the proposal to develop a car parking facility for the Kanangra Walls area.

Councils have been given powers to impound shopping trolleys and hold them, subject to the payment of a \$30.00 release fee.

Council to submit an application for a grant which will involve the construction of a ramp at the front of the Council Chambers and the possible installation of pram crossing in the main street for the "International Year of Disabled Persons".

Council Meeting – 16th March, 1981

The Oberon Lions Club to confer with the Shire Engineer in order to arrive at a mutually satisfactory approach to the development of a park on the western

boundary of Council's Tarana Road subdivision.

Council to support Bathurst Council in its endeavours to obtain Federal funding for improvements at the Mt. Panorama racing circuit as a desirable alternative to the establishment of a circuit at Canberra.

Council to protest strongly at the railway's intention to curtail freight services to Oberon.

Shafto Mawhood to be asked to perform the official opening ceremony for the new aged persons' units on 27th April, 1981.

Council asked if it would be possible to keep the Council's offices open during lunch hours.

Council Meeting – 27th April, 1981

Council agreed to the State Pollution Control Commission's suggestion that all street garbage receptacles should be painted in the uniform colours of green and/or buttercup yellow.

The Senior Citizens Club thanked Council for their outing to Penrith and the Lion Safari.

Council asked to a public meeting to discuss the proposed establishment of a softwood pulp mill at Brewongle.

A statistical survey of pensioners in the Oberon area shows: Aged 237; Invalid 63; Wives 25; Widows (Class A) 15; Widows (Class B) 22; and Supporting Parents 10.

The Oberon Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. be allowed to erect headstones on unmarked Returned Servicemen's graves within the Oberon Cemetery. It is anticipated that 20 graves might be treated in this manner.

The Knights of the Southern Cross donated \$250 towards the construction of the new Aged Persons' Units in Balfour Street.

Oberon Inner Wheel to conduct a Courtesy Award contest within the town.

Council Meeting – 18th May, 1981

Council to buy a new safe to be housed in the strongroom.

Council adopted a policy whereby the electrification of fences adjacent to public roads must be accompanied by adequate signposting indicating that the fence is an electric fence, that such signposting must be dispersed at adequate intervals along the fence and must be attached to all gates forming part of such fences.

Council to offer to Oberon Sport & Leisure Club the use of part of the land in Curtis, Ross and Dillon Streets for a B.M.X. track.

Where dwellings or other buildings are to be resited to any land within the Shire, they be reconstructed or renovated to a standard equal to other buildings of the same nature in the vicinity and the time allowed for the carrying out of any work required be 12 months.

As Phase I of the new Oberon Central School is nearing completion, it cannot be occupied until all landscaping works are completed. The P.W.D. asked, and Council agreed, to waive the water restrictions so this can be done.

Lot 2, D.P. 248152 in Council's industrial subdivision to be offered to the Oberon Rugby Leagues Club for \$10,000.

Council Meeting – 15th June, 1981

The Oberon Brownie Pack were given permission to plant and care for trees and/or shrubs in the grounds of the Baby Health Centre.

Certificates of Australian Citizenship received for Mr. Franc & Mrs. Marjeta Pernat.

Council received a grant of \$900 towards the construction of a ramp at the Council Chambers and 4 pram crossings at a total estimated cost of \$1,800.

Council Meeting – 20th July, 1981

Council to co-operate with Australia Post by endorsing plans and specifications of buildings, with a notation that approval for the site and size of proposed household mail boxes must be obtained from Australia Post.

The Council-owned building at 57 Oberon Street is to be demolished and the land offered for sale to the Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club Ltd.

Council staff to survey private cemeteries within the area for the purpose of establishing a permanent record of such grave sites as may be readily identified.

Council Meeting – 17th August, 1981

The names suggested for the 2 roads at The Reef are "Homeward Bound Avenue" and Muirs Road". "Homeward Bound" was the name of a mine at The Reefs and the Muir family were associated with the mine. Council adopted the recommendations.

25 copies of the booklet entitled "How I Saw Oberon" to be purchased at \$2 each for addition to Council's records and distribution to interested parties.

Ernie Burgers resigned as from 4th September, 1981.

Special Council Meeting – 2nd September, 1981

This meeting was called to discuss the easing of water restrictions. It was decided to permit the use of hand held hoses for domestic purposes at set hours but not for the watering of lawns and gardens.

Special Council Meeting – 21st September, 1981

Presidential Allowance: \$3,500.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett, Stapleton and White.

Planning: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett, Stapleton and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. R. Armstrong, Gearon, Jarrett and Lang.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Lang, McKinnon and Stapleton.

Water Resources & Industrial Develop.: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Stapleton & White.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. R.A. Armstrong.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.M. Jarrett.

National Parks & Wildlife: Cr. H.H. McKinnon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Gearon and Lang.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Council Meeting – 21st September, 1981

The R.S.L. is not interested in the purchase of the Council Land at 57 Oberon Street.

Council Meeting – 19th October, 1981

Council to inform the various sporting bodies of their support for the formation of a Sports Council and the calling of a meeting for the purpose of forming such an organisation.

Colin Toohill promoted to Overseer in place of Peter Sheppard who was promoted to Engineering Assistant.

Council Meeting – 16th November, 1981

C.G. Osborne beaten in the polls by R.J. Clough after 14 years as local member.

Recently reported thefts of Certificates of Australian Citizenship from several Council offices has the Dept. of Immigration & Ethnic Affairs urging Councils to store Certificates awaiting presentation in adequately secure conditions.

Oberon Masonic Lodge to hold a public dinner at the R.S.L. in honour of Dr. R.R.P. Perkins and advising of its intention to present a cheque for the construction of additional aged persons' units to the Shire President. The cheque was for \$400.

Water restrictions be further eased to permit the use of hand held hoses at any time.

The Sites and Monuments Sub-Committee of the Geological Society of Australia is to investigate and document significant geological and geomorphological sites in the State and cites Kanangra Walls as being one such site.

Special Council Meeting – 1st December, 1981

This meeting was called to discuss the Estimates for the year 1982.

Council Meeting – 21st December, 1981

Shire Health Surveyor to enforce the Local Government Act in respect of obstructions caused by advertising structures on footpaths.

1982

Council Meeting – 18th January, 1982

Alan M. Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1982.

It was resolved that the Council-owned land at the corner of Curtis and Ross Streets be chosen as the site for the erection of an additional 4 aged persons' units.

Rt. Rev. Howell Witt, Bishop of Bathurst, accepted Council's invitation to a civic reception to be held on 29th January, 1982.

Council Meeting – 15th February, 1982

The height above sea level to be added to the "Oberon" signs at the approaches to town (1,100 metres).

Congratulations extended to Peter Varlas upon satisfactory completion of his Apprenticeship and to John Drzyzga on his recent qualification in Town Planning.

Evans Shire accepted as the authority for the construction of approaches to a new bridge over the Fish River at O'Connell.

Council Meeting – 15th March, 1982

Ralph Harrison to replace Sid Harrison as State Emergency Services Controller for the Shire.

In the matter of the 2 railway crossings into the Oberon Hills Subdivision, the State Rail Authority wanted Council to pay for the approaches and installation of an overhead rail crossing to service this subdivision should train services be restored to Oberon. State Rail has now changed its mind and has decided that if the rail service is restored to Oberon, one of the level crossing should be abolished but that Council must agree to accept responsibility for all costs of installing automatic flashing lights and warning bells at the remaining crossing. Council agreed.

Arrangements to be made for suitable presentations to employees who have completed 25 years' continuous service with the Council.

A warning was issued to the general public that caution should be exercised in handling or consuming blackberries which may have been sprayed with toxic substances.

Australia Post categorically denied that the Commission planned to close, or to convert to non-official status, a large number of Post Offices.

Special Council Meeting – 29th March, 1982

This meeting was called to deal with the Rural Small Holdings Subdivision with regard to reserving some lots for sale by auction, naming of the subdivision ("Oberon Hills Estate") and advertising.

Council Meeting – 19th April, 1982

The Oberon Brownie Pack recently held a fund raising to purchase large print Gospels for the residents of the aged persons' units and forwarded the balance of the proceeds, namely \$20, to Council as a donation to the building of additional aged persons' units.

Janine David resigned from Council about March, 1982.

Council Meeting – 17th May, 1982

Australian Bureau of Statistics census figures for Oberon were: 1976 – 3,835; 1981 – 3,843.

Because there was no outing in 1982 for the Senior Citizens, Council is to donate the equivalent sum to the funds of the Oberon Senior Citizens' Group.

The Council is empowered to impound skateboards and bicycles in circumstances where the use of these implements in public

places is considered hazardous or a public nuisance.

Authorities were delegated to Senior Officers.

Council to again approach Pyneboard re spillage of bark chips from trucks.

Council Meeting – 21st June, 1982

Following a “National Conservation Strategy” accepted on behalf of Australians by the Prime Minister in 1980, the Shire Health Surveyor noted that: “in Oberon, other country towns and, perhaps, even in suburbs of cities, local government bodies, possibly in conjunction with the Forestry Commission, may be able to establish woodlots for the provision of suitable firewood, reasonably close to population centres. This would have the fourfold effect of: (a) a suitable economic use for water and plant nutrients which are the end product of sewage treatments; (b) provision of good quality firewood near the point of need; (c) reduction in demands on alternative types of heating; and (d) reduction in smoke and soot emissions associated with the burning of coal in solid fuel heaters.” “There would probably be some side benefit also from the provision of a fairly large body of vegetation near areas that appear to be losing trees from clearing and die-back at a rapid rate and would provide suitable stands of trees for use by apiarists.”

Council to approve a proposal by the Apex Club of Oberon to erect a toilet block in Apex Park on the high ground at the Old Bathurst Road end.

The Commonwealth Games (Australia) Foundation asked councils for support for the staging of the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and suggested a scheme whereby funds could be raised for this purpose. The scheme was: Councils to purchase a “lot” worth \$100 in the Queen Elizabeth II Sports Centre with 2,000 “lots” to be sold and each purchaser will receive an aerial photograph, depicting the appropriate lot, with an imitation “deed” signed by the Mayor of Brisbane and the Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Foundation.

Councils asked to fly the Aboriginal flag on National Aborigines” day on 9th July.

Council to conduct a “Best Kept Dog” Competition with a suitable reward for the winner.

The Oberon Junior Sports & Leisure Club deputed the Council for the purpose of discussing a proposal to construct a hall on Council-owned land in Ross Street and the Shire Engineer and Shire Health Surveyor were directed to investigate the proposal with respect to building design and construction, siting, alternative areas and tenure of any area which could be made available to the Club.

The Commonwealth Government has established a Steering Committee to oversee the preparation of a report on water resources needs and problems to the year 2000.

Council Meeting – 19th July, 1982

Council has agreed to use the “Good News Bible” during Citizenship Ceremonies and for presentation to candidates at such Ceremonies once Council’s existing stock is exhausted.

Certificates of Naturalisation have been received for Giancarlo and Rosina Fabbri.

The Jewish Board of Deputies has advised that many members of Jewish community felt disadvantaged through being unable to vote during the 1980 L.G. elections because it co-incided with Yom Kippur. They asked that it be changed. It was decided that L.G. elections should be on the 4th Saturday of September in future, as from 1983.

The Shire Health Surveyor suggested Council employ a suitable person as a part-time dog catcher.

Council agreed to an avenue of lime trees along a chosen section of the Hampton Road with trees and tree guard materials being supplied by R.C. & J. Mawhood.

Negotiations to be entered into with G. Cunynghame concerning the possible acquisition of part of his land, adjacent to

Springfield Street, for the provision of addition aged persons' accommodation.

Council Meeting – 16th August, 1982

Bathurst P.P. Board have authorized Council's Impounding Officer to act as Impounding Officer for the Board in relation to stock straying on Reserves under the Board's control.

Staff and pupils of Oberon Central School carried out planting of trees in the buffer zone adjacent to the Oberon Hills Subdivision.

Special Council Meeting – 20th September, 1982

Presidential Allowance: \$3,500

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. J. White (from the hat).

Committees:

Finance & Sewerage: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett, Stapleton and White.

Planning: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett, Stapleton and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Gearon and Jarrett.

Staff: Crs. Gearon, Lang, McKinnon and Stapleton.

Water Resources & Industrial Develop: Crs. R. Armstrong, Dwyer, Jarrett & Stapleton.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. P.M. Jarrett.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. P.M. Jarrett.

National Parks & Wildlife: Cr. H.H. McKinnon.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. R. Armstrong and Gearon.

Oberon Shire Bush Fire: Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon.

Council Meeting – 20th September, 1982

Council offered \$100 for information leading to the prosecution of whoever is responsible for the vandalism of street trees in Tarana Road.

A Public Meeting was called at the Golf Club for 30th September to discuss the prevailing drought and associated matters.

If legislation is passed, local government elections will be extended from 3 to 4 years from the 1983 elections.

Oberon Lions Club to again organize a clean-up campaign on the Lowes Mount Road at the end of September and a Council-owned truck and 2 members of staff will help.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mrs. Elizabeth Guthrie Philip.

The Oberon District Sports & Recreation Council was formed on 19th July with Cr. L.C. Armstrong (Patron); Peter Dale (President); Norma Brien (Treasurer); Dorothy Fawcett (Secretary); Ian Gordon and Alan Benson (Vice Presidents); and Carole Townsend (Publicity Officer).

If there is no improvement in storage levels at the Oberon Dam, full water restrictions are to be implemented on and from 1st November, 1982.

Council to investigate the feasibility of offering rewards of up to \$200 to persons offering to Council substantial information leading to the identify of persons responsible for acts of vandalism against Council property.

Council Meeting – 18th October, 1982

Department of Social Security informed Council that 4 new aged persons' units had been included in their current funding programme.

Council Meeting – 15th November, 1982

Law to be amended to change the date of the ordinary local government elections to the fourth Saturday in September, 1983. This is

to overcome the problems of having the Jewish Holy Day of Yom Kippur on the third Saturday in September.

Council objected to the proposed introduction of a 38 hour week but that senior staff confer with members of Council's wages staff on the most acceptable implementation.

Council congratulated the Mascot Parallel Runway Committee on its efforts which were instrumental in leading to a decision for the construction of a parallel runway at Mascot Airport in lieu of all regional aircraft having to land at Bankstown Airport.

Mulwara Shire Council sought this Council's support in making an alternative route from Canberra to Bathurst via Goulburn and Oberon. A special Sub-Committee was formed comprising the Shire President, Crs. Dwyer and McKinnon and the Engineer.

All previous permissions for relaxation of water restrictions for special purposes were withdrawn and fresh applications required.

Dept. of Main Roads is now inviting tenders for construction of new bridge over the Fish River at O'Connell.

Certificate of Australian Citizenship received for Mrs. Anne Soo.

Notification of infectious diseases now to be addressed to the Health Commission's Regional Medical Officer because of the apparent breakdown in the system of notification of infectious diseases. The Medical Officer will advise each relevant Council.

Council Meeting – 20th December, 1982

Council has no objection to the Lions Club erecting a flag pole at the Camping Ground for the purpose of flying the Australian flag and the Club was also thanked for its offer to supply 4 heating units in the next stage of the Aged Persons' Units construction.

Radio 2BS is providing a summer bush fire alarm service during the coming season the Fire Control Office or Bush Fire Captain can

contact the radio station and advise location of an outbreak and issue special instructions.

Oberon Art Society contributed \$600 towards the construction of new aged persons' units

Names selected for the new Oberon Hills Subdivision are: Rutters Ridge, Clover Lane, Fox Lane and Pilarcik Lane.

Council is now empowered to alter, obliterate, demolish or remove an advertisement displayed, or an advertising structure erected, contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance and recover all expenses incurred in carrying out such work.

4 Council employees suspended for misconduct.

Special Council Meeting – 20th December, 1982

This meeting was called to discuss the Estimates for 1983.

1983

Council Meeting – 17th January, 1983

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1983.

Council Meeting – 21st February, 1983

A Sub-Committee comprising the Shire President and Crs. R. Armstrong, Jarrett and White be formed for the purpose of compiling answers to a questionnaire on the Green Paper relating to the draft Aboriginal Land Rights Bill.

Council agreed to the request of the Oberon C.W.A. to affix a plaque to their building to commemorate the Association's maintenance of the Baby Health Centre from 1937 to 1965.

A Committee comprising Crs. L. Armstrong, R. Armstrong and Dwyer to liaise with the S.E.S. & Civil Defence Organisation re a suitable building.

The C.S.I.R.O. put out a press release relating to the prospects for cloud seeding during drought. They cautioned against using cloud seeding as the chance of increasing rain under drought conditions was "extremely poor" and that they had reached this conclusion after 30 years' of experience in the field of cloud seeding.

Council Meeting – 21st March, 1983

Apparently the B.M.X. Club and track provided have closed down and now the B.M.X. Club wants to open up again.

Council to submit a programme for the extension and construction of a heavy traffic route by-pass under the A.B.R.D. (Australian Bicentennial Road Development) Programme at an estimated cost of \$798,000.

Because of the resignation of the Plant Superintendent (Ted Fewtrell) in January, 1983 that Motor Mechanic, Peter Varlas, be

in charge of Council's Workshop for 12 months.

Council Meeting – 18th April, 1983

Oberon, Mulwaree and Goulburn Councils had discussions with the Commissioner for Main Road on the proposed Canberra-Bathurst Road Link but were informed that there was little likelihood of obtaining funds for the project.

A meeting, convened by the Oberon Art Society, is to be held to discuss the possibility of creating a Community Art Centre in Oberon.

A former C.S.I.R.O. scientist strongly defended cloud seeding as an effective means of increasing rainfall, particularly on the N.S.W. Western Slopes. In the article it said that "the 12 mm. of rain at Oberon on 5th February, 1947, was the world's first recorded induced rain".

The National Parks & Wildlife Service is rumoured to want to establish a nature reserve, to be known as the Silent Creek Nature Reserve somewhere down towards the Abercrombie.

Council to purchase a set of micro-fiche indices from the Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, together with a microfiche viewer, to be made to the public at the Oberon Library at a fee commensurate with that charged by the Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages.

Councils to again support the need for a parallel runway at Mascot – which has been abandoned by the Minister for Aviation.

Council agrees with the N.S.W. Local Government Office that the abolition of Ridings within this Shire should go ahead.

Council Meeting – 16th May, 1983

Ralph Harrison resigns as the Oberon Shire State Emergency Services & Civil Defence Controller. He suggests Richard (Dick) Stevenson as his replacement.

Council has provided a Landrover for use by the S.E.S. and the S.E.S. suggested it be handed over in a public manner on some suitable occasion. They also suggest that a meeting of the special sub-committee should convene to discuss the need for a headquarters building.

The Oberon Senior Citizens' Group requested that Council name each of the aged persons' units blocks and also asked for advance notice of the opening of the block of units now under construction in Curtis Street as they wish to give a donation.

Council Meeting – 20th June, 1983

The Shire President reported that it has become apparent that the Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line is much bigger than anticipated and it could have a very deleterious effect on landholders in the Shire because of its sheer size and could well reduce land values in the Shire which are already severely eroded because of the non-payment of rates by Government (e.g. Forestry and National Parks). It was also pointed out that the most direct and cheapest route had been abandoned because of pressure from greenies (presumably through State Forests and National Parks). Council is to notify Government Departments of its opposition to the line and also co-operate with existing landholder associations in their opposition to the proposal.

A sub-committee of Council is to be formed, comprising Crs. L.C. Armstrong and M.A. Dwyer and interested bodies, to investigate the establishment of a community centre.

The Oberon Tourist Group requested that Council form a 1988 Bi-Centenary Celebrations Committee and that suggestions for the Bi-Centenary could be the upgrading of portion of M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves), running a steam locomotive from Tarana to Oberon in 1988, development of the site below the Oberon

Dam for tourist accommodation and recreational facilities and the development of "Ramsgate" as a Community Arts and Neighbourhood Centre.

S.R. Howard resigned from Council as from 3rd June, 1983.

Lithgow Council and affected landowners be approach in connection with a proposal to establish an Oberon Tourist Information Sign at a convenient location near Hampton.

Council Meeting – 18th July, 1983

The Shire President asked all citizens of the Oberon Shire to write to the Minister for Health, State Member, R.J. Clough, and Dept. of Health Regional Director opposing any attempt to rationalize country health services.

Locally affected landowners were asked to attend a meeting with Electricity Commission representatives re the proposed Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line.

The Federal Minister for Social Security is to be invited to open the new aged persons' units in Curtis Street.

Council's \$1,000 contribution to the Bathurst & District Tourism Management Committee to be used towards the erection of a Tourist Information sign near Hampton.

The 4 blocks of Aged Persons' Units to be named Chris Johansen House, Lance Robey House, Shafto Mawhood House (Balfour Street Units) and Nurse Fox House (Curtis Street Units).

The Official Opening of the Curtis Street Aged Persons' Units to be on 20th August, 1983

Council agreed to the suggestion from the Tree Planting Committee that 32 street pots, approximately 1 m. dia. x .8 m. deep, be purchased for the Oberon Street beautification programme.

The Oberon Hospital offers services in obstetrics, peri-natal, paediatrics, accident and emergency, medical and surgical, gynaecology, geriatric and rehabilitation but under the health rationalization plan it would lose obstetrics (except emergencies), in-

patient paediatric services, geriatric and rehabilitation services. It would only have simple and basic services for accident and emergency. The Shire President has called a public meeting for 27th August at the R.S.L. to discuss health service proposals as they affect the Oberon District Hospital.

Council Meeting – 15th August, 1983

Councillor P.M. Jarrett appointed as Council's second delegate to the Oberon District Sports Council.

Uncle Ben's has agreed to support the Council's "Best Kept Dog" and "Best Kept Puppy" competitions and was asked if a member of the Company would be interested in being one of the judges. Uncle Ben's also suggested that Oberon is the first Council it had heard of to promote such a competition and asked if it could publicise the initiative and action through the National Press. Council agreed.

The abolition of Ridings in the area was gazetted on 22nd July, 1983.

Councillor P.M. Jarrett appointed Council's representative on the "School Facilities Committee" for the Oberon Central School.

Council to use an illustration of the "Grand Column" at Jenolan Caves on Council's cheques.

The Local Government elections to take place on 24th September, 1983 with the Polling Places being: Principal Polling Place – Oberon Central School; Other Polling Places – Black Springs, Edith, Porters Retreat, Isabella, O'Connell and Tarana; Pre-Poll Voting Office – Council's offices.

Council Meeting – 19th September, 1983

Council to lodge an application for a further 4 Aged Persons' Units.

After the Public Meeting on 24th August, quite a few members of the Opposition (Liberal & Country Party) visit Oberon to inspect the Hospital. It was decided to write to the Minister to get his guarantee that the hospital would remain.

Council contributed \$500 to the establishment costs of the organisation recently formed for the promotion of special retail outlets utilizing sheep meats under the promotional name of "Big Jumbuck".

The Apex Club expressed an interest in sponsoring another aged person's home unit.

The Oberon Community Arts Committee advised Council that it thought the most suitable accommodation for the establishment of a Community Arts Centre would be the Old Post Office Building in Raleigh Street.

Council submitted an alternative route proposal for the Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line.

Council has been advised that voters may mark a ballot papers with the figures "1" to "9" (as there are 9 Councillors) but can continue on if they so choose.

Minister for Energy is prepared to consider an alternative route to the east of Oberon as long as it did not include the Kanangra Boyd and Blue Mountains National Parks.

Special Council Meeting – 4th October, 1983

Presidential Allowance: \$4,000.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Stapleton and White.

Planning: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Stapleton and White.

T.I., Health & Building: Crs. Bearup, Jarrett, Lang and McMahan.

Staff: Crs. Cotton, Jarrett, Lang and Stapleton.

Water Resources & Industrial Development: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Jarrett & Stapleton.

Gas Trading: Crs. Cotton, Jarrett, Lang and McMahan.

Bayswater to Marulan Transmission Line:
Crs. Bearup, Gearon and White.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. J. White.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Gearon and McMahon.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. M.C.C.
Cotton.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.A. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.J.
McMahon.

National Parks & Wildlife: Cr. W.J.
Stapleton, H.H. McKinnon (Citizen Rep.).

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.J.
McMahon, M.A. Dwyer (Citizen Rep.).

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. M.C.C.
Cotton, A.L. Brown (Citizen Rep.).

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Cotton and
McMahon.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Lang and Stapleton.

District Sports & Recreation: Crs. Jarrett
and McMahon.

Community Arts: Crs. Bearup and Jarrett.

Council Meeting – 17th October, 1983

Oberon B.M.X. Committee made representations on the possibility of having the existing B.M.X. track located on unused railway land in the town.

Council to express its opposition to the Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line going through the Oberon Shire.

The Aged Persons' Accommodation Tenancy Selection Panel changed from Cr. John White to Councillor W.J. (Bill) Stapleton.

J.R. Bartlett resigned from Council on 23rd September.

The Oberon Senior Citizens' Group asked Council to call another public meeting as an expression of community concern at the absence of any definite indication concerning the future of the Oberon Hospital.

31 separate letters were received from ratepayers about the Mt. Piper to Marulan

Transmission Line and in each case objecting – especially those on the eastern side of the Shire.

From 24th October water restrictions were eased to permit the use of hand held hoses for 2 hours per day on alternate days.

Council Meeting – 21st November, 1983

Councillor J. White re-elected Chairman of the Southern Mitchell County Council.

The Apex Club given approval to install a coin operated electric barbecue and drinking fountain in Apex Park.

Oberon S.E.S. asked to attend the next Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of submitting further costed proposals for the erection of a headquarters building.

Arthur Barlow resigned as from 17th February, 1984.

The Oberon District Development Committee advised Council it had been formed

Macquarie University requested help with funding in support of research into funnel web spiders.

Special Council Meeting – 15th December, 1983

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates for 1984.

Council Meeting – 19th December, 1983

Council to contribute \$500 to the Bathurst Community Transport Group at the request of Oberon Senior Citizens, although for several years it has not done so because of its perceived imbalance between operating costs and administrative costs.

David Munday appointed as Cost Clerk.

Council's Offices to remain open during the normal luncheon break from 1.00 to 1.45 p.m. for a trial period.

1984

Council Meeting – 16th January, 1984

Council is to participate in a proposal for the presentation of commemorative spoons and certificates to the mothers of babies born on Australia Day, 1984.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1984.

A reward of \$100 to be offered for information leading to the identification of a person or persons responsible for the deliberate damage to street trees.

Council Meeting – 20th February, 1984

The Shires Association has advised that the Shires of Blayney, Cabonne, Evans, Forbes, Lachlan, Mudgee, Oberon, Parkes, Rylstone and Weddin, together with the Central Tablelands County Council are now to be in the "E" Division of the Shires Association.

Council endorsed the submissions of the Shire Health Surveyor to have the 1985 Regional Conference of Health & Building Surveyors at the Jenolan Caves.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mr. J.B. Wheeler of O'Connell.

Council gave permission for the Central Mapping Authority to construct a concrete observation pillar on the Falls Hill Lookout site, adjacent to the existing radio relay tower.

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Mr. J.P. & Mrs. J. Allsopp of Oberon.

Council to approach Lithgow Council to erect a Tourist Information Bay on M.R. 253 (Jenolan Caves-Hartley) at 30 kms. North of Jenolan Caves.

Council to combine the Finance & Planning Committees the new Committee to be known as Oberon Shire Finance & Planning Committee.

The Keep Australian Beautiful Council informed of Council's intention to submit an application for participation in the 1984 Tidy Towns Competition.

A variety concert will be held on 17th March to celebrate Oberon's 120th Anniversary.

Council's senior officers requested to prepare a cost estimate for the erection of a building for joint occupation by the Oberon Shire State Emergency Services & Civil Defence Organisation and a Headquarters Bush Fire Brigade or some other organisation or authority associated with bush fire control matters.

Council Meeting – 19th March, 1984

The building at 19 North Street to become a sort of Community Centre with various organisations to use it as needed.

The Megalong Valley Ratepayers' Association wants to transfer its area from the Blue Mountains City Council to the Oberon Council on the grounds of common interests.

Council to arrange a Civic Function for Dr. Lance Robey who is retiring and leaving the district.

Council to receive \$7,500 for the provision of floodlighting at the Oberon Recreation Ground.

Council Meeting – 16th April, 1984

An Official Ceremony was held to mark the re-opening of the 6 ft. Track from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves and it was suggested that this marathon run should be held annually and Council was asked to contribute towards the prize money – \$150 made available.

The Oberon Equestrian Centre thanked Council for its cash contribution and technical advice on the completion of the Centre's equestrian facilities and advised that because of the assistance, 2 fields have

been prepared instead of the originally scheduled 1.

The P.W.D. advised that the level of the Oberon Dam was now between 41% and 42%, being the second lowest level ever in the Dam and is considerably less than at the same time in 1982. The Premier advised that an additional source will be provided for the Fish River Water Supply and it was expected that on-site pre-construction activities will commence early in 1985.

Council to contact Dr. Ripacorli of the Royal Adelaide Hospital seeking his views and comments on health hazards associated with high voltage transmission lines in view of his association with the Task Force set up by the World Health Organisation to examine radiation level tolerances and the effects on humans of non-iodising radiation forces.

The Australian Bicentennial Authority again urged Council to form a Bicentennial Community Committee, made up of a wide cross-section of the local community, and suggested that projects such as parks, restoration of historic buildings, tree planting programmes, child care centres, facilities for senior citizens, ethnic groups and the disabled and initiatives in the arts and entertainment. If the Committee is set up, the Authority will arrange for a Registration Ceremony when a Bicentennial Kit containing stationery, literature, insignia and other materials will be handed over, together with a framed Certificate of Registration and the Bicentennial Flag.

The Jenolan Caves Resort has offered to look after the proposed Tourist Information Sign near Hampton by keeping the immediate vicinity of the sign free of weeds, mowing of lawns and ensuring all woodwork on the sign is kept in a proper state of repair. It does not undertake to repair or replace the metal signs in the event of vandalism.

Council to underwrite the \$3,500 fee required by the Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra for a 1 night performance in Oberon and to accept such financial responsibility, also on a guaranteed basis,

for accommodation and meals costs as may be incurred by the Orchestra personnel.

Councillor R.J. Bearup nominated for the position of Chairman of the 19 North Street Management Committee.

Lennon Bros. Circus advised Council that they will be performing in Oberon on 30th April, 1984.

Councillor P.M. Jarrett nominated as Council's ex-officio Trustee on the Oberon Showground Panel of Trustees.

The Shire President was authorized to negotiate with Lionel Marks for the purchase of his property, by Council, for subdivision and subsequent sale (Titania Park Subdivision).

Council Meeting – 21st May, 1984

Council to contribute \$200 to the Rotary Club each year for use on a trip of some sort for Oberon Senior Citizens to be taken in such a manner and at such a time as the Rotary Club deems appropriate.

Council to investigate the purchase of "Ramsgate" from Dr. & Mrs. Robey.

Council Meeting – 18th June, 1984

Further property owners in the Megalong Valley (in Lithgow Shire this time) want to secede and join Oberon Shire.

Council Meeting – 16th July, 1984

Crs. Cotton and Jarrett appointed to the Council Power Line Investigation Committee.

Council's first entry in the Keep Australian Beautiful Council 1984 Tidy Towns Competition to be judged on 17th September, 1984.

Apprentice Plumber, Lloyd Hooper, requested cancellation of his Indenture and transfer to a Company in Sydney.

