



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24th March 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held at the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club** on **24 March, 2015** commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Note: At Morning tea there will be a presentation to three retiring long serving staff

Naturalisation Ceremony at 9.30am

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

What is a "Conflict of Interests" – A conflict of interests can be two types:

Pecuniary – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

Non-Pecuniary – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local Government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

Remoteness

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

Who has a Pecuniary Interest? – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

Relatives, Partners

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

N.B. "Relative", in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.
- (b) the spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

No Interest in the Matter

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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## AGENDA

### **1. Opening of Meeting**

### **2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and I would also like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this Shire.*

### **3. Apologies**

### **4. Welcome to Visitors**

### **5. Public Forum Presentations**

*(Limited to five minute presentations, and must relate to items listed within the Business Paper)*

5.1 Presentation by Mr Gerard O'Brien

5.2 Presentation by Mr Col Hundy

5.3 Ms Rebel Black

### **6. Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

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**17. Close of Meeting**

**3. Apologies**

**4. Welcome to Visitors**

**5. Public Forum Presentations**

5.1 Mr Gerard O'Brien

5.2 Mr Col Hundy

5.3 Ms Rebel Black

**6. Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

**7. Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising**

**7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 10 February 2015**

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting –10 February 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment**

Minutes of Meeting held 10 February 2015



**MINUTES FOR  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

ADOPTED:

Don Ramsland  
GENERAL MANAGER

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 10:09 AM**

### **PRESENT**

Cir D Lane (Mayor)  
Cir J Keir  
Cir G Murray  
Cir R Greenaway  
Cir M Martinez (11:12am)  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Prafulla KC (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Victoria Renshaw (Minute Secretary)

### **Apologies**

**1/2015/1 Apologies – February 2015**

#### **Resolved:**

1. That the apologies received from Cirs Cooper, Walford and Woodcock be accepted and a leave of absence granted.
2. That the apology received from Cir Martinez is accepted and a leave of absence granted until he arrives at the meeting.

**Moved: Cir Greenaway**

**Seconded: Cir Keir**

**CARRIED**

### **Public Forum Presentations**

#### **Mr Col Hundy discussed the following:**

- Mr Hundy advised that the Lightning Ridge and Opal Fields Association has been formed with meetings to be held during the second week of each month.
- Mr Hundy tabled copies of photographs taken of an indigenous totem pole artwork located outside Wee Wee Public School.
- Mr Hundy requested that 3 totem poles are commissioned to be placed in Lightning Ridge as part of the Main Street Beautification Project.
- Mr Hundy requested that Council cover the cost of the totem poles. Cost is yet to be determined.
- Mr Hundy advised that the totem poles would be difficult to steal as they need to be lifted by crane.
- Mr Hundy requested that the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled to take place in Carinda be held at Grawin/Glengarry instead.
- Mr Hundy also requested that instead of one meeting per year taking place at Collarenebri, Rowena and Buren Junction that just one meeting per year is held on a rotating basis, with the other two meetings to take place at Lightning Ridge.
- Mr Hundy advised that he plans to write to Kevin Humphries MP requesting a sealed road direct from Collarenebri to Lightning Ridge.
- Mr Hundy requested that an Economic Development Officer be appointed who is available to seek grants, funding and tourism projects.

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- The Mayor advised Mr Hundy that Council does have an Economic Development Officer on staff.

### **Mr Chris Priestly discussed the following;**

- Mr Priestly advised that he is concerned with tree clearing taking place at Brewon Station.
- Burning off is also taking place during fire bans.
- Mr Priestly also advised that they are spraying and clearing the nearby Stock Route.
- The Office of Environment and Heritage have been notified.
- Cllr Greenaway suggested that Mr Priestly also advise Walgett's Local Land Services representative.
- Mr Priestly advised that an online group "The Lower Macquarie Defenders" has formed campaigning for the area to be protected.
- Mr Priestly noted that the Walgett RSL Club does not provide courtesy transport services. Mr Priestly was advised to raise this query directly with the RSL Club.
- Mr Priestly enquired about the progress of his request for the Carinda to Coonamble Road(SR33) to be sealed.
- Mr Priestly enquired about the 4 to 5 kilometres of unsealed road on the Billybingbone Road (RR7516) between Carinda and Brewarrina. Does Council plan on sealing this?
- Mr Priestly also enquired about replacing of the wooden bridge on the Brewon Road. The Director of Engineering Services advised that Council have applied for funding for this bridge replacement.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in item - Plant Hire – Opportunity for Further Tenders as his family is currently operating contract plant.

Cllr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item - Plant Hire – Opportunity for Further Tenders as her family is currently operating contract plant.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1/2015/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting –16 December 2014**

#### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 December 2014, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cllr Keir  
Seconded: Cllr Murray

**CARRIED**

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Mayoral Minutes

**1/2015/3 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Mayor**

**Resolved:**

That the matters listed by the Mayor for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

Moved: C/r Lane  
Seconded: C/r Greenaway

**CARRIED**

Motions of Which Notice has been Given

**1/2015/4 Motion – Bureau of Meteorology – C/r Murray**

**Resolved:**

That Council write to the Chief Executive Officer of the Bureau of Meteorology Dr Rob Verlessy requesting that a representative from the Bureau visits the Walgett Shire to explain why weather forecasts for the Walgett Shire for the past two and a half years have been incorrect.

