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Mr. Mead reported that pole treatment had been carried out on all high tension poles on Oxley's Hill and in Burdwood. A number of poles would have to be replaced at the earliest opportunity. Difficulty had been experienced with the town clock in Mittagong and it had been completely overhauled. The time had been slow on several occasions, but the pendulum was being adjusted daily to obtain correct regulation.

Consideration of the recommendation of Mr. Mead that kerbing and grass lawns be placed about the four light standards in Hume Highway, south from Victoria Street, and that lamps from Ferguson's nursery to Gibbergunyah Creek and along Bowral Road be converted to suspension lights with diffusing or directive glassware fittings, was deferred, pending the submission of estimates of the cost.

Woolfendilly Shire wrote that as sections of its area, paying an electricity loan rate, were still without electricity, it could not contemplate supplying Hill Top for at least three or four years.

It was decided to convey this information to Hill Top Progress Association, which had expressed its dissatisfaction with the delay in obtaining electricity supply from Nattai Shire.

Mrs. E. M. Perabo wrote that land adjoining her property constituted a fire hazard, and asked Council to issue instructions for it to be burnt off. It was decided to serve notice on the owner to have the land burnt off, otherwise it would be burnt off by Council at his expense.

Cr. Toohy retired from the meeting while his application for closure and purchase of a road on the eastern boundary of portion 335, parish of Berrima, was dealt with. Council agreed to the request.

An application was received from Mrs. D. M. Walton for an extension of water main to serve her property in Cavendish Street, Mittagong. It was stated that to extend the 3-in. main would cost £130, while service could also be given from a 3-in. pipe at a cost of £20. In the latter case, the additional cost would result in a poor supply being obtained by properties already connected to this service.

Mr. C. N. Lee wrote that the existing 2-in. water main was unable to meet the demand of Sunset Point, which was developing rapidly, and the longer the job of installing an adequate main was postponed the greater would be the number of services to be reconnected later on. He suggested that Council approve the extension of the 4-in. main from Edward Street corner along Pioneer Street. He requested that from this main he be permitted to connect his property occupied by Mr. W. Leade, subject to him providing the pipes.

The Shire Clerk stated that new mains in both the above cases were provided for under a local water supply scheme. Approval of this scheme should shortly be forthcoming, and it was practically certain that the reticulation would be commenced before the dam works were completed. The 16 chains of 4-in. main along Pioneer Street, suggested by Mr. Lee, would cost in the vicinity of £200. If supply to Mr. Leade was a matter of urgency, the property could be connected through Bradman's property.

It was decided to inform both applicants that Council was unable to finance the extensions at present.

Mr. Morgan said the appeal to residents made by the President through the local press had resulted in many dangerous areas being burnt off.

The President said Mrs. Knight, of Balacava, had stated that Council's land near her property constituted a fire menace.

Mr. Morgan said he was unaware that Council owned any land in this vicinity. The matter was referred to the Overseer to inspect.

Dr. G. Browne re-submitted his letter of 9th June, asking that work be carried out to enable him to get his car into the garage at his cottage on the corner of Oxford and Tyndall Streets, Mittagong.

The Overseer reported that, to provide an entrance, portion of Oxford Street would have to be formed and some stone blasted out. The estimated cost was \$80.

Cr. Scott-Fox said it was important that a doctor be given access, but Dr. Browne was living in this cottage as a temporary measure, and Council had no money.

It was decided to inform the doctor that, as no funds were available, the Council could not carry out the work.

Mr. J. Albrecht asked that the road from his dwelling to the main road at Mt. Murray be repaired, as there were holes 3ft. deep in it and it was dangerous to traffic.

The Overseer said approximately \$160 would be necessary to put this road in reasonable condition. Between \$160 and \$200 would be required for Shipman's Lane.

It was decided to inform Mr. Albrecht and those who requested attention to Shipman's Lane that no funds were available, but the matters would be noted.

The Shire Clerk stated that the newly-appointed Engineer (Mr. J. K. E. Gibson) would take up duty on 30th August.

Mr. Gibson will be asked to inspect the Tallygarn Road, near Wombeyan Caves, with a view to repairing Mr. W. Croe to put it in repair. He will be asked to report on the offer of Mr. C. N. Lee to give land at the corner of Pioneer and Leopold Streets, Mittagong, to enable a road to traverse level ground, subject to the necessary land being given him in exchange.

Mr. C. N. Lee, in forwarding suggestions for the beautification of Lake Alexandrina, said it was now "alligator country and a refuge for mosquitoes and frogs (but for the snakes)." He suggested that the water be deepened and that a scenic drive be constructed, above flood level. He had given a piece of land

at the corner of Alfred Street to give access to the lake, but so far it had not been used by the Council.