Council agreed to the Shire Health Surveyor's suggestion that Council should hold a Clean Up Campaign in the town prior to the judging of the Tidy Towns Competition.

A Public Meeting was held on 18th June in connection with the transmission line proposal with the Electricity Commission. They referred to questions contained in the Shire Clerk's Report and their reply.

Council Meeting – 20th August, 1984

As "Advance Australia Fair" is the official National Anthem, it is the only one which should be played at Citizenship Ceremonies.

Certificate of Naturalisation received for J.O. Maher of O'Connell.

Council will agree to accept the control and management of the roadside rest area adjacent to the approaches to the Fish River Bridge at O'Connell.

Council's senior officers requested to prepare a report on the re-numbering of premises within the town.

The Rotary Club put on a "Christmas in July" dinner for the senior citizens.

The 19 North Street Committee to comprise Robert John Bearup, Diana Commins, Montague Charles Carrington Cotton, Grace Helen Cunynghame, Kathleen Emily Cunynghame, Mavis Yvonne Gilmore, Frances Louise Harris, Sybil Hewer, Richard Edward Stevenson and Mary Eveline Wright.

Council to donate a trophy worth \$50 to the Sportsman of the Year Programme sponsored by the Oberon District Sports & Recreation Council.

The Oberon District Development Committee requested suggestions for a name suitable for the park area now known as the Oberon Well Reserve.

Council to lodge an objection at being taken out of Calare and included in the Commonwealth Electoral District to be named Macquarie on the grounds that Oberon's traditionally associated areas of either Bathurst or Lithgow are not included in the same district and that Oberon does not have a community of interest with the other areas proposed for inclusion in the new district.

Special Council Meeting – 17th December, 1984

Presidential Allowance: 4,000.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Committees:

Works: Whole Council.

Finance & Planning: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Stapleton and White.

Town Improvement: Crs. Bearup, Jarrett, Lang and McMahon.

Staff: Crs. Cotton, Jarrett, Lang and Stapleton.

Water Resources & Industrial & Commercial Development: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Jarrett, and Stapleton.

Transmission Line Investigation: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Jarrett & Stapleton.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

National Parks & Wildlife: Cr. W.J. Stapleton, H.H. McKinnon (Citizen Rep.).

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton, C.J. Pritchard (Citizen Rep.).

Oberon Tree Planting: Crs. Cotton and McMahon.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Lang, McMahon and Stapleton.

Oberon District Sports & Recreation Council: Crs. Jarrett and McMahon.

Oberon Community Arts: Crs. Bearup and Jarrett.

19 North Street: Crs. Bearup and Cotton.

Oberon District Development: Cr. R.J. Bearup.

Council Meeting – 17th September, 1984

A Local Government & Shires Association Sub-Committee has been formed to prepare a case for presentation to the Minister for Natural Resources on the matter of Forestry Commission rating and road use. The Committee comprises representatives from Bombala, Oberon, Bellingen, Gloucester and Walcha Shires.

Council gave permission for a Ford Falcon television commercial on the Hampton to Jenolan Caves Road on 30th and 31st August.

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Mrs. J.H. & Mr. G.T. Appleby.

Council has accepted a grant of \$5,695 under the State Youth Employment Scheme for the construction of stone walling facing and landscaping in Oberon Street and the Recreation Ground.

The Premier's Department is to hold a series of residential seminars aimed at obtaining from aged persons their views and opinions on issues affecting them. Council nominated Mr. B.B. Gaggin as their representative as the person best equipped to attend a forthcoming seminar on aged persons' requirements.

Council to make an application for funding under the State Government Bicentennial Programme for improvements at the Oberon Well Reserve.

A Building Investigation Committee, comprising Crs. Cotton, Jarrett and White, is to be formed on a Feasibility Study on Building Requirements and Accommodation Requirements of the Council.

The "Oberon Review" to be requested to make provision for weekly statements on Council matters by the Shire President.

Council Meeting – 15th October, 1984

The N.S.W. Government Gazette announced the appointment and re-appointment of Oberon Showground Trustees as follows: W.T. Hagerty, R.J.B. Bearup, P. Dale, R.A. Bailey, M.C.C. Cotton, K.E. Evans, D.J. Fitzpatrick and P.M. Jarrett.

Council to again depute the Minister for Roads seeking additional funding for improvement works on M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves).

The P.W.D. advised Council that water restrictions could be eased so that hand held hoses could be used at any time. Council's opinion is that water restrictions should be lifted because of the improved level of the Dam and because of the long-term onerous restrictions already endured by Oberon water consumers over a number of years, especially when compared with the generally unrestricted usage of water in other parts of the State. Council is now on Level 2 which means the use of hand-held hoses for 2 hours per day. Level 1 (which Council requested) means no restrictions.

Council to erect a stile at The Reef Recreation Reserve to provide access to the foreshores of the Oberon Dam.

Council to participate in the 1985 Australia Day Citizen's Awards and an Organising and Selection Committee be formed comprising the Shire President, Deputy Shire President, the Oberon clergy, the Principals of the Oberon Schools, the President of the R.S.L. and the President of the Oberon Development Committee to examine options for a more meaningful celebration of Australia Day at the local level.

Council has now purchased the land from Lionel Marks for the new rural residential subdivision (Titania Park).

Cr. John White re-elected as Chairman of the Southern Mitchell County Council.

A Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mr. M.A. Sebault.

Council has requested the P.W.D. to furnish it with a copy of the report relating to the siting of the dam proposed for the augmentation of the Fish River Water Supply.

The new rural residential subdivision to be known as "Titania Subdivision" as a matter of expediency.

In N.S.W. alone, road users are contributing about \$2 million to the Federal Government

in fuel taxes and sales tax and customs duty on vehicles and parts and only receiving 20% of this revenue (\$399 million) returned for much needed work on N.S.W. roads.

Council will not object to the Megalong Valley being taken from Blue Mountains Council and included in Oberon Shire.

Council Meeting – 19th November, 1984

A Certificate of Naturalisation received for Mrs. Angela Jill Ridley of Oberon.

David Munday resigns as Cost Clerk as from 30th November, 1984.

The new rural subdivision on the eastern outskirts of town (Lionel Marks' property) has now officially been named "Titania Park".

Council agreed with the suggestions by the Oberon District Development Association that the proposed "Daffodil Festival" be conducted in 1985 and that Christmas decorations be installed in the business section of Oberon in 1984.

As long as 1 of the persons who damaged street trees is convicted, a concerned citizen is to be paid the \$100 reward offered by Council.

Special Council Meeting – 27th November, 1984

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates for 1985.

Council Meeting – 17th December, 1984

Council has been chosen for an in-depth research survey to prepare a study on the processing of development and building applications. 3 members of the Community Employment Project Team will visit Oberon for 2 days during January to March, 1985.

The Federal Transport Minister announced that there would be a 2nd Sydney Airport to be built at either Wilton or Badgery's Creek which would service only smaller aircraft of intra-State, commuter and private general aviation.

The Steam Preservation Society, Epping, informed Council of a proposal to conduct a steam railway service, as a tourist attraction, on the Oberon-Tarana Railway Line and has made a submission to the State Rail Authority on the proposal.

A report was received from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council on the 1984 Tidy Towns Competition and Barry and Sheena Hughes and the R.S.L. Club were congratulated on the favourable comments on their premises in the Judges' remarks.

As Oberon Dam is now 78.8% full, all water restrictions have been lifted.

Richard Stevenson re-appointed as Local Controller for Oberon S.E.S.

1985

Council Meeting – 21st January, 1985

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed Council's Auditors for 1985.

The Minister for Health advised the Local Government & Shires Associations that the aim of the rationalization of health services in country areas is to provide better services. Council is to support the efforts of the Shires Association aimed at maintaining the level of hospital services in country areas.

Council Meeting – 18th February, 1985

In connection with the future use of the Hazelgrove School site, the views of the Hazelgrove Bush Fire Brigade be sought on the question of the utilization of the building as a bush fire brigade headquarters and equipment storage facility.

P. Mangan (Motor Mechanic) and L. Hooper (Plumber) congratulated on the completion of their apprenticeship courses.

Council to enquire as to whether there are any plans current for the establishment of a pulp mill within the region generally (such as a renewal of the former Brewongle proposal).

Council Meeting – 18th March, 1985

A Sub-Committee to be formed consisting of Crs. Bearup, Cotton and Jarrett for the purpose of gathering additional data for the purpose of strengthening a further approach to the State Government for the improvement of M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves).

Council to support the Neighbourhood Watch Programme.

A concerted campaign of opposition to the Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line be commenced to advise all residents in the Shire of the detrimental effects of such a power line and that an Advisory Committee

be formed comprising Michael Lowe, Sam Cook, Malcolm Rich, Joe Dennis, Graham Gilmore and Greg Ward.

Council Meeting – 15th April, 1985

Arrangements to be made to obtain Certificates of Services for ex Councillors M.A. Dwyer and H.H. McKinnon.

As the result of a Bush Fire Appeal conducted by the A.B.C's 2CR at Orange, \$978.66 was forwarded to this Council from a total of \$25,000 raised and divided amongst the Shires in the 2CR listening area.

The Oberon & District Development Asscn. suggested that an historical records museum might form the basis of the Shire's Bicentennial Programme.

The Oberon & District Development Association has suggested the name "The Common" as the most appropriate new name for the "Oberon Well Reserve" as it is an old English expression for land belonging to the people for their use and enjoyment.

Council to approach A.P.M. to ask if they have firm plans for the establishment of a pulp mill within the region and if there is any likelihood that the mill, if established, could be sited within the Oberon area.

Council Meeting – 20th May, 1985

Dr. Bill Morrison given a special morning tea to mark the occasion of his leaving the medical practice in Oberon.

A Public Meeting to be called for 24th June for the purpose of forming a Bicentennial Celebrations Committee.

The proposal to close Glyndwr Avenue at its access with the Hampton Road be advertised.

The N.S.W. Division of the Geological Sites and Monuments Sub-Committee enclosed information on 2 sites within the Shire

which are considered to be of geological significance – 1 site is within the Jenolan Caves Reserve and the other is described as Portion 326, Parish of Norway, 12 kms. West of Oberon on the Hampton Road.

John Drzyzga obtained his Town Planning qualifications.

Council Meeting – 17th June, 1985

The Shire Engineer to prepare a detailed report on the suggested substitution of solar heating for oil heating at the Oberon Sewerage Treatment Works.

If Oberon forms a Bicentennial Community Committee it would be entitled to a grant of \$8,950.00 made up of a base grant of \$5,000 plus \$1 per head of population.

Council to submit an application for participation in the National Estate's Programme on the basis of restoration works being carried out to the Malachi-Gilmore Hall, subject to the owner's consent.

Ken Cole appointed as Plant Superintendent as from 3rd June, 1985.

Shire Engineer submitted a Programme of Works, at a nett cost of \$42,000, in relation to the establishment of "The Common" park development for participation in the Australian Bicentennial Grants Programme.

Council to attempt to organize and participate in a unified approach involving only those councils which are affected significantly by Forestry Commission softwood plantations, on financial contributions from the Forestry Commission.

Council Meeting – 15th July, 1985

Council representatives visit Tumut for the purpose of meeting representatives of Bombala, Tumbarumba and Tumut Shire to discuss a submission to the Minister for Natural Resources on the matter of the impact of Forestry Commission activities.

The proposal to transfer the Megalong Valley to the Oberon Shire was rejected by the Local Government Boundaries Commission.

Certificates of Naturalisation received for Mr. On Teh Kim and Mrs. Chiem Yuen.

Council approved an area of land approx. 20 m. x 50 m. immediately north of the Shire Depot Staff Amenities Block as being the most suitable for the construction of a building to house the S.E.S. and Oberon Bush Fire Brigade Headquarters buildings.

Council to congratulate the "Oberon Review" on a successful first year of operation.

Council Meeting – 19th August, 1985

Council to support, in principle, the painting of a mural by young people (possibly on the fence at the swimming pool) as part of the International Youth Year observance.

A complaint was received from Australia Post about the difficulties of delivering mail where buildings are inadequately numbered. Similar difficulties are experienced by police, ambulance, medical authorities, fire brigades, gas and electricity authorities, etc.

The Oberon Apex Club given permission to display 2 horse-drawn ploughs in Apex Park.

Council to adopt, as Policy, a requirement that all Council's work force appointments be conditional upon satisfactory medical examination and that the cost of each examination be borne by Council.

Council was asked if it was aware of the State Government's intention to downgrade the level of services available at the Hospital. The Shire President advised that the matter had not been brought to Council's attention.

Special Council Meeting – 10th September, 1985

Presidential Allowance: \$4,400.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

A Policies & Resources Committee is to be formed for the purpose of assuming the functions of the existing Finance & Planning Committee, Staff Committee, Town

Improvement Committee, Works Committee and Industrial Development Committee and for the purpose also of reviewing the Committee structure of the Council, and for the purpose also of reviewing Council's management and planning procedures and thereupon making recommendations to the Council on the future role and structure of all Committees.

Committees:

Transmission Line: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Jarrett, Lang and Stapleton.

Policies & Resources: Whole Council.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton.

Mitchell Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Tree Planting: Functions to be reviewed by Policies & Resources Cttee.

Oberon Shire Bush Fire: Crs. Lang, McMahon and Stapleton.

District Sports & Recreation: Crs. Jarrett and McMahon.

Community Arts & 19 North St.: Crs. Bearup and Jarrett.

Council Meeting - 16th September, 1985

The Jenolan Environment Protection Committee complained that the N.S.W. Government had commenced a programme of systematic destruction of the Jenolan Caves in the name of development and is acting with complete disregard for the long-term economic viability of the area. They allege that the Blue Lake and Jenolan River are severely polluted, aboriginal sites have been destroyed and the view through the Carlotta Arch has been ruined by the construction of an unsightly concrete stairway.

A Direction under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act relating to the conservation of environmental heritage and

ecologically significant items and areas was received. The effect of the Direction is to compel councils to insert in Draft Local Environmental Plans provisions to facilitate the conservation of buildings, works, relics and place of historic, scientific, cultural, social archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic significance or of ecological significance for the local government area.

Development consent was granted in respect of an application submitted by the Oberon Pistol Club for the construction of a pistol range, together with a Firing Line Shelter and Storage Rooms, on 15,000 sq.m. to be leased from N.J. Booth and comprising a part of Portion 340, Parish of Norway.

Council Meeting - 21st October, 1985

The Police Air Wing given permission to utilize land under Council's control for the landing of helicopters during its operations.

The National Trust informed Council that the Jenolan Caves Conservation Area had been classified and included in the Trust's Register. A listing of this nature does not have legal force but is recognised as an authoritative statement of the historical or architectural importance of a building, site, item or area.

Councillor J. White re-elected as Chairman of Southern Mitchell County Council.

The Rotary Club has arranged an outing for senior citizens to Mt. Tomah and 3 open gardens in the area.

Councillor Bearup's observations on museum establishment be referred to Council's Policies & Resources Committee and further details relating to the establishment of an Arboretum at Vittoria be obtained with a view to having a similar facility established at Oberon as a tourist attraction. The Commissioner for Forests also to be asked if there is any likelihood of an Arboretum being established in Oberon.

Policies & Resources Committee

Recommendations:

Planning Committee: Crs. Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Stapleton and White.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Lang. McMahon and Stapleton.

The Planning Committee to deal with those activities associated with town and country planning, the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, Interim Development Order No. 1 – Shire of Oberon and association legislation or regulation; the Community & Social Development Committee having the oversight of community services; and the Commercial Development Committee dealing with the advancement of the area in industry, commerce and associated matters not specifically requiring the attention of the Planning Committee.

The Shire Clerk was authorized to discuss with the Editor and Publisher of the “Oberon Review” the need to carefully examine articles prior to publication for the purpose of ensuring that the texts of such articles on matters affecting the Council do not contain, however unintentionally, statements which might reflect in an unwarranted manner upon the integrity of elected members.

That a meeting with the Management of the Oberon Golf Club be arranged in the near future to discuss the Club’s future and financial position in relation to sums now due to the Council.

Council Meeting – 18th November, 1985

The Manager of the National Australia Bank has offered the Bank premises fence in Oberon Street as a suitable place for a mural.

A study to be prepared on all relevant aspects of a proposal to establish an Arboretum or forest-based permanent display within the Oberon area.

The Shire Engineer to compile a plan to form the basis of a programme aimed at improving the aesthetic quality of Oberon Street whilst at the same time improving, protecting and maximizing all street installations and roadside furniture.

The Shire Clerk to find the best way of contacting all truck owners in the town for the purpose of discussing with them the

question of parking of trucks in town streets, the problems associated with the practice, and likely strategies for alleviating the problems.

Titania Park Subdivision Committee to comprise Crs. Armstrong, Bearup and Cotton.

Senior Officers to examine and report on the feasibility of opening Council’s offices at 9.00 a.m. instead of the present 10.00 a.m.

Council Meeting – 16th December, 1985

Bombala, Tumut and Tumbarumba Shires requested to support this Council in representations to the N.S.W. Government seeking amendments to the Local Government Act for the purpose of removing the Local Government Rating Exemptions now applicable to land in the ownership of the Crown.

Council to investigate all relevant aspects of a community-funded and operated transport system for the benefit of persons who are in need of conveyance to medical services outside the town with Council only making a contribution to the capital cost of the vehicle on the understanding that management, co-ordination, maintenance and housing will be organized on a voluntary community basis.

The Oberon Bicentennial Community Committee made recommendations on projects which could form the basis for applications for funding under the Commonwealth & State Local Government Initiatives Programme. The Committee first notes community interest in the acquisition and improvement of the Malachi-Gilmore Hall for use as a community building for a number of activities including a meeting place for Senior Citizens, exhibitions, museum, archives, live stage performances, etc. They would prefer a new building as an alternative to the Malachi. If this cannot be done the following projects might be considered: (a) the development of “The Common”; (b) tapestries depicting the history of the region, to be displayed in a

suitable building; (c) a Bicentennial Ball linked to "Daffodil Festival" Week; and (d) the building and signposting of walking and adventure trails along the northern side of Lake Oberon from the dam wall to the Reef Reserve.

Regina Hotham (Cunynghame) resigned from Council.

Councillor Bob Bearup asked if any arrangement could be made to have street lights and other domestic lights switched off at some convenient time during the optimum viewing conditions for Halley's Comet. This will be investigated.

The International Youth Year Mural is to be placed on the fence of the National Australia Bank, in Oberon Street, and Council is to donate \$200 towards the project.

A tender for \$18,290 accepted for the supply and erection of a metal framed building for use as a State Emergency Services Headquarters building.

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Council Meeting – 20th January, 1986

The Rotary Club requested to nominate representatives to attend morning tea at Council's February meeting to mark the official handing over of the "Rotary Lookout".

J.J. Cosgrove requested the naming of a road to perpetuate the memory of Andy Wilcox, Council's first ever grader driver. To be noted for future reference.

In amendments to the Local Government Act, Councils are now given permission to lend money for the establishment of aged persons' settlements and associated facilities.

J.J. Cosgrove had written to the Member for Bathurst seeking an Australian Honours recognition of the service to local government rendered by former Councillor H.H. McKinnon. Council agreed to give its support to the move.

Council to get a copy of the guidelines relating to Government funding for community bus projects from either the Federal or State Governments.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors.

Council to offer a reward of \$500 for the successful prosecution of persons responsible for vandalism at the swimming pool and the public be made aware of the problems associations with these acts with particular reference to the likelihood of such acts leading to the closure of the swimming pool, for remedial works, from time to time.

Shire Health Surveyor to investigate the use of vehicle compaction units and large garbage bins.

Betta Wool Handlers (who wish to use the Malachi-Gilmore Hall as a wool handling depot) asked to furnish details of the façade restoration and the proposed colour scheme.

R.J. (Bob) Lawson retired from Council.

A \$500 reward was offered leading to the prosecution of any person(s) involved in the willful defacing of or damage to Council property.

The Shire Engineer was requested to investigate the cost and feasibility of illuminating the mural currently being painted on the fence of the N.A.B. property in Oberon Street for the purposes of minimizing damage to the mural through vandalism.

Council Meeting – 17th February, 1986

At a badly attended meeting, a committee was formed of truck owners and operators for the purpose of considering and dealing with complaints, referred by Council, relating to various aspects of truck operations.

Fr. M.J. Keogh is retiring as Parish Priest of the Roman Catholic Church at Oberon.

Dick Stevenson to continue in his role as Local S.E.S. Controller.

Workers' Compensation for bush fire fighters and rescue workers will operate immediately and dependents will receive compensation of a lump sum of \$20,000 in addition to Workers' Compensation lump sum upon death and the Scheme will allow for the payment of average weekly earning of an injured volunteer as distinct from the Workers' Compensation Scheme of award wage rate.

Cabonne Shire Council wants to have the same conditions and obligations in relation to noxious plants eradication as imposed on owners or occupiers of private land placed on State Government in respect of land under its control.

With the withdrawal of motor registry facilities from Police Stations within 80 km. of Motor Registries, it has now been agreed that Australia Post will accept (on behalf of

the Dept. of Motor Transport) the renewals of vehicles and drivers licences.

Council to alter its Policy requiring that no garage building having a floor area in excess of 54 sq.m. shall be sited on a residential allotment within the Village of Oberon without the specific approval of Council, to a policy allowing for the approval of buildings of this type subject to the floor area not exceeding 90 sq.m. and the building not being intended for commercial or industrial use.

Council to arrange for the removal of advertising structures of any type from Council's footpaths.

The Mozart Gravel Pit to be proclaimed as a site for a future garbage depot.

Council to meet with truck owners and operators about the parking of lorries in Oberon Streets, the cleansing of these lorries and noise problems associated with the standing of these lorries in suburban streets and their starting during nights and early mornings.

An investigation to be made of the possibility of Council providing a community hall building for community use.

Council has once again agreed to underwrite 1 performance of the Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Police are to be asked to do something about the riding of horses and bicycles on public footpaths.

Council Meeting – 17th March, 1986

A Public Meeting in Bathurst formed a Steering Committee to investigate obtaining a Life Education Van for the Central Tablelands area covering Bathurst, Evans, Lithgow, Oberon, Mudgee and Rylstone.

Since 1983 Council has been trying to get the State Rail Authority to pay for the loss of 2 chlorine cylinders. It has now paid for the loss.

Council agreed to the Black Springs Progress Associations request for safety signs on roads approaching Black Springs

warning motorists of school children ahead and requesting them to reduce speed.

R.M. Williams advised that a National Trail Committee had been formed to work for the establishment of an uninterrupted National Trail extending 5,000 kms. from Cooktown in Northern Queensland to Healsville in Victoria with camping and watering facilities no more than 1 day's walk/ride apart with the route following the Great Dividing Range utilizing stock routes, bush tracks, fire trails and surveyed roads. By 1988 Guide Books will be available complete with strip maps and documentation of water and camping facilities, history, flora and fauna, sources of provisions, etc. The proposed route passes through the Oberon Shire.

Council adopted as Policy a firm commitment to the concept of providing a new building to meet the community's social and cultural needs, that such a building be completed some time in 1988, and the budgetary allocation for the cost of constructing and equipping the building be such as to approximate the overall cash profit obtained from the Oberon Hills Subdivision project. This was changed at the April Meeting to read "that Council makes a firm commitment to the provision of a new building to meet the social and cultural needs of the community, to be funded by Council with community assistance, to a minimum of the profit from the Oberon Hills Subdivision, and further that such project be completed by 31st December, 1988."

Action to be taken for the removal of "For Sale" signs on footpaths.

The Council accepted the financial responsibility for the cost of a proposed Bicentenary Celebrations Tapestry and the conduct of a Daffodil Festival and Bicentenary Ball in 1988.

Roads within the Titania Park Subdivision to be named after characters appearing within the works of Shakespeare.

Council Meeting – 21st April, 1986

The initial organisation for the Bicentennial Tapestry project has been completed. The Oberon Needleworkers' Group asked for a donation of \$1,000 (granted) to allow for the purchase of artist's materials, canvas, frames and some wools.

Council to donate 2 plaques in the Grand Champion categories of the Garden Competition to be held in conjunction with the Daffodil Festival by the Oberon Garden Club.

Councillor Bearup resigns from the Planning Committee citing various reasons.

Council to approach the Dept. of Community Services for the purpose of determining the reason for Councils apparently having been allocated a low priority in its application for funding under the Aged & Disabled Persons' Homes Act for the construction of additional aged persons' accommodation. Allocations were made in December, 1985 and Council was unsuccessful but Council has been advised that all applications in future should be for "Nursing Home and Hostels" with funding allocations being directed toward the construction of more hostels which provide accommodation with support services for the frail aged.

Steven Drzyzga appointed Apprentice Greenkeeper on 29.1.85.

Only 1 commercial vehicle to be permanently housed on any 1 residential allotment.

Cr. Peter Jarret appointed to the Planning Committee in the place of Cr. R.J. Bearup.

Council Meeting – 19th May, 1986

After a request from the Oberon District Development Association for more off-street parking in the shopping centre area, Council is to compile an estimate of the cost of reconstructing and sealing the Dart Street car park.

The Oberon Dam has now fallen to 78% after peaking at 86% at the end of December, 1985 and consumers are asked to restrict water usage as much as possible.

No action is to be taken in connection with a proposal to illuminate the mural recently painted in Oberon Street.

Council to advertise the availability of land in Council's Titania Park Subdivision in the soon to be published Oberon Plateau Tourist Association Information Booklet.

Council staff to prepare a draft submission in opposition to the transmission line proposal

The Oberon Lions Club has offered to beautify Captain Cook Park.

A Public Statement will be made to the effect that Council has not endorsed, nor in any way been associated with, the distribution of a circular letter within the Shire calling upon residents to formally register an objection to the proposal to construct a 500 kV transmission line within the Shire.

Special Council Meeting – 10th June, 1986

This meeting was called to deal with certain aspects of the N.S.W. Electricity Commission's proposal to construct a 500 kV power transmission line through the Shire.

Council Meeting – 16th June, 1986

An elected member's Certificate of Service to be presented to former Cr. M.A. Dwyer.

Paul Robinson appointed as Apprentice Mechanic on 3rd February, 1986.

Oberon Engineering to supply a galvanized steel structure to serve as a pedestrian bridge at the eastern end of Dart Street.

Council decided that, within the Village of Oberon, the minimum distance between the nearest external wall of a dwelling and the nearest boundary of any enclosure for the keeping of horses be determined at 9 metres.

The Oberon Central School given permission to plant pine trees (Christmas Trees) on Lot 277, D.P. 705307, being a Public Recreation Area adjacent to the Falls Hill Lookout, as a School Forest, subject to the trees not being allowed to reach a height

which would impede the view from the Lookout and the trees being cleared at the end of the 4 years.

Council to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing a garbage bin adjacent to the Oberon Post Office to act as a repository for unwanted advertising material.

Council Meeting – 21st July, 1986

Council officers to investigate and report on all relevant aspects of the installation of a columbarium (commemorative wall) at the Oberon Cemetery.

The Oberon Central School has withdrawn its application to lease Portion 227 as a School Forest as the Department of Education advised that they could not give permission for several months and the School wished to plant the trees in mid-July.

The Local Member for Bathurst, Mick Clough, supports Council in its proposition that rates should not be refunded to the Forestry Commission when ratable farming land is taken over by the Commission. He finds that “the Commission should be so petty as to require this type of refund” and indicates that he is writing to the Minister in strong terms indicating his opposition to the acquisitions of farming land in the first instance, and to the fact that “they have got the hide to apply for a refund of rates payable”. As an interim measure, Mr. Clough suggests that Council withhold the payments for the time being. This is just what Council had already decided to do.

Council refused the suggestion by the Oberon Lions Club that a fishing competition (for trout) be held at the swimming pool during the Daffodil Festival. The Health Surveyor did suggest it “may be feasible for 1 day only as the presence of fish in the pool for a longer period may prove tempting to unauthorised entrants, as well as posing problems of waste filtration and adverse effects on the trout from chlorine.”

Certificates of Naturalisation received for C.L.I. and G.A. Cooke.

A public meeting to be called for the purpose of forming a local fund raising committee to assist in obtaining a Drug Awareness Life Education Van for the Bathurst, Lithgow, Mudgee, Oberon and Rylstone districts.

Council Meeting – 18th August, 1986

The Oberon District Sports & Recreation Council has decided to disband because of lack of interest. A formal letter of appreciation to be forwarded Peter Dale recognizing his valuable services as President of the now discontinued Oberon District Sport & Recreation Council.

Dr. Andrew Godden wrote to Council suggesting that the Oberon community needs a hostel for the elderly. He suggests that this type of institution can be operated financially independently at a level of about 8 or 10 residents. He also notes that the Hospital has land which could be made available for a building of this nature.

An up-dated Certificate of Local Government Service to be presented to former Councillor H.H. McKinnon on 15th September.

Complaints concerning Council employees will not be considered, nor acted upon, unless such complaints are in written form addressed to the Shire Clerk or to the Shire President, and signed by the complainant.

Special Council Meeting – 15th September, 1986

Presidential Allowance: \$4,250.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. P.M. Jarrett.

Committees:

Policies & Resources: Whole Council.

Planning: Crs. Armstrong, Cotton, Gearon, Jarrett, Stapleton & White

Transmission Line: Crs. Armstrong, Bearup, Cotton, Gearon, Jarrett, Lang & Stapleton.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton.

Mitchell Bush Fire Prevention: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Blue Mountains Bush Fire: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Housing Commission Tenancy: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Cotton and McMahon.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Lang, McMahon and Stapleton.

District Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong & Stapleton & Shire Engineer, Bob Hooper

19 North Street: Crs. Bearup and Jarrett.

Development Control Unit: Crs. Armstrong, Cotton, Jarrett and McMahon together with Shire Clerk, Deputy Shire Clerk, Shire Engineer and Shire Health Surveyor.

Titania Park Management: Crs. Armstrong, Bearup and Cotton.

National Parks & Wildlife: Nil.

Building Accommodation Investigation: Crs. Cotton, Jarrett and White.

Oberon District Development: Cr. R.J. Bearup.

Council Meeting – 15th September, 1986:

Council to provide \$150,000 for infrastructure for Amcor Ltd.

Council continue with its investigation into the need for the establishment of total care aged persons' accommodation in Oberon and the means by which such establishment may be effected.

The Shire Engineer is to arrange for a Register of Significant Features within the Shire.

No action to be taken for the provision of specific zones for bus or heavy vehicle parking.

Council to adopt as Policy, a requirement that in circumstances where major works, such as road sealing, are requested in specific locations, such as subdivisions, and the works are obviously of local benefit

only, the affected landowners be required to contribute the full costs of such works, either by direct contribution or by the levying of local rates, as may be appropriate in individual cases.

An investigation to be made of the feasibility of providing bicycle racks in Oberon Street.

Special Council Meeting – 10th October, 1986

This meeting was called for the purpose of transacting the following business: (a) promotion and marketing strategies for Titania Park Subdivision – including sales on extended terms; (b) development promotion and marketing in the Cunynghame Subdivision; (c) conditions of arrangements which be appropriate for multiple lot sales, to building contractors and the like, for the erection of dwellings to be offered for sale after completion; and (d) discussion with building contract Vic Schembri.

Council Meeting – 20th October, 1986

Cr. John White re-elected as Chairman of the Southern Mitchell County Council.

Council has successfully completed negotiations with Amcor for the establishment of a medium density fibreboard factory in Oberon.