Moved: C/r Murray  
Seconded: C/r Greenaway

**CARRIED**

Reports of Committees/Delegates

**1/2015/5 Minutes of Workplace Health & Safety Committee meeting – 29 January 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee meeting held 29 January 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: C/r Murray  
Seconded: C/r Keir

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/6 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 11 December 2014**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 11 December 2014, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: C/r Keir  
Seconded: C/r Taylor

**CARRIED**

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Reports from Officers

| 1/2015/7 Council's Decision Action Report – February 2015                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Resolution Register for February 2015 be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Greenaway<br/>Seconded: C/r Keir</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2015/8 Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 48 – 3 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Taylor<br/>Seconded: C/r Murray</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2015/9 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government – February 2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 14-32 to 15-04 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Murray<br/>Seconded: C/r Greenaway</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2015/10 Monthly Calendar – February 2015 to April 2015                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period February 2015 to April 2015.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Taylor<br/>Seconded: C/r Keir</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

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*Clr Martinez arrived at the meeting at 11:12am.*

### 1/2013/11 Local Government Reform – Fit for the Future Concept

**Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Continue to evaluate the concept of a Far West Initiative with fellow Western Division Councils and play an active role in the further development of the concept.
2. Maintain its involvement with the Outback Shires Alliance and press for an expanded role for the Alliance in the Local Government Reform process.
3. Evaluate the concept of a "rural council" and its suitability or otherwise for the future operation of Walgett Shire Council.
4. Prepare a draft "Fit For the Future" proposal for further review and consideration
5. Continue to liaise with both Bourke and Brewarrina Shire in respect of action they are taking with regards local government reform.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 1/2013/12 Lightning Ridge Easter Carnival "Piglet Races" Sponsorship

**Resolved:**

1. That Council supply a suitable number of portable toilets for the Lightning Ridge Easter Carnival.
2. That Council do not provide sponsorship for the Piglet Races event.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 1/2013/13 Western Division Group of Shires – Annual Conference – Motions for Consideration

**Resolved:**

That Council submit the following motions at the Annual Conference of the Western Division Group of Shires;

1. The use of fire trailers by the RFS in more isolated areas of the state to provide a more effective level of fire protection.
2. The combining the RFS, SES, VRA and Fire and Rescue NSW in the Western Division to reduce operating costs and in particular levies being placed on local government.
3. That the level of funds each western division council can identify through cost shifting by higher tiers of government be taken into account during the "Fit For the Future" process in determining a council's future sustainability.
4. That Council support the establishment of a Western Freeway.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

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| 1/2013/14 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only General Manager                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That the matters listed for brief mention or information is received, noted and endorsed.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Kelr<br/>Seconded: C/r Taylor</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2013/15 Cash On Hand and Investment Report as at 31 December 2014                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 December 2014 be received.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Murray<br/>Seconded: C/r Greenaway</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2013/16 Cash On Hand and Investment Report as at 31 January 2015                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 January 2015 be received.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Martinez<br/>Seconded: C/r Kelr</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2013/17 Quarterly Outstanding Rates Report – December 2014                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>Resolved:</p> <p>Council note the improved outstanding rates percentage and ongoing commitment to improve this key performance indicator.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Greenaway<br/>Seconded: C/r Kelr</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

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**1/2015/18 Stock Take Variance Financial Year 2015**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council approve the write off of stock with a total value of \$291.16 to the stores ledger and control account and the adjustments to the Stores Ledger as per the schedule of stock items attached.

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/19 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – December 2014**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council note the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and adopt the adjustments/changes indicated within each fund respectively.

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/20 Collarenebri Primitive Camping Ground**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council request the General Manager to undertake a comprehensive cost benefit analysis on the provision of primitive camping facilities and the role that they play in the overall tourism strategy for the Shire and also investigate the cost of the electricity supply to the facility.

Moved: Cllr Greenaway

Seconded: Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/21 Community Development Report October – December 2014**

**Resolved:**

That the report for Community Development for October- December 2014 be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Murray

**CARRIED**

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**1/2015/22 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – Round 2 2014/2015 Applications**

**Resolved:**

1. That the applicants be granted financial assistance for the recommended amount (as detailed below) subject to any conditions under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2014/2015.

| Organisation                            | Project                                                                                                                                                        | Recommended Amount |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lightning Ridge Community Radio Inc     | Replace the CD player for broadcasting purposes. Denon DN 500C                                                                                                 | \$200.00           |
| Burren Junction Fishing Club            | Intensive swimming program for children up to 5 years old. Teaching survival and swimming skills.                                                              | \$1,000.00         |
| The Ridge Community Resource Centre Inc | Volunteers Picnic Day, supported by the UFFVIC. Providing an updated Volunteers Induction Kit and information regarding volunteer programs in Lightning Ridge. | \$700.00           |
| Carinda & District Race Club            | Hire of men's and ladies toilets for the annual race day, so there are adequate toilet facilities for patrons.                                                 | \$1,000.00         |
| Lightning Ridge Pony Club               | Prize money for the bull riding competition to be held on Easter Friday 2015                                                                                   | \$1,000.00         |
| Walgett Little Athletics Club           | Purchase t-shirts for participation & competition in Zone Regional Championships and provide ongoing specialised coaching                                      | \$0.00             |

Moved: Cllr Martinez  
 Seconded: Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/23 Walgett Freedom Rides 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council record its recognition of and support for the event;
2. That the Mayor or his nominee provide an address to the forum to be held in the RSL Hall.

