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## MAYORAL COLUMN

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The purpose of the Mayoral Column is to keep the community informed of current and future developments happening within the Council.

It would be appreciated by the Council to receive your feedback on its service delivery to its community and your comments would be welcomed either through mail, email or phone.

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### **McCann Park**

The Council officially opened McCann Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and it is appropriate to acknowledge the assistance of the Department of Environment Climate Change in providing part funding for the upgrade.

The Council has an aim of establishing quality facilities for the residents of the Bland Shire in the first instance to create a sense of community pride. Of course visitors are also welcome.

### **Toilet Facilities – Barmedman, Weethalle, Ungarie, McCann Park, Herridge Park**

Over the next two months, the Council will complete the renovation of the above toilet facilities and the Council apologise for any inconvenience caused during the renovations. As a future consideration the toilet facilities following the renovations will be closed at night times to avoid the high incidence of vandalism which has occurred in recent times.

### **Waste Management / Recycling**

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, the Council has endorsed the establishment of a business unit to manage Council's kerbside collection service. There are a number of initiatives to come from the development of the business unit including:

- local employment
- reduction in fees for those who have elected to take up the option of utilizing a 120 litre bin
- community recycling at the West Wyalong Tip Site



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The Council would welcome enquiries at the Development Services section to discuss their needs including trade waste.

Of future consideration by the Council is the rationalization of tip sites within the Shire boundaries.

The Council is committed to working with all villages and residents in achieving a cost efficient service delivery.

### **Roadworks**

The Council's Engineering Services section have recently completed nearly \$3 million in flood damage works in the western portion of the Shire. It is opportune to congratulate all staff involved and many residents in the area have complimented the Shire on the works undertaken.

### **Ungarie Pool**

The Council has recently received all documentation from the successful tenderer to enable the contract to be drawn up and signed. The aim is to ensure the project is delivered on time and on budget. The Council will continue to provide updates on this project as it unfolds.

### **Budget 2009/10**

The Council is committed to instill confidence in the long term sustainability of our Council and as such will be putting forward a works schedule to ensure all members of the community are provided a benefit, whether through better roads, footpaths, swimming pool facilities, etc. The Council will also consider borrowings to complete several major projects without a reduction in the current service levels. This will be achieved through efficiency gains of the Council's operations.

### **Street Trees**

The timing is right for the planting of street trees and the Council has developed a street tree plan for Wyalong and West Wyalong and would welcome interested residents to place an order for trees to be planted. The Council would appreciate residents receiving these trees to assist by watering for the initial growing period - please contact Wayne Broad.



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### Projects On The Go

- **SES / RFS Buildings** – has been set up as a separate project and quotations have been sought
- **Wyalong Court House** – planning has been completed and awaiting sign off by the Attorney General's Office to undertake the works
- **Footpath** – The Wyalong to West Wyalong footpath is in the tender phase
- **Wetlands (Neeld Street)** – planning has commenced with interested partners
- **Perseverance Street Complex** – The Council has appointed a consultant to assist in developing an overall concept plan for this precinct

### Other Matters Of Interest

- **Goldenfields Water** – Goldenfields Water has recently put out their Management Plan for comment and the Council will consider this plan at its May meeting. There are financial implications for all users and interested parties should let their Council representatives know or make their submission to Goldenfields direct. The Council will be formulating its own response.

### Your Comments / Feedback

The Council is interested and welcomes your comments or suggestions on any issues from within the community. It is your community and as such we would like to hear how we can best meet your needs.

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