Reiny Cosgrove to resign as from 8th December, 1986.

The Shire Engineer authorized to purchase suitable bicycle racks for installation in Oberon Street.

Council Meeting – 17th November, 1986

The Member for Bathurst to be made aware of Council's deep concern at the reported proposal by the State Rail Authority to downgrade and subsequently close the Tarana Railway Station.

Council to lodge a submission with the State Electoral Commission objecting to a proposal to alter State Electoral Boundaries

in such a manner as to place the Oberon Shire in an electorate based on Goulburn.

Commonwealth Department of Community Services to provide 390 nursing home beds and 3,565 hostel beds for N.S.W. over the next 3 years

Special Council Meeting – 9th December, 1986

This meeting was called to discuss the Estimates for 1987.

Council Meeting – 15th December, 1986

The Minister for Industry, Small Business, Energy & Technology acknowledged receipt of Council's enquiry in the matter of the provision of natural gas to Oberon and stating that the matter is currently receiving attention.

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Special Council Meeting – 9th January, 1987

This meeting was called for the purpose of making an Oberon Water Supply and Oberon Sewerage Local Rates and to consider the Development Application submitted by Anfor (Oberon) Pty. Ltd.

Council to inform the Premier and Government of its concern that it was not furnished with a written guarantee that the Government would provide funding for infrastructure requirements associated with the abovementioned development prior to this meeting, that the development consent has been given with serious reservations and further that Council has a serious concern for the welfare and continued viability of the entire timber industry within the area unless Government funding is made available for the provision and improvement of infrastructure in the very near future.

Council Meeting – 19th January, 1987

The Commonwealth Dept. of Community Services to be notified of Council's concern that the area has an urgent need for hostel and nursing home accommodation for aged and disabled persons and in Council's opinion this need should be recognized immediately, notwithstanding the appointment of an Aged Care Advisory Committee (which has been established to advise the Minister on the needs of each region in the State) to inform the Minister of area needs after the conduct of a survey.

Bathurst Council supports the Oberon Council in supporting its retention in the Bathurst electorate as it believes that the proposed transfer would be in Oberon's best interests considering its long-standing association with the Bathurst area.

Council is prepared to assist A.G.L. Western in the location and acquisition of land suitable for its special requirements should it proceed with the current proposal to

construct a pipeline to convey natural gas to Oberon.

The N.S.W. Bicentennial Council has advised that the State Government grant for "The Common" is \$8,950 and the Commonwealth - \$6,000.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors.

Council Meeting – 16th February, 1987

Council to make a formal application to the Dept. of Community Services for funding under the Aged & Disabled Persons' Homes Act to enable the establishment of total or partial care accommodation within the town of Oberon.

Council to call a public meeting, at the request of Oberon Senior Citizens' Group, for the purpose of discussing possibilities for the implementation of a public transport system to serve the town of Oberon. 1 suggestion was the implementation of a bus services between Oberon and Mt. Victoria, particularly on Friday afternoons and Sunday evenings

Council Meeting – 23rd March, 1987

Dick Stevenson to carry on as local State Emergency Services Controller for the Shire.

That the State Government be informed of Council's dissatisfaction with the closing of the Tarana Railway Station.

Ross Bryant resigned from Council on 27th March, 1987.

Council will raise no objection to the proposal by the hospital to designate an area of its own land in Springfield Street as a landing site for helicopters which may be used from time to time in emergency situations.

Council asked to sponsor a young person between the ages of 18 and 25 to join the fleet as a trainee crew member on one or more legs of the First Fleet Re-enactment Voyage.

Special Council Meeting – 27th March, 1987

This meeting was convened for the purpose of bulk sales of land within the Titania Park Subdivision, the sale of land within the Industrial Subdivision, financial assistance to the Oberon Golf Club and interviews for and appointment of a Deputy Shire Clerk or Accountant.

Roger Maybury appointed as Deputy Shire Clerk from 27th April, 1987.

Council Meeting – 21st April, 1987

An opinion was furnished by the Local Government & Shires Associations that unless Council fenced the lake at “The Common” there could be Public Liability concerns.

There has been a suggestion by the Transport Ministry that maybe a mini bus service could be implemented to service the Oberon area.

Council Meeting – 18th May, 1987

Council adjourned to allow members to attend Father Michael Keogh’s funeral.

Local Government elections to be held on 26th September, 1987.

After the relevant Ordinance is amended - the office of an elected member will now be considered to be vacant if they have not attended 3 consecutive ordinary meetings with due leave to do so; Council can now dispense with an extraordinary election to fill a vacancy if it occurs after 1st January in the year that an ordinary election is scheduled; and a \$100 deposit required when a candidate nominates for a local government election.

The Shire Engineer to survey the needs for wildlife warning signs within the Shire.

A Certificate of Australian Citizenship received for Mr. Mihai Grecica of Oberon.

Bathurst, Oberon and Evans Shires to participate in a joint discussion of flood control measures proposed for the Fish River.

Householders lodging complaints concerning discoloured water from Council’s mains to be informed of the availability of filtering devices.

Council Meeting – 22nd June, 1987

Crs. Armstrong, Cotton and Jarrett, together with the Shire Clerk, met with the Department of Community Services concerning a proposal for the provision of a hostel for aged and disabled persons at Oberon.

The Oberon District Development Association informed Council that it would be planting 65 shrubs of 13 varieties and over 600 daffodil bulbs at “The Common”. It also did not agree with the suggestion that the pond should be fenced as parental control should be relied upon as a safety measure.

Council Meeting – 20th July, 1987

S.M.C.C. formally notified Council that the receipting agency conducted by Council on its behalf would terminate on 30th June, 1987 concurrently with the opening of a branch office in Oberon.

It was decided that no action would be taken by Council in respect of a request for the provision of a skateboard track in Oberon.

The Member for Bathurst, Mick Clough, has advised Council of his concern that the Minister has offered the opinion that a coach service to Oberon would not be a viable proposition and advising he will not accept in his electorate a situation where residents do not have any form of public transport whatever, and he regards as totally unsatisfactory the decision to close the Tarana rail service with no plans for satisfactory replacement.

After 26th September, 1987 members of councils will be required to lodge each year

a return containing information as to certain interests and assets. This requirement also extends to Council's Senior Officers who have a delegated authority to deal with either development or building applications.

Council Meeting – 17th August, 1987

The \$100 nomination deposit by prospective Councillors can be refunded where the candidate withdraws before Nomination Day, dies before election day, is elected, obtains 10% of the total vote, is in a group containing a member who is either elected or obtains 10% of the vote, or where an election is not held.

Nurse Fox Crescent, within the Cunynghame Subdivision, to be renamed Nurse Fox Close.

Council Meeting – 21st September, 1987

Council to convene a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the need for and the means of providing a community form of transport to service the Oberon area.

Council to make a donation of \$100 towards the cost of plaques to be presented as trophies in conjunction with the 1987 Garden Competition be made to the Oberon Branch of the Garden Club of Australia.

The Lithgow Council is to donate \$20,000 towards the Lithgow Branch of the Eastern Central Tablelands Life Education Committee (Life Education Van).

The Shire Clerk was authorized to allow selected Council records, of historical interest, to be taken to the Uniting Church Hall to form part of a viewing collection on 26th and 27th.

The temporary planter areas in Oberon Street to be removed as soon as practicable.

Special Council Meeting – 1st October, 1987

Retiring Councillors – Crs. R.J. Bearup, P.M. Jarrett, M.J. McMahon and J. White.

New Councillors – Crs. M.J. Armstrong, M.L. Rich, I.A. Wales and L.M. Wheeldon.

Presidential Allowance: \$4,550.

Shire President: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Committees:

S.M.C.C.: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Gearon and Stapleton.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. I.A. Wales.

Highlands Regional Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong. B.A. Lang & R.L. Hooper (Alternate)

District Bush Fire: Crs. Lang and Stapleton and R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Lang and Rich.

Housing Tenancy: Cr. L.M. Wheeldon.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton and C.J. Pritchard.

Oberon Community Arts & 19 North Street: Crs. M.J. Armstrong and I.A. Wales.

Oberon District Development: Cr. L.M. Wheeldon.

Tree Planting: Crs. Cotton and Wheeldon.

Planning: Crs. M.J. Armstrong, Cotton, Gearon, Lang and Stapleton.

Policies & Resources: Whole Council.

Transmission Line: Crs. Lang, Rich and Stapleton.

Industrial Development: Crs. Cotton, Lang and Wheeldon.

Land Development: Crs. Cotton, Lang and Wheeldon.

Occupational Health & Safety: No-one as yet.

Council Meetings now to be held at 7.00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Sewerage augmentation works to commence (for the Anfor development).

Council Meeting – 20th October, 1987

Uncle Ben's to again sponsor Council's "Best Kept Dog" Competition.

Under new procedures for total fire bans, the fire ban periods will be from midnight to midnight and gas and electric barbecues will be exempted from total fire bans, subject to certain limitations and special requirements.

As Peter Jarrett is no longer a Councillor, Malcolm Lionel Rich was nominated as the Council's representative on the Oberon Showground Trust.

An application to be made to the Shires Association for Certificates of Service for Crs. L.C. Armstrong, P.P. Gearon, B.A. Lang, P.M. Jarrett and J. White.

Responsibilities and authorities concerning the Oberon Garbage Depot to be transferred from the Shire Health Surveyor to the Shire Engineer.

Councillor Malcolm Rich elected to the Planning Committee.

Council to hold Council Meetings for November and December, 1987 and January, 1988 on the third Wednesday of the month.

Council to accept, for a trial period of 6 months, the offer of Harry Fitzpatrick for a security patrol service which includes the Council Chambers, the Lowes Mount Road Depot, public toilets in Oberon Street and such other properties as may be included.

Special Council Meeting – 9th November, 1987

The meeting was called to consider a proposal to accede to the N.S.W. Government's offer of a funding arrangement for the proposed augmentation of the sewerage system.

Council Meeting – 18th November, 1987

The Dept. of Housing apologized for not informing Council of the disbanding of the Housing Tenancy Committee on which Cr. L.M. Wheeldon was appointed.

The Bush Fire Council clarified the terms of exemption for the use of electric and gas barbecues. This will apply only to permanent dwellings and to appliances located within 20 metres of the dwelling with inflammable material cleared for 3 metres if the appliances and an adequate water supply must be available.

The Forestry Commission has undertaken to assist with the upgrading of the Shooters Hill Road in anticipation of increased log traffic from plantations for about 19.5 kms.

Special Council Meeting – 30th November, 1987

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates for 1988.

Council Meeting – 16th December, 1987

The Central West Regional Department of Health thanked Council for its help in the construction of the new Ambulance Station.

An agreement with A.G.L. Western for the supply of natural gas in the area was executed under the Common Seal of the Council.

Council agreed to a proposal by the Community Bus Steering Committee whereby a used vehicle suitable for use as a community bus might be purchased, registered and insured with funds made available by the Council, subject to repayment by community organisations and whereby the community bus project is controlled, operated and managed by such community organisations.

Applications to be invited for an Apprentice Plumber and Apprentice Motor Mechanic.

News releases, including information or comments on all health and building matters be given only by the Shire Clerk, or in his absence the Deputy Shire Clerk, in writing and with copies retained within Council's offices.

Council concurred in the continued appointment of Dick Stevenson as State Emergency Services and Civil Defence Local Controller.

1988

Special Council Meeting – 12th January, 1988

This meeting was called for the purpose of making the General Rate, Oberon Water Supply Local Rate, Oberon Sewerage Local Rate, extension of the 1987 Town Improvement Rate to 1988 and the proposed extension of the sewer through private land in Raleigh Street.

Council Meeting – 20th January, 1988

A trial of the private bus operation between Oberon and Mt. Victoria commenced in August, 1987 but it is likely to close soon. Council is to try to have the proposed Orange to Lithgow State Rail Authority bus service diverted, on a regular basis, through Oberon.

Council meetings now to be on third Tuesday of month starting at 6.00 p.m.

Certificates of Service to be presented to Crs. L.C. Armstrong, P.P. Gearon, B.A. Lang and former Councillors P.M. Jarrett and J. White.

Council to provide for adequate gas heating and hot water supply at Council's Depot at a cost of approximately \$6,258.

House owners and occupiers on which buildings are erected are required to mark the buildings or fences or road frontages with such street numbers as the Council may direct.

The National Parks & Wildlife Service to construct an office and workshop in Ross Street and also provide toilet facilities for the nearby "Common".

Councillor L.M. Wheeldon to attend the Annual Conference of the N.S.W. Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association at Windsor in April, 1988.

When available, a surplus vehicle from Council's fleet be allocated for the purpose of community transport and in the longer term an investigation be made of the possibility of acquiring a suitable surplus

vehicle from the metropolitan hospital system.

Council Meeting – 16th February, 1988

Council notified of the change of company name from Anfor (Oberon) Pty. Ltd. to Fibron Industries.

Because of the problems with water discolouration, Council is to investigate the possibility of providing filtration of the Oberon Town Water Supply.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1988.

Because of storage problems in the Council Chambers Building, Council to investigate the feasibility of relocating the Library to the Baby Health Centre Building and the Baby Health Centre to 19 North Street.

The 3 new roads within the new Industrial Subdivision to be named Bounty, Endeavour and Sirius.

It is considered that considerable adverse reaction will result from the renumbering of properties in the town and attempts to compel owners to display street numbers.

The Community Bus Committee is to meet to discuss the utilization of the vehicle formerly utilized by the Shire Engineer as a community vehicle.

Council Meeting – 15th March, 1988

Anthony Miller resigned from Council on 12th February, 1988.

The Forestry Commission granted permission to conduct a feasibility study on the diversion of traffic from Shooters Hill Road via Butter Factory Lane onto M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves).

Permission was granted, by Council, for the conduct of a Door Knock Appeal for the purpose of raising funds for the Oberon District Care Car Project on 27th March, 1988.

Councillor L.M. Wheeldon appointed as Council's representative to the Oberon District Care Car Management Committee.

The Shire Clerk's Report item on the Care Car was tabled.

The Care Car project was approved on the basis of Councils providing a used Engineering Staff vehicle, registered, insured and periodically serviced, but operational costs to be drawn from such funds as may be raised within the community and kept in a fund administered by the Council and that a Management Committee be established.

Council Meeting – 19th April, 1988

Councillor Lorraine Wheeldon nominated as Council's representative on the Public Swimming Pools Superintendents' Qualifications Committee.

The Shire Health Surveyor proposed a Rural House Numbering Scheme based on a distance link, i.e. 324 being 3.24 km. from the start of the road.

Council received a \$2,000 grant for the installation of a footbridge over a creek in Dart St

Council to negotiate for the acquisition of Mrs. Freer's cottage in Ross Street for the purpose of providing additional office space.

19 North Street now to be known as the Oberon Community Centre.

Rotary donated \$500 towards the Care Car Project.

Oberon was successful in the 1987 Tidy Towns Competition.

Councillor Wheeldon to again attend the Local Government Women's Association Conference to be held at Geelong in May, 1988.

Council Meeting – 17th May, 1988

Cobweb Craft Shop launched an appeal to raise approximately \$7,000 to purchase a Cardiograph for the Oberon District Hospital.

The Lions Club donated \$500 towards the Care Car Project.

The N.R.M.A. to launch a campaign against the Federal Government with regard to road funding. In 1988 \$6,500 million will be received from fuel taxes and only 20% will be spent on maintaining or developing the nation's roads and in real terms the Government is spending 25% less on roads than it was 3 years ago.

Jack Rout resigns from Council as from 29th April, 1988.

Council's representatives to meet with representative of the Mulwaree Shire Council re the proposed Goulburn to Bathurst Road Link.

Council to approach the Education Department to ask the criteria for making Oberon Central School Secondary Department into a High School.

Council Meeting – 21st June, 1988

The Geographical Names Board has suggested that, as there are numerous "Apex Parks" that Council should consider renaming it "Nelson Memorial Apex Park" in memory of H.S. (Bill) Nelson. The Apex Club has been asked for its comments.

Lee Forest, Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. advised that a Branch has been formed in Oberon and thanked the Shire President and Shire Health Surveyor for their help in the matter.

The Oberon Bicentennial Park ("The Common") to be opened in conjunction with the opening of the National Parks & Wildlife Service building on 24th September, 1988.

Robert Webster, Member for Goulburn, informed Council that there would be no preferred route for the Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line but it will traverse Crown land wherever possible.

Oberon Inner Wheel Club has offered the services of Sue Coates as the Club's representative on the Care Car Committee and also as a volunteer driver.

The Policies & Resources Committee and Planning Committee be abolished and a new Committee, to be known as the Planning, Policies & Resources Committee and comprising all members of Council and having those functions previously adopted by the Planning Committee and the Policies & Resources Committee.

For the extraordinary election to be held on 13th August, 1988, polling places be established in Oberon, Black Springs, O'Connell and Gurnang.

Cr. Marge Armstrong appointed as Council's representative on the Oberon District Development Association.

The western sections of Albert and Price Streets to be re-named Hunter and King Streets.

The southern section of Raleigh Street to be renamed Cook Street and Cunynghame Street East to be renamed Tasman Street.

Cost estimates to be prepared for the various options available for covering the Oberon Street entrance to the Council Chambers building.

Council Meeting – 19th July, 1988

Cobweb Craft Shop has suggested that an official dedication ceremony for the Oberon Tapestries take place at the R.S.L. and that the tapestries could be photographed and a small brochure published and available for sale. Council agreed that Cobweb should make all the arrangements, that a small charge should be made to defray the costs of the function and that \$50 should be donated to Cobweb to enable the solar screening of windows within the Malachi-Gilmore Hall for the protection of the Bicentennial Tapestries.

The State Rail Authority informed Council that the Authority will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of level crossings, but councils may bitumen over the rails and remove rails, wing fences, gates, signs and warning devices to improve road conditions, approval of the Minister will be required if the work will render the line no longer operational and that the Authority will be responsible for the

restoration of level crossings and associated fixtures should the railway line again become operational.

The Bicentennial Sports & Recreation Grant of \$2,395 to be divided amongst the applicant sporting bodies by the payment of \$80 to Oberon Little Athletics Club and the remainder in equal parts to the Oberon R.S.L. Bowling Club, the Oberon Tennis Association, the Oberon Golf Club, the Oberon Pistol Club, the Fish River Sailing Club, the Oberon Amateur Swimming Club, the Oberon Junior Rugby League Club and the Oberon Cricket Club = \$289.375 each.

A questionnaire to be distributed to occupiers for the purpose of gauging their reaction to a proposal to utilize 240 litre mobile garbage bins.

Council Meeting – 16th August, 1988

Councillor J.L. Brien elected in recent by-election on 13th August to replace Councillor L.M. Wheeldon who resigned on 16th May, 1988.

The Traffic Authority, Department of Motor Transport and Department of Main Roads amalgamated into a new organisation to be known as the Road & Traffic Authority.

The Minister for the Environment, Tim Moore, to open "The Common" in place of the Premier.

Council has decided to discontinue its representation on the Oberon Community Arts Committee and the Oberon District Development Association; that the functions and composition of the Tree Planting Committee be reviewed; a decision to be made as to whether Council representation on the Oberon Showground Trust should be continued; and the Industrial Development and Land Development Committees are no longer required.

Special Council Meeting – 6th September, 1988

Presidential Allowance: \$5,000.

Shire President: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Committees:

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. I.A. Wales.

Highlands Regional Fire: Cr. L.C.

Armstrong. Cr. B.A. Lang (Alternate)

District Bush Fire: Crs. L.C. Armstrong & Stapleton and R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Community Centre: Crs. M.J. Armstrong, J.L. Brien and I.A. Wales.

Planning, Policies & Resources: Whole Council.

Transmission Line: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, Lang, Rich & Stapleton.

Tenders to be called for the supply of 240 litre garbage bins for use within the Oberon Scavenging Area.

Council Meeting – 20th September, 1988

The roads within the Titania Park subdivision to be named Brien Road, Fairview Drive, Fawcett Road, Harris Road and Wilson Drive.

Council Meeting – 18th October, 1988

The Minister for Corrective Services called for expressions of interest from councils in a proposal for the establishment of a maximum security gaol in a rural area of N.S.W.

Council to support the concept of the City of Sydney hosting the 1996 Olympic Games.

Council Meeting – 15th November, 1988

Motor Traffic Regulations to allow school buses to be fitted with flashing warning lights.

The N.S.W. Minister for education refused an application for the Oberon Central School to be given High School status.

Public Access, to allow for questions and answers from the public started this month from 6.00 to 6.30 p.m.

Special Council Meeting – 23rd November, 1988

Called to discuss the estimates for 1989 and the siting of the new electricity transmission line between Bathurst and Oberon and its effect upon the western approach to Oberon.

Council Meeting – 20th December, 1988

In a circular from the Local Government & Shires Association it was confirmed that proposed Freedom of Information legislation will not apply to councils.

Trains will not now stop at the Tarana Railway Station except for special requests for the XPT.

The Official Opening of the Oberon Wastewater Augmentation Scheme to be scheduled for late March.

Richard Stevenson to continue as the Oberon Shire Local S.E.S. Controller.

The Oberon Community Centre Management Committee (at 19 North Street) has decided to open a building fund with a long range plan for a new community centre.

Council agreed to the proposal by the Bathurst District Historical Society to record names contained in cemeteries and that Council's cemetery records to be made available to the Society for inspection.

Council to acquire 2,000 copies of the N.R.M.A. publication "The Great Aussie Rip-Off" for enclosure with Council's 1989 Rate Notices. (This is to do with Federal funding for road works.)

Council to again support the concept of the construction of a 3rd runway at Mascot.

1989

Council Meeting – 24th January, 1989

A suggestion has been made that the town should be provided with a public clock, preferably on the front of the Council Chambers building.

The Government advised that the Freedom of Information legislation is to now apply to local government.

The Oberon Garden Club has suggested that Council request the co-operation of proprietors of business houses in caring for planter tubs on footpaths.

Council intends to record the names of persons committing acts of vandalism or public nuisance with a view to prosecution and is to ask the proprietor of Oberon Security Service to lock the public toilets at 10.00 p.m. and unlock them at 5.00 a.m.

Council Meeting – 21st February, 1989

An alteration to the Personal Accident Policy which covers Council members whilst on Council business to provide cover for Council members who are between 75 and 80 years of age. In the past, this cover terminated at 75 years of age.

Total expenditure on the Oberon Wastewater Augmentation Scheme had reached \$1,374,580.14 as at 31st December, 1988.

Council Meeting – 21st March, 1989

Councillor Gearon to be nominated for membership of the Greater Blue Mountains Advisory Committee.

The Rural Air Link Action Group referred to the threatened curtailment of local air services to and from Mascot airport and to the urgent need for the construction of both the Badgery's Creek Airport and a second parallel runway at Kingsford Smith.

Council to make representation to the N.S.W. Government seeking to have the

Oberon Court House staffed and available to serve the public on a more frequent basis than the present one day per week.

Crs. Cotton and Brien appointed as Council's representatives on the Oberon Towards 2000 Steering Committee.

Morris Petroleum advised that they had just become aware of the Care Car operation and expressed a wish to offer assistance in the project by donating fuel for the car.

Certificates of Australian Citizenship presented to John Austin & Elizabeth Frances Perry.

Council Meeting – 18th April 1989

The Minister has given an undertaking that there will be no more closures of 1 man Police Stations.

As a prelude to investigating the need for additional aged persons' units, a survey is to be conducted to indicate the real level of demand for such accommodation.

The "Oberon Review's" offer to include the N.R.M.A. brochures entitled "The Great Aussie Rip-off" within a future issue of the newspaper be accepted.

A plaque to be attached to the Aged Persons' Accommodation Units Nos. 1 to 4 at 10 Balfour Street reading "These Units were Designed by Mr. John W. Ferry, Oberon Shire Health Surveyor, 1962-1977" subject to the purchase and affixing of the plaque being at no cost to the Council.

The Shire President and Shire Clerk authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the cottage on the Estate of the Late A.M. Freer's property in Ross Street for office accommodation.

An enquiry to be made of the Local Government & Shires Associations concerning the allegation contained in "The Land" newspaper to the effect that a world-wide declaration on local government would be signed at the International Union of Local

Authorities' World Congress to be held in Perth in September having the effect of placing local government throughout Australia under the control the United Nations.

The Senior Citizens outing for the year was afternoon tea and a concert at the Golf Club.

When asked to raise the Central School to High School status the Regional Director of Education answered: "the main criteria are – (a) absolute enrolments; (b) demographic trends and projections; and (c) economic conditions and industrial trends."

Discharge of air borne wood fibres from Fibron be brought to the attention of both the Company and the State Pollution Control Commission.

Arrangements to be made for the framing of photographs of the Oberon Bicentennial Tapestries for presentation to the towns of Huonville, Tasmania and Oberon, North Dakota, U.S.A.

Council Meeting – 16th May, 1989

The Shire Health Surveyor to prepare a register of premises which may be or become sources of Legionnaires Disease.

An Oberon Daffodil Festival's Charity Queen Quest has been implemented for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of an Aged Persons' Hostel.

Roger Maybury resigned as Deputy Shire Clerk to take up a position with the Tumut River Electricity County Council.

Council to convene a public meeting for the purpose of assessing the likely public support for the establishment and operation of a hostel for frail aged persons.

The R.T.A. want to make M.R. 54 (Goulburn-Bathurst) a State Road and make M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn) a Regional Road (thus ensuring much less in the way of road funding.) This also appeared to be at the behest of the Member for Goulburn, Robert Webster. The Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Goulburn, Oberon and Mulwaree Councils objected as did the A.C.T. Administration.

Council Meeting – 20th June, 1989

The Lands Board Office indicates that because of concerns expressed by both the Public Works Department, Department of Health and Council on the possible redevelopment of The Reef, the attitude is now taken that it is inappropriate to develop further residential sites in the area while there is no acceptable sewerage system available.

Fibron informed Council that atmospheric pollution emanating from the Company's premises is continually being monitored and equipment modified to minimize, if not eliminate, dust leaks.

Council to support, in principle, the suggestion by Laurie McMahon for the establishment of a Museum at the old Railway Station and Yards.

The R.S.L. Club to submit a plan for the extension of the existing club building.

Council approved the application by WIN Television for the erection of a 33 m. high triangular tower with parabolic antennae and a 3.4 sq.m. equipment shelter at Shooters Hill near the existing Forestry Commission tower.

Interested parties are asked to lodge expressions of interest in the design of an emblem suitable for the Shire of Oberon and that all relevant aspects of such design and eventual production be investigated.

No variation to be made in the most recent offer to the Oberon Golf & Recreation Club Ltd. to the effect that Council will acquire the Club's freehold property in exchange for the writing off of the debt now due to the Council and Council to publish a statement detailing its assistance to the Golf Club to date and its reasons for not being able to offer further assistance.

Council Meeting – 18th July, 1989

A 3 cent per litre levy will be placed on petroleum products for the next 3 years and the existing 3.5 cents per litre levy will be allocated totally to road funding. In 1988/89 only \$118 million of the \$240 million was allocated in this manner. The

Premier announced that \$90 million of the \$600 million would be made available to councils over the next 3 years for rehabilitation and local projects almost exclusively to rural N.S.W.

The Department of Health granted permission for the occasional use of the Recreation Ground for helicopter aeromedical retrievals subject to the Department indemnifying the Council against claims which may arise out of the negligent use of the facility and also they be informed that the land nearer the Hospital and the Ambulance premises ought to be utilized for helicopter landings.

The R.S.P.C.A. does not approve of the shooting of pound dogs and suggests lethal injections by vets is regarded as the most humane means of destruction. 2 council employees (not Oberon) were successfully prosecuted by the R.S.P.C.A. for cruelty after shooting dogs. Oberon discontinued shooting unclaimed dogs in 1977 due to the potential danger to staff and the public from ricochets or ill-aimed bullets.

Arrangements to be made for Council members and Senior Officers to visit the Tumbarumba Council to inspect their frail-aged units.

Council gave permission to the Oberon Daffodil Festival Committee to attach signs announcing the Festival dates each year to existing "Welcome to Oberon" signs at the entrances to the township, subject to the signs being erected not more than 1 month prior to each Festival and removed not more than 1 week after the Festival.

Authority given for Council to enter a float in the 1989 Daffodil Festival Procession.

The Oberon Shire Tree Planting Committee to be reconstituted with 6 community representatives and 2 Council elected member representatives. The Forestry Commission to be asked also for a representative on the Committee.

John Drzyzga appointed as Chief Town Planner as from 17th July, 1989.

Council adopted a Policy whereby a dwelling for a parent of an owner may be

permitted in circumstances whereby such dwelling is located at a distance no greater than 5 metres from the main dwelling and is physically connected to that main dwelling by means of some permanent structure.

The S.R.A. asked if Council would be interested in taking out a lease on the disused railway station building for the establishment of a Museum. In the interim, the Museum group could occupy the building thereby lessening the chances of further deterioration by vandalism. Council to investigate the possibility of a lease of the disused S.R.A. land and buildings for the establishment of a Museum.

Council Meeting – 15th August, 1989

The S.R.A. detailed proposed changes to passenger and freight services in country N.S.W. and gave a commitment to continue to provide both services to the country and advising that in many circumstances there will be an improvement.

Council conveyed to Bathurst Council a message of support for the establishment of the administrative headquarters for the Charles Sturt University at Bathurst.

Forester, Mark Watt, to be the Forestry Commission's representative on the Oberon Shire Beautification & Tree Planting Advisory Committee.

Council to raise no objection to the Oberon Arts Council hanging banners from power poles and buildings in the weeks preceding the 1989 Oberon Daffodil Festival.

The Oberon Hostel Committee has been advised that it should proceed to Incorporation.

Council willing to relinquish control of Reserve 75132 in favour of it being added to the Central Tablelands Heritage Lands Reserve, subject to the retention of the designated small triangular part of the Reserve for addition either to Reserve R.6341 or to the adjoining cemetery.

Council to expend up to \$150 for the purchase of a suitable gift for presentation to Rates Clerk, Mrs. E.M. (Phemie) Booth, in

recognition of her 25 years' service with Council.

Deputy Shire Clerk, Russell Esdaile, appointed on 10th July, 1989.

Having been asked, many times, as to what benefits would accrue to Oberon from the construction of the Mt. Piper to Marulan Transmission Line, Robert Webster, M.P., Member for Goulburn, advised as follows: (a) a work force of approximately 100 personnel will be involved in the construction and these will need to be accommodated and fed; (b) leasing of office space and storage facilities by contractors and the Commission management may be necessary; (c) the upgrading of some local roads could be required; (d) all-weather farm access will be improved; (e) the increase in work population will have a flow-on effect to local businesses; (f) Commission employees engaged in the design of the line and negotiations with property owners have been and will continue to stay in Oberon; (g) garages, shops and local engineering workshops will directly benefit; and (h) Mr. Webster is hopeful that local staff and sub-contractors will be employed for access track construction, general clearing, gate and fence installation and other work associated with the project.

The new road within the Titania Park Subdivision be known as Whiteley Road.

Special Council Meeting – 4th September, 1989

This meeting called to interview applicants for the position of Deputy Shire Engineer.

Neil Johnston appointed as Engineering Assistant until passing his exams upon which he will be appointed as Deputy Shire Engineer.

Special Council Meeting – 19th September, 1989

Presidential Allowance: \$5,500.

Shire President: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Committees:

Bathurst & District Tourism: No representative elected for the time being.