Moved: Cllr Martinez  
 Seconded: Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

**1/2015/24 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director  
Corporate Services – February 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the information be noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 12:36pm for lunch.*

*The meeting resumed at 1:11pm with all those previously present again present.*

**1/2015/25 Grants from the Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund**

**Resolved:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

1. Allocate \$5,467 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2014-2015 to maintenance works on the Burren Junction School of the Arts hall.
2. Request that the General Manager arrange discussions between Council's Heritage Advisor and any tradespeople involved to ensure that work is done to relevant standards.
3. If any other Local Heritage Fund project fails, then the remaining amount shall be allocated to the Burren Junction School of the Arts hall.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/26 Review of Development Determination 2014/02**

**Resolved:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

1. Defer this item to allow for Council staff to prepare a report regarding possible funding of 50% of the cost of updating security of premises to a pre-determined limit with the upgrade to occur within a specific time period.
2. Council staff also investigate the possibility of requesting business owners to repaint premises in heritage colours, with the support of a paint company.

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

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**1/2015/27 Renaming of Regional Road 457 – Gundablouf Road**

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note Council's GIS Coordinators report regarding the renaming of RR457 Gundablouf Road.
2. Maintain the name Gundablouf Road for RR457.

Moved: Cllr Greenaway

Seconded: Cllr Murray

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/28 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services**

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Receive and note the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/29 Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress Report from Director Engineering Services – December 2014**

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly work progress report for December 2014.

Moved: Cllr Greenaway

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/30 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering Services – December 2014**

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for December 2014.

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

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| 1/2015/31 Rural Fire Fighting North West Zone Service draft budget 2015/2016                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and approve the draft budget as listed for the Rural Fire Services fund 2015/2016, however provide for a 3% drop each year in respect of VASS charges, based on last year's figures with other charges to remain as is.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Murray<br/>Seconded: C/r Kelr</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2015/32 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – Director Engineering Services                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Greenaway<br/>Seconded: C/r Taylor</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2015/33 Walgett Levee Upgrade – Grant Offer from Office of Environment & Heritage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Council endorse the General Manager's actions in accepting the grant funding of \$2,485,714.00 offered by the Office of Environment and Heritage.</li><li>2. Council shall contribute \$414,286 on a basis of a 6:1 ratio for the Walgett Levee Refurbishment Program in FY2014-15.</li></ol> <p>Moved: C/r Greenaway<br/>Seconded: C/r Martinez</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

| 1/2015/34 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – Urban Infrastructure Services                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the matters listed for brief mention or information is received, noted and endorsed.</p> <p>Moved: C/r Greenaway<br/>Seconded: C/r Kelr</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

**Questions for the Next Meeting**

**Cllr Taylor**

**Question 1**

Can Council encourage the removal of car bodies from the area behind the BP service station at Lightning Ridge?

**Response**

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate.

**Question 2**

There is a section of Old Nobby Road in Lightning Ridge that has washed away. Can this be investigated?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 3**

Trees in Lightning Ridge are not being watered on a regular basis. Can a regular watering system be put in place?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 4**

Sections of the intersection of Silica and Harlequin Streets in Lightning Ridge have worn away. Can this be investigated?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 5**

When will the Main Street Beautification project start work in Lightning Ridge?

**Response**

The General Manager to provide an update.

**Question 6**

Can Council receive an update on the progress of Hudson Pear funding?

**Response**

The General Manager to provide an update.

**Question 7**

Can Council reassess the re-routing of heavy vehicles through Lightning Ridge? Can a by-pass be put in place?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 8**

Can the bus parking area out the front of the Lightning Ridge School be resealed?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Cllr Murray**

**Question 1**

Can signage be erected in Walgett advising of the location of public toilets?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 2**

Can the Environmental Health and Building Surveyor undertake an inspection of Walgett Gourmet Foods?

**Response**

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate.

**Cir Martinez**

**Question 1**

Can the sign on the wall of the public toilet block at Collarenebri be removed?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 2**

Can the drainage issue at Opal Street, Lightning Ridge be investigated?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services advised that the drainage issue was resolved last week.

**Question 3**

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**Response**

Noted.

**Cir Lane**

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**Response**

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that there is no funding currently available. Council's GIS Co-ordinator will provide a report to Council on the matter.

