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Wellington Shire Community Meeting.

About 25 people turned up to meet with Councillors, the following is a brief summary of proceedings.

Streetscape: Vic Roads have given the plan the O.K. but don't hold your breath as it looks like it won't happen for a couple of years.

Drainage/Sewerage: The Small Town Sewerage Program Grant Scheme provided by the State Govt., is being focussed by Wellington Shire on Loch Sport, Seaspray etc., as these are high growth areas. Cowwarr is on the Waste Management Plan at number 5 for reticulated sewerage. Again don't hold your breath as the timeline is about 10 years! There will be an opportunity to lobby Council in October. The estimated cost per household is expected to be around the \$800 mark with Vic. Govt. grants.

Anyone experiencing significant problems with their current septic system should note that the Shire will licence the new dry composting toilet systems.

H. Hoppner mentioned the Toongabbie Sewerage plan that Don Cadwallader & Gippsland Water are looking which would see treated water to be stored in a dam behind the Toongabbie Golf Course and used to water reserves etc. Council not interested but CMA might be.

Roads: Seaton Road and Harkins Bridge. The road does not line up with the bridge and the shoulders need upgrading and if possible sealed. Council agreed to do something about the shoulders but not the bridge alignment. Council also admitted that they cannot regulate the load limit of trucks using the Seaton Road except by negotiation – this is despite the signs which do indicate that trucks may only use the road if they are delivering to/picking-up from a resident.

Johnstons Road Seaton The road needs grading and the drains at the bottom no longer work. Council agreed to inspect and do something.

Weir Road Things got a bit heated with the ongoing saga of when something will be done about this road. It was pointed out that the road is too narrow for the amount of traffic using the road especially at weekends and during summer. It was also noted that milk tankers are now using this road and that culverts narrow the road so that a car and tanker cannot pass safely. Whatever happened to the agreement with Latrobe Shire where Latrobe would pay 80% of an upgrade & Wellington 20%? Wellington Shire does not seem to be pushing for anything to happen soon – maybe the residents who live in the area and pay rates to Latrobe should get onboard and lobby their councillor.

White Road Posts The white posts along roads are frequently knocked down by roadside mowing operations and are rarely replaced. Of particular note is the corner at 3 Chain Road where half the posts are missing and tree regrowth obscures signs. Because it is a VicRoads road Council handballed that one but urged residents to alert Council officers of other incidents of posts down, signage and tree problems.

Flood Management Overlays: In conjunction with WGCMA Council is reviewing flood overlay provisions. Interested Residents are encouraged to obtain a copy of the review papers and submit comments.

Building Permits/Planning: A number of people brought up this topic and for most it seems there is just too much red tape and too restrictive. The Council stated that they were only administering the law and although they were looking at new rural zones for development the size of any block does not mean that a building permit will be issued.

Not in the Census: Finally, the Shire held a Census of all towns in Wellington – guess who they forgot???

CFA - Notes from the Shed

Bushfire Blitz Hazard Reduction Information Sessions.

Two sessions will be held on Sunday 9th. October 2005 – Weir Estate.

1pm Cnr. Fox's and Travoyers Roads
3:30pm Cnr Weir Rd and Hocking Crescent.

Contact Captain Andrew Iseppi on 5148 9339 for more info.

The SIDS and Kids Packhorse Ride

Attached to this Chronicle is a flyer for the Packhorse Ride on the 8th. & 9th. October. This is a great weekend and even if you don't want to enter the ride, why not go up to Walhalla on Saturday 8th. to see the riders come in at about 3pm or on Sunday 9th. at noon when they parade through town. Take a picnic and enjoy this lovely historic little township.

CCHA News

The CCHA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th. September 2005 at the Cowwarr Public Hall from 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Variety Club Bash

They say persistence eventually pays off! Well, after 13 goes Helen Hoppner and team have won the Bash Cup and along the way raised a lot of money for the Variety Club children's charity efforts and had a lot of fun and games along the way.

Congratulations to Helen and Pauline and all their poor victims, kidnapped or otherwise!

For Sale

The Cowwarr Public Hall has for sale:-

2 x interior wooden doors – need a bit of work but solid
2 x old exterior doors – could be useful in shed or as a divider.
Quantity of laminated panel offcuts – suitable for small jobs – joiners available – neutral colour

Contact Judith Stone on 5148 9364 for inspection – best offer

Cowwarr Football and Netball Teams

Congratulations to the Football and Netball Teams for a great season and their hard work and commitment. It might look like you need to import AFL players from W.A. to win the footy premiership but who cares everyone has put in their best effort and that is what really counts.

Main Street Traffic/Speed Count – VicRoads.

VicRoads has completed their traffic/speed count and Helen is trying to track down the figures. Seems there is only one person in Vic Roads who has this information, so stay tuned we will publish the results when they come to hand.

PS

Thank-you to the person who returned the June survey form.