Highlands Regional Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong. Cr. B.A. Lang (alternate).

District Bush Fire: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Gearon and Rich.

Community Centre Management: Crs. M.J. Armstrong and I.A. Wales.

Tree Planting, etc.: Crs. Brien and Cotton.

Council Meeting – 19th September, 1989

The Shire Clerk was requested to enquire as to the validity of elected members taking the benefits of Professional Indemnity Insurance covers in cases where they must define their reasonable actions against the actions of outside parties.

The Shires Association 1989 Conference re-affirmed the need for the construction of a 3rd runway at Kingsford Smith Airport to ensure continued access for country air services. The Premier provided an assurance that his Government supported continued access by regular country commuter aircraft to the Airport.

The Tree Planting Committee to comprise 2 Council members and 6 members drawn from the community and 1 Forestry Commission representative. The following persons have been confirmed as being members of the Oberon Shire Tree Planting Committee: John Brien, Monty Cotton (Council), Rosemary Dawson, Simon Emtage, Mike Graham, Ralph Hammond, Ray Mawhood and Mark Watt (Forestry).

A Committee, for the time being, of a project for the establishment and operation of a frail aged hostel at Oberon be appointed with the following representatives: Karl Braun, Monty Cotton, Jill Evans, Laurie Evans, Warren Gallard, Margaret Grady, Keith Harvey, Barry Lang, John Morgan, Col Pritchard, Leonie Woods and Rod Woods.

An application for funding for the construction of a hostel be lodged and members of the Committee authorized to

approach the Hospital for the purpose of ascertaining whether Hospital land could be made available as a site for the project.

The Traffic Committee recommended that 2 flood lights to improve the visibility of the main Oberon Street pedestrian crossing and zig-zag line markings on the approaches be approved and the R.T.A. to be requested to install suitable speed humps at each end of the Grand Arch and in front of Caves House to reduce traffic speed, and also, in view of the large number of complaints to the Police regarding the excessive speed of trucks in relation to the condition of roads, Council should approach the R.T.A. to impose speed restrictions on heavy vehicles on the Jenolan Caves and Shooters Hill Roads and other truck routes to be determined.

Tenders to be called for the construction of up to 8 additional self-care units at the Curtis & Ross Streets site.

Council Meeting – 17th October, 1989

Following Council's representations on the matter of log traffic driving practices on the Lowes Mount Road (speed and dangerous driving by log trucks), the Oberon Police advised that they are often frustrated by the use of C.B. radios and radar detectors and whilst some offences have been detected, the same problem of C.B. radios tends to hamper the operation but patrols have increased on Lowes Mount Road and an approach will also be made to the Highway Patrol to monitor the roads on a regular basis.

The Oberon Care Car Committee were congratulated on the efficient management and effective delivery of the Care Car facility within the town.

Council to approach the State Rail Authority to ask if it would be prepared to enter into an arrangement with Council for the leasing of unused Railway Land at Oberon on a 99 year term.

The Australian Vietnam Forces advised of an intention to construct a Vietnam Serviceman's Memorial in Canberra and seeking financial assistance.

Lithgow Council advised that Gerard Martin had been elected as Mayor.

There are proposals to develop biological control mechanisms for the control of mesquite, fireweed and bridal creeper.

The name of Bosworth Falls has been approved to the locality about 5 km. northwest of O'Connell and about 9 kms. northeast of The Lagoon.

After many years of asking the Government to honour the promise that infrastructure requirements for the Fibron factory would be met by the government they now say that as it was made by a previous government they have no intention of honouring the agreement

Bronwyn Harvey appointed to the Oberon Hostel Committee.

An amount of \$250 is to be offered as a competition prize for the design of an Oberon Shire Emblem.

Council's Engineering Department to be relocated to the cottage in Ross Street.

All staff members to be entitled to continue the accrual of annual and long service leave during periods of leave-without-pay for training sessions with the Australian Reserve Forces.

C.S.R., Boral, Fibron and Timberland Pine Products invited to confer with Council on the general issue of the prevention of industrial pollution within the area.

Council Meeting – 21st November, 1989

Council is satisfied with the continued appointment of Dick Stevenson of Local State Emergency Services Controller.

An investigation is to be made into the likely cost of truck washing facilities within the town.

Special Council Meeting – 18th December, 1989

This meeting was called to consider the Financial Statements for the quarter ended

30th September, 1989 and Estimates of
Income & Expenditure for 1990.

**Council Meeting – 19th December,
1989**

The Oberon Showground Trust advised to contact the Local Member, Robert Webster, following his indication that he is prepared to consider any reasonable request from the Trust for financial assistance for maintenance works at the Oberon Showground.

There has been talk about the possible relocation of the Oberon Showground but the Minister for Natural Resources advised that there was no suitable Crown Land in the district available for the relocation of the Showground.

S.M.C.C. asked to beautify the Bathurst Road sub-station site.

1990

Special Council Meeting – 12th January, 1990

This meeting was called to inspect Portion 4, Parish of Blenheim (now Stratford Downs Subdivision), make the General, Water Supply Town Improvement & Sewerage Rates for 1990 and the report from the Shire Clerk relating to a questionnaire on the Phase II Review of the Local Government Act.

Council Meeting – 23rd January, 1990

Council to request the N.S.W. Government to formally close the Oberon-Tarana Railway Line to permit Council's long term leasing (99 years) or purchasing of disused Railway Authority land within the town.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1990.

16 litres of glass paint to be provided for application by the Museum Society to the Oberon Railway Station.

Council Meeting – 20th February, 1990

The Department of Community Services & Health notified Council of the allocation of a provisional grant of \$473,560 for the construction of a frail aged hostel in Oberon to include 11 resident and 2 staff places.

The Ministry of Transport notified Council that a Lithgow to Oberon Countrylink Coach Service is to be introduced on 8th April 1990.

A new Traffic Act Regulation Amendment forbids the use of hand held telephones in motor vehicles. This includes C.B. and two-way radios with specific exemptions for Police and other emergency vehicles such as volunteer bush fire brigades.

A Selection Panel to establish a priority list for tenancy of the aged persons self-contained units comprise Crs. L.C.

Armstrong, M.J. Armstrong, M.C.C. Cotton and B.A. Lang and a representative from the Doctors' Surgery and that Council advertise for members of the community who are interested in tenancing these units.

Council agreed, in principle, to sell the land at the corner of Curtis & Ross Streets to the Oberon Hostel Committee and that letters of appeal for funds be sent out to members of the community.

Council to thank Oberon Police and congratulate them on results achieved in the recovery of a large proportion of the items stolen from the Works Depot on New Year's Eve.

Keith Hawken to retire as Impounding Officer.

Council Meeting – 20th March, 1990

The State Government to be thanked for their assistance to Council of \$71,723.46 representing a dollar for dollar of matching of Council's costs for the provision of infrastructure to the Fibron factory project.

Council Meeting – 17th April, 1990

The Local Government & Shires Associations to be asked if any Oberon identities appeared in the photograph of delegates to the Shires Association's First Annual Conference in 1909.

The Shire President and Shire Clerk nominated to the Selection Panel for the Central West Catchment Management Committee.

A Capital Assistance Programme Grant for Sporting and Recreational Facilities of \$12,500 received for the installation of a watering system at the Cunynghame Oval.

The formal opening of the Oberon Museum scheduled for 22nd September, 1990.

The Minister for Transport informed Council that the railway lines cannot be

formally closed without Parliamentary sanction and at this stage the Government is not prepared to close disused branch lines considering their possible use in the event of changed future requirements.

There is to be a Bus/Rail Interchange at Lithgow.

Cathy Arrow announced her candidature in the Daffodil Festival Charity Quest with funds raised to go towards the frail aged hostel project.

It is proposed to relocate the Local Government Department from Sydney to Bankstown.

The National Parks & Wildlife Service to be allowed to share Council's two-way radio frequency in times of emergency.

The Shire Engineer to investigate the likely cost of a child-proof fence surrounding the dam at "The Common".

A request for a drive-in bottle shop at the Royal Hotel refused because of likely road congestion being created by vehicles waiting for service, elimination of parking spaces and likely hazard to pedestrians using the footpath within the vicinity of the driveway in Oberon Street.

Special Council Meeting – 7th May, 1990

This meeting was called to interview 4 applicants for the position of Fire Control Officer.

William Bean to be recommended to the Bush Fire Council for appointment to the position of Oberon Shire Fire Control Officer.

Council Meeting – 15th May, 1990

The subdivider of the Stratford Downs Subdivision has suggested that the 2 roads within the subdivision should be called "Whalan" and "Bullock Flat" coupled with the words "Drive". "Close" or "Avenue". Council have decided that the 3 roads within this subdivision should be called "On-Avon Avenue", "Shakespeare Close" and "Albion Street East".

The Shires Association advised Council that they could not identify any Oberon personnel in a photograph of attendees at the first Shires Association Conference.

Council Meeting – 19th June, 1990

A letter of congratulations to be sent to Mr. A.C. Dreves in connection with the recent recognition of his long-running organization of the Western District Exhibits at the Sydney Shows.

A letter of congratulation to be also sent to Tony Turnbull for his recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Council to try to attract a dentist back to Oberon.

A 1928 Time Capsule was recently found at the R.S.L. and they furnished Council with a copy of one of the documents from this capsule.

The Minister for Transport announced a grant of \$1,000 towards the Care Car project.

The Recreation Ground to be made available, free of charge, to Keira Nicholl to conduct a sporting project in aid of the Oberon Daffodil Festival Queen Competition.

William Bean did not take up the position of Fire Control Officer so F.A. Apthorpe was appointed. He has decided not to take up the position and it is to be advertised again.

No action to be taken by Council in connection with the offer to organize the manufacture and sale of articles bearing the recently adopted Shire of Oberon logo. The prize money of \$250 given to Anne Dawson who won the competition for the logo (the one now in use). Council to adopt the logo design but not as an heraldic device for formal use.

Council to enter into an arrangement with the Shire Clerk, Shire Engineer, Shire Health Surveyor, Deputy Shire Clerk, Deputy Shire Engineer and Town Planner for the leasing of the Council-owned vehicle assigned to them, for private purposes.

Approval given for a drive-in bottle shop at the Royal Hotel.

Council Meeting – 17th July, 1990

Jenolan Caves House has been leased to the Peppers Group on a 99 year lease from 2nd July, 1990.

Shire Engineer asked to prepare an estimate of costs for earthworks which might be required to establish the proposed frail aged hostel within the Oberon District Hospital grounds.

A Certificate of Australian Citizenship received for Mrs. Marife Cantrill.

Council expressed its appreciation of the commendable work performed by the Wages Staff in extremely adverse conditions during the recent snow falls.

The National Australia Bank asked if they have any proposals for remedial works to the walnut tree aimed at eliminating what might in future present a hazard to pedestrians.

Councillor Rich authorized to make enquiries concerning the availability, or initial design, of an official emblem for Council's use.

In future permission will be granted for only 2 sites to operate on any 1 day in Oberon Street for street stall type operations and that the 2 permissions be divided on the basis of 1 street stall for the sale of goods and 1 stall for the sale of raffle tickets or other type of collection not involving the sale of goods.

A new road within the Titania Park Subdivision to be known as "Marks Crescent".

Council Meeting – 21st August, 1990

The Shire Engineer was nominated as the Local Emergency Management Officer for the Shire.

Council supports the suggestion that volunteer bush fire brigade organizations should be renamed "N.S.W. Rural Fire Service".

Special Council Meeting - 11th September, 1990

Presidential Allowance: \$6,000

Shire President: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Committees:

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. I.A. Wales.

Highlands Regional Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong. Cr. B.A. Lang (Alternate).

District Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Gearon and Rich.

Community Centre: Crs. M.J. Armstrong and I.A. Wales.

Transmission Line: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, Lang, Rich and Stapleton.

Council Meeting – 18th September, 1990

Eddie Gibbons commenced duties as Fire Control Officer on 17th September, 1990.

Although the official opening of the Museum has had to be postponed, it is intended to proceed with other planned functions on that day (22nd September, 1990).

The Attorney General assured Council that there is no intention of reducing the operations of the service provided at the Oberon Court House.

The lane leading from the Hampton Road to "Applegrove" to be named Eaton Lane.

Councillor Monty Cotton nominated as Council's representative on the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust.

A sign to be erected at the corner of Curtis & Ross Streets indicating the site of the proposed frail aged hostel.

Council to purchase the dental surgery in Dart Street for \$50,000.

Council Meeting – 16th October, 1990

The meeting of Regional Councils, which has been going on for some time, has now decided to name the organization as the Central West Regional Organisation of Council (CENTROC) as from 12th September, 1990.

The Shire Clerk and Shire Engineer to carry out further investigations and negotiations concerning an offer to install a facility for the reception of ashes at the Oberon Cemetery.

The Dog Pound is to be relocated to an appropriate site at the Sewerage Treatment Works

The following motion was passed (to be passed on to the Government): “Because it is becoming increasingly aware to Council that there are potential grave dangers to the health of citizens from the electro-magnetic field generated by power lines such as the 500 kV line proposed by the Government of N.S.W. to be built through the Oberon Shire, and because the greatest proportion of the land within this Shire is now controlled by the Crown, the Council requests that the route of the aforementioned 500 kV line be designed to traverse the whole of its distance through these Crown lands.

R.J. Roberts appointed as Plant Foreman.

Council Meeting – 20th November, 1990

The formal opening of the Oberon Museum is now planned for April, 1991.

Russell Esdaile requested that Henrietta Hawkes Crescent, Nurse Fox Close and Dulce Domum Drive be renamed, e.g. Hawkes Crescent, etc. The request was refused.

A system of family season tickets to the Oberon Pool be implemented.

3 cut leaf birches to be planted at “The Common”, including a suitable plaque, for the late Bill Whittam.

Michelle Jamieson, Greg Fitzpatrick and Rod Jobling now to comprise the Management Committee for the Hazelgrove

Public School Reserve for Public Recreation and Michelle Jamieson and Rex Moy to establish a craft shop within this building.

Dave Toohill retires as Storeman.

Council to sell composting bins.

A project be conducted in conjunction with the operation of the swimming pool whereby the Supervisor is able to select, on a weekly basis, the young person exhibiting the most skin care awareness and that person to be awarded 1 week’s free entry to the pool.

The Shire Engineer to be appointed to the position of Workcover Rehabilitation Co-ordinator for the Council.

Special Council Meeting – 3rd December, 1990

This meeting was called to receive a report on Waste Management and also to consider the Estimates of Income & Expenditure for the Year 1991.

Council Meeting – 17th December, 1990

Authority granted to the Shire Clerk to prepare a report for distribution to residents at the time of the issue of the 1991 Rate Notices.

Council to approach the R.S.L. to determine whether the now disused indoor swimming pool at the Club’s premises may be made available for use on a basis of sharing costs with the Council.

P.J. Douglas, Dental Surgeon, proposes to utilize Council’s dental surgery in Dart Street.

The Shire Health Surveyor and Town Planner to investigate the requirements for a Library building.

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Council Meeting – 21st January, 1991

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1991.

A letter of appreciation sent to Morris Petroleum in respect of the Company's continued support of the Oberon Care Car project by the provision of fuel free of charge.

Council to apply for a Capital Subsidy in connection with its proposal to construct a new Library building.

Council Meeting – 18th February, 1991

The reception of ashes at the Oberon Cemetery will cost \$10 per deposit.

Following a request from the Oberon Care Car Committee it be advised that the Hospital is now allowed to use the Care Car for its own use as it was felt that this would create a precedent for the use of Council property by the State Government.

Both the C.W.A. and the Daffodil Festival Committee have monies which they want put towards the Hostel Project (C.W.A's contribution = \$25,000). Council has given an undertaking that if the project does not proceed, the whole amount will be refunded plus interest.

Council to forward a letter to Keith and Joan Sullivan congratulating them on the refurbishment of "Ramsgate".

Rob Pollock, Shire Health Surveyor, resigns as from 8th March, 1991.

A notice be served on the owners of the premises containing the walnut tree (N.A.B.) to remove any branches which appear to be in danger of falling onto the footpath.

Council accepted a proposal by J.S. Butterworth for the preparation of a Master Plan and Civic Design Improvements Programme for the town of Oberon for a

lump sum fee of \$16,000 which includes the preparation of the overall master plan and illustration sheets, together with a brief report summarizing the master plan.

The Town Planner was requested to design a car park, including layout of car parking spaces and provision for trees, in consultation with Mawhoods, to be presented to Council for further decision.

Council vehicles cannot be provided to Mayors or Presidents for their private use.

A Special Grant allocation of \$100,000 received by Council for the heavy vehicle by-pass

Special Council Meeting – 15th March, 1991

Ken Solman appointed as Shire Health Surveyor as from 22nd April, 1991.

Council Meeting – 18th March, 1991

Councillors L.C. Armstrong, P.P. Gearon and B.A. Lang nominated for membership of the Nepean-Hawkesbury Catchment Management Committee.

Council has agreed to commit its own funds to the construction of a frail aged hostel and a formal application for subsidy and approval to go to tender for the project to be submitted through the Hostel Committee.

The Oberon Golf & Recreation Club advised Council that it was now in liquidation and would probably cease to exist as a lessee of the Oberon Golf Course. As a result there will be no corporation, individual or group of individuals with the authority to maintain the course, charge a fee for the use of the course, exercise authority (e.g. prevention of vandalism) and effect insurance policies. They will act quickly to incorporate the body. A Committee comprising Bob Bearup, Kath Cunynghame, Peter Dale, Lyn Harris, Kevin McGrath Sam Murray and Joan Pye will continue until the Club is incorporated.

Council Meeting – 15th April, 1991

The Local Government (Street Drinking) Amendment Act has been enacted to assist Police in controlling the consumption of alcohol on public roads and footpaths. Local Government to create the alcohol free zones and the Police to enforce them.

Council Meeting – 20th May, 1991

Ballina Shire provided Council with a sample of a plastic toilet water saver bag which is placed, filled with water, into toilet cisterns thus making the flush smaller. They cost 16 cents for the bag and tie.

For the past 2 years local schools have participated in a “Mock Council Meeting” as part of Youth Week activities.

Sydney Legacy has donated \$60,000 towards the construction of the aged persons’ hostel (now known as “Hathaway Cottages”).

The State Government has provided a grant of \$5,000 to the construction of Hathaway Cottages.

The National Australia Bank was asked if they would move the “mural wall” back to allow for the planting of a new walnut tree in a redesigned passive recreation area fronting Oberon Street.

The following persons appointed to the Oberon Shire Hostel Committee:- Phemie Booth, Cyril O’Keefe, Robert Scharf and Peter Whalan.

Arrangements to be made for a dinner to be held celebrating Peter Sheppard’s 25 years with Council.

A total building programme including the construction of a Library building, the modification of the Health Centre building and Council Chambers façade improvements be adopted.

Council Meeting – 17th June, 1991

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 15th July, 1991

Council has endorsed a Job Sharing Arrangement proposed by Julianne Rowlandson and Robin Brutnell.

Special Council Meeting – 14th August, 1991

This meeting called to consider a report on management issues and work practices.

Council Meeting – 19th August, 1991

Council has no objection to the Arts Council’s suggestion that the main street mural be removed from the fence at the N.A.B. premises in Oberon Street as it has become “shabby”.

Special Council Meeting – 19th September, 1991

Presidential Allowance: \$6,200.

Shire President: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

S.M.C.C.: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton.

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Brien and Stapleton.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Cr. M.J. Armstrong.

Highlands Regional Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong. Cr. B.A. Lang (Alternate).

District Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Higgins and Stapleton.

Community Centre Management: No representation.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. M.C.C. Cotton and Mr. C.J. Pritchard.

Tree Planting: Crs. R.A. Bailey and J. Voytilla.

Special Purpose Committees: Not at present – possibly October, 1991 meeting.

At the 14th September, 1991 election Crs. P.P. Gearon, M.L. Rich and I.A. Wales resigned and Crs. R.A. Bailey, S.C. Higgins and J. Voytilla were elected.

Council Meeting – 23rd September, 1991

Arrangements made to install a plaque, together with a ceremonial tree planting, at “The Common” on 28th September recognizing the contributions of various persons to the Shire’s Tree Planting & Beautification Programmes.

The grant for the construction of the hostel now \$543,673 instead of \$473,560.

A redistribution of Federal electoral boundaries has taken place with Oberon now within Calare together with Rylstone, Lithgow, Bathurst, Blayney Orange, Cabonne and Evans Shires and Mudgee has been put into Gwydir.

An Oberon Support Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has been formed.

A Special Committee to deal with Council’s meeting procedures and associated matters was formed and comprised Councillors L.C. Armstrong, J.L. Brien and M.C.C. Cotton.

Council to extend Albion Street as a heavy vehicle by-pass.

Special Council Meeting – 2nd October, 1991

This meeting was called for an inspection of the Sloggett’s Road and any motions arising concerning the road alignment.

Council Meeting – 21st October, 1991

Council to echo the concerns of the Leeton Council in reference to videos available to young people and television programming and send letters to appropriate Ministers and authorities.

Subject to the availability of funds, action be taken for the erection of a Support Brigade Station and Storage Shed at the Council Depot.

Specialist Committees to be elected to examine and report on various aspects of Council’s operations as under:-

Staff: Crs. L.C. Armstrong and R.A. Bailey together with Manex Committee as Convenor.

Goods & Services & Technology: Crs. Higgins & Voytilla with D.S.C. as Convenor.

Plant Operations: Crs. Brien and Stapleton with S.E. as Convenor with D.S.E. as Convenor when S.E. unavailable.

Recreational, Cultural Facilities & Heritage: Crs. M.J. Armstrong and Cotton with S.H.S. as Convenor.

Public Relations: Crs. M.J. Armstrong & Cotton with S.C. as Convenor.

Rates & Charges: Crs. L.C. Armstrong & Bailey with D.S.C. as Convenor.

Town Works & Utilities: Crs. M.J. Armstrong & Bailey with S.E. as Convenor.

Welfare: Crs. Cotton & Voytilla with S.H.S. as Convenor.

Environmental: Crs. Higgins & Stapleton with Manex as Convenor.

Planning: Crs. Bailey, Brien & Stapleton with Town Planner as Convenor.

Health & Building Policies: Crs. L.C. Armstrong & Voytilla with S.H.S. as Convenor.

Roads & Bridges: Crs. Higgins & Stapleton with S.E. as Convenor.

Provision is to be made for the installation of a seat at the bus stop in Balfour Street.

Council Meeting – 18th November, 1991

Oberon Museum Society rental determined at \$1.00 per annum.

Council Meeting – 16th December, 1991

Councillor Brien nominated as Local Government Representative for the Area Road Freight Contact Group for this Zone.

Council to establish a dog boarding kennel for a trial period of 6 months.

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Council Meeting – 20th January, 1992

The Dept. of Lands is to establish a Trust to manage the area to be known as the Silent Creek Heritage Lands and asks for ex-officio Trustees. Cr. Lang nominated.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for 1992.

Council Meeting – 10th February, 1992

Nothing.

Special Council Meeting – 20th February, 1992

This meeting held for the purpose of considering the report on management issues prepared by John Kleem Consulting.

Special Council Meeting – 24th February, 1992

This meeting was held for the purpose of meeting with representatives of the Local Government Grants Commission.

Council Meeting – 9th March, 1992

Geoff Rabbidge of Commercial Marketing Co. is considering a 36 hole golf course on his property off the Hampton Road.

There is a move to have the Blue Mountains included in a World Heritage listing.

There has been opposition to the proposal to build a golf course on "Nestlebrae" for use by Japanese interests.

Council approved the erection of an "Australian Made" sign at the Recreation Ground.

After many instances of heavy fibre fallout from the Fibron factory the Health Surveyor is to contact C.S.R. to ascertain the progress of the installation of an early warning system

Owners of sandwich boards currently in place in Oberon Street to be told they are illegal and requested to remove them as they are an unauthorized obstruction on the footpath.

Council Meeting – 13th April, 1992

Council to lend its support to the Member for Bathurst (Mick Clough)'s proposal to ask the N.S.W. Government to upgrade rail facilities for the Western area of N.S.W. utilizing funds saved by the decision of the Commonwealth to operate interstate services.

The Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust has opened an office in Oberon.

After many complaints from fishermen who have been denied access to Oberon Dam for trout fishing, Council is to approach the P.W.D. to establish the boundary of the Public Recreation Reserve known as The Reef Reserve in it relation to the high water mark of the dam.

Because of the unsafe condition of the Jenolan Caves Road, Councillor Cotton recommended that signs should be erected with the wording "The next 14 kms. of this road are dangerous and you are advised to not exceed 60 kph. We apologise for the state of the road which is due to our being starved of funds for maintenance and improvement in spite of frequent appeals to the various State Governments over the last 40 years." Council decided against any signs indicating "dangerous" conditions or suitable speeds as this may create a position of legal liability.

The Member for Bathurst, Mick Clough, informed Council he had been advised of the possibility of a gravel quarry in close proximity to Oberon Dam. As he is acquainted with the area, he considers that it would be an "environmental disaster".

A grant of \$25,000 has been received for Cunynghame Oval Recreation Ground improvements.

Council Meeting – 11th May, 1992

Council to investigate the implications of establishing a skateboard facility.

Crs. L.C. Armstrong and Cotton to be Council's representatives on the Consultative Committee.

John Drzyzga appointed as Deputy Local Emergency Management Officer.

The Tenancy Advisory Committee for the Aged Persons' Units to comprise Crs. M.J. Armstrong & Lang and the Shire Clerk, together with a representative of the Oberon Medical Practice and the Director of Nursing of the Oberon Hospital.

Council Meeting – 9th June, 1992

Monty Cotton recognized in the Queen's Birthday Honours Lists for his contribution to the timber industry.

Councils were advised of the reduced life expectancy of recycled paper and are warned about using the product for records which should be regarded as permanent.

Claus Hector Harold (Harry) Keenan appointed as Supervisor at Hathaway Cottages.

A rezoning of the areas known as "O'Connell" to "Village" to be included for examination in the proposed comprehensive planning instrument for the Shire.

Councillor L.C. Armstrong and J.L. Brien to represent Council to discuss the question of rail transport in the central and far west of N.S.W.

Another try at having the Goulburn/Oberon Road sealed and to be known as the "Highland Way" (was the Goulburn/Muswellbrook Road and is now known as "Tablelands Way"). Many reasons are given for this including access to the Prison Farm, Forestry Commission, Dept. of Civil Aviation, Police Academy at Goulburn, Jenolan and Wombeyan Caves, Goulburn Race Club races, servicing the Mt.

Piper to Marulan Transmission Line, the new Goulburn Abattoir and the suggestion that, because of the 2000 bid for the Olympic Games, the road could develop tourism both domestic and overseas for visitors to the Blue Mountains and Canberra.

Council Meeting – 13th July, 1992

The Executive of the Oberon Community Centre Management Committee are Bronwyn Harvey, M. Sharf, Alison Jobling and Mavis Gilmore.

The Rotary Club is still providing outings, etc. for the Senior Citizens' Group.

An Occupational Health & Safety Committee was formed with the Shire Engineer and Deputy Shire Clerk as management representatives and Ken Cole, John Drzyzga and Bill Wilcox as employee representatives.

Council Meeting – 10th August, 1992

The following employees to be on the Occupational Health & Safety Committee – Chris Ryan, Terry Evans, Bill Wilcox, Jack O'Donnell, Victor O'Connor, Ken Cole, Brian Sweeney and Lionel Walther and the Committee be restricted to 8 employees in 1993. Since then, Peter Sheppard has been added.

C.S.U. notified an intention of extending the Platypus Research Programme at Duckmaloi Weir investigating the habits and needs and the conservation status of the platypus along the complete length of the Duckmaloi from its junction with the Fish River and then through Bathurst on to the Macquarie.

The laneway between Curtis and Dillon Streets, from Raleigh to North Streets to be named "Whiteley's Lane".

Council will not proceed with a skateboard project because of Public Liability concerns.

Special Council Meeting – 14th September, 1992

Presidential Allowance: 6,200.

Shire President: Cr. B.A. Lang.

Deputy Shire President: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

Committees:

No action be taken to appoint membership of Committees for 1993 at this meeting, but that the matter be placed on the Agenda for a meeting prior to the end of the year.

Highlands Regional Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong. Cr. B.A. Lang (Alternate).

District Bush Fire: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Oberon Shire Bush Fire: Crs. Higgins & Stapleton.

Council Meeting – 14th September, 1992

Phil Smith to be Council's and the Oberon Plateau Tourist Associations representative on the Bathurst & District Tourism Management Committee.

Council has agreed with the Dept. of Bush Fire Services to include the whole of a local government area in bush fire total fire ban districts.

A sum of \$250 is to be paid annually to the Cobweb Craft Shop as a contribution towards the cost of illuminating the Oberon Bicentennial Tapestries and the sum reviewed after 4 years and also investigate whether illumination would contribute to their deterioration.

Kelly Saurine to stand as a candidate for the Miss Australia Quest.

Council Meeting – 12th October, 1992

Council is to make an inspection of the hard rock quarry but has denied the 3 landholders affected permission to join in the inspection and advise of their concerns about the project but Council would probably agree to an additional inspection involving them later.

The Oberon Plateau Tourist Association (OPTA) advises of a wilderness proposal for

the Kanangra Boyd National Park which has been suggested by the Colong Foundation. They suggest the Colong Foundation's proposal should be rejected and that the Kowmung River Trail and the Boyd River Camping area should be excluded.

A newly constructed road at Gingkin to be named Keith Armstrong Road.

The provision of funds for the clearing and assessing the condition of the well uncovered at The Common plus improvements to the structure be included in items for consideration at the 1993 Estimates Meeting and the Museum and voluntary service organizations be contacted to ascertain as to whether any of them would be willing to participate in a restoration project on the well.

Special Council Meeting – 19th October, 1992

This meeting was called for the revision of accounting and financial practices in local government and Financial Statements for 30th September, 1992.

Council Meeting – 9th November, 1992

Council has agreed for N.R.M.A. "Careflight's" leaflets to be included with the 1993 Rate Notices.

A decision has been deferred on permission for the erection of a bus shelter at the corner of Dudley Street and Caves Road by the Inner Wheel Club of Oberon until all aspects of the proposal have been examined. The Club advises that the shelter shed will be constructed with donated materials and labour and Council has agreed to waive development and building fees.

The opening of the solar heated swimming pool to be on 14th November.

New Committees formed are the Performance Review; Works; Recreation, Cultural, Welfare, Health and Building; and Planning.

**Special Council Meeting – 10th
December, 1992**

This meeting was called to consider the
Draft estimates for 1993.

**Council Meeting – 14th December,
1992**

Government assistance is available for G.P's
to move to country towns.

The Rotary Club has suggested that the well
at The Common should be a “Wishing
Well” which the Club would maintain and
use all monies raised for a local charity.
The Council agreed in principle, subject to
satisfactory consultation with the Shire
Engineer.

Council agreed to lease the golf course to
the Golf Club for 10 years at \$104 per year.

The Governor of N.S.W. and Mrs. Sinclair
are to visit Oberon on 12th and 13th
February, 1993 to open Hathaway Cottages
and visit the 1993 Oberon Show.

Council to adopt, as policy, the provision of
a residential kerbside refuse collection
service in the town twice a year in March, to
co-incide with Clean &Up Australia Day,
and September, prior to the Daffodil
Festival.

Committees:

Performance Review: Crs. Bailey, Cotton
and Voytilla.