**1/2015/35 Move Into Closed Session at 2:45pm**

**Resolved:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- (a) that information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (b) that the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved: Cir Greenaway

Seconded: Cir Taylor

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/36 Supply and Installation of CCTV**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council accept the quotation submitted by DCL Locksmiths and Security for the installation and supply of Councils CCTV system in the sum of \$6,056.69.
2. That the Council proceed with an additional two cameras and DVR upgrade at an additional cost of \$3,703.56.

Moved: Cir Martinez

Seconded: Cir Taylor

**CARRIED**

**1/2015/37 Sec 713 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates – 28 March 2015**

**Resolved:**

That rate assessment 57505 for Lots 6 to 10 Section 22 DP 759036 in the name of George Temple, Augustus Fuller Temple & Horace Temple be withdrawn from sale of land for unpaid rates scheduled for Saturday 28 March 2015.

Moved: Cir Greenaway

Seconded: Cir Murray

**CARRIED**

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**1/2015/38 Write Off – Various Outstanding Debtor Accounts**

**Resolved:**

That the following debtor accounts as detailed be written off.

| Account | Account name                       | 90+ Days | 90 Days | 60 Days | 30 Days | Current      | Balance           |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------------|
| 413.5   | NSW Police Force                   | \$28.02  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$28.02           |
| 876.5   | Junction City Transport            | \$28.50  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$28.50           |
| 1155.5  | Carinda Hotel                      | \$702.50 | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$702.50          |
| 1623.7  | Westpac Banking Corp               | \$50.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$50.00           |
| 1146.14 | Mr R Hall                          | \$267.40 | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$267.40          |
| 1382.14 | JOHN COLEMAN                       | \$101.73 | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$101.73          |
| 1643.14 | Mr K McDonnell                     | \$380.00 | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$380.00          |
| 1662.14 | Mr D Priestley                     | \$50.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$50.00           |
| 1822.14 | Lightning Ridge Rural Fire Service | \$150.00 | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$0.00       | \$150.00          |
|         |                                    |          |         |         |         | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$1,829.05</b> |

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Cllrs Martinez and Keir declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 2:52pm.*

**Plant Hire – Opportunity for further tender report from report from Director Engineering Services – February 2015**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as Council did not have a quorum for this report.

*Cllrs Martinez and Keir returned to the meeting at 2:53pm.*

**1/2015/39 Return to Open Session at 2:53pm**

**Resolved:**

- That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir

**Seconded:** Cllr Murray

**CARRIED**

| 1/2013/40 Adoption of Closed Session Reports                                                                                                                                               |            |
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| <b>Resolved:</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
| That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:                                                                                                                   |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Supply and Installation of CCTV</li><li>2) Section 713 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates</li><li>3) Write Off – Various Outstanding Debtors</li></ul> |            |
| Moved:                                                                                                                                                                                     | Clr Murray |
| Seconded:                                                                                                                                                                                  | Clr Taylor |
| <b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |            |

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 3:05pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 24 March 2013 at Lightning Ridge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

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**MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM MAYOR**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Governance

**AUTHOR:** Clr David Lane - Mayor

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.** Welcome to Shire event Collarenebri.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.** Lower Macquarie Water User group Dubbo GM and I.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

- OROC board meeting Dubbo with GM in the morning.
- GM and I met with Kevin Humphries at Burren in the afternoon road funding for Pilliga- Burren and Collie-Mungindi Rds.
- Meeting between LRMA and Kevin Humphries in the evening re: reserve trust for Opal fields. **Motion:** That Walgett Shire Council write to the minister for Western NSW, The Hon Kevin Humphries MP requesting the following: 1 That Crown lands investigate the establishment of a community based trust to manage the Lightning Ridge Crown Reserve. 2 That the committee should have representatives from LRMA, GGSMA, WSC and from the community via ministerial and or local member appointments, with technical advisors from Crown Lands and NSW Trade and Investment, Division of Resources & Energy. 3 That the trust elect internally its own executive and Chair. 4 Seek funding from Minister to prepare a Management Plan for the Reserve and a feasibility study on the acquisition of potential opal bearing lands.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February.** Accompanied K Humphries to a meeting with LR and Surrounding Opal Fields Committee, Main topics they wished to discuss were a proposed tourist link road for LR and the highway extension from Brewarrina through Goodooga and running that through Cumborah via Narran Lake road instead.

**Monday and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February.** Western Division Shire Conference Condobolin with Dep Mayor and GM, note that all of Councils motion on been put were carried at conference.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.** Welcome to Shire Lightning Ridge.

**Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Meet the candidates hosted by NSW farmers at Walgett Sporting Club.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** Attended the unveiling of the Australian Opal Centre wall plaque Morrilla ST.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.** GM and I met with Ms Rebel Black re AOC funding proposal for this year; detail of this proposal will be subject of another report.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** Welcome to Shire event Walgett.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.** Councillor Woodcock, Martinez, Taylor and I met with staff at LR sports complex to discuss options for Public Reserve Management Fund grant application.

