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What happened at the Council Meeting on 6 October 2015?

A summary of issues considered at the Council meeting held on 6 October 2015 in Corryong is provided below:

Riverview Independent Living Units, Walwa – For the past 21 years the operations of the Riverview Independent Living Units at Walwa have been administered by a Council appointed Committee of Management. The units have been managed extremely well during this period and Council took the opportunity to thank the committee members, who are all locally based in the Walwa area, for their efforts. With the expiry of the current arrangement Council resolved to continue the Committee of Management arrangement. The Committee will be comprised of three community members, one Riverview resident, one Walwa Bush Nursing Centre representative and one Council representative. Cr Debi Gadd is the nominated Council representative.

Tree Management Plan – Council recognises that trees are a significant asset that are of high value to the community. They contribute not only to the amenity of built up areas but are the ultimate slip, slop, slap alternative. However, the presence of trees in public areas can present a degree of risk to people and property and the benefits provided by them can come at a considerable cost in terms of impact on infrastructure such as drainage, roads and footpaths. In addressing one of the key priorities in its 2013-2017 Council Plan, Council has prepared a Tree Management Plan that will apply to all trees under Council's management within the 40 km to 80 km per hour speed limit zones. The Plan documents the management strategies that Council has in place to ensure the longevity and quality of trees within its urban environments and the risk management practices in place used to ensure minimal impact on both Council and private property of Council managed trees.

Towong Planning Application 2015/050 – 13 Lot re-subdivision, Cudgewa – Council considered a Planning Permit application that sought to re-subdivide a rural property into 13 new lots on land south east of Cudgewa. Council resolved to defer consideration of this application to the Council Meeting to be held on 10 November 2015.

The above information is a summary only of the Council Meeting business. Copies of Council Minutes are available from Council's website www.towong.vic.gov.au, Council Offices and all townships within the Shire (either the Post Office or local store). Should further information be required please contact Diana Snaith on 02 6071 5100.

The next ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 November 2015 at the Council office in Tallangatta, commencing at 10.00 am with Open Forum.

Council Meetings are public meetings and all are welcome to attend.