Works: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, Bailey, Brien
and Stapleton.

Health & Recreation: Crs. M.J. Armstrong,
Cotton and Higgins.

Planning: Crs. Bailey, Cotton and Voytilla.

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Council Meeting – 18th January, 1993

A Hard Rock Quarry Investigation Committee has been formed.

Oberon support Fire Brigade given permission to erect a bush fire shed.

The Planning, Policies & Resources Committee disbanded.

Council Meetings to be held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

Council Meeting – 1st February, 1993

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed Council's Auditors for 1993.

Council to move towards the declaration of a defined portion of the main street as an "Alcohol Free Zone".

No action to be taken for the time being in connection with the proposal by the Oberon Inner Wheel Club to have a bus shelter erected adjacent to M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves) pending an inspection of the site by Council members.

Council Meeting – 15th February, 1993

The Shire President and Shire Engineer were nominated as Council's representatives on the Reference Panel being established by the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust to further consider the redevelopment of the Jenolan Caves Precinct and associated transport issues.

Sports Grants have been made available to the Museum Society for the erection of a steel frame metal shed (\$10,000) and the Fish River Sailing Club for the construction of a club house incorporating storage, administration and viewing areas (\$7,000).

Oberon Police be thanked for their extended night-time surveillance being conducted in Oberon Street and that no further action be

taken to make a section of this street an alcohol-free zone.

Gail Wark (now Willis) appointed as Accountant on 1st February.

Because of excessive vandalism, the public toilets in Oberon Street are to have all glass and screens removed and replaced with steel fixed louvers on all windows, removal of slab, levelling and repair of lawn, replacement of pine chips and repair and painting of seats, table and equipment and repair or removal of the old watering system. The possible replacement of pedestals with stainless steel units to be investigated.

Cameron Wright to commence on 1st February as an Apprentice Plumber.

Special Council Meeting – 23rd February, 1993

This meeting was called to inspect The Common Well, Bus Shelter Site and Public Toilets, receive a Staff Report on options available for dealing with the quarry proposal, receive the Shire Clerk's draft response to Dept. of Local Government notification of reported irregularities and consider whether the Shire Engineer, Bob Hooper, should be excluded from dealings in D.A. 92/164 (hard rock quarry proposal).

Some possible treatments for the Well at The Common are restoration, capping or filling, marking the site with a suitable historical marker or covering the site with a Wishing Well.

The Minister for Planning requested for a Commission of Inquiry into the quarry project.

Council Meeting – 1st March, 1993

A complaint has been received from I.C.A.C. concerning Cr. Marjorie Armstrong. Council gave their full support

to Cr. Armstrong. The Commission recommends no action.

Council to seek further costing figures for the employment of a part-time Tourist Officer and any grants which may be available.

Council accepted the offer of the Oberon Apex Club to erect a shade area and windbreak at the swimming pool.

Approval was given to the Oberon Inner Wheel club to erect a bus shelter at the corner of the Caves Road and Dudley Street.

The old well at "The Common" is to be suitably capped and the site made available to the Rotary Club for the erection of an appropriate structure.

Council Meeting – 15th March, 1993

Quotations to be sought for the supply of supper and cleaning up afterwards for Council's twice monthly meetings.

A letter of thanks to be sent to the retiring members of the Occupational Health & Safety Committee noting their commitment to the establishment of the Committee.

Council Meeting – 5th April, 1993

Council to advertise for the position of General Manager. The Shire Clerk, Col Pritchard, will not be applying for the position and has indicated that he will take early retirement.

The Shire Engineer is to prepare a costing for the preparation of tender documents for the Main Street (beautification) Master Plan.

Council staff to maintain the garden surrounds of the Community Centre and also the new Library building.

The Commission of Inquiry into the proposed basalt quarry proposal by Oberon Quarries to take place at the Big Trout Motel on 11th May.

The 10 year Golf Club lease to expire at the end of 2002.

Jason Clark resigned as mechanic on 19th March.

The National Trust has advised Council that the following graves and cemeteries have been classified under the following definition: "Those places which are components of the natural or the cultural environment of Australia, that have aesthetic, historical, architectural, archaeological, scientific or social significance or other special value for future generations as well as for the present community." These are: Lone Grave – Delaney (2 km. north of The Meadows on the western bank of the Fish River; Private Cemetery on "Mountain Home" (1 km. north of Phils Falls on the eastern bank of the Fish River; Lone Grave – Logan (cnr. Oberon and Fleming Streets); and Black Springs – Roman Catholic Cemetery (2 km. south of modern homestead "Home Leigh").

Council Meeting – 19th April, 1993

The Shire Engineer congratulated road users on the use of the alternative routes during the closure of M.R. 253.

Bicycle Victoria notified Council that the 1993 Great Bike Ride from Sydney to Melbourne is to take place during November/December, 1993. It is proposed to start the ride at either Hartley or Hampton and travel to Oberon for the first night stopover. Council supports the Ride in principle and also the overnight stopover in Oberon. \$3,000 voted towards the Ride. Council also asked how many riders would be starting from Hampton and how many people might need emergency accommodation in the event of inclement weather.

A report by AUSTEL into rural and remote telephone needs has now been released.

The Member for Bathurst, Mick Clough is to approach the Minister for Roads regarding heavy traffic volumes on Oberon Shire roads. He states he has received alarming figures that indicate that local roads serviced by the Shire will not be able to meet the increase in traffic that will occur from the timber industry and that the Oberon/Black Springs, Oberon/Bathurst and Oberon/Hampton roads appear unsuitable for the amount of heavy traffic that is likely

to be generated. Council agreed to support Mr. Clough and is also to ask the Forestry Commission to supply up-dated predicted road haulage information.

Special Council Meeting – 20th April, 1993

This meeting was called for the purpose of considering Senior Officers' Report on conditions which might be attached to a consent for the proposed hard rock quarry. There were just over 9 pages of these Minutes with Council conditions and changes to various submissions from Government Departments.

Council Meeting – 3rd May, 1993

Sam Keen offered to donate \$100 worth of trees for planting at the swimming pool.

Council's representatives at the Commission of Inquiry into the hard rock quarry be authorized to consent to a 25 year approval.

As the position of General Manager is to be made in the general organizational restructuring, the position of Shire Clerk to be declared redundant as from 1st July, 1993.

In lieu of his attendance at the 1993 Annual Conference of N.S.W. Division of the Institute of Municipal Management, Council grant to the Deputy Shire Clerk an amount of \$840 towards a professional development study tour in the U.S.A.

Council Meeting – 17th May, 1993

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 7th June, 1993

The "Oberon Review" to produce a Commemorative Supplement detailing the history of the timber industries in Oberon over the last 50 years.

Fish River Sailing Club to construct a Clubhouse on the shores of Oberon Dam.

A final report and recommendation from 1991 task force into abuse of older people in their homes has been released.

Council to receive a payment of \$4,046.07 erroneously paid for Financial Institutions Duty following a successful appeal by Woollahra Council against payment of this duty.

The new Local Government Act to come into force on 1st July, 1993.

The Deputy Shire Engineer, Neil Johnston to resign from Council on 2nd July.

Council accepted the tender of the Oberon Steak House to provide refreshments at Council Meetings for 12 months, after a 3 month trial period.

Special Council Meeting – 17th June, 1993

This meeting was called to interview applicants for the position of General Manager.

The position was offered to Mr. James Morgan, and on his not accepting the position, to Mr. Bruce Fitzpatrick on a 5 year performance based contract.

The new structure of the Council will be the General Manager and 3 Directorships being Corporate Services, Technical Services and Development & Environmental Services.

Council Meeting – 21st June, 1993

The General Manager's position was offered to James Morgan, who declined so the position was offered to Bruce Fitzpatrick, who accepted and is to commence towards the end of July.

Oberon Showground Trust to erect a pavilion at the Showground for use by the general public as a public hall, amongst other uses. The Pavilion to cost \$60,000.

The Oberon District Museum Society thanked the Council for the loan of a machine used for "clearing snow from roads and the railway line during earlier days". The equipment will be suitably housed and Council's contribution acknowledged.

An unnamed correspondent requested Council to name the Recreation Ground as "Dr. Mulvey Park" and "The Common" as Dr. Robey Park".

Council agreed to include Careflight brochures in the 1994 rates notice mailing.

Alterations to the Council Chambers and offices cost \$82,445.

The Oberon Dam Wall is to be raised.

Council expressed its appreciation to the retiring Shire Clerk, Col Pritchard for his contribution to Council over the many years as Deputy Shire Clerk (9 years) and more recently as Shire Clerk (15 ½ years).

Special Council Meeting – 1st July, 1993

This meeting was called to discuss the preparation of a Local Environmental Plan for the rural areas of the Shire.

Council Meeting – 5th July, 1993

The electoral provisions of the new Local Government Act prohibit an employee of a Council area being appointed as a Returning Officer or Substitute Returning Officer for the area.

The Shire Engineer to take appropriate steps to rename Stoney Creek Paddy Welch's Creek.

Council Meeting – 19th July, 1993

Bruce Fitzpatrick, the new General Manager, attended the Council Meeting as an observer.

The Community Centre has received Council's permission to erect large festive fabric banners in the main shopping block and outside the Community Centre and Library.

The Shire Engineer to provide details of the cost of relocating the steam engine from the Cunynghame Street Park to the Oberon Museum.

Council to form 3 Committees to undertake the preliminary interviews for the Senior

Staff positions and to prepare a short list of candidates for full Council interview.

Council Meeting – 3rd August, 1993

The Shires Association to make representations to the Minister to have the term "shire" retained.

The new General Manager suggested the following: That Council's offices should open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. to provide a better service to the public; that Council's previously adopted logo would be implemented on all signage and stationery as soon as possible; that the Council's name should be changed from "The Council of the Shire of Oberon" to "The Oberon Council"; many Council signs should be updated to delete the previous Shire Clerk and replace them with the current General Manager and, where appropriate, the Council logo be included; a corporate colour scheme of green, gold and white be used; a Public Officer be appointed; and the General Manager to respond to any allegations on Councillors' behalf to the local press.

Russell Esdaile appointed as Public Officer pending the appointment of a Director of Corporate Services.

A Committee comprising the Mayor, Crs. L.C. Armstrong, Cotton and Higgins plus the General Manager and the Manager of Corporate Services be formed to investigate proposals submitted by interested persons in the production of an Information Brochure.

The names "The Common" and "Oberon Recreation Ground" to remain.

Cr. L.C. Armstrong asked what had happened to the clock in the Council Chambers donated by ex-Councillor Clarrie Sheppard on 24th January, 1972. He was advised it had been returned to the Sheppard family.

The new Bush Fire Control Centre has been erected at the Council's Depot.

A Council Committee to be formed to consider and undertaken initial interviews for applications for the position of Director of Technical Services – the members being John Kleem, the Mayor, the General

Manager and Crs. Cotton, M.J. Armstrong, L.C. Armstrong and Bailey. John Kleem and the General Manager to make a short list of applicants for the positions of Director of Corporate Services and Director of Development & Environmental Services who are to be interviewed by the full Council. Interviews to be held on 18th and 19th August.

Council Meeting – 16th August, 1993

At a Public Forum preceding this meeting the following question was asked: "...if all Councillors will support a motion requesting the resignation of Mayor, Barry Lang, now that the Commission of Inquiry has given the go-ahead for the hard rock quarry and most of the conditions of consent are to be policed by the Oberon Council and it is therefore improper for Mayor, Barry Lang, to be in charge of the decision-making when he has a pecuniary interest in the quarry by way of leasing moneys and royalties." (There does not appear to be any discussion, decision or motion on this matter.)

A donation of \$100 made to the Weary Dunlop Statue Appeal.

The cost estimated for breaking the steam engine from the concrete base at the Oberon Recreation Ground, lifting, transporting and cleaning up the area is \$500, subject to the availability of a suitable crane.

The final cost of the new Library, including furniture and fittings, was \$235,000.

Special Council Meeting – 20th August, 1993

This meeting was called to conduct interviews for the positions of Directors of Corporate Services, Technical Services and Development & Environmental Services.

The following people were appointed:-
Corporate Services – Russell Esdaile;
Technical Services – Leigh Robbins and
Development & Environmental Services –
Chris Ansoul.

Council Meeting – 6th September, 1993

A Special Meeting of Council to be called to discuss the Commission of Inquiry's recommendations into the hard rock quarry after the new Directors of Technical Services and Development & Environmental Services have commenced duties.

The Minister for Local Government will move (in State Parliament) to reintroduce the terms "shire" and "municipality" as an option.

The steam engine located at the Recreation Ground to be retained in its current location and action be taken to repaint the engine during the Timber Industries 50th Anniversary year; the offer by Boral Timber to place a plaque alongside the unit detailing its history and defining the Company's involvement be accepted; and the Museum advised accordingly.

It is envisaged that work will commence on raising the dam wall (by 2 to 2 ½ metres) and other associated works around about April, 1994.

The General Manager was authorized to form a Committee to organize a Civic Function to celebrate 50 years of the timber industry in Oberon.

Council Meeting – 27th September, 1993

Mayoral Allowance: \$6,200.

Mayor: Cr. M.J. Armstrong.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

All Committees to remain as per 1993/94 with the exception that Cr. M.J. Armstrong is now ex-officio to all Committees in place Cr. Lang.

Mrs. C. Emtage was appointed as Council's representative on the Bathurst & District Tourism Management Committee in place of Phil Smith.

A donation of \$150 to be made to the Victims of Chernobyl National Relief Fund Inc. for the purpose of purchasing Australian

wool to be knitted into jumpers by local community members.

The Great Bike Ride for 1993 is again to pass through Oberon. Approval was given for the use of the netball courts and hockey fields for campers.

A plaque to the value of \$60 to be erected at the R.S.L. on Remembrance Day.

Nominations to be called from the community for persons to be considered for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Sportsperson of the Year for presentations to be made on Australia Day, 1994.

Council Meeting – 18th October, 1993

Following the purchase of a wooden urn for \$300 from the last Woodcraft Exhibition it was resolved that an item of woodcraft be purchased each year up to a maximum of \$500 with the intent of collecting fine woodcraft for the community over a period of time.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors.

The "Rosemary for Remembrance" plaque has been ordered and the R.S.L. Club had agreed to display the draft streetscape proposal in the foyer of the Club.

Powers of entry to premises is not covered under the new Local Government Act, 1993 and Council staff must get the permission of the owner (or occupier) if they wish to enter property.

Council Meeting – 1st November, 1993

Further questions asked at the Public Forum about the hard rock quarry were "(1) is Council prepared to take responsibility for Councillor Lang's conflict of interest when it monitors the conditions for the hard rock quarry? and (2) will Council ask Councillor Lang to resign?" Apparently these questions were answered verbally but (as in other cases – not connected with the hard rock quarry) no record was kept of any answers.

Council to share the cost of any fencing within the industrial subdivision where the Council is the adjoining owner and seeks to recover the cost of such fencing from the sale price to any future purchaser.

Council Meeting – 15th November, 1993

Recent vandalism at the Bicentennial Common resulted in many 2 year old trees being broken in half.

Council accepted, in principle, the streetscape design presented by John Butterworth.

A special Meeting to be held on 10th January, 1994 for the purpose of assessing the conditions imposed by the Minister in his determination of the hard rock quarry.

The Swimming Pool Advisory Committee granted permission to hold a New Year's Eve Party in Oberon Street.

Council Meeting – 6th December, 1993

Approval given for the erection of signs indicating the radio station tourist facility to be erected at the outskirts of town.

Lots of questions were asked about problems arising from the closing of Oberon Street for a New Year's Eve Party.

Name badges for Councillors and Senior Staff have been purchased and distributed.

The Mayor attended a meeting of the Showground Trust in an effort to dispel the rumours that Council was seeking to take over the Showground. Council's Senior Staff asked to report on the current situation regarding the Showground and the options which are available for its future operation.

A recommendations is to be brought forward to the next Council Meeting suggesting that the twice monthly meetings should be three weekly.

**Special Council Meeting – 13th
December, 1993**

This meeting was called to consider the Estimates of Income & Expenditure for the first 6 months of 1994.

**Council Meeting – 20th December,
1993**

A Pledge of Commitment as a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia is to replace the current Oath and Affirmation of Allegiance as from 24th January, 1994.

Council resolved to have a 3 weekly meeting cycle for Ordinary Meeting of Council in 1994, commencing on 17th January, 1994.

Citizen of the Year for Oberon in 1993 –
Alison Jobling.

Young Citizen of the Year – Cara McLean.

Sportsperson of the Year – Rodney Brien.

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Special Council Meeting – 10th January, 1994

This meeting was called to discuss the conditions of consent imposed by the Minister for Planning on the Oberon hard rock quarry development.

Council resolved that the Minister for Planning be advised that council wishes to enter into negotiations with the developer regarding the design and standard of road required for Titania Road.

Council Meeting – 17th January, 1994

The Inaugural Meeting of the Oberon Business Association to be held on 2nd February.

David Swan appointed as Works Manager as from 24th January.

Andrew Parkinson appointed as Design Engineer on 4th January.

Cr. Lang appointed as a member of the Planning, Performance Review and Council Bush Fire Committees.

Council Meeting – 7th February, 1994

The Mayor, Marjorie Armstrong, sought support for the establishment of the historic record of the Council and in doing so expressed the need for photographs of the current Councillors be taken and their necessity to obtain photographs of previous Councillors and Shire Presidents.

The Department of Sport & Recreation advised that a grant of \$8,000 to develop 1 international and 1 mini-league sized playing field had been granted to the Oberon Rugby League Club.

Council is interested in participating in the proposed Weight of Loads Group.

Council is now to take over the full management responsibilities for Hathaway Cottages.

John Brien asked if it would be possible for Council to arrange to establish a local community committee to raise money for the eventual purchase of the Malachi-Gilmore Hall and he was informed that that type of committee would be a good idea and that Council should undertake to form such a committee.

Council Meeting – 28th February, 1994

In the Public Forum, questions were asked about the payment of \$3,000 to the Victorian Bike Riders Association (an outside body) and not the Golf Club who provide an amenity to the town, and various questions on the hard rock quarry.

An appropriate letter to be sent to Mary Behan on her retirement as Matron of Oberon District Hospital.

Council to take no further action in renaming Stony Creek as Paddy Welch's Creek.

Special Council Meeting – 9th March, 1994

This meeting was called to discuss items from the Staff Report to Council on 28th February about commencement preparation works and conditions of consent for the hard rock quarry and land acquisition for construction of Albion Street.

Council Meeting – 21st March, 1994

The Public Forum asked the absolution bacterial counts of both samples of the town water supply and what progress had been made in obtaining a suitable recreation ground for the people of O'Connell.

Council donated \$200 to the Oberon Rotary Club towards bringing a boy from Vanuatu to Australia for medical treatment.

The Council was advised that the nomination of the Blue Mountains for World

Heritage status is due to be presented towards the end of 1994 and in order to increase public awareness of the nomination, a photographic competition and exhibition is planned with the region's natural and wilderness values as its theme.

There have been many complaints about feral pigs being slaughtered in backyards and left in vehicles parked in the street. This contravenes the provisions of the Meat Industry Authority Act, as well as being an offence to the sensibilities of the general public. The inconsiderate people who do this are unnecessarily exposing the community to exposure to the possibility of the spread of disease through humans, dogs, cats, etc.

Following the Mayor's interest in establishing a pictorial record of past Councillors of the Shire, 2 members of the public have so far brought in photographs and other written historical material. Photos of Hilary Rodwell (elected 1962 and first woman Councillor) and Ray Buckley (1953-1965) have been received and current Councillors were encouraged to search through their own records for photographs of themselves and any other Councillors from the Past.

Councillor L.C. Armstrong asked Council to replace the dead and missing lime trees on the Hampton Road as they were planted in memory of Shafto Mawhood.

Council Meeting – 11th April, 1994

Council to investigate measures to be taken to reduce phosphorus levels from the Oberon Wastewater Treatment facility.

Councillor Cotton asked if anything had been done to seek additional funding to provide more units for Hathaway. He was advised that Oberon had only been assessed as needing 11. Council to prepare a submission and forward it to the Dept. of Community Services and Health in an effort to get on a target grant list for additional hostel funding.

Miss Olive Cunynghame attained the age of 100 in April and in honour of this, a suitable

garden or similar facility is to be named in her honour.

The Council to participate in a Weight of Loads Group to operate within the region.

Council to offer a reward of \$500 leading to the conviction of offenders who cause damage to any Council property. This arose out of considerable damage to the toilets at Miss Wilson Park. (Toilet seats broken, cistern broken, roof and guttering pulled down, etc.)

Special Council Meeting – 5th May, 1994

This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the preliminary draft Oberon Rural Local Environmental Study.

Council Meeting – 23rd May, 1994

The Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust has decided to relocate from Oberon to Bathurst.

Cr. L.C. Armstrong appointed as Council's delegate to the Cox's River Catchment Management Committee.

The section of Tarana Road between Tarana Road and Blenheim Avenue to be named "Tarana Crescent".

Expressions of interest to be called for the preparation of an Oberon Business/Telephone Directory under the auspices of the Oberon Business Association.

The Mayor authorized to investigate a sister town relationship with Stratford-on-Avon and that the promotion of a Shakespeare Festival, including a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" be investigated. It was pointed out that in 1995 it would be the 400th anniversary of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Special Council Meeting – 26th May, 1994

This meeting was called to consider the Draft Estimates for 1994/1995 and consideration of the draft Management Plan for 1994/1995.

Council Meeting – 14th June, 1994

2 questions were asked by the public on matters relating to the hard rock quarry.

The Mayor has obtained an address for Stratford-On-Avon and she will be writing to their municipal authority re. a sister town relationship.

No objection has been raised to the use of Council roads for the 1994 Variety Club Bash.

Council to contact a Dr. Hogan outlining the possible actions which may be taken to protect the lone grave at the corner of Fleming and Oberon Streets and advise that, if he wishes to relocate the grave, Council would donate a portion in the cemetery for the purpose.

An Open Day to be held during Local Government Week, 1994 to enable members of the public to inspect the Council Chambers, Administrative Offices, the Library, the Works Depot and the Sewerage Treatment Works.

Council donated \$250 to the Oberon High School to assist in the School's entry in the 1994 Model Solar Car Challenge.

Authority has been given for the inception of a Mayoral Charity Ball to be held in either November or March of each year.

Special Council Meeting – 28th June, 1994

This meeting was called to consider the Public Land Classification and the Management Plan for 1994/95.

Cr. Cotton tabled a document he had prepared on forestry industries in Oberon since 1943

Council Meeting – 4th July, 1994

Various questions were asked during the Public Forum section of this meeting, e.g. housing development in the immediate catchment area of the dam; have Councillors received their copies of the new Local Government Act yet; are Councillors aware of their responsibility regarding setting a precedent for development on areas which

will have a probably vital impact on water quality and a question regarding refusal to allow a ratepayer to sell part of their land.

Letters of condolence to be sent to the families of Dympna Gearon and Olive Cunynhame

There is a proposed reduction of hospital beds at Oberon Hospital from 22 to 16.

Residents to be invited to attend a Council Meeting during Local Government Week.

The Mayor advised she had arranged for a ratepayer-type meeting to be held following complaints from various citizens.

There was then open discussion on letters in the local newspaper from Cr. Lance Armstrong mentioning various subjects such as staff, the operation of the Council, etc.

Council Meeting – 25th July, 1994

The Mayor attended the Inaugural Public Meeting of the Ratepayers' Association and expressed disappointment at the negative attitude expressed towards Council by those present at the meeting.

In future, all residents and industries will have to pay for water consumed.

There were questions in the Public Forum covering the reading of the Supplementary Staff Report, the Kelly subdivision, the Oberon L.E.P., the removal of rubbish bins from the town perimeters, a \$48,000 disbursement, and low interest loans to Council staff.

Doug Perry appointed to manage Council's parks and gardens as from 23rd May.

Council asked to consider the implementation of a proposed policy concerning a new Australian Citizenship Oath and a new Australian Citizenship Affirmation so that there is no legal doubt regarding the validity of future naturalization ceremonies.

As there are many complex issues surrounding the proposed enclosure of the lone grave at the corner of Fleming and Oberon Streets, it has been agreed that the headstone should be incorporated within the facade of any building erected on the site

and as the grave was made in excess of 75 years ago, there is no legal impediment to the grave being disturbed.

The Oberon General Cemetery has been classified by the National Trust and included in its Register. A copy of their report on this Cemetery was presented.

Robyn Artup, President of O.P.T.A. be appointed as Council's Delegate to the Bathurst & District Tourism Management Committee.

The proceeds of scrap metal collected for recycling from the Oberon Garbage Depot (\$750) be donated to the Council's Works Staff Social Club as an incentive payment and in recognition of the improved productivity and quality of workmanship currently existing within the organization.

A 10 year lease entered into with William Chua for the dental surgery in Dart Street and Peter Douglass thanked for his services to Oberon as the last dentist.

Council Meeting – 15th August, 1994

This meeting started off with a public meeting for the presentation of Annual Accounts.

Council to hold Council Meetings in the outlying areas of the community, namely Black Springs, Edith and O'Connell.

The Anti-Discrimination Board of N.S.W. advised that as from 1st July, 1994 it is against the law to use age as a basis for employment decisions. It is against the law to harass or discriminate against employees or job applicants in N.S.W. because of their age or the age of any of their relatives, colleagues or people they associate with.

Advisory school bus route signs to be erected on school bus routes within the Council area.

Information on the extension of Hathaway Cottages presented.

Council Meeting – 5th September, 1994

Phemie Booth retired on 2nd September, 1994.

Council resolved to temporarily close the southern end of Blenheim Avenue at the intersection with the Hampton Road.

Councillor Cotton put forward a Notice of Motion as follows: "..... Council investigate the feasibility of borrowing, or use of, funds for the purpose providing extra facilities for aged care. This motion was adopted by Council."

Council Meeting – 26th September, 1994

Mayor: Cr. M.J. Armstrong.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. W.J. Stapleton.

All members of Council's Committees re-appointed for the ensuing year.

A 9 piece pine train set was purchased at the Annual Woodcraft Exhibition for \$500.

There is to be a proposed commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Councils are asked to establish local "Australia Remembers" Committees.

\$250 voted as a scholarship for a student at Oberon High School with Council having the opportunity to have input into the consideration of the candidate's selection.

There was a letter received from the Oberon Ratepayers' Association requesting information on various matters.

The Planning Committee is to investigate the possible location for a new administrative building.

Council Meeting – 17th October, 1994

The Burragorang Heritage Society invited Council to attend an Open Day at the Yerranderie General Cemetery to celebrate the culmination of the re-fencing of the Yerranderie Cemetery with morning tea and barbecue lunch provided.

Gerard Martin re-elected as Mayor of Lithgow with Neville Castle as Deputy.

The General Manager is to make enquiries from suppliers and other councils regarding vandal-proof condom vending machines for Council's public toilets and the matter be

referred to hotels and clubs and they be encouraged to install such machines.

Council Meeting – 7th November, 1994

Lithgow Council to be advised that the existing rail service between Mt. Victoria and Sydney is sufficient for the needs of the Oberon community and therefore this community is not particularly interested in an express train service between Lithgow and Sydney but if one is introduced it should stop at Mt. Victoria as one of its pick up and drop off stations.

A condom vending machine to be installed in both the women's and men's toilets in Oberon Street at a cost of \$550 each.

Council to nominate the Oberon Swimming Pool Committee for the "Sydney Morning Herald" Australia Day Awards for Community Service in 1994.

A professional photographer is to be engaged to take photographs of the current Councillors on a group and individual basis every 4 years after the September elections.

A Town Beautification Committee to be formed to replace the Tree Planting Committee and representations be requested from the community, e.g. Lions, Rotary, Apex, Garden Club, Tidy Towns, etc.

A function is to be organized for the opening of the Albion Street By-pass.

Council Meeting – 28th November, 1994

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 19th December, 1994

The Citizen of the Year for 1993 is Sheila Buckley.

1995

Council Meeting – 16th January, 1995

The Mayor shared greetings with the Councillors from the Mayor of Trebur in Germany which was brought by Juan Phillips on his recent return from a soccer coaching clinic in Germany. 2 books on the village of Trebur were also received.

The National Trust has advised Council that the lone grave on “Springdale” at the end of a road off Rockley Road at Black Springs has been classified as “a place which has aesthetic, historical, architectural, archeological, scientific or social significance or other special value for future generations as well as the present community, for the cultural environment of Australia.”

\$250 contributed to Prime Television as Council’s contribution towards the advertising campaign of the Waterwise commercial.

The P.W.D. has been advised to proceed with the detailed design of a full platypus soil sculpture earth form for the spoil disposal site at the Oberon Dam.

There was a suggestion that shop fronts in the main street could have a colour co-ordinated design pattern and that property owners could be encouraged to utilise the design whenever they carry out painting on their facades. It was recognized that shop owners needed to have individuality in painting their buildings and are also restricted to corporate colours which should be taken into account in any plan prepared.

Council Meeting – 6th February, 1995

Council has been selected as one of the pilot councils for the introduction of the Rural Addressing Scheme in conjunction with the Land Information Centre at Bathurst.

Council Meeting – 27th February, 1995

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 20th March, 1995

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 10th April, 1995

The following roads were re-named – Tarana-O’Connell Road to become Mutton Falls Road; M.R. 253 (Oberon-Bathurst) known as the Bathurst Road now to become the O’Connell Road; Lagoon Road – O’Connell Plains Road; Oberon-Rockley Road – Sewell’s Creek Road; Black Springs-Rockley Road – Dog Rocks Road; Black Springs-Burruga Road – Campbell’s River Road.

Council Meeting – 1st May, 1995

More new road names are: M.R. 558 (Oberon-Mt.Bindo) known as the Hampton Road now to be known as the Duckmaloi Road; M.R. 255 (Oberon-Tarana) now Tarana Road to be known as Hazelgrove Road; and M.R. 253 (Oberon-Jenolan Caves) now Caves Road to be known as Edith Road.

Council to sponsor a Citizenship Programme in the 4 schools with each school to select a citizen for each term; Council to provide a suitable prize for the citizen of the term for each school; and photographs be taken of each successful citizen which are to be placed on a board for public display.

Council has now decided that the “Questions With Notice” section of the business paper (this is where questions had to be in writing and received about a week before the Council Meeting) is to be discontinued and replaced with “Questions Without Notice”. This segment will be strictly for questions with no discussion on the questions. An answer may be given at the time of the

question or as soon as is practical afterwards.

After the calling of tenders, Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for the 6 years as from 1st July, 1995.

Council Meeting – 22nd May, 1995

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 13th June, 1995

For all future naming of roads within the Oberon area, Councillors are to consider using names of Oberon citizens who died during the 1939-1945 and Vietnam Wars and a list be obtained of the names of those citizens involved.

An Australia Remembers Plaque (No. 3) be purchased for \$225 as a dedication of the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II and Council is to nominate the location for its erection.

Council to select an appropriate piece of art from the Oberon Community Arts & Craft Committee to the value of \$500, on behalf of the Oberon community.

Richard Stevenson re-appointed as Local Controller of the Oberon Council's S.E.S.

Council was worried that the fish in the pond at "The Common" might have been carp. They weren't, they were ordinary goldfish.

Special Council Meeting – 26th June, 1995

This meeting was called to answer questions and make a site inspection of the proposed Child Care Centre at the Links Estate and also for the Management Plan 1995/96.