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.** GM and I met with communities of Glengarry, Sheeppyard and Grawin re the new bore and how it could be funded, meeting was positive with overwhelming support for a rate increase to cover the capitol cost and maintenance of the new scheme. Community requested that a bore be put down in a convenient location with piping to a standpipe for all 3 communities.

**Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Mayor**

**Recommendation:**

That the matters listed by the Mayor for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**10. Motions of which Notice has been given**

**11. Presentation of Petitions**

Nil

## 12. Questions from Last Meeting

### Clr Taylor

#### **Question 1**

Can Council encourage the removal of car bodies from the area behind the BP Service station at Lightning Ridge?

#### **Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate.

#### **Question 2**

There is a section of Old Nobby Road in Lightning Ridge that has washed away. Can this be investigated?

#### **Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

#### **Question 3**

Trees in Lightning Ridge are not being watered on a regular basis. Can regular water system be put in place?

#### **Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

#### **Question 4**

Sections of the intersection of Silica and Harlequin Streets in Lightning Ridge have worn away. Can this be investigated?

#### **Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

#### **Question 5**

When will the Main Street Beautification project start work in Lightning Ridge?

#### **Response**

The General Manager to provide an update.

#### **Question 6**

Can Council receive an update on the progress of Hudson Pear funding?

#### **Response**

The General Manager to provide an update.

#### **Question 7**

Can Council reassess the re-routing of heavy vehicles through Lightning Ridge? Can a by-pass be put in place?

#### **Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

#### **Question 8**

Can the bus parking area out the front of the Lightning Ridge School be resealed?

#### **Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1**

Can signage be erected in Walgett advising of the location of public toilets?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 2**

Can the Environmental Health and Building Surveyor undertake an inspection of Walgett Gourmet Foods?

**Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Service to investigate

**Clr Martinez**

**Question 1**

Can the sign on the wall of the public toilet block at Collarenebri be removed?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate

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## 13. Reports of Committees/Delegates

### 13.1 Minutes of Workplace Health and Safety Committee meeting held 26 February 2015

| Minutes of Workplace Health & Safety Committee meeting – 26 February 2015                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee meeting held 26 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

#### Attachment

Minutes of Meeting held 26 February 2015.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The following are minutes of the Walgett Shire Council Health & Safety Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Walgett Council Chambers, meeting room commencing at 2:05 pm.

**1. PRESENT**

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Prekula KC       | Committee Member (Chairperson)        |
| Michael Brynshaw | Committee Member (Deputy Chairperson) |
| Raju Ranjit      | Management Representative             |
| Donna Rutley     | Committee Member                      |
| Michael Dowell   | Committee Member                      |
| Sylvester Ofeno  | Committee Member                      |
| James Abel       | Committee Member                      |
| Julie McKeown    | HR Representative                     |
| David Callander  | Secretary                             |

**2. APOLOGIES**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Donald Rameland | Management Representative |
| Rebecca Wilson  | Committee Member          |

**3. MINUTES –**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were circulated via email and tabled for endorsement.

The minutes of the Health & Safety Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were confirmed and accepted.

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|-----------|-------|
| Moved:    | Julie |
| Seconded: | KC    |

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4.1 Chemicals lockers** David related to the group that a spread sheet has been developed and delivered to a number of sites throughout the shire for staff to fill in and return for collating. The forms are designed to capture all the information that is required to comply under current legislation. The information can also be used with stock takes, creating a manifest for the Fire and Rescue, re-ordering and as a means to determine appropriate size storage containers. David is waiting for the sheets to be returned.

Action: David to continue and report back to the committee on progress.

**4.2 Asbestos issue at Lightning Ridge** KC and David travelled to the Ridge and inspected the asbestos. Removal and transfer to the Walgett Landfill site will be programmed in the near future.

Action: KC to organise the removal of the rubbish when convenient.

**4.3 Skid Steer Proposal** Don was unavailable for this meeting. Don to read through the proposal and report to next meeting.

Action: Don to re-read the proposal and report to next meeting.

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**4.4 Harassment & Bullying policy** Julie advised that the next meeting of the Consultative Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and the policy will be presented for endorsement.

Action: No further action required.

**4.5 Rocks inspections** David to inspect the rocks at Len Cram Park in Lightning Ridge in relation to children's safety and proximity to play equipment.

Action: David to conduct an inspection of the rocks and report back to the committee.

**4.6 Recruiting.** Donna thanked for her recruiting efforts which during Donna's time on the committee has resulted in three new members. Well done Donna.

**4.7 Apex park fencing issue.** David presented his report to the committee. Discussion was deferred until General Business.

**4.8 Auditor training E.O.I** David reported that the General Manager asked that W&C indicate that four candidates would be nominated for auditor training. At the moment it is only calling for expressions of interest.

Action: No further action required at this time.

**4.9 Trimming Incident reports.** David reported that all the incident report forms have been Trimmed. Big thank you to Ann-Marie for completing this task.

