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INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION

The principal assets of the Uralla Shire Council are Infrastructure Assets; Roads, Bridges, Storm-water Drainage, Water and Sewer. The carrying value of these assets at 30 June 2010 was \$271.6 million of the total fixed assets of \$296.3 million or 91.7% of all fixed assets.

The major (\$245.6 million) portion of Council's assets are roads. Roads are divided into three categories; State, Regional and Local. Council has responsibility for Regional and Local Roads. Within the Uralla Shire Council area the New England Highway is our sole State Road.

The Regional Roads are Thunderbolts Way and Bundarra Road. The costs of Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of these roads are shared with the Roads and Traffic Authority.

“MEET THE COUNCILLORS” SESSIONS

Kentucky	7 May 2011, Kentucky Hall from 9.00 am
Bundarra	To be determined
Kingstown	To be determined
Invergowrie	To be determined

WATER AND SEWER

The Uralla Shire Council has completed its Integrated Water Cycle Management Project. The NSW Office of Water has approved an Integrated Water Cycle Management Simplified Strategy for the Uralla Shire Council. This Strategy was endorsed at the recent (18 April 2011) Council meeting and will include the Actions Required into its budget considerations for the years 2011/2012 to 2014/2015.

The estimated expenditure to meet the Actions are:

2010/2011	\$ 31,000
2011/2012	\$ 45,000
2012/2013	\$ 41,000
2013/2014	\$ 45,000
2014/2015	\$ 10,000
Total	\$172,000

The two water funds (Uralla and Bundarra) were joined together from 1 July 2010 and now operate as a single water authority. To protect the funds accumulated by the Uralla Water Users an amount of \$479,658.06 has been reserved (restricted) for the purposes of works on the Uralla Water System.

The current strategic objectives for the Water and Sewer Finds are to:

- provide safe, cost effective and affordable water supply facilities complying with statutory requirements, for the benefit of both present and future residents of the town of Uralla and of the village of Bundarra.
- provide safe, cost-effective and affordable sewerage facilities complying with statutory requirements, for the benefit of both present and future residents of the town of Uralla, without creating significant pollution problems in the disposal of the wastewater.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure is the basic physical and organizational structures needed for the operation of a society or enterprise, or the services and facilities necessary for an economy to function. The term typically refers to the technical structures that support a society, such as [roads](#), [water supply](#), [sewers](#), [electrical grids](#), [telecommunications](#), and so forth.

Wikipedia (2011)

QUESTION

For what activities of a rural council are most comments and complaints received?

ANSWER

First, Unsealed Roads; Second Dogs; Third, Sealed Roads.

PLEASE NOTE

The Third Community Consultation meeting at the Uralla Memorial Hall is on Friday 28 April 2011 from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm. The meeting is “Café” style in that the various subject will be at separate tables and instead of just sitting and listening to a few speakers you can talk directly to Councillors/Staff and put your point of view for the direction in which you wish the Uralla Shire Council to take over the next ten years.

BRIDGES AND MAJOR CULVERTS

The Uralla Shire Council has the 62 bridges and major culverts (>6 metres in length). The past practice of the regular replacement of timber bridges means that there are just 6 timber bridges (1 on a regional road and 5 on local roads) remaining. Timber bridges are a problem for many councils not only in NSW but also other states because many are reaching the end of their useful life.

The ten year financial projections has all the timber bridges replaced by the year 2017/2018.

The current strategic objectives for the Bridges is to manage, maintain and develop the system of bridges effectively and efficiently for:

- (A) **Local Roads:** 5 timber, 2 steel and 28 concrete and steel bridges and major (>6 metres) culverts.
- (B) **Regional Roads:** 1 timber, 1 steel and 25 concrete and steel bridges and major (>6 metres) culverts.

ROADS — ROAD NETWORK

The Uralla Shire Council’s road network is:

Roads	Sealed Kms	Unsealed Kms	Total Kms
Regional	127.52	13.68	141.20
Local	298.20	521.00	819.20
Total	425.72	534.68	960.40
Percentage	44.3%	55.7%	100.0%

The current ten year financial plan to 2019/2020 has reconstruction and construction estimates for the sealing of some 71.8 kms of roads. This would bring the percentage of sealed road in the shire to 56%. These financial estimates are currently being updated for the 2011/2012 estimates, however the target of sealed roads at 55% of the total network is being maintained.

The current strategic objective for Unsealed Rural Roads is to manage, maintain and develop the system of unsealed rural roads effectively and efficiently and only plan to seal them when economically justified.

The current strategic objective for Sealed Rural Roads is to manage, maintain and develop the system of sealed rural roads effectively and efficiently.

The current strategic objective for Urban Roads is to manage, maintain and develop the system of urban roads in the Shire effectively and efficiently.

RESEALING AND RE-SHEETING PROGRAMS

The best way to maintain an asset is to maintain it to a regular plan. This is also the case for sealed and unsealed roads. Sealed roads are maintained best by regular fixing of potholes and resealing and unsealed roads by grading and re-sheeting.

The Uralla Shire Council reseals 8% of its sealed road network annually. This resealing of 10 kms of regional roads and 21 kms of local roads means that roads are resealed on an average of 12 years.

During this current financial year Council has re-introduced the re-sheeting of unsealed roads to reinforce the grading schedule. Re-sheeting is the practice of adding gravel into the surface during grading.

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

The strategic objectives of other activities that affect infrastructure are:

Footpaths

To manage, maintain and develop the system of footpaths in the urban centres in the Shire efficiently and effectively .

Urban Stormwater Drainage

To plan, design, construct and manage new and additional stormwater drainage systems and catchment areas, to collect, transport and discharge stormwater runoff effectively, efficiently and economically to reduce flooding, soil erosion, pollution and improve water quality.