Council Meeting – 3rd July, 1995

Council accepted the offer of a subsidy of 50% from the Department of Public Works to roof the water supply reservoir.

An official launch of the Oberon Banners to take place on 28th July, 1995.

Special Council Meeting – 12th July, 1995

This meeting was called to discuss the relocation of staff in the Council Chambers Building and also the Oberon Pool replacement.

Council Meeting – 31st July, 1995

The listing of those Oberon residents who died during the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars (there were none from the Vietnam War) be kept on file for consideration in future street naming proposals.

Ralph Tambasco joined Council on 31st July.

Works Manager, David Swan, granted leave without pay for up to 3 months in connection with service for the assistance to the United National High Commissioner for Refugees under the auspices of Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief. (He went to Yemen).

Council Meeting – 14th August, 1995

Council roads re-named – as under:

Old Name: Black Springs-O'Connell Road
New Name: Beaconsfield Road

Old Name: Bolton Vale-Locksley Road
New Name: Bolton Lane

Old Name: Emden Vale-Burruga Road
New Name: Emden Vale Road

Old Name: Gingkin-Jenolan Caves Road
New Name: Bastard Point Road

Old Name: Edith-Gingkin Road
New Name: Gingkin Road

Old Name: Duckmaloi Road
New Name: Twin Rivers Road

Old Name: Un-named Road off Tuglow Rd
New Name: Sheepstation Forest Road

Old Name: Un-named Road off Sheepstation Forest Rd
New Name: High Farming Lane

Old Name: Isabella-Arkstone Road New Name: Connection Road

Old Name: Mt. Werong-Prison Farm Road
New Name: Gurnang Road

Old Name: M.R. 256 (Oberon-Goulburn)
New Name: Abercrombie Road

Old Name: M.R. 253 (Oberon-Kanangra Walls) Intersection
New Name: Edith Road

Old Name: M.R. 520 to Kanangra Walls
New Name: Kanangra Walls Road

Old Name: Un-named Road behind Oberon Cemetery
New Name: Bracken Glen Lane.

Council Meeting – 4th September, 1995

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 25th September, 1995

Councillors not elected – R.A. Bailey, M.C.C. Cotton, S.C. Higgins, B.A. Lang, W.J. Stapleton and J. Voytilla.

New Councillors – M.R. Grady, R.L. Hooper, C.L. McCarthy, M.J. McMahon, R. O’Bernier and M.L. Rich.

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper

Deputy Mayor: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Committees:

U.M.C.C. Crs. Brien and McMahon.

Bathurst & District Tourism: Discontinued.

Blue Mountains Regional Tourism: Mrs. R. Artup.

Central East Regional Fire: Cr. M.L. Rich (Delegate); Cr. C.L. McCarthy (Alternate).

Works: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, McCarthy, McMahon & O’Bernier.

Performance Review: Full Council.

Planning: Crs. L.C. & M.J. Armstrong, McCarthy & McMahon.

Health, Recreation, etc.: Crs. M.J. Armstrong, Grady, McCarthy and Rich.

Finance: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, Brien, Grady and McMahon.

Policies & Delegations: Full Council.

District Bush Fire: Cr. M.L. Rich.

Council Bush Fire: Crs. McMahon and O’Bernier.

Community Centre: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Lithgow Regional Library: Cr. M.J. Armstrong and Mr. B. Fitzpatrick.

Town Beautification: Crs. L.C. Armstrong and Grady.

The practice of reading the Council Prayer at the beginning of each Council Meeting by the Mayor is to cease.

New meeting procedures instituted were Councillors to stand if they wish to speak; questions to Councillors or staff to be through the Chair; Councillors and staff to seek permission from the Chair if they wish to leave the meeting; and no eating during council meetings.

The cul-de-sac off Tarana Crescent into the Cole subdivision be named Cole Crescent.

Attempts to be made to gain an Australia Day Ambassador for Oberon in 1996.

The rocket in the park adjacent to the pool to be removed as it is considered unsafe and impossible to make properly accident free.

Additions to the slaughterhouse, by Australian Game Meats, was approved, subject to 6 conditions.

The members of the gallery at Council meetings have been asked not to remove anything from Councillors’ tables during meal breaks.

Special Council Meeting – 3rd October, 1995

This meeting was called to discuss the Statement of Accounts as at 30th June, 1995; 1995/96 Estimates of Income and Expenditure; the Oberon Swimming Pool; Council building alterations; donations made by Council and recommendation from the Law & Order Meeting.

Council Meeting – 16th October, 1995

Because of perceived inaccuracies in the Minutes of the previous meeting (they were taken in long hand) it was resolved that the Minutes are to be taken in shorthand until a better method of recording Minutes was found.

Council to re-introduce question time comprising short verbal questions, 1 question per item/person (with 1 supplementary) and longer/detailed questions may need to be in writing.

Shopkeepers in the main street to be asked if they would water and maintain the planter tubs if Council upgraded with the tubs with plants, if not, the tubs are to be removed.

The Young Citizens of the Year for Term 3 were: Black Springs – Luke Hayden, Oberon High – Will Burton, Oberon Primary – Peter Mullins and no name for St. Josephs. An engraved plaque is to be presented by the Mayor at School assemblies and a photograph of each of the Young Citizens is to be placed in the foyer of the Council Chambers.

Special Council Meeting – 6th November, 1995

This meeting called to discuss the Annual Statement of Accounts.

Council Meeting – 6th November, 1995

An application for a 1996 Youth Week Grant be sought and the application incorporate a project involving work shadowing of Oberon Councillors, a Youth Council Meeting and the selection of an item of capital improvement for the town of Oberon. It was also decided to forward copies of Council's business papers to the Schools' Student Representative Councils for information on the types of activities which the Council is currently addressing.

The Oberon Golf Club given permission to extend the Golf Course by 4 holes, subject, of course, to a number of conditions.

A \$250 donation to be made to the Oberon High School Scholarship Programme for

1996 and that the Scholarship not be specified for any specific for any particular area of endeavour.

The "Law & Order Committee" name to be replaced by the new name of "Community Group to Discuss Youth Issues".

Authority was given to purchase a laptop computer, 400 watt projector and screen and a projection panel to assist in the recording of minutes of meetings, at an estimated cost of \$8,500, which would mean that a competent shorthand typist would not be required to record the verbatim minutes of a meeting.

Council Meetings now to be held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing as from 9th January, 1996 instead of the present 3 weekly meetings.

Special Council Meeting – 27th November, 1995

This Special Meeting was called to discuss the hard rock quarry access road with the users of the road. Just talk, no resolutions.

Council Meeting – 27th November, 1995

Council to join the Central West Regional Development Organisation (CENTROC) and the General Manager to be Council's representative.

In the interests of promoting energy efficient building design, a \$200 award be provided annually for the conventional dwelling project which most embodies the principles of energy efficient building design.

The administration of Hathaway Cottages be transferred to the Oberon MPS and Council staff to negotiate and acceptable agreement regarding the sharing of responsibilities.

A Selection Committee for placement of residents at the self care units comprise Nancy Boyd, Mary Behan, Dr. Andrew Godden, the General Manager and Cr. R. O'Bernier.

**Council Meeting – 18th December,
1995**

Geographic Names Board to be notified of the intention to alter Henrietta Hawkes Crescent to Hawkes Drive and Dulce Domum Drive to Dulce Drive.

On Australia Day there are to be various events including an address by the Australia Day Ambassador, Stacy Gartrell, 1994 Commonwealth Games Gold Medal Winner and the official opening of the new heated swimming pool by the Mayor and Stacy Gartrell.

No contribution to be made to the Oberon Rotary Club to assist in a humanitarian project being undertaken involving reconstructive leg surgery for a Vanuatu boy.

Mervyn Dwyer selected as Citizen of the Year for 1996, Will Burton – Young Citizen of the Year and Colin Van Essen – Sports Person of the Year.

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Council Meeting – 9th January, 1996

Ian Christie-Johnston to affix rural addressing numbers with the backing plates, mounting screws and detailed maps to be supplied by Council.

The General Manager to canvass staff with regard to the wearing of corporate uniforms.

A letter of appreciation to be sent to Syd Harrison for his efforts for Oberon over the years following his recent decision to cease trading.

Council Meeting – 13th February, 1996

A new Policy adopted for the payment of donations to charitable bodies. Donations only to be made to locally based charities or charities that provide substantial benefit to the local community; the amount paid to be limited to a maximum of 10% of the total budget for donations for the current year; and donations to the Life Education Van to be considered separately.

Cr. O’Bernier nominated for appointment to the Blue Mountains District Advisory Committee of the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

The steam engine (donated by Timber Industries) located at the park adjacent to the swimming pool to be relocated at the Oberon Museum and a suitable plaque be installed.

Sponsorship of \$100 provided to the Oberon Golf Club for the Trainee Pro-Am Golf Tournament to be held on 4th March, 1996.

No action to be taken at this stage regarding any change to the Trusteeship of the Oberon Showground until Council meets with the Showground Trust to discuss the problems associated with the building of the hall/pavilion from the \$50,000 grant provided.

Special Council Meeting – 5th March, 1996

McIntosh, McPhillamy & Co. appointed as Council’s new solicitors and a letter of thanks to be sent to Kenny Spring for their 17 years as Council’s solicitors.

Special Council Meeting – 5th March, 1996

There was a further Special Meeting called on this date, prior to the one above, with the Oberon Showground Trust in which various items were discussed.

Council Meeting – 12th March, 1996

A Citizenship Ceremony was conducted for Abdulah, Katka and Sanel Odobasic and Donald Parrish.

The public to be notified of the proposal to erect a communication tower on Falls Hills Lookout (Reserve 90674) for television, radio and digital mobile telephones.

Congratulations to be passed on to Dick Swannell for his efforts in running the garbage depot.

A healthy discussion took place at the Community Group formed to Discuss Youth Issues meeting recently on the issue of the recently publicized proposed brothel at Oberon. It was noted that no application had yet been submitted to Council and it is understood that the problem surrounds finding a suitable facility for this activity. It was noted that brothels are now legal under State Government legislation and that councils can only refuse them if they do not comply with this legislation, otherwise they must be approved, subject to conditions.

Council Meeting – 9th April, 1996

A Citizenship Ceremony held for Razija and Suvad Ramic.

The 1995 \$200 Energy Efficiency Building Award to be presented to Graham & Jenny Sonter and a formal commendation be made to Drs. Greg and Jenny Dargan.

Special Council Meeting – 18th April, 1996

This meeting was called to discuss organization structure, delegations, contracts and future staffing needs.

Special Council Meeting – 8th May, 1996

This meeting was called to consider the 1996/97 Estimates in Income and Expenditure.

Council Meeting – 14th May, 1996

Alex Ferguson spoke to Council on the proposed operations of the Inland Marketing Corporation based in Parkes.

Proposed additions and alterations to the Oberon R.S.L. Club approved, with 44 conditions.

The 39 planter pots in the main street offered to 17 different people (who had actually asked for a total of 70 of the pots).

Council will not waive D.A. and Entertainment Approval Application fees for the use of the Malachi Gilmore Hall for 12 movie screening days per year by the Oberon Public School P. & C. Association.

A William Shafton, an expatriate Aussie computer scientist and writer now living in France, has proposed that his adoptive village in France, Choranche, being famous throughout Europe because of its limestone caves, could enter into a twinning relationship with Oberon through its connection with the Jenolan Caves. This matter was referred to the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust.

Council Meeting – 11th June, 1996

Councillor L.C. Armstrong nominated as Council's representative on the Cox's River Catchment Management Committee.

12 month's notice of withdrawal from the Lithgow Regional Library be given effective from 1st July, 1996.

The following road names to be submitted to the Geographical Names Board:

Old Name: Hazelgrove-Duckmaloi Road
New Name: Nunans Hill Road

Old Name: Shooters Hill-Gingkin Road
New Name: Gingkin Valley Road

Old Name: Muttons Falls Road
New Name: Snake Valley Road.

Special Council Meeting – 20th June, 1996

This meeting was called to discuss the Management Plan for 1996/97, Schedule of Fees and Charges for 1996/97, Public Meeting – Local Environmental Plan, Allocation of Concessional Lot Entitlements, Harveys Road and the Intersection of Albion Street and Lowes Mount Road.

Council Meeting – 9th July, 1996

Councillor John McMahon to be Chairman of Showground Committee Meetings.

Council to contribute \$2,000 from Council's investment funds to the Central West Economic Development Group for the Inland Marketing Corporation.

The design of the proposed intersection of the Western By-pass and M.R. 253 be finalized incorporating a roundabout.

It was noted that, on returning from dinner, several persons reported that their Information Bulletins were missing. 2 motions were put, and lost, as follows: "when Councillors leave the Chambers, the public be asked to leave the Chamber as well" and "that a Councillor or staff member remain in the Chambers at all times during the Council Meeting".

Special Meeting – 23rd July, 1996

This meeting was convened at the Oberon R.S.L. Club to discuss the L.E.P. submissions.

Council Meeting – 13th August, 1996

The Oberon Museum to be approached to act as the co-ordinator of the Centenary of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's birth celebrations.

The inaugural meeting of the Oberon Multi Purpose Building Steering Committee held on 19th July, 1996.

Lionel Walther retired from Council on 29th July, 1996.

The Bureau of Statistics released a publication of estimated resident populations for 30th June, 1995 which gives a comparison of population figures for the past 9 years. For some unknown reason, the Bureau Statistician has halved the estimated growth rate for Oberon from 1991 to 1995, compared to the actual recorded growth rate of 2.3% in the previous 5 years.

A road leaving Marks Crescent in the Titania Park Subdivision to be called Oram Close.

Cr. John McMahon (with the Mayor as alternate) be appointed as the Youth Liaison person to the Community Group formed to Discuss Youth Issues.

Council staff to investigate an economic method of attaching names to unmarked graves in the Oberon Cemetery.

Visitors to town were locked in the cemetery by Council staff.

Council Meeting – 10th September, 1996

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Committees and Delegates:

Blue Mountains Regional Tourism: Mrs. Robyn Artup.

Central East Regional Fire: Cr. M.L. Rich.

District Bush Fire: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. McMahon and O'Bernier.

Community Centre Management: Crs. Grady and McMahon.

Country Public Libraries: R.S. Esdaile.

Town Beautification: Crs. Grady and L.C. Armstrong.

Consultative Committee: Cr. L.C. Armstrong.

Works Committee: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, McCarthy, McMahon & O'Bernier.

Planning: Crs. L.C. & M.J. Armstrong, McCarthy and McMahon.

Health & Recreation: No members – dissolved.

Finance: Crs. L.C. Armstrong, Brien, Grady and McMahon.

C.S.R. donated flooring to the value of approx. \$10,000 for the Showground Building.

A Steering Committee consisting of 2 Councillors and 3 representatives of the Tennis Club (Bob Bearup, Martin Gilmore and Ken Solman) be formed to co-ordinate the construction of the multi-purpose all-weather facility over 2 tennis courts at the Recreation Ground.

Various non-urban roads have been named, as under:

Old: Black Springs-O'Connell Road
New: Beaconsfield Road

Old: Bolton Vale-Locksley Road
New: Bolton Lane

Old: Emden Vale-Burruga Road
New: Emden Vale Road

Old: Gingkin-Jenolan Caves Road
New: Bastard Point Road

Old: Edith-Gingkin Road
New: Gingkin Road

Old: Duckmaloi Road
New: Junction Road

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Old: Hazelgrove-Duckmaloi Road
New: Nunans Hill Road

Old: Shooters Hill-Gingkin Road
New: Gingkin Valley Road

Old: Muttons Falls Road
New: Snake Valley Road.

A framed Certificate be presented to Mr. Syd and Mrs. Hazel Harrison in recognition of their contribution to the Oberon community over many years. They have been active in Red Cross, Rotary, Inner Wheel and C.W.A.

After an earlier mention of unmarked graves a report to Council was presented and Council decided to refer this item to the 1997/98 Estimates Meeting and ask for expressions of interest to form a committee seeking information about these graves.

The various works at the Oberon Dam will be officially opened in October.

Council Meeting – 8th October, 1996

The Decision of the Youth Committee to construct a beach volleyball court adjacent to the pool was endorsed.

The purchase of a piece of timber artwork for \$500 from the Oberon Woodcraft Exhibition was endorsed.

A request for financial assistance from the Oberon High School to enable a team to be sent to the Solar Car Challenge in Canberra in November was refused.

A 15 minute parking bay to be installed in front of the Oberon Post Office for 3 vehicles.

Special Council Meeting – 16th October, 1996

This meeting was called to discuss with Mr. & Mrs. Behm and their solicitors all aspects of the Balfour Pit, Bathurst Electorate Promotional Display, Regional Saleyards and Titania Park Subdivision.

Special Council Meeting – 17th October, 1996

This meeting was called for discussions with C.S.R. Executives on various aspects of their business, Bathurst Electorate Promotional Display and the Central West Community College Food Handling Course.

Local Environmental Plan Special Meeting at R.S.L. – 22nd October, 1996

The Local Environmental Plan and Bathurst Electorate Promotional Display were discussed. 6 out of the 7 Councillors present had to declare an interest in discussion on the L.E.P.

Council Meeting – 12th November, 1996

In Question Time, Greg Wilkinson spoke in relation to the O'Connell trees and asked if the Council was aware that the village was listed as an urban conservation area by the National Trust in 1974 – Councillors were, staff were not. The O'Connell residents to be asked what would be their alternative if the R.T.A. refused a by-pass. Ray Mawhood pointed out factual inaccuracies in the Staff Report concerning his development. Patricia Thomas asked why only Councillors' surnames are referred to in the Questions Without Notice Section of the Council Minutes.

Council to make a submission to the Dept. of Gaming & Racing for all licensed premises and registered clubs to cease trading at 2.00 a.m.

Cr. Brien pointed out to Council that there was a misconception that trucks can travel at 100 kph on the O'Connell Road (Oberon-Bathurst Road) they can't, they can only travel at 90 kph.

Councillor John Brien resigned as a Councillor as from 4th December, 1996.

There was concern arising from the L.E.P. of a \$400 advertising fee for development applications so it was resolved that the advertising fee be called something more appropriate and details of the charge be provided to each applicant.

Special Council Meeting – 25th November, 1996

This meeting was called to discuss the review of the Quarterly Management Plan, Performance Review of Senior Staff, Sales Tax on motor vehicles and private use of such vehicles by Council staff.

After the Mayor read out a 4 page document headed "Council Staff" the General Manager was advised that Council was not satisfied with the level of management being given to its affairs and that if an improvement is not apparent within 3 months, severe action will be taken.

Council Meeting – 3rd December, 1996

After many complaints about the water quality in the town, quotations are to be called for the cleaning of the water supply reticulation system.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Councillor John Brien on his resignation from Council.

Permission was granted for a proposed endurance horse ride on 23rd February, 1997 in the Essington and Black Springs areas.

Cr. Rich to replace Cr. Brien on the U.M.C.C. and \$1,000 reward offered for information leading to a conviction for those persons who placed graffiti at the library and reservoir.

Citizen of the Year – Jean Graham, Sports Person – Alana Booth and Young Citizen – Trent Robinson.

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Council Meeting – 14th January, 1997

The fees and charges schedule for 1997/98 for building inspections be reviewed with a view to dispensing with the traveling surcharge and provide a more realistic fee for service within the Council area.

The Phosphorus Action Committee asked to investigate any possibility of contamination problems arising from sewage sludge being put into forest areas and the amount of phosphorus contained in a tonne of sewage sludge.

An Oberon Community Library Committee to be established to assist in the initial setting up of the autonomous library operation with the Mayor, General Manager, Director of Corporate Services, the current Librarian, the Relief Librarian, Mr. Hans Guldberg and Councillor M.J. Armstrong to be invited to stand for the Committee.

Video recordings of Council proceedings only be carried out for the purpose of specific news items.

It was resolved that a general policy of Council be that “in future, Council obtain any necessary easements before construction work commences”.

Councillor R. O’Bernier to replace Councillor Brien on the Building Committee.

To solve negotiations between parties, the General Manager to make enquiries from the Local Government & Shires Associations and the Institute of Municipal Management on any independent, qualified mediators they may be able to recommend.

The Oberon Town Beautification Committee to be reformed consisting of the following persons – Bobbie Brett, Roz Adams, Rosemary Dawson, Marian Bearup, Lindy Precians, Simon Emtage, Peter D’Arcy, Tina Slattery, Sam Keen, Diego and Jina Villar and Neville and Dianne Bushell.

Appropriate celebrations to celebrate Sir Charles Kingsford Smith’s birthday, particularly as he previously landed at Oberon where he undertook joy flights, have been arranged by Laurie McMahon of the Oberon Museum. She has arranged for special memorabilia to be on hand involving newspaper clippings, a model of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith’s aeroplane, photographs and, hopefully, a fly past by the Bathurst Aero Club. One of the original joyfliers, Pat Hogan’s aunt Lillian, has been contacted and arrangements are being made for her to attend the celebrations. An appropriately worded plaque is to be prepared for unveiling on the day.

A petition was received by Council from 206 people calling for a “two-lane by-pass on the eastern side of the Fish River to O’Connell Village on the Oberon Road to protect the Urban Conservation area of the village and its memorial drive of trees; to provide safe access to O’Connell homes, farms, school and hotel; to overcome the dangerous intersection on Black’s Mill lane and Beaconsfield Road; and to provide safe access for through traffic to Oberon.”

Council Meeting – 11th February, 1997

A bus zone to be established on the eastern side of Fleming Street between Tally’s Lane and Oberon Street (at its present location) which will include the construction of a bus shelter.

A grant application for Senior Citizens’ Week was refused.

Information on the promotion of Oberon was presented.

Special Council Meeting – 12th February, 1997

This meeting was called to review the second quarter of the Management Plan, the second quarter Performance Review of

Senior Staff and incentive payments to senior staff.

Council Meeting – 11th March, 1997

After a by-election to replace Councillor John Brien, Councillor Bill Dawson elected.

Councillor Dawson elected to the Finance Committee.

Julianne Rowlandson resigned on 6th February.

A Committee formed to assist in the organizing of the 175th Anniversary of white settlement in Australia (Oberon's 135th Anniversary) consisting of Crs. Bob Hooper and Marjorie Armstrong, Sharon Inwood and the General Manager. An Inaugural Meeting to be held on 21st April.

A grant of \$7,000 from the 1996/97 Capital Assistance Programme for the completion of outfitting of indoor sports and recreation facilities at the Oberon Showground accepted.

S.B.S. Television officially came to Oberon on 4th March, 1997. Prime TV on 2nd April and WIN and Capital shortly thereafter. General Manager to arrange an official launch for S.B.S.

Council Meeting – 8th April, 1997

Eugowra Lions Club horse ride will be in Oberon on 1st May.

A grant application to be submitted for the erection of a War Memorial, an obelisk with suitable wording and without names, to be located in the reserve at the Fish Rive at O'Connell.

\$2,000 allocated for the shaping and layout of a BMX track in the area at the south west corner of Albion Street and Lowes Mount Road.

General Manager to arrange for a trial period (of 8 weeks) for a surveillance camera to be used in an attempt to record acts of vandalism.

Special Council Meeting – 28th April, 1997

This meeting was called to discuss employment contracts and organisational structure. The D.D.E.S also asked to prepare a report outlining the effects of reducing his Department's staff structure by 1 person.

Council Meeting – 13th May, 1997

Councillor Lance Armstrong indicated a wish to resign from Council due to ill health.

An approach is to be made to the Minister for L.G. seeking a reduction in the number of Councillors from 9 to 8 with a view to overcoming the expense of conducting another by-election.

Committee appointments were as follows:
Town Beautification – Cr. Dawson;
Planning – Cr. Dawson; Works – Cr. Rich;
Finance – to be left vacant; and
Consultative Committee – Cr. Hooper.

Approval given to Oberon Inner Wheel Club to plant 2 trees at the swimming pool.

The road off Beaconsfield Road be named Brittle Jack Road.

The road off Titania Road, leading to the Armstrong subdivision be named Beattie Road.

No representative to replace Cr. Lance Armstrong on the Cox's River Catchment Management Committee.

Barry Webb added to the Committee of 175th Anniversary Organising Committee.

The old 063 telephone numbers will change to 02/6336, etc. in August, 1997.

The position of General Manager to be advertised at the conclusion of the present General Manager's contract and he be invited to apply for the position.

Special Council Meeting – 15th May, 1997

This meeting was called to set the rates for the various Funds of Council.

Special Council Meeting – 19th May, 1997

This meeting called to discuss the Management Plan and Performance Review of Senior Staff.

Council Meeting – 10th June, 1997

A suitable function to be held at the R.S.L. Club during mid-July to recognised Lance Armstrong's long service record with the Council.

Annual fee for payment to Councillors for the period 1st July, 1997 to 30th June, 1998 be set at \$5,250 and for the Mayor - \$7,900 for the same period.

The road on the northern side of Albion Street in the Cole Subdivision be name "Warrina Avenue".

The income received from electors failing to vote is to be redirected to this Council to partially fund the by-election expenses.

A by-election to replace Councillor Lance Armstrong to take place on 9th August, 1997.

Special Council Meeting – 24th June, 1997

This meeting was called to discuss the Management Plan for 1997/98 and also to note the resignation of Arnold Brien on 4th July, 1997.

Council Meeting – 8th July, 1997

In Public Question Time it was asked how long would ratepayers have to pay the \$100 per year for the water filtration plant costs and they were advised it would only be for 8-10 years.

The Official Opening of the Library took place on 2nd July, 1997.

The Town Beautification Committee recommendations "that a raised bed be installed at the Malachi Gilmore Hall with a heavy planting of rhododendrons and a pistachio tree" and "that staff liaise with the Apex club of Oberon re paths and other requirements in Apex Park" be adopted.

Council to again request an Australia Day Ambassador and have suggested Debbie Spillane or Dawn Fraser.

The National Trust has classified the following properties: 1. Brisbane Valley Catholic Cemetery; 2. Arnold Family Graves on Jaunter property; and 3. Oberon General Cemetery.

A report on subjects touched on by Kim Pogson, Chamber of Magistrates who was a guest speaker at the meeting of the Community Group formed to Discuss Youth Issues was presented

Council Meeting – 12th August, 1997

A presentation of an Energy Efficiency Housing Design Award was made to Noel & Grace Cunynghame.

Murray Fenton elected as new Councillor on 9th August, 1997.

Recognition of Service to c Armstrong by Bill Bott, President of the Shires Association on 13th July.

The formation of a Friends of the Library Group for the Oberon Council Library was endorsed.

An amount of \$500 was allocated towards the cost of preparing a promotion video for Oberon.

An amount of \$3,600 was voted for the purchase of lapel badges incorporating Council's logo with the word "Oberon" thereon, some of which are to be for sale to local business houses as tourism souvenirs at \$2 each.

Cr. Dawson nominated to represent Council on the Sydney Road Links Committee.

Special Council Meeting – 26th August, 1997

This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the Management Plan, Staff Performance Review, Improved Security Measures for Council Buildings and advice that the Community Group to Discuss Youth Issues have decided to go into recess.

Council Meeting – 9th September, 1997

Bill Bartlett resigned as from 12th September.

The car park in Dart Street is to be closed, for a trial basis, for 1 day, at a date to be fixed, in order that skateboarders and roller bladers can use the facility without conflicting with pedestrians or parked vehicles.

The National Trust has listed St. Barnabas' Cemetery and the private cemetery on "Maryvale", Porters Retreat.

Quotations to be called for the purchase of appropriate video surveillance equipment. Sen. Const. Buckley advised that the Police had found the cameras to be of considerable benefit.

The Youth Council to paint a mural at the swimming pool.

Public Question Time to be suspended for a period of 12 months.

Special Council Meeting – 9th September, 1997

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Election of Delegates and Representatives:

Blue Mountains Regional Tourism: Robyn Artup.

Central East Regional Fire: Cr. M.L. Rich. Cr. C. McCarthy as alternate.

District Bush Fire: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. McMahon and O'Bernier.

Community Centre: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Country Public Libraries: R.S. Esdaile.

Library Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Grady & Hooper, B. Fitzpatrick & R. Esdaile.

Town Beautification: Crs. Armstrong, Dawson and McMahon.

Consultative Committee: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Works Committee: Crs. Fenton, McCarthy, McMahon and O'Bernier.

Planning Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Dawson, Fenton, Grady, Hooper, McCarthy & McMahon.

Finance Committee: Crs. Dawson, Fenton, Grady and McMahon.

Special Council Meeting – 16th September, 1997

This meeting was called to review the renewal of the employment contract for the General Manager.

Council Meeting – 14th October, 1997

Crs. O'Bernier and McMahon to attend the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation being made in Bathurst to those members of the S.E.S. who helped with the Thredbo disaster.

Crs. Dawson, Grady, Hooper and McCarthy to meet with Peter Andren regarding the necessity of securing some capital funding to extend the number of units at Hathaway.

The National Trust has listed St. Thomas' Anglican Church Cemetery at O'Connell.

Council is interested in a proposal for the Tarana-Oberon Railway Line to be made into a Hiking/Biking Trail.

Schools in the area to be approached to utilize the Amphitheatre Site for school-related activities.

Special Council Meeting – 23rd October, 1997

This meeting was called to discuss various problems arising out of the proposal for a tourist development in the Megalong Valley.

Council Meeting – 11th November, 1997

The Director of Development & Environmental Services, Chris Ansoul resigned on 25th October, 1997.

**Council Meeting – 16th December,
1997**

Glenn McLennan named as Citizen of the Year for 1997, Kurt Gelling as Sportsperson and Ben Evans as Junior Citizen.

Advance Energy requested to conform to the adopted policy on tree pruning and their attention be drawn to the recent extreme lopping of Rowan trees in Balfour Street.

A grant of \$1,000 received to construct a War Memorial at O'Connell adjacent to the Fish River Bridge.

Council to again donate \$250 to the Oberon High School Scholarship Programme for 1998. It is to be for academic achievement and the applicants have to have a proven record in community service within Oberon.

Because of the low level of Oberon Dam (59%), water restrictions are to commence on 1st January, 1998.

1998

Council Meeting – 13th January, 1998

John McIntosh retired on 9th January.

There is to be a Public Meeting to discuss a proposal for a second airport at Newnes.

Council Meeting – 10th February, 1998

Council has decided to change the names of position and departments, as follows:

Director of Technical Services – Director of Engineering; Director of Corporate Services – Director of Administration; Director of Development & Environmental Services – Director of Development; Technical Services Department – Engineering Department; Corporate Services Department – Administration Department; and Development & Environmental Services Department – Development Department.

Quotations to be invited to carry out security controls for Council's premises.

Letters to be sent to the Senior Citizens' Club, Probus, Day Care and service clubs notifying them that there appears to be a need for assistance and for the organization of outings for the residents of Hathaway Cottages and request their support.

Special Council Meeting – 24th February, 1998

This meeting called to discuss industrial development, staff matters and general planning matters.

Council Meeting – 10th March, 1998

Council decided that no further action be taken to expand the Hathaway Cottages or self care units but if there should be an increase in demand, then further consideration be given to this matter at that time.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs to open an office in the Government Access Centre at the Court House.

No action to be taken on introducing a garbage service to The Reef, Oberon Hills or Titania Park due to the majority of negative responses received from residents.

The exclusive use of McIntosh, McPhillamy & Co. as Council's solicitors to be terminated and Council to participate in a freelance arrangement with any solicitors or barristers of its choice in legal matters as they arise from whatever source and price structure is most beneficial in the General Manager's opinion to Council's interests.