### 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

**5.1 Fencing at Apex Park Children's Facility.** David reported that the issue had been spoken of at the Northern Inland Risk Group meeting in Bingara. David spoke with the senior members of the group, using their years of experience. The consensus was that the fence should be removed and supervision v/a signage be implemented. Discussion moved around the style of signage to be used. David presented an example taken from the Best Practice Manuals by State Wide Mutual. After much discussion, it was agreed that a written recommendation be submitted to the General Manager from the Committee including proper signage, as spoken of, be erected.

Action: David to write the recommendation to the General Manager on behalf of the Committee.

### 6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March '15 commencing at 2pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1440hrs

I advise that in accordance with my delegated authority, the recommendations of the Health & Safety Committee contained in this report are accepted.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Don Ramsland, General Manager

| Walgett Shire Council Health & Safety Committee |                                                                                      |                    |                                       |                |                             |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Actions carried forward                         |                                                                                      |                    | Last meeting date: 28th February 2015 |                |                             |  |
| Actions listed from minutes                     |                                                                                      |                    |                                       |                |                             |  |
| Action No.                                      | Actions                                                                              | Responsible Person | Due Date                              | Completed Date | Notes / Comments            |  |
| 4.1                                             | David asking for info sheets to be returned. To collate and report to the committee. | David              | When available                        |                | Work in progress.           |  |
| 4.2                                             | KC to organise rubbish removal from LR Depot                                         | KC                 | When available                        |                | when staffing levels permit |  |
| 4.3                                             | Don to review training proposal, re old loader operations                            | Don                | When available                        |                |                             |  |
| 4.4                                             | Risks in the play area to be inspected for safety                                    | David              | When available                        |                |                             |  |
| 4.5                                             | A recommendation to the G.M for the fence removal to proceed at Agate Park           | David              | ASAP                                  |                |                             |  |

### 13.2 Minutes of Western Division Meeting

| Minutes of the Western Division Meeting – 23/24 February 2015                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of western Division Meeting held 23 &amp;24 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

#### Attachment

Minutes of Meeting held 23 & 24 February 2015 can be found in Attachment Document on pg 3.

### 13.3 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee

#### Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 12 February 2015

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 12 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### **Attachment**

Minutes of Meeting held 12 February 2015

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT WALGETT COUNCIL MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 10:00 AM**

**PRESENT**

|                  |                                                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Don Ramsland     | (General Manager Walgett Shire Council)                       |
| David Vant       | (Road Safety & Traffic, Western Region, RMS NSW)              |
| Snr Con. Lockett | (NSW Police)                                                  |
| Raju Ranjit      | (Director Engineering Services- Walgett Shire Council)        |
| Cassie Andrews   | (Administrative Services Co-ordinator- Walgett Shire Council) |

**1. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies – 12 February 2015**

**Recommendation:**

Apologies received from the following be accepted:

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ian Woodcock    | (Local State Member's Representative) |
| Jane Keir       | (Walgett Shire Council Deputy-Mayor)  |
| Manual Martinez | (Walgett Shire Councillor)            |

**Moved:** Consensus

**Seconded:**

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

NII

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 11 December 2014**

**Resolved:** 95

1. That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 9 October 2014, have been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Consensus

**Second:**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 4.1 School Bus Stop Sign at 8662 Millie Road (Request from Christine McDonnell)

David Vant, RMS confirmed approval to install signs as proposed.

##### ACTION:

1. WSC to order signs if required and arrange installation.
2. Raju to send David Vant mud map of location for his records.

##### RECOMMENDATION:

1. Nil.

#### 4.2 Petition for Speed humps In Fantasia Street Lightning Ridge

Matter in progress. Counter has been removed after 3 months data collection. Distribution of data to be sent to LATC members before the next meeting in April 2015.

##### ACTION:

1. Data to be analysed and distributed to committee members for consideration at the April 2015 LATC meeting.
2. Committee to recommend further action as required, then forward to Council for consideration if required.

##### RECOMMENDATION:

1. Nil

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**WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**4.3 Lightning Ridge Black Spot Program**

**Morilla Street Project (Part 1) – Completed.** Inspection has been completed by RMS. RMS to advise Raju of any amendments / changes required before project finalisation.

**Opal / Pandora Street Project (Part 2) - Design for Opal / Pandora Street Project** has been submitted to LACT committee members and approved by Council. Community Consultation was held 26 January 2015. Project to commence soon.

**ACTION:**

1. Morilla Street - RMS to advise any small changes to street signs and pedestrian crossing markings required for Raju's action.
2. Opal / Pandora Street project to commence March 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

NIL

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## WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 4.4 WALGETT POST OFFICE SIGN

Completed. Sign has been installed. No further action required.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>         |
| Nil                    |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
| Nil.                   |

### 4.5 Walgett Main Street Beautification Project

PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) to be included in the 2015/2016 WSC Budget.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Council to ensure RMS are involved in Walgett Main Street Beautification Project</li><li>2. Raju Ranjit to explore options and associated costs of hiring a consultant to assist with PAMP preparation</li><li>3. Raju to seek Council approval to engage PAMP consultant and to include in 2015/2016 Budget.</li></ol> |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Seek Council approval to engage consultant 2015/2016 financial year to prepare PAMP. Report to be submitted for March 2015 Council meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### 4.6 Road Trains Access to Monument / Round-a-bout In Fox Street Walgett

Matter on going.