The Shires Association wrote asking Council to pass the following resolution for submission to the Commonwealth Treasurer through its local Federal member: "That this Council endorses in its entirety the view of the Local Government and Shires Associations: (1) That the whole of the petrol tax, to the extent that it is collected from road users, should be made available for the construction and improvement of roads, and (2) that in the allocation of the money all local authorities should be given a share." The letter further suggested that the Federal member be invited to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss the matter, and in particular the difficulty in meeting road obligations within the Council area. It was decided to co-operate as suggested.

Mr. G. P. Adams, of Robertson, wrote complaining regarding the condition of the lane leading to his property from the main road.

The Shire Clerk said that work had already been carried out on this road, but was not the outcome of the letter from Mr. Adams, which he considered insulting. A vote had been made for this work some months ago, and it had been done when the plant was available.

The Overseer said the road was in good condition now, but was slightly blinded, as there was insufficient money to do further work.

Letters were received from M. B. Goard and G. Emery, asking that the section of the Range Road from Emery's to the entrance gate of the property owned by the estate of J. T. Griffiths be graded.

Mr. Morgan said that work had been carried out on the Range Road as far as funds would permit. He considered that this road, which would serve primary producers, would have priority with the petrol tax grant money.

The Berrima District Amateur Cycle Club wrote asking permission to conduct road races from Mittagong to Yerrinbool until the end of September.

Mr. Morgan said the police were opposed to the use of any highway for road racing, and were opposed to the use of the Hume Highway. Under a recent court decision, the Council had the onus of granting or refusing permission thrown on road races were to be conducted on main roads, and Cr. Miles said that on the other hand cycling was a manly sport which should be encouraged.

In answer to Cr. Metcalfe, Mr. Morgan said that, if permission were granted, the Council could not be proceeded against for any accident that might occur.

Cr. Metcalfe said a calico sign should be placed alongside the road, bearing the words "Road Race in Progress" while racing was being conducted.

It was decided to grant permission. Dr. Browne wrote requesting that a street be put in order to allow building material to be transported to his land there.

The Overseer said the estimated cost was \$45, and Dr. Browne had agreed to pay \$15 of it.

Cr. Toohy said the position in this case was similar to many at Kangaroo, but a doctor should be helped as far as possible.

It was decided to vote \$30 towards the work from the Mittagong local improvement fund.

Cr. Toohy said the Council was becoming the most depressing session that one could meet anywhere. Every one wanted road or had had roads, and Council was unable to help them, and something should be done by way of loan. Council might be getting its house in order, but it was at considerable discomfort to the ratepayers. A special meeting should be held and something done about raising a loan.

Cr. Scott-Fox said he agreed, but was interrupted by the President, who said the matter was out of order at that time.

Cr. Toohy said he would bring the matter forward in a notice of motion.

Mr. H. Metcalfe wrote that he desired to commence building operations on his land in Sunset Point but could not obtain access as the road was overgrown. It was decided to remove blackberries and undergrowth from the road.

Letters were received from L. Colville and G. Walton asking for water supply to their properties at Welby.

The Overseer said the trench had been done some considerable time ago, and the pipes had been on order for 18 months, but had not arrived. Some other pipes were now available.

It was decided to vote \$75 towards the work and to put it in hand as soon as possible.

The Public Trustee, who had been written to twelve months ago, wrote that Council's application to sell land for overdue rates would receive early attention.

Tenders for sundry surplus plant were then opened. The highest tender for a Leyland Lorry was \$285, for a D-2 tractor \$510, for a blade grader \$50, and for a Chevrolet 1926 car \$57. It was decided to accept the tender for the grader and the car.

The President said that, following the calling of tenders, it had been ascertained that a firm could now fit a loader to a D-2 caterpillar tractor. Following receipt of this information, a similar loader had been inspected by the Shire Clerk and the Overseer, while working for Wingecarribee Shire. It was entirely satisfactory in operation, and steps were then taken to cancel the order given some months ago for the new loader, which was to cost Council approximately \$1350, as it was considered that Council should retain the D-2 tractor and have a loader fitted to it.

Mr. Morgan said Council was expecting an offer of at least \$650 to \$750 for the tractor. The offer of \$285 for the Leyland lorry, which had cost Council over \$1000, was absurdly low.

The action of the President was endorsed, and tenders for the tractor, Leyland lorry and some belting were not accepted.



News from Bowral Gift Store

The winner of our prize competition for the best essay (age of competitor to be taken into account) was Fay Henry's essay on "Why I Think Stamp Collecting is a Good Hobby." It was an excellent one, and if this young lady calls in to the Gift Store she will receive her prize. Our next competition is for the best essay on "The Holiday I Like Best." The name and age of the competitor must be written on each page of the essay. Leave your entry at the Bowral Gift Store.

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