Parke Council has received a development application for the construction of an international freight airport at Parke (for the Inland Marketing Corporation).

Hostel Manager, Harry Keenan, to resign on 27th March.

K-9 Security Services engaged to carry out security patrols of the Council facilities.

A letter of congratulations was forwarded to Narda Gilmore who won the regional Miss Showgirl Competition and will be representing the region at the Royal Easter Show (she won this). Narda is now a television journalist for the A.B.C. in Canberra.

Council Meeting - 14th April, 1998

An offer from the Oberon Minister's Fraternal for a 3 month trial to open each Council Meeting in prayer be accepted.

\$545.22 submitted to CENTROC as this Council's contribution towards the cost benefit study to improve access between the central west and metropolitan areas of Sydney, over the Blue Mountains.

A Public Meeting to be held on 11th May to enable local citizens to express their concern on over-lenient sentencing by Courts as well

as any other law and order issues they might wish to raise.

The National Australia Bank has provided a seedling from the walnut tree located on its property and it is to be planted at The Common with a plaque explaining the history of the tree. An appropriate ceremony is to be undertaken to plant the tree so that publicity may be given to the local community about the significance of the tree.

The Colonial State Bank to be notified that Council will withdraw its custom if the Oberon Branch is closed or moves to a franchise.

Special Council Meeting – 5th May, 1998

This meeting called to discuss the 1998/99 Estimates.

Council Meeting – 12th May, 1998

Arrangements to be made for an appropriate dinner at the R.S.L. Club in recognition of the Cunynghame family's support of the Oberon community over many years and the public be invited to attend with Ray Cunynghame being the guest of honour on 27th June.

Ivan Slattery to resign on 3rd July, 1998.

Councillor Bill Dawson nominated as the Council's representative on the Selection Committee to choose the Area Health Board for Oberon.

\$300 each be provided towards the purchase of a suitable memento in recognition of 25 years' service to Terry Bell and Colin Toohill.

An expression of regret was extended to the State Government that a directive was given to prevent Police from attending, in uniform, crime meetings organized for 11th May across the State on the basis that the meetings were supposedly politically motivated when, in fact, the Council considers that these meetings were constructive and provided local communities with an opportunity to present their concerns in a co-ordinated fashion about the serious

increase in crime and the lack of powers available to Police to carry out their responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Council Meeting – 9th June, 1998

Cr. Dawson elected as alternate delegate to U.M.C.C. during the absence of Cr. Rich.

The new Fire Control Building to be opened on 24th September.

John Voytilla nominated to the Cox's River Catchment Management Committee.

Council transferred its banking to the Commonwealth Bank.

Special Council Meeting – 30th June, 1998

This meeting called to adopt the Management Plan for 1998/99.

Council Meeting – 14th July, 1998

Wally and Marie Bond received \$200 for the most energy efficient building in 1997. Ray and Margaret received a commendation.

The road between Abercrombie Road and Mt. Werong Road to be named Cosgrove Road and the Jerrong Road to commence at the intersection of Cosgrove Road.

A Naturalisation Ceremony was held for Mr. Sejad & Mrs. Razija Djaja.

Surplus computers to be donated to the CareFlight Bathurst Office.

A suitable presentation to be arranged for Alan Benson and Pat Scott on their retirements on 28th August and 3rd September respectively.

Council Meeting – 11th August, 1998

The General Manager restricted from speaking to the press on potentially sensitive matters without reference to the Council or the Mayor.

CareFlight Office opened in Bathurst on 16th July.

State Rail Authority asked to remove the stockyard and adjacent abandoned cottage in Lowes Mount Road.

The offer to sell material and Copyright for the Oberon-Jenolan Historical Notebook by H.K. Garland to the Council for \$1,000 be accepted.

Agreement given to enter into a Lease with the Minister for Emergency Services for the occupation of Council land in North Street (Fire Station) for 15 years commencing 1st March, 1997 and terminating on 28th February, 2012.

As from 9th August, all telephone numbers will operate with the 8 digit number format.

Special Council Meeting – 25th August, 1998

This meeting was called to review the Management Plan for 1997/98 and to determine performance incentives for the General Manager and Directors of Engineering, Administration and Development. They were given an incentive payment of \$2,000 each.

Special Council Meeting – 8th September, 1998

Mayoral Allowance for 1998/99 set at \$7,900.

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Election of Delegates and Representatives:

U.M.C.C.: Crs. McMahon and Rich.

Blue Mountains Tourism: Mrs. Robyn Artup.

Central Eastern Regional Fire: Cr. Rich with Cr. McCarthy as alternate.

District Bush Fire: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. McMahon and O’Bernier.

Country Libraries: R.S. Esdaile.

Oberon Town Beautification: Crs. Dawson, McCarthy and McMahon.

Staff Performance Review: Whole Council.

Works Committee: Crs. Fenton, McCarthy, McMahon, O’Bernier & Rich.

Planning Committee: Crs. Armstrong, Dawson, Fenton, Grady, Hooper, McCarthy & McMahon.

Finance Committee: Crs. Dawson, Fenton, Grady and McMahon.

Community Centre: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Oberon Library: Crs. Dawson, Grady & Hooper, General Manager, Director of Administration, Librarian and Hans Guldberg.

Consultative Committee: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Council Meeting – 8th September, 1998

Councillors, staff and public held 1 minute’s silence for the following recently deceased: John Mawhood, Val Paix, Ron (Singy) Cunynghame, Mrs. McMahon and Ashley Cunynghame.

The Lions Club gazebo at Hathaway Cottages opened on 23rd August.

Council decided to continue with the prayer at the commencement of meetings.

Oberon Show Society to celebrate 100 years in 1999.

Council to purchase 10 Oberon flags at a cost of \$1,030.

A Committee comprising Steven Johnston, Rodney Whalan, Laurie McMahon, Sandra Dengate, Bill Dawson, Barry Richard, Robyn Artup and Chris Robins was formed for the Tarana Railway Line Walking Track.

Ashley Cunynghame died on 28th August.

Council Meeting – 13th October, 1998

The General Manager to make arrangements for an Armistice Day Service to be held at O’Connell at the site of the new granite memorial (80th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I).

Cr. McCarthy nominated as Council’s representative on the Ben Chifley Catchment Steering Committee.

The community is now able to ask questions at the commencement of the Council Meeting, but notice must be given prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Expressions of interest to be called to prepare the necessary design and documentation for the construction of 6 additional units at Hathaway and self-care units in Curtis Street.

An historical collection to be established of photographs, press clipping, records and catalogues of Australia Day, School Citizenship and other awardees, Naturalisation Citizenship Awardees, Councillors, staff special celebrations and occasions.

General Manager to report on suitable locations and display arrangements for items of art, photographs and/or honour rolls, including the possibility of using the new Council foyer, Council meeting rooms, Library and potential extensions, Community Centre and other locations.

If the Oberon-Tarana railway line is upgraded it is anticipated it would cost approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million due to the fact that smaller engines would be used with short carriages.

Council Meeting – 10th November, 1998

A Naturalisation Ceremony was held for Mrs. Gabriele Schmitz.

A common bathroom, with disabled bath access and a toilet facility near the dining room, be provided in the design plans for the extensions to Hathaway Cottages.

Council Meeting – 8th December, 1998

The Section 94 contribution from the Woodchem project be allocated for the construction of an amenities facility at the Multi-purpose Centre at the Oberon Showground. The priority list for community facilities are: (a) skate park; (b) swimming pool – additional shade facilities; (c) Amphitheatre – provision of power supply; (d) Recreation Ground – new kiosk,

upgrade toilet facilities; (e) Parkes Street Park – park development; and (f) toilet facilities at The Common.

Citizen of the year for 1998 was Barry Webb; Sports person – Casey Graham; and Young Citizen – Kelly Bond.

The public are to be invited to suggest names for various un-named parks in Oberon. The parks or parks locations are Crete Street, Fleming Street, Bligh Street, Armstrong Place, Buckley Crescent, Recreation Ground, Bill Nelson Park (Apex Park), Captain Cook Park, Cunynghame Oval, Miss Wilson Park, Glyndwr Avenue, Pool Park, The Common, Parkes Street Park and the Amphitheatre.

1999

Council Meeting – 12th January, 1999

When letters are received from local residents requesting that their correspondence be brought to the attention of Council, such items be included on the appropriate business paper for the Council's consideration.

Council Meeting – 9th February, 1999

Council asked to tentatively name the parks at the following locations: Amphitheatre – Lance Robey Amphitheatre; The Common – John Mawhood Park; Crete Street – Herb David Park; and the Recreation Ground – Rawson Park, but Council asked for a further report to be submitted, with additional names, for consideration.

Council Meeting – 9th March, 1999

The Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre opened on 6th March, 1999.

The Oberon Fire Station officially opened on 9th March, 1999.

The Member for Bathurst, Mick Clough, retires on 26th March, 1999.

David Swan to resign on 28th March as Works Manager.

Special Council Meeting – 29th March, 1999

This meeting was called to discuss the review of the Management Plan.

Council Meeting – 13th April, 1999

An all-weather parking facility to be constructed at the rear of the Community Centre in Tally's Lane.

Authority given to apply for funding for the painting of a mural on the Mawhood's wall facing Council's car park.

Fully enclosed, lock up garages to be considered at the Estimates Meeting for the Balfour Street Aged Persons' Units.

Gerard Martin elected as Member for Bathurst.

Ian Tucker appointed as Works Manager to commence duties on 31st May, 1999.

David Whitwell appointed Health & Building Inspector.

Council Meeting – 11th May, 1999

Subject to the agreement of the Oberon Branch of Meals on Wheels, approval be given to support the frozen food service from Bathurst Meals on Wheels.

The Pool and Park surrounding the pool to be named John Mawhood Memorial Complex, in recognition of the voluntary service and work John undertook in the Oberon Community.

The park in Crete Street to be named Herb David Park.

Special Council Meeting – 18th May, 1999

This meeting was called to review the estimates for the 2000 Financial Year.

Council Meeting – 8th June, 1999

An application by the Tennis Club for a Sports & Recreation grant to construct a practice tennis wall approved.

A Public Meeting to discuss the possibility of the purchase of the Malachi Gilmore Hall to be held on 29th June.

The next Local Government Elections to be held on 11th September, 1999.

Council concerned at the proposal to close the Oberon Office of State Forests.

Special Council Meeting – 22nd June, 1999

This meeting called to discuss the Management Plan for 1999/2000.

Gerard Martin to be notified that Council would be willing to accept the Trusteeship of the Oberon Showground Trust.

Council Meeting – 13th July, 1999

Elizabeth Pollock retired on 2nd July after 22 years with Council.

Brian Sweeney completed 25 years' service with Council on 10th June.

A computer screen for the taking of Minutes be made available for Planning Committee meetings.

The forming of a small sub-committee to meet with Peter Andren and Gerard Martin to discuss ways to increase the number of funded hostel beds at Hathaway Cottages is to be deferred to the September Council Meeting.

Council Meeting – 10th August, 1999

Mick Joffe has offered to present a series of caricatures in association with the Rotary Club. Council to accept responsibility for the exhibition of these caricatures.

A letter of protest to be sent regarding the proposed downsizing of the National Parks Office in Oberon.

A decision on the construction of additional self care units be deferred for 2 months and the estimated costs to construct a full set of units, and estimated operations costs be supplied to Council.

The proposal to employ a Road Safety Officer on a joint basis with Evans, Bathurst, Blayney and Rylstone Councils be supported.

Because of the Olympic Games, daylight saving is proposed to be introduced on 27th August, 2000. If the State Government does not change its position, then consideration be given to introducing Eastern Standard Time into the Oberon Council areas until the normal daylight

saving period ends, which is traditionally on the last weekend in October.

Special Council Meeting – 21st September, 1999

Mayoral Allowance: \$8,500

Councillors' Allowance: \$5,250.

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. R. O'Bernier (for 6 months).

Delegates & Representatives:

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Dawson and McMahon.

Blue Mountains Tourism: Mrs. Robyn Artup.

Central Eastern Regional Fire: Cr. C.L. McCarthy.

District Bush Fire: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong, Hooper and O'Bernier.

Country Public Libraries: R.S. Esdaile.

Staff Performance Review: Full Council.

Works Committee: Crs. Bailey, Fenton, Hooper, McCarthy & McMahon.

Planning Policy Committee: Full Council.

Finance Committee: Full Council.

Community Centre: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Oberon Library: Crs. Dawson & Hooper, G.M., Director of Administration and Librarian.

Consultative Committee: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Land Sale Committee: Crs. Bailey, Fenton, Grady, Hooper & O'Bernier.

Traffic Advisory Local Committee: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Cox's River Catchment Management: J. Voytilla.

Youth Council: Crs. Armstrong, Bailey, Fenton, Hooper & O'Bernier.

Showground Multipurpose Hall: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Oberon-Tarana Walking Track: Crs.
Dawson and McMahon.

Regional Saleyards Committee: Cr. W.D.
Dawson.

Council Meeting – 21st September, 1999

Crs M.J. Armstrong and. M.L. Rich out –
Crs. M.G. Armstrong and Jeremy Bailey in.

The matter of an end of year, end of
Century, activity for Oberon was raised but
no action was considered necessary.

Following Council's interest in taking over
the Showground Trust, the Dept. of Land &
Water Conservation has advised that the
following people were appointed for a 5
year period from 12th August, 1999:

Andrew Adams, Ian Armstrong, Terry Bell,
Mick Colley, Keith Evans, Denis Hawken
and Clive McCarthy.

Council to decide on a time and date for the
launch of the book known as the "Oberon
History Book".

An allocation of \$4,700 be provided for the
construction of the first stage development
of a lawn cemetery at Oberon and a fee of
\$500 on top of existing cemetery fees per
interment in the lawn cemetery be adopted
for 1999/2000.

Council Meeting – 12th October, 1999

Council to support the criticism of
Westpac's decision to downgrade the
Oberon Branch to an in-store operation.

Kevin Toohill resigned on 8th October.

Special Council Meeting – 26th October, 1999

This meeting was called to discuss various
items with members of the Golf Club.

Council Meeting – 9th November, 1999

Nothing.

Special Council Meeting – 23rd November, 1999

This meeting was called to discuss a review
of planning, development, building and
environmental health policies; State
Development Committee to investigate ways
to rebuild country N.S.W.; Number of
animals in Cunynghame Subdivision;
Policies within Policy Register; and setting
a fee for the new tourist information map.

Council Meeting – 14th December, 1999

The action taken by the Australia Day
Committee to obtain the services of Angry
Anderson for a concert, at a cost of \$5,000,
be endorsed.

A weight limit of 5 tonne has been imposed
on Herborn and Pine Streets and Crete Street
between Herborn Street and Scotia Avenue.

Hellen Corby resigned in October.

Citizen of the Year – Kevin McGrath;
Young Citizen – Samantha Bailey; and
Sportsperson – Monique King.

2000

Council Meeting – 18th January, 2000

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 8th February, 2000

1 minute's silence was observed in recognition of the passing of Lance Armstrong and it was resolved a donation be made to the Oberon Hospital equipment fund equivalent to the amount that would have been spent on a wreath.

The Tourist Information Office to be located at the Council's Offices and will be opened on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and part-time employee Nicole Jackson to be appointed to a full time position to carry out tourism activities for 20 hours per week.

Father Garry McKeown leaves Oberon.

Former employee, John Drzyzga, has supplied a photograph and record of his period of service for inclusion in the display of Councillors and staff.

Signs to be erected to prohibit riding of bicycles on footpaths on both sides of Oberon Street between North Street and Raleigh Street.

Council Meeting – 14th March, 2000

Councillor R. O'Bernier re-elected as Deputy Mayor.

Council to make a pre-order purchase of 100 books of verse by Leath Johnston.

Signs on roadways (agents' sale signs) - should be on private property.

The road off McKeons Creek Road to be named Mt. View Road; and the road created off Mutton Falls Road to be named Bundaleer Road.

Council Meeting – 11th April, 2000

Carter Holt Harvey purchased CSR Timber Division on 21st March.

Mosman Council thanked Council for the stones sent to form part of Mosman's Centenary of Federation Monument.

The Mid West Area Health Service invited Council to the official opening of the Oberon Multi Purpose Service opening on 19th April, 2000.

John & Doreen McCusker have retired from Oberon Tyre Service.

There were 3 break and enters at the Council's Animal Pound during March with 2 dogs taken and the rest let free.

The State Forests building, at the corner of Ross Street and Caves Road, has been transferred to Council.

Leonie Grant resigned on 7th April.

Gerald Klok resigned on 31st March.

Council Meeting – 9th May, 2000

In his Mayoral Minute, Bob Hooper mentioned the proposed loss of 1 policeman from Oberon.

The Access Committee discussed various matters.

Robert Robinson to resign on 12th May.

Special Council Meeting – 16th May, 2000

This meeting called to review the fees and charges, estimates and Management Plan for 2000/2001 and a list of names suggested for nominations for the Sports Medals.

Council Meeting – 13th June, 2000

Nothing.

Special Meeting – 27th June, 2000

This meeting covered a personnel matter, the Management Plan for 2000/2001, Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act – Privacy Management Plans and Sewerage Funding Budget Requests.

Council Meeting – 11th July, 2000

Rex Whalan retired on 7th July, 2000.

The Councillors' fees to remain at \$5,250 and the Mayoral Allowance at \$8,500.

Jacqueline Larnach to commence duties on 17th July.

Council Meeting – 8th August, 2000

Oberon reached the Grand Final to be held on 13th August and the Mayor has offered a \$100 award for the best decorated business with Crs. O'Bernier, Grady and McMahon as judges.

Greg Fitzpatrick, Keith Jones and Warwick Fletcher formally appointed as Council's representatives on the Hazelgrove Public School Reserve Committee and Alice Perrott and Carmel Hanrahan appointed as the Management Committee representatives of the Black Springs Recreation Reserve.

Special Council Meeting – 22nd August, 2000

This meeting was held to discuss road funding and to make an inspection of the Six Foot Track.

Special Council Meeting – 12th September, 2000

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. C.L. McCarthy.

Delegates and Representatives:

Blue Mountains Tourism: Belinda Taylor.

Central Eastern Fire: Cr. C.L. McCarthy.

District Bush Fire: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Oberon Bush Fire: Crs. Armstrong, Hooper and O'Bernier.

Country Public Libraries: R.S. Esdaile.

Staff Performance Review: Full Council.

Works Committee: Crs. Bailey, Fenton, Hooper, McCarthy & McMahon.

Planning Policy Committee: Full Council.

Finance Committee: Full Council.

Events Committee: Crs. Armstrong and Bailey.

Access Committee: Cr. W.D. Dawson.

Properties Committee (incorporating the Community Centre and Library Committees): Crs. Dawson, Grady & Hooper, General Manager, Director of Administration and Librarian.

Land Sale Committee: Crs. Bailey, Fenton, Grady, Hooper and O'Bernier.

Consultative Committee: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Traffic Advisory Committee: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Cox's River Catchment Committee: J. Voytilla.

Youth Council: Crs. Armstrong, Bailey, Fenton and Hooper.

Showground Hall Committee: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Oberon-Tarana Walking Track Committee: Crs. Dawson and McMahon.

Regional Saleyards Committee: Cr. W.D. Dawson.

Council Meeting – 12th September, 2000

The Fish River Water Supply was asked why Lithgow gets filtration for nothing, but Oberon has to pay for 60% of the cost of building a water treatment plant at Oberon.

Council's current policy on road closures during snow/ice conditions was presented.

A road adjacent to 2039 Beaconsfield Road to be named Lawrence Road.

Council agreed to accept the former State Forests building at Ross Street at no cost to Council.

Council Meeting – 10th October, 2000

Nothing.

Special Council Meeting – 24th October, 2000

This meeting called to discuss an assessment of staff and Council performance.

Council Meeting – 14th November, 2000

A Citizenship Ceremony was held for Andrea Louise Rich.

An Agreement was signed to transfer the day to day operation of Hathaway Cottages Hostel to the proposed Oberon Multi Purpose Service Centre.

Council Meeting – 12th December, 2000

Citizen of the Year for 2000 is Peter Ralls and Sportsperson is Glen Hawken.

2001

Council Meeting – 16th January, 2001

A presentation of Sports Medals was made to Ivan Slattery and Ian Gordon.

Gail Willis appointed Director of Corporate Services sometime in December or January.

Council Meeting – 13th February, 2001

There was a Citizenship Ceremony for Samira Basic and Fikret Novljakovic.

The road between Bloom Hill Road and Ryans Lane to be named Burkes Road.

Signs to be erected to prohibit the use of scooters, roller blades and skateboards on the footpaths on both sides of Oberon Street between North and Raleigh Streets.

Having again asked for 1 additional residential care place and funding for the construction of an additional 6 units at Hathaway Cottages, they were again refused.

Council Meeting – 13th March, 2001

\$5,000 allocated for the commencement of the Oberon Community Based Heritage Study

Cr. Clive McCarthy re-appointed as Deputy Mayor for a further 6 months.

Special Council Meeting – 27th March, 2001

This was a Special Estimates Meeting.

Council Meeting – 10th April, 2001

A Naturalisation Ceremony was held for Mediha Pasalic, Titla Dzaja, Timka, Sejada and Dervisalija Setic.

A resolution was passed that the public toilets in Oberon Street be relocated to the

property owned by the Council at the corner of Tally's Lane and Ross Street and, following completion, the existing toilet block in Cook Park be demolished.

Council Meeting – 8th May, 2001

The 2001 Energy Efficient Building Award went to Charles & Valerie Stuart for the recent construction of their home on Mutton Falls Road, O'Connell.

Councillors' fees kept as per last year (\$5,350) and Mayor's upped to \$8,600 (\$8,500 last year).

Special Council Meeting – 15th May, 2001

This meeting called to discuss the Cook Park toilets and a review of fees and charges and the Management Plan for 2001/2002.

Council Meeting – 12th June, 2001

A gift was presented to the Mayor by Kanako Naito, an exchange student from Mino City, Japan, on behalf of the Mayor of her local Council.

The Mid Western Area Health Service has recently engaged a consultant to consider any shortfall in health related services to towns in its region with populations of less than 5,000 persons. It is hoped that during the course of investigations into this matter the various shortfalls in health related needs within this community will be identified and addressed positively in the near future.

Special Council Meeting – 26th June, 2001

This meeting called to adopt the Management Plan for 2001/2002.

Councillor Margaret Grady nominated as Council's second delegate to the MPS Board.

Council Meeting – 10th July, 2001

The road that runs off Chain of Ponds Road to be named Apanie Road.

Councillor McMahon reported that the Showground Committee had run its course and that there was no need for further Council involvement.

Alan Morse & Co. re-appointed as Council's Auditors for the next 6 years (to 2007).

Council Meeting – 14th August, 2001

In principle support to be given for the construction of a War Memorial by the Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch on the corner of Dudley and Oberon Streets.

Crs. Hooper, O'Bernier and Armstrong appointed as the Council's representative on a sub-committee to investigate any other possible use for 1 or more of the vacant aged care units in Balfour Street (1 of the suggestions being that they could be used as self contained accommodation for people with a need to be close the Hospital during times when friends or relatives are infirm or injured so they may be close to their loved ones).

The N.S.W. Governor, Marie Bashir and Sir Nicholas Shehadie (her husband) visited Oberon on 1st September.

Council resolved that something appropriate, in the future, will be named after John McCusker.

Special Council Meeting – 11th September, 2001

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. J.R. Bailey.

Works Committee: Full Council.

All other Committees, Representatives and Delegates remain the same as for 2000.

Council Meeting – 11th September, 2001

An offer of support of \$5,000 be made to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service at Orange for the purchase of a Mobile Blood

Bank to cover the western region of the State.

Council Meeting – 9th October, 2001

It was decided to update the Cook Street toilets instead of moving them to Ross St.

Wayne McDonald is to facilitate the role of Co-ordinator of the Community Based Heritage Study and possible members of the Committee are to comprise Kevin Webb, Max Cole, Alan Brown, Mervyn Dwyer, Laurie McMahon, Barry Webb, Barry Richard and Ken Solman.

A contribution of \$5,000 to be made towards the cost of producing a hard cover publication entitled "Living Treasures of Oberon" to be co-ordinated with the Rotary Club of Oberon on the understanding that the contribution will be recovered once the appropriate amount of books have been sold.

An urgent meeting to be sought with representatives of the Mid Western Area Health Service with a view to preventing the sale of the 4 blocks of land adjacent to the Oberon MPS until such time as it can be verified that there would be no use for the land for any future development of the MPS.

Ralph Tambasco to resign on 2nd November.

Special Council Meeting – 8th November, 2001

This meeting called to discuss Risk Management and Roads Inspection and Maintenance.

Council Meeting – 13th November, 2001

The road that runs off Ryan's Lane at O'Connell be name O'Briens Hill Road.

The road that runs off the Carlwood Road at O'Connell be named Saunders Road.

Council Meeting – 18th December, 2001

A Committee to be formed consisting of representatives of the Police Department, Council and interested members of the public to determine appropriate strategies to

resolve the criminal activities currently being experienced in Oberon.

Evans Council to be advised that this Council would support the changing of the name "Dog Rocks Road" to either Mirrigan, Mt. Bathurst or Throsby Road. Council prefers Alpine Road.

Mary Behan Citizen of the Year for 2001;
Jeremy Gear - Young Citizen and Kendall
Kirkwood - Sports person.

2002

Council Meeting – 15th January, 2002

Brian Mercer, newly appointed Senior Development Control Officer, is to commence duties on 4th February.

Council Meeting – 12th February, 2002

A Citizenship Ceremony was held for Mark and Tania Matthews.

No action to be taken to purchase the land next to the hospital for a car park.

Dog Rocks Road name to remain.

Mayor to provide a short talk on 2BS on Thursday mornings after Council Meetings.

Council Meeting – 12th March, 2002

The road running off Abercrombie Road leading to “Mt. Norway” be named Mt. Norway Road.

Extra works on the Ben Chifley Dam opened on 13th February, 2002.

Council Meeting – 9th April, 2002

Nothing.

Special Council Meeting – 23rd April, 2002

This meeting called to review the Management Plan for 2002/2003.

Council Meeting – 14th May, 2002

The Community Development Report was presented and basically covered the sealing of the Abercrombie Road.

Council to discontinue twice yearly kerbside residential clean up services but the garbage tip to be opened twice a year with no charge for domestic rubbish.

The road off the O’Connell Road leading to “Wattle Springs” be named Spring Valley Rd

Special Council Meeting – 27th May, 2002

This meeting called to discuss the possible offer of the private use of a motor vehicle to the Design Engineer.

Council Meeting – 11th June, 2002

Councillors’ fees set at \$5,510 and Mayor’s at \$8,860.

Council Meeting – 9th July, 2002

The Development Department to be directly supervised by the General Manager for a trial period of 6 months.

Council Meeting – 13th August, 2002

A grant of \$150,000 has been approved for funding of a Community Technology Centre.

Philippa Gemmel-Smith has been offered the position of Historian for the Oberon Heritage Study.

Council won a Gold Award for Management Innovation-Rural Councils at the recent Local Government Management Australia Annual Conference. Congratulations extended to all individuals involved in the Community Consultation Survey (Alan Brown, Audrey deWitte, Nichole Jackson and Margaret Carroll).

Council to complain to Gerard Martin and the Police about not appointing community representatives to the Blayney/Oberon Police Accountability Community Teams (PACT) as Oberon Council was not advised of the establishment of this team, nor was it consulted in relation to canvassing and nominating appropriate community representatives.

Special Council meeting – 10th September, 2002

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. M.G. Armstrong.

Delegates and representatives to various organizations and Committees remain the same as last year with the exception that Councillor Grady be appointed to the Youth Council and Councillor O’Bernier to the Works Committee.

Council Meeting – 10th September, 2002

The road running off Springmount Road (about 1.45 km. west of the Gingkin Road) be named Millers Lane.

Council Meeting – 8th October, 2002

Nothing.

Council Meeting – 9th November, 2002

A letter of support to be provided to the Friends of the Malachi Gilmore Hall for their funding application in respect to the possible purchase of the Malachi Gilmore Hall for long term community projects.

3 sides of the Cook Park toilets be considered for a mural, subject to the design being prepared by Inge Coutelas (de Witt) and be approved by Council.

The Community Technology Centre Committee to appoint the following representatives to its Management Committee – Ron Lardner, Hayley Crichton, John Gerard, John Nash, Peter Engelbert, Kay Watson, John Crichton, Debra Watson, David Willson and David Maxwell.

Council to draw attention to the appropriate body that Oberon is in a strong wind area and this should be taken into account when considering genetically modified canola seeds in the area.

The Oberon Business Association to hold an Inaugural Oberon Annual Business Awards Dinner at the R.S.L. on 7th December.

Letter of complaint to be sent to Gerard Martin about the care at the local hospital and the fact that the Service Plan still hasn’t been completed.

The Rural Fire Service be asked to provide access to creeks crossing public roads to enable fire tankers to fill up.

Council Meeting – 10th December, 2002

Citizen of the year – Andrew Godden;
Young Citizen – Rebecca Stapleton; and no Sportsperson Award issued.

2003

Council Meeting – 14th January, 2003

A letter was received from the Mayor of Manilla Shire Council complaining about the amount spent on fireworks celebrations on New Year's Eve when rural NSW is suffering.

Council Meeting 11th February, 2003

The lanes in Oberon are to be named.

A suggestion for mulching of green waste at the garbage depot was considered and it was suggested this be stockpiled until sufficient quantity is available to grind/chip. Council might consider making the mulch available at no cost to residents. An amount of \$10,000 for a mulching trial is to be referred to the 2003/2004 Estimates for consideration

The 2002 Energy Efficient Building Award to be presented to Mr. & Mrs. Nightingale of Carlwood Road.

The Official Launch of the C.T.C. to be held on 24th February by Gerard Martin.

Peter Andren advised Council that the Federal Government is planning to transport nuclear waste material from Lucas Heights through the Central West to Woomera in S.A.

Diana Fisher was Council's Australia Day Ambassador.

Special Council Meeting – 18th February, 2003

This meeting was called to discuss sewer charges; arrangements for meals at meetings (Chinese for regular Council meetings and take away on other occasions); Strategic Planning covering administration, public order and safety, health, community services, housing and community amenities, recreation and culture, building activities and gravel pits, transport and communications, economic affairs and miscellaneous items.

Council Meeting – 11th March, 2003

The Council Pool and Development Staff and the Oberon Pool Advisory Committee be commended for its success in winning State Government funding of \$100,000 for the enclosure of the Oberon Swimming Pool.

Break, enter and thefts at the Swimming Pool estimated to cost \$6,600.

Letters of protest to be sent to State Rail, The Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Shadow Minister for Transport about the methods used to select the winning tenders for the Country Link Bus Service, the lack of public disclosure of costs involved and the failure to consult with local government on an issue affecting the local area and also that ICAC be asked to investigate the matter as there may be a grave miscarriage of justice and an extensive waste of public funds.

A 10 year contract has been entered into with Broadcast Australia, expiring on 30th June, 2013, for the re-transmission of SBS, Capital, Prime and Win TV services from Falls Hill

Council Meeting – 8th April, 2003

The lane which runs from North to Fleming Street, between Queen and Oberon Streets be named Ramsgate Lane.

Warwick Lyon and Brooke Saul endorsed as members of the CTC Management Cttee.

