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Management Plan adopted

Goulburn Mulwaree Council's 2009/2010 Management Plan has been adopted, following an Extraordinary Meeting on 23 June.

Council also resolved to make the rates for the 2009/10 year and to adopt a revised Rating Hardship Policy, designed to provide assistance to ratepayers suffering substantial financial hardship, at the same meeting.

Some of the items confirmed in the Management Plan were:

- \$1 million for roadside vegetation management.
- The provision of a free waste card at the Waste Management Centre for charitable organisations
- Council to seek additional Federal funding for digital television in Eastgrove
- A reduction in the spectator's fee at the Goulburn Aquatic Centre
- A trial period of household recycling and greenwaste only (delivered in cars, utes or trailers) reduced to \$3 per load at the Waste Management Centre
- Some \$90,000 for weed control across Goulburn Mulwaree.

Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor Carol James said Councillors had adopted a responsible, maintenance-focused budget.

"This budget, which includes a capital works program of \$17.5 million, has been completed without taking on any new loans or debts, and will allow Council to further reduce its debt by \$1.59 million this financial year," Cr James said.

"Council has also agreed to seek further external grants for a number of items which were brought up during the exhibition process, including trying to secure funding for flood prone studies for all of Goulburn and surrounding villages.

"Nine submissions were received about the Management Plan from Goulburn Mulwaree residents, and I would like to thank them for their input."

Acting General Manager Chris Berry said this Management Plan sought to address the key goals and actions of Council's adopted five-year Corporate Plan.

"With a well thought-out plan based on strategic goals, sustainability and a committed team of staff throughout the Council, we believe that Council is well placed to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead," Mr Berry said.

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