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What happened at the Council Meeting in August?

A summary of issues considered at the Council meeting held on 2 August 2016 in Corryong is provided below:

SES Funding – Council resolved to reinstate funding to the three SES units within the Shire for a period of three months up to a total combined value of \$8,085 and to continue to lobby the State for an adequate funding model for SES services.

Council's inability to provide ongoing financial support to SES units is due to the financial environment it is operating in and not a reflection of the value Council places on the SES. Council formally acknowledged the work of the local SES units and expressed their appreciation for the service provided to the communities of Towong Shire and passed on their appreciation to the members of each unit for their valuable assistance in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Adoption of Council Budget 2016/17 –The Budget establishes the financial framework of Council including income and expenditure, rating strategy, borrowings and asset management programs necessary for Council operations. The 2016/17 budget seeks to deliver a range of key projects for the community, including (but not limited to):

- Seeking external funding to implement the Master Plan for our Upper Murray communities – Upper Murray 2030 Vision Plan
- Implementing Destination Tallangatta projects including upgrades to the Tallangatta foreshore, Tallangatta Holiday Park and Towong Street
- Continuing to implement our Town Beautification Program throughout the Shire
- Upgrading of the Corryong airport precinct in partnership with the State Government

Council's 2016/17 Budget can be viewed online at www.towong.vic.gov.au or copies can be obtained from the Council Offices in Corryong or Tallangatta

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 and Council Offices in Corryong and Tallangatta. Should further information be required please contact Diana Snaith on 02 6071 5100.

The next ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6 September 2016 at the Tallangatta Council Office commencing at 10.00 am with Open Forum.

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