As part of a drought management policy, every effort is being made to ensure that the supply from the Oberon Dam is maintained for the primary usage of the Oberon Community and business operations.

Arthur Barlow died in March.

Special Council Meeting – 15th April, 2003

This meeting was called to Review the Management for 2003/2004.

Council Meeting – 13th May, 2003

Dick Stevenson congratulated for his 19 years of service as the Local SES Controller and Alan Sharp be congratulated on his appointment as the new SES Controller.

Council to take no further action in its attempt to purchase the land at the Showground.

Inge deWit and Margaret Beilharz appointed to the Oberon Council Library Committee.

Councillors' fees for 2004 set at \$6,275 and Mayor's allowance set at \$9,480.

Council Meeting – 10th June, 2003

Domestic water restrictions introduced immediately prohibiting the use of fixed sprinklers between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily until further notice.

Congratulations to be sent to Merv Dwyer on recently being awarded the Centenary Medal for services to the health community.

Special Council Meeting – 17th June, 2003

This meeting was called to discuss the State Government's "Local Government Structural Reform" ideas (amalgamations).

Council Meeting – 8th July, 2003

James (Jim) Young appointed to the position of Local Controller of the Oberon SES.

Letters of condolence be sent to the families of Brian Sweeney and Merv Dwyer.

Council Meeting – 12th August, 2003

Council decided to take no action in supporting the listing of the Malachi Gilmore Memorial Hall on the State Heritage Register.

The proposed road to service a new subdivision off the Shooters Hill Road be named Keitanne Road.

The Boorowa Mayor quoted chilling similarities between the way the Scottish clans could not stick together against the English Kings and the way the N.S.W. bush operates these days and he states "every country council in N.S.W., big and small, should unite and firmly tell the N.S.W. Government what to do with its proposed amalgamations". Council decided that, following self-examination and resolution it would not accept amalgamations or have boundary adjustments imposed upon it, and that it would add its name to a list being prepared by Boorowa Council adopting the same strategy so that it becomes a co-ordinated effort against the State Government.

Council Meeting – 9th September, 2003

No action to be taken to fluoridate Oberon's water supply.

A donation of \$500 to be made to the Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch towards a table and chair set and request that the plaque say "donated by the Oberon Council on behalf of the community".

Council Meeting – 14th October, 2003:

The Official Opening of the Mural at Cook Park was on 27th September.

The Oberon War Memorial was dedicated on 4th October.

Council Meeting – 11th November, 2003

Rules for Questions from the Public be established as follows: (1) the person asking the question at the Council Meeting must clearly state their name and in what capacity they are acting; and (2) if the person asking the question is acting as another person/organisation's agent they must advise Council if they have their prior consent/authority.

No action to be taken in giving the hospital access to the Care Car after hours, and the hospital be advised that Council feels that this is just another Government cost shifting attempt.

Council Meeting – 9th December, 2003

Citizen of the year – June Evans;
Sportsperson – Amanda Assaf.

2004

Council Meeting – 13th January, 2004

The Heritage Council of N.S.W. has given notice of intention to list Jenolan Caves Reserve on the State Heritage Register.

A request for sections of the Abercrombie, Sewell's Creek and Foley's Creek Roads for B Double access was denied.

Council Meeting – 10th February, 2004

Council to prepare a submission on a dollar for dollar grant application to be made to the N.S.W. Heritage Office for a hardback history of Oberon, based on the Thematic History 2003, revised, further researched and illustrated with photographs incorporating a CD Rom as a database of historical photographs of the Oberon Local Government Area.

The Malachi Gilmore Hall has been listed on the State Heritage Register.

An amount of \$2,000 was voted to provide assistance to the Combined Councils Against Forced Amalgamations campaign team to be administered and accounted for by the Merriwa Shire Council.

The Mayor and 20 Oberon Council employees joined in the "Bugger Off Bob" demonstration day at Bathurst on 6th February (against amalgamations of councils).

Special Council Meeting – 24th February, 2004

This meeting was to consider a draft proposal to submit a boundary adjustment to the Dept. of Local Government for an extension of the Oberon Council boundaries to include a part of the Evans Shire Council and the Lithgow City Council.

Council Meeting – 9th March, 2004

Nothing.

Special Council Meeting – 13th April, 2004

The Local Government Elections were held on 27th March and Councillors Mark Armstrong, Jeremy Bailey, Murray Fenton and Bob O'Bernier went out and Councillors Ron Bailey, Don Fitzpatrick, z. Handelsmann and Keith Sullivan were elected.

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. M.R. Grady.

Election of Delegates and Representatives to Various Organisation and Committees:
Same as last year.

Council Meeting – 13th April, 2004

The road between Beaconsfield Road and Slogett's Road to be named Gibbons Road.

Council to allocate \$40,000 from the Emergency Services Section 94 Fund for the construction of an additional shed at the Oberon S.E.S. Headquarters.

A sub-committee, comprising Councillors Hooper, Sullivan and Dawson, the G.M. and Director of Engineering, be formed to try to save State Forests from being privatized.

Nicole Jackson to resign on 14th April.

Council to consider the proposed development of a Visitor Information Centre, Softwood Timber Industry Interpretive Centre, Community Technology Centre, Corporate Training Venue and National Parks & Wildlife Service Information Centre in the vicinity of the Ross Street and Edith Road intersection.

A commitment has been made to participate in Country Week 2004 and appropriate funding for this project is referred for consideration in the 2004/2005 Estimates.

Special Council Meeting – 27th April, 2004

This meeting called to review the fees and charges and Estimates.

Council Meeting – 11th May, 2004

The Mayor attended the Opening of a Memorial to commemorate the planting of the first pine tree in the district, held at Jenolan Caves/Boggy Creek Road by the Rotary Club.

Council Meeting – 8th June, 2004

Authority has been given to the Mayor to sign any necessary papers if an agreement is reached with the Bathurst Regional Council on the distribution of the assets of the former Evans Shire Council and he also be given authority to set the date for a public meeting at Burruga.

The General Manager thanked all volunteers throughout the Council area who actively participated in supporting the retention of the Oberon Council as an independent entity with special thanks to the No Amalgamation Group (NAG), his staff and Gerard Martin.

The Visitor Information Centre is to be relocated to the CTC.

Councillors' fees set at \$6,460 and the Mayoral Allowance at \$10,615.

Council Meeting – 13th July, 2004

A works tour incorporating inspections of programmed works, Council facilities and the new Burruga area incorporated into the Oberon Council area take place on 23rd July.

In Questions from the Public, Leanne Barlow raised policing issues and asked for support on how to make a security business viable in the town. Council resolved to support the proposal for a security business being set up and that a letter be written to the District Inspector of Police outlining its concerns at the time taken to respond to a break-in and the 3 days taken for fingerprint specialists to show up.

Water restrictions, in the form of no fixed sprinklers between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. 7 days per week to commence on 16th July.

2 new employees at the Visitor Information Centre, Louise Eddy and Leanne Speirs and the official opening to take place on 4th August.

Special Council Meeting – 27th July, 2004

This meeting called to discuss the Organisation Chart, the time Council meetings are taking, photocopying fees at the CTC and the General Manager's Contract.

Council Meeting – 10th August, 2004

Nothing.

Council Meeting - 14th September, 2004

Council to advertise for the position of Trainee Health Surveyor.

Council Meeting – 12th October, 2004

In future, any action arising from a question from the public is to be recorded.

Gail Willis to resign as from 17th December.

Ken Solman to resign as from 12th November.

Council Meeting – 9th November, 2004

Council has adopted a policy for staff recruitment.

Maisie Richardson appointed as Council's Occupational Health & Safety Co-ordinator.

The following people to be appointed as members of the Section 355 Committee of the Oberon to Tarana Rail Corridor Committee: Rick Fletcher, Ray McMahon, Robert Webb, Gary Taunton, Col Roberts, Wayne Cooper, Cr. Bill Dawson, Cr. John McMahon, Shane Moorehead, Laurie McMahon, Richard Webb, Glenn Sherlock, Richard Manson, Tim Charge, Cr. Keith

Sullivan and the General Manager (or delegate).

On 7th November the Mayor attended a N.S.W. Fire Brigades Farewell Dinner to Deputy Captain Ray Mawhood after 47 years of service to the community of Oberon. Also presentations were made to Captain Peter Ralls (45 years of service), Deputy Captain Ray Mawhood (45 years) and Peter Sheppard (25 years).

Ralph Tambasco appointed Director of Development on 8th November.

An appropriate plaque honouring Inge DeWitt to be placed at Cook Park.

Council Meeting – 14th December, 2004

The Mayor and General Manager appointed as Council's representatives on the Upper Macquarie Local Government Liaison Group.

The piece of road known as Abercrombie Road, from the intersection of Carrington Avenue to the intersection of the new Abercrombie Road, be renamed Rupert Street.

A Committee of Councillors and interested parties be established to identify a plan of action that will (a) identify key issues and motivators to relocate to Oberon and (b) encourage light manufacturing industry and other businesses to relocate or to establish in Oberon. This Committee to include Crs. Sullivan, Handelsmann and the G.M. or his delegate.

A motion that a committee of Councillors and interested people be established to evaluate the requirements for aged care and accommodation, and to develop an appropriate action plan was defeated.

John Chapman appointed Director of Corporate Services on 7th December.

Citizen of the Year is to be Pat Dwyer, Young Citizen – Michael Pye and Young Sportsperson – Bart Bogart.

2005

Council Meeting – 11th January, 2005

1 minute's silence was held in honour of lives lost and suffering endured as a result of the Indonesian earthquake and tsunami disaster.

Australia Day Ambassador to be Peter Hadfield.

Council Meeting – 8th February, 2005

No alcohol is to be brought into the swimming pool area and Council to investigate the possibility of the creation of an alcohol-free zone at "The Common".

Council Meeting – 8th March, 2005

It was decided to include all letters of complaint and congratulations in the Precis.

Council to donate the cost of a plaque at the Hospital in appreciation of the contribution to the community by Doctor Lance Robey.

Special Council Meeting – 22nd March, 2005

This meeting was called to discuss the erection of a temporary wind monitoring tower, the Community Plan and tenders for the swimming pool buildings extensions.

Special Council Meeting – 5th April, 2005

This meeting was called to discuss environmental and planning issues in relation to the Oberon Timber Complex.

Council Meeting – 12th April, 2005

2 roads in the industrial subdivision to be named Hawken Street and Maher Drive.

The Minister for Aged Care requested submissions for additional funding for aged care approvals. The Oberon health Advisory Council letter and Strategies were discussed.

The unveiling ceremony for the plaque for Dr. Lance Robey, AOM, at the Hospital to take place on 1st May.

Special Council Meeting – 26th April, 2005

This meeting called to discuss the General Manager's and Senior Staffs' Remunerations, Privacy Workshop and 2005/2006 Management Plan and Budget.

Council Meeting – 10th May, 2005

Jim Young to be re-appointed as Oberon S.E.S. Controller and Shane Bennett for the Burruga S.E.S.

Special Council Meeting – 24th May, 2005

This meeting was called to discuss a Development Application for a Quarry on Duckmaloi Road; Burials on Private Land; Determination of a Development Application; and the 2005/2006 Management Plan, Budget and Fees and Charges.

Council Meeting – 14th June, 2005

Nothing.

Special Council Meeting – 28th June, 2005

This meeting called to discuss modification of a Development Application for the White Granite Extraction Quarry; Development Control Plan for Wind Power Generation; Oberon Street Retaining Wall; the Budget Summary; Draft Management Plan; Parkes Street Park Development; and Recognition of Dr. Lance Robey (the balance of the funds for the cost of a plaque be utilized to provide appropriate signage on the Community Bus and at the Hospital.

Council Meeting – 12th July, 2005

Kate Dickson, Trainee Health & Building Surveyor, appointed 4th July.

Council to provide \$4,000 for remedial works on the rail/trail site at Carlwood to repair earthworks used by trail bikes.

Marjorie Armstrong has suggested that she form a Committee, with 2 Councillors for the purpose of maintaining the names on all graves at the Oberon Cemetery so as not to lose our history. It has been suggested that brass plaques be put on the graves where the names are fading or lost. Council is to set aside \$10,000 for the maintenance of the graves that need it, with 7 cemeteries under Council control that all cemeteries should have equal importance, and advice be sought from the National Trust as how to place the plaques on old monuments.

Council Meeting – 9th August, 2005

The Energy Efficient Building Award for 2005 be presented to Aaron Evans and Jodie Stait.

The Cemetery Headstone Maintenance Committee to comprise Pat Dwyer, Phillipa Gemmell-Smith, Sister Marie Therese (Slattery), Kevin Ryan, Ted Richards, Barry Webb, Marjorie Armstrong, Councillor John McMahon and a member of the Engineering Staff.

Council staff to organize the works to convert part of the former Tourism Office to a Mayor's Office.

The R.T.A. refused an "Oberon" sign at the turnoff of the Hume Highway at Goulburn.

Council Meeting – 13th September, 2005

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. K. Sullivan.

Election of Delegates and Representatives to Various Organisations and Committees:

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Dawson and McMahon.

Central Eastern Fire: Cr. C.L. McCarthy.

Chifley District Bush Fire: Crs. McCarthy and McMahon.

Council Bush Fire: Crs. Fitzpatrick and Hooper.

Performance Review: Full Council.

Works: Full Council.

Events: Cr. Z. Handelsmann.

Access: Cr. W.D. Dawson.

Land Sales: Crs. Bailey, Grady, Handelsmann, Hooper & Sullivan.

Consultative: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Traffic Advisory: Crs. Bailey and Hooper.

Cox's River Catchment: Vacant.

Youth Council: Vacant.

Oberon-Tarana Walking Track: Crs. Dawson, McMahon and Sullivan.

Library: Crs. Grady and Sullivan.

C.T.C.: Crs. Fitzpatrick, Grady and Sullivan.

Ben Chifley Catchment: Cr. C.L. McCarthy.

O.P.T.A.: Crs. Handelsmann and Sullivan.

Oberon Business Assocn.: Crs. Fitzpatrick, Handelsmann and Sullivan.

Blue Mountains Tourism: Cr. K. Sullivan.

Arts Outwest: Cr. K. Sullivan.

Promotions: Crs. Dawson, Grady and Sullivan.

Business Development: Crs. Fitzpatrick, Handelsmann, McCarthy & Sullivan.

Catchment Management: Cr. R.L. Hooper and General Manager.

Heritage: Crs. McCarthy and Sullivan.

An application to be made for Black Spot funding for the construction of a roundabout at the Lowes Mount Road/Albion Street intersection.

At the Planning Policy Meeting on 30th August "the strong smell of formaldehyde reported by visitors to Oberon be noted with concern" and a letter to be written to the District Superintendent of Police expressing Council's concern at the lack of police

numbers in Oberon and that a deputation to the Minister for Police regarding the matter be sought through the local member.

Council Meeting – 11th October, 2005

A presentation was made by May O'Reilly and Graham Parker on behalf of the Oberon Health Advisory Committee on the results of the recent Aged Care Survey.

Ordinary Council Meetings to commence at 4.00 p.m. (with the aim of finishing at 7.00 p.m. if reasonably possible) for a period of 3 months and the effectiveness of this starting time to be reviewed at the January, 2006 Council Meeting.

Councillor M.J. McMahon appointed as Council's delegate to the Cemetery Headstone Maintenance Committee.

Special Council Meeting – 20th October, 2005

This meeting called to discuss the Annual Financial Statements.

Council Meeting – 8th November, 2005

Toni Dwyer commenced duties as a Casual Governance Officer on 31st October.

A one-off Council meeting to be held at the O'Connell Church Hall or another suitable venue.

The Kelso High School request to provide a new wooden honour board for the School be accepted.

Special Council Meeting – 28th November, 2005

The Oberon Heritage Committee to comprise Crs. Keith Sullivan and Clive McCarthy, Mesdames Phillippa Gemmell-Smith, Sue Loudon, Brenda Doney and Messrs. Ralph Tambasco, Ian McKenzie, Ian Brady and Kevin Webb.

Council Meeting – 13th December, 2005

Representatives from the Oberon R.S.L. Sub-Branch gave a presentation (and Council endorsed the proposal) in relation to the proposed twinning between Oberon and Eceabat, Gallipoli Peninsular, Turkey.

Membership of a Conduct Committee to comprise the Mayor, General Manager, Pat Bird (of Kenny Spring, solicitors) and the designated alternate to the Mayor General Manager to be the Deputy Mayor.

Council issues considered to be the top State issues of concern for local government are: (a) ratability of Forests N.S.W. and National Parks & Wildlife Service land; (b) inadequate road funding; (c) planning issues; (d) cost shifting; (e) adequate water supply; (f) timber bridge replacement programme; and (g) small town sewage system upgrades.

The offer of a \$100,000 grant for the Oberon to Tarana Corridor Tourism Project Stage I be accepted.

Citizen of the Year – Shane Moorhead;
Young Sportsmen – Daniel & Ben Luther;
and Sportspersons of the Year – Lady Lawn Bowlers Patricia Coe, Dorothy Turner, Lorraine Foley and Peggy McIntosh.

2006

Special Council Meeting – 9th January, 2006

This meeting was called to discuss the sale of land for unpaid rates.

Council Meeting – 17th January, 2006

A suitable security camera is to be installed in the Recreation Room of the Swimming Pool to monitor the behaviour of swimming pool patrons.

A letter of objection is to be forwarded to Member for Calare, Peter Andren, and other appropriate members of the Commonwealth Government outlining the Council's concern at the proposed de-averaging proposal for telecommunications charges and seeking their support to ensure a more realistic pricing structure is put in place.

Council Meetings are now to start at 5.00 p.m. instead of 4.00 p.m.

Council Meeting – 14th February, 2006

The 3.3 km. of road running north off the Edith Road, approx. 2 km. northwest of Bastard Point Road, to be named Horse Show Bend Road.

A Draft Policy on media comments was adopted as follows: (a) all media comments of a politically sensitive nature be made by the Mayor of the day and in the Mayor's absence such comments be made by the Deputy Mayor; (b) Visitor Information staff continue to provide information via regular radio programmes, newsletters and media releases promoting the benefits of the region and to keep the public informed; and (c) factual media comments be made by the General Manager, or if the General Manager is not available then by the Acting General Manager and if the Acting General Manager is not available then by the most appropriate senior staff member who has knowledge and

responsibility for the matter raised by the media.

An application is to be made for grant funds for appropriate signage in relation to fish on Oberon Dam.

Conservation of material located in a time capsule discussed.

The Events Committee has asked Council to outline the Council Chambers with fairy lights as a trial run during the Centenary Celebrations.

Director of Corporate Services, John Chapman, appointed as Council's Protected Disclosures Officer.

Councillor Sullivan authorized to investigate the feasibility of establishing a specialized timber warehousing facility.

No further action be taken to conduct a full Council Meeting at O'Connell but that a Public meeting be arranged to discuss local issues.

Council Meeting – 14th March, 2006

A small group of former staff to be invited to take part in discussions with a view to the organisation of a staff reunion.

That quotes be accepted for the restoration of the material from the Time Capsule.

As part of the Centenary Celebrations of Local Government in Oberon, sites identified as having heritage value to have their history recorded on a plaque and consideration be given to providing "heritage" style signs for the localities, villages and places of significance in the Council area as part of Council's signage programme.

The Oberon to Tarana Rail Corridor Committee to be wound up and a committee (name to be determined) to develop Stage I of the Oberon to Hazelgrove section be established.

Bob Hooper presented with an "Emeritus Mayor" award in recognition of 10 years' service as Mayor.

Letters to be written to the relevant Federal Minister and to the Local Member, Peter Andren, expressing Council's disappointment and disgust at the removal of public telephone facilities without any consultation.

The distribution of business papers for Ordinary Council meetings be arranged to provide that the business paper is received by elected members before it is released to the general public.

Council Meeting – 11th April, 2006

Options to reduce the speed of traffic in Oberon Street between Ross and Fleming Streets, and to reduce the number of heavy vehicles traveling through Oberon Street, be investigated.

The offer to take up a dental practice in Council's existing facilities in Dart Street by Dr. Hendrik B. Kroone, MDSc be accepted in principle, quotations be obtained for the provision of appropriate dental equipment to set up the practice and an estimate of cost to upgrade the building facilities to a presentable standard be approved.

Marjorie Armstrong, on behalf of the Oberon Cemetery Committee has noted that the headstone on the grave of the late Hilary Rodwell, who was Oberon's first female Councillor, has faded dramatically and has requested Council to consider the provision of a brass plaque to be placed on her grave as part of the Oberon Council's Centenary Celebrations. Council agreed to acquire an appropriate brass plaque and have it engraved.

Support given in principle to the development of a mosaic to celebrate the Centenary of the Oberon Council. This could take the form of a mosaic wall or pathway, possibly near The Common.

An initial application for conversion of the Reserve for Recreation north of the Oberon Dam wall, to include a caravan park, be submitted to the Department of Lands.

A Maintenance Sub-Committee is to be formed in conjunction with the Cemetery Headstone Committee and once Council has been given the list of plaques needed for unmarked graves, and a list of those unmarked graves that have family in the local area, a letter be sent to the families asking for their assistance in placing plaques on their family member's grave site.

Assistance to be provided to the Oberon Rugby Leagues Club in the production of a book to provide a history of the Club by the pre-purchase of 100 copies of the book at \$35.00 per copy and a contribution of \$1,500 towards research costs.

A possible creation of a further collection of caricatures by Mick Joffe is to be co-ordinated by the Rotary Club.

The Oberon Railway Yards (which incorporates the Railway Station and Stockyards) are listed on the State Heritage Register.

The potential for inclusion of family/private cemeteries as follows on the heritage list: Cosgrove Family Cemetery on Lot 3, D.P. 1010250, Abercrombie Road, Porters Retreat; Cemetery on Dick Bell's property at Paling Yards; and the Clayton Family Cemetery at "Ballyroe".

Council Meeting – 9th May, 2006

The 1 km. road running south off the Duckmaloi Road to the Mudgee Stone Quarry be named Ferndale Road.

A sub-committee, consisting of 1 elected member and the G.M. or his delegate, from each Council from Oberon, Upper Lachlan and Goulburn Mulwaree Councils be formed to promote the Goulburn-Taralga-Oberon Road.

Council to write to the local State and Federal members objecting to the sale of the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme.

Agreement in principle given to the formation of a strategic alliance between Oberon, Lithgow and Midwestern Councils to foster and promote improved levels of service and performance by working co-

operatively together for the ultimate benefit of their respective communities.

Special Council Meeting – 15th May, 2006

This meeting called to discuss the General Manager's Performance Review.

Council Meeting – 13th June, 2006

An allocation of \$4,600 to be provided to pave approximately 60 sq.m. of pathway at the Oberon War Memorial Park.

The annual fees for Councillors to be set at \$8,380 and for the Mayor at \$18,300.

A working group comprising a staff representative from the Information Centre/CTC, a staff representative from the Library, a staff representative from Council's Office, and a Council representative (Cr. Z. Handelsmann) to meet for approx. 1 hour on a bi-weekly basis to compile, maintain and update Council's Community Directory.

Malcolm Graham appointed to the vacant position on the Library Committee.

Brett Fitzpatrick appointed to the vacant position on the Hazelgrove Public School Reserve Committee.

In connection with the lack of aged care in Oberon in comparison to other areas Council resolved to: 1. Make representations to State and Federal Members of Parliament to highlight the plight of the Oberon community's imbalance in relation to the provision of aged care accommodation; 2. Provide support to the local Health Council with efforts to obtain the necessary funding to provide additional aged care accommodation; 3. Make appropriate arrangements with the relevant State and Federal Ministers and Members of Parliaments to visit Oberon Hospital in consideration of Oberon's inequitable allocation of aged care accommodation; 4. Express concern at the closure of Oberon Hospital's Palliative Care Ward; and 5. Invite relevant community groups to participate.

The "Tablelands Way" has been accepted as the formal title for the connecting road between Oberon and Goulburn (the Abercrombie and Taralga Road) and Council confirmed the alliance with Goulburn Mulwaree and Upper Lachlan Councils to develop the Tablelands Way as an iconic driving route.

Council has decided to leave its meeting dates on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Council to write to Phil Koperberg expressing Council's concern and seeking justification for the depletion of brigade equipment stores at the Rural Fire Service's Oberon Control Centre, the transfer of staff from the Oberon Control Centre to the Administration Office at Bathurst despite assurances from the Chifley Zone Manager in July, 2005 that staff would not be relocated from Oberon to Bathurst and the lack of notice to the general public of the recently introduced requirement for Hazard Reduction Certificates.

An application is to be made for "Mary Vale" Cemetery on Lot 3, D.P. 1010250, Abercrombie Road, Porters Retreat to be included on the N.S.W. Heritage List.

Advice is to be sought from the Bathurst/Oberon Branch of the National Trust on the steps required to implement a Heritage Award to recognize significant heritage building restorations and the owners of the Royal Hotel, Imperial Stores, Fringe Benefits Hairdresser (and adjoining building at the rear) and Col Brett Real Estate be advised of the potential for funding to assist with the reinstatement of verandahs.

Steps to be taken to establish a Heritage Drive and Heritage Walks with the potential areas to include villages.

The Care Car Committee suggested to Council that the "contribution for use" no longer be voluntary and that a recommended "charge system" be utilized.

Council Meeting – 11th July, 2006

Christine Parker appointed to the vacant position on the Library Committee.

Council once again to write to schools and Police asking them to conduct an education programme highlighting the dangers and illegality of riding bicycles on footpaths.

Special Council Meeting – 25th July, 2006

This meeting called to discuss land purchases and presentation of the draft Agricultural Analysis Report.

Council Meeting – 8th August, 2006

A public meeting is to be held on 28th August, with the support of the Oberon Health Council, Oberon Business Association and Local, State and Federal Members of Parliament to discuss the opportunities and possibilities for improved aged care facilities in the Oberon District.

A Memorandum of Understanding for a Strategic Alliance with the Mid Western Regional and Lithgow City Councils to be executed under the Common Seal.

Former staff living in the Central Western Region to be invited to attend a Council Christmas function in 2006.

Special Council Meeting – 22nd August, 2006

This meeting called to discuss Governance Health Check and Strategic Planning, 2006/2007 Management Plan and Social/Community Plan, Street Banners, Proposed Land Sale and Presentation of Draft Agricultural Analysis Report.

Council resolved that street banners be attached to main street light poles.

Special Council Meeting – 5th September, 2006

Mayor: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Deputy Mayor: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

Committees, etc.:

Access: To be discontinued.

Arts Out West: No delegate.

Oberon Arts Council: Cr. W.D. Dawson.

Ben Chifley Catchment Management: No delegate.

Blue Mountains Tourism: Cr. K. Sullivan and General Manager.

Catchment Management (Lachlan, Macquarie & Sydney Water): Cr. Hooper & G.M.

Cemetery Headstone Maintenance: Cr. M.J. McMahon.

(Community for 2 years to September, 2008: Marj. Armstrong, Pat Dwyer, Phillipa Gemmell-Smith, Sister Marie Therese (Slattery), Kevin Ryan, Ted Richards, Barry Webb and staff member Maria McGrath.)

Central Eastern Fire: To be discontinued.

C.T.C.: To be discontinued.

Consultative: Cr. R.L. Hooper.

Council Bush Fire: To be discontinued.

Cox's River Catchment: No delegate.

Events: Crs. Hooper and Sullivan.

(Community for 2 years to September, 2008: Wayne Cooper, Bronwyn Harvey, Brenda Lyon, Laurie McMahon, Jan Torner and Eric Whelan and staff members G.M. (or in his absence the Director of Corporate Services) and Jennifer Johnson (Visitor Information Centre.)

Finance: Whole Council.

Hazelgrove Public School Reserve: Cr. D. Fitzpatrick. (Committee for 2 years to September, 2008: Greg & Brett Fitzpatrick.)

Heritage: Crs. McCarthy and Sullivan. (Committee for 2 years to September, 2008: Phillipa Gemmell-Smith, Sue Loudon, Brenda Doney, Ian McKenzie, Ian Brady, Kevin Webb and Laurie McMahon and staff member Ralph Tambasco.)

Land Sales: Crs. Bailey, Grady, Hooper and Sullivan.

Library: Crs. Grady and Handelsmann.

(Committee for 2 years to September, 2008: Shirley Turner, Marie Mitchell, Margaret Beilharz, Malcolm Graham and Christine Parker and staff Bruce Fitzpatrick and Amanda McGrath).

Oberon Business Association: Cr. Handelsmann.

Oberon Business Promotion: Crs. Fitzpatrick, Handelsmann, McCarthy & Sullivan.

Oberon-Hazelgrove Rail: Crs. Sullivan and McMahan.

(Committee for 2 years to September, 2008: Shane Moorhead, Aiden Clerk, Glen Sherlock, Peter Hanrahan, Ray McMahan, David Jacobs, Col Roberts and Wayne Cooper and Staff Leigh Robins).

Oberon Plateau Tourism: Councillor K. Sullivan.

Oberon Promotions: Crs. Dawson, Grady and Sullivan.

(Committee for 2 years to September, 2008: Aiden Clark, Tim Charge and Wayne Cooper and General Manager or designate).

Performance Review: Whole Council.

Rural Fire Service (Chifley): Crs. McCarthy & McMahan & Ian Tucker (Wks. Manager)

U.M.C.C.: Crs. Dawson and McMahan.

Works: Whole Council.

Youth Council: To be discontinued.

Golf Club Liaison: Crs. Dawson, Grady and Sullivan.

Saleyards: Cr. D. Fitzpatrick.

Senior Citizens Liaison: Crs. Grady, Hooper, McMahan and Sullivan.

Self Care Units Tenancy: Cr. C.L. McCarthy and Barbara Phelan (Staff).

Applications: Dr. Andrew Godden and Mary Behan.

Council Meeting – 12th September, 2006

Investigations to be undertaken into the extension of the Mount David Village Zone and a report prepared on the extension of the Burruga Village Zone.

A report to be prepared with a view to adoption of a policy for recognition of service to the community by individuals.

Arrangements to be made for the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Bearup at Council's October, 2006 Meeting on his retirement after over 40 years service in Oberon and Council support the Business Association's proposal for a public function to recognize his service to the community.

A proposal to be put to all businesses encouraging them to participate with the Council in the project to outline all mains street buildings with fairy lights.

Council to lodge a strong protest to the removal of public payphones, ask Telstra to replace the 3 phones already removed, ask Telstra to provide regular service and prompt repairs to the public payphones remaining the main street and advise Peter Andren of Council's concerns.

Council Meeting – 10th October, 2006

Council noted with regard the passing of 2 highly respected citizens and past Oberon Councillors namely Hubert Harold McKinnon and Montague Charles Carrington Cotton.

Support to be given to the Bells Line Expressway Group to gather support for the proposed Bells Line Expressway (Petition).

A Public Meeting to be held at the O'Connell Church Hall in February, 2007 the following items be included for discussions at the meeting: tree avenue, heritage precinct, speed limit, recreation ground, creation of a village, Mayfield Road sealing and Mayfield Gardens.

Support to be sought from the Radiata Pine Association for a suitable award or school scholarship to recognise the contribution of

Monty Cotton towards the establishment of the timber industry in Oberon.

The Heritage Committee to be requested to investigate methods of recognition of the Cotton family and other pioneering families in the Oberon area.

**Special Council Meeting – 17th
October, 2006**

This meeting called to discuss the Jenolan Caravan Park and the Annual Financial Reports.