Investigation has been completed and determined that there is no restricted access or rescinded area applicable to Heavy Vehicles with respect to the round-a-bout in Fox Street / Access to the Monument . David Vant advised that an application to RMS is required to do so.

Cir Keir requested that this Heavy Vehicle Access issue be resolved before the 2015 ANZAC Centenary celebration in April 2015.

David Vant to contact relevant RMS representative for further consultation on the matter. Further signage of the "Heavy Vehicle By Pass" is required to ensure suitable visibility, aiming to encourage use of the by-pass to reduce heavy vehicle access of the town centre (monument / round-a-bout). Bate Street to be included in the by-pass and inclusion to be made visible. RMS to assist this process, particularly on the Southern side of town.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                                                                                                     |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. David Vant to consult further with relevant RMS representative.</li></ol> |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                                                             |
| Matter ongoing. Outcome of application to be advised to council in due course.                                     |

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA**

**WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**4.7 Cumborah Community Inc. - Request for street sign**

David Vant (RMS) approved installation of standard "kids crossing road sign".

Traffic counter has been installed. Data will be collected and reported at the April 2015 LACT meeting.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                           |
| 1. Raju to arrange installation of sign. |

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
| NIL                    |

**4.8 Rowena Village Inn – Request for Tourist Signs (Intersection of Merrywinebone Road (RR329) and Cameron's Lane (SR128) Rowena Lane.**

Committee concluded that this request does not qualify for Tourist Information signs, as per RMS Service Sign and Tourist Sign policies.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                                                                  |
| 1. Outcome to be advise in writing to Cindy Bird (owner of Rowena Village Inn). |

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
| NIL                    |

**4.9 Signs and Parking, IGA Walgett**

Snr Con Lockett and Raju inspected signs in front of IGA. Necessary changes have been made to signs and positioning of signs for effective parking and associated policing. Confirmation was obtained by the planning department that one entry / exit point for the IGA car park was approved in the DA.

Further investigation was given to the traffic flow issue in Fox Street (CBD) primarily due to the practice of U-turns in Fox Street (CBD area) and the use of Neilly Lane. Need to look at most effective way to manage one way access of Neilly Lane. It was suggested that the island barriers in Fox Street be connected to eliminate U-Turns and the direct cross street access of Neilly Lane. Proposed changes to be discussed with Siva (RMS).

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                                       |
| 1. Raju to discuss proposed changes with Siva (RMS). |

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                      |
| No recommendation to Council at this stage. Further investigation required. |

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 4.10 Rough surface area 40km North of Walgett, Gwydir Highway

Snr Con Lockett raised concern at the previous meeting regarding a rough section of road approximately 40km north of Walgett on the Gwydir Highway towards Collarenebri near Schmarkuche Road (SR47). He advised that people are driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid rough surface.

David Vant has conducted inspection and advised that work is required. Further discussions are required with Siva (RMS).

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| <b>ACTION:</b> |
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| 1. David Vant to discuss work required with Siva and report plan at next meeting. |
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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
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| Nil. |
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### 4.11 Intersection of Wee Waa & Peel Street Intersection

Issue was reported to Council regarding the large sign at the Wee Waa and & Peel street intersection. The sign is reportedly impairing the vision of Road Train operators heading West towards Brewarrina coming from Montkella Street.

David Vant advised WSC are to make necessary changes to the positioning of the sign ensuring changes do not adversely impact other factors in any way.

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| <b>ACTION:</b> |
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| 1. Raju to arrange changes as required. |
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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
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| Nil. |
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## WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 5. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

#### 5.1 Road Closures Requests / TCP's

Freedom Ride Road Closure request, Thursday 19 February 2015 - circulated and approved.

Fox Street Road Work Road Closure request, Wednesday 17 February 2015 - circulated and approved.

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| <b>ACTION:</b> |
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| 1. WSC to implement TCPs accordingly. |
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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
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**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Walgett Community College, request for Stop and Go Lolly Pop Person**  
WSC has received a request from the Walgett Community College for a Stop and Go Lolly Pop person to facilitate school start and finish times.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                                                                                        |
| 1. Raju to send David Vant (RMS) email with details, David to forward to relevant RMS representative. |

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
| NIL                    |

**6.2 Monument Work / ANZAC centenary celebrations**  
Repair work to the monument has been scheduled in preparation for the Walgett 2015 ANZAC Centenary Celebrations. A TCP for the repair work has been completed and approved. Repairs are likely to take approximated 4 days, due to commence week of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Raju to forward TCP to David VAnt.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                                                              |
| 1. Raju to send David Vant (RMS) copy of TCP and implement TCP accordingly. |

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
| NIL                    |

**6.3 ANZAC Day 2015 Celebration In the Walgett Shire**  
David Vant advised to send TCP's for all ANZAC Day celebrations to him as soon as possible. Raju to investigate for details on celebration plans throughout the shire.

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| <b>ACTION:</b>                        |
| 1. Raju to send David Vant TCPs asap. |

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> |
| NIL                    |

- 7. CLOSE OF MEETING - 10:45 am
- 8. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9 April 2015, 10:00am

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| <b>WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |                 |                       |                                                                                  |
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| <b>Actions carried forward from the previous minutes</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |                 |                       |                                                                                  |
| <b>Last Meeting Date: 12 February 2014</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |                 |                       |                                                                                  |
| <b>Action No.</b>                                        | <b>Actions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Responsible Person</b> | <b>Due Date</b> | <b>Completed Date</b> | <b>Notes / Comments</b>                                                          |
| 4.1                                                      | School Bus Stop Sign – Millie Road. WSC to arrange installation of signs                                                                                                                        | Raju                      | 30/03/2013      |                       |                                                                                  |
| 4.2                                                      | Petition for Speed Bumps Fantasia St Lightning Ridge - Counter data to be analysed and distributed to committee members                                                                         | Raju                      | 30/03/2013      |                       |                                                                                  |
| 4.3                                                      | Lightning Ridge Black Spot Projects - RMS to advise changes required. WSC to implement changes.<br>Opal / Pandora street job to commence                                                        | Raju                      | 30/03/2013      |                       |                                                                                  |
| 4.4                                                      | Post Office Sign – Job Completed.                                                                                                                                                               |                           |                 |                       |                                                                                  |
| 4.5                                                      | Walgett Main Street Beautification - Nil                                                                                                                                                        |                           |                 |                       |                                                                                  |
| 4.6                                                      | Application to rescind Road Train Access to Fox Street (CBD Walgett). David Vant to consult further with RMS. Submit application to have Heavy Vehicle Access rescinded in Fox Street, Walgett. | David Vant, Raju          | 30/03/2013      |                       | Aim to have application outcome by ANZAC Centenary Celebrations – 25 April 2013. |
| 4.7                                                      | Cumborah Community Inc sign - Raju to arrange sign installation                                                                                                                                 | Raju                      | 30/03/2013      |                       |                                                                                  |

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| 4.8  | Rowena Village Inn – Tourist Sign Request. Send letter to Cindy Bird (Rowena Village Inn)advising request does not qualify   | Raju / Cassie     | 30/05/2015               |  | Suggest private arrange with local land holder |
| 4.9  | Fox Street Island barriers - Raju to discuss proposed changes with Siva (RMS)                                                | Raju              | 30/05/2015               |  |                                                |
| 4.10 | Problem Area Owydir Highway - David Vant to discuss work required with Siva (RMS)                                            | David Vant / Raju | 30/05/2015               |  |                                                |
| 4.11 | Sign causing vision impairment Wee Wee and Peel St Intersection - Raju to arrange changes to positioning of sign as required | Raju              | 30/02/2015               |  |                                                |
| 5.1  | Road Closure Requests / TCP, Freedom Ride and Monument Work - WSC to implement TCP's accordingly                             | Raju              | 17/02/2015<br>19/02/2015 |  |                                                |
| 6.1  | Raju to email David Vant details of lolly pop request                                                                        | Raju / David Vant | 30/02/2015               |  |                                                |
| 6.2  | Repair Work to monument – Raju to forward TCP to David Vant                                                                  | Raju / David Vant | 30/02/2015               |  |                                                |
| 6.3  | Raju to issue paper work for all ANZAC TCPs and forward TCPs to David Vant                                                   | Raju / David Vant | 15/05/2015               |  |                                                |

#### **13.4 Minutes of OROC Meeting held on the 20 February 2015**

##### **Minutes of OROC Meeting held on the 20 February 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of OROC meeting held 20 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### **Attachment**

Minutes of Meeting held 20 February 2015 can be found in Attachment Document on pg 27.

14.1 GENERAL MANAGER

***COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – MARCH 2015***

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/154

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**Summary:**

This schedule summarises the action taken in respect of matters considered at the previous meeting of Council.

**Background:**

Attached is the Resolution Register which summaries outstanding action in respect of all resolutions as well as any other matters raised at previous Meetings this year which required action and are still outstanding. The exception is for the last meeting where items that have been completed are included. Councillors are reminded that any queries should be raised with the General Manager prior to the meeting.

**Current Position:**

Details of Action taken/being taken are flagged for each motion.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Resolution Register March 2015.

**Governance issues:**

Standard procedure dictates that Council resolution should be implemented as soon as practicably be achieved.

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Council and Manex Team

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

That the resolutions register be received and noted. It is requested that any queries be raised with the General Manager prior to meeting day facilitate proceedings at the meeting.

**Council's Decision Action Report – March 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the Resolution Register for March 2015 be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Resolution Register- March 2015

## INSERT UPDATED RESOLUTION REGISTER

### Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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| 11th February 2014 | 2/2014/4  | <p>That Council considers making provision for \$41,250 in the 2014/15 budget being 50% of the total quoted funds to refurbish/upgrade of the existing male jockey's facilities and the addition of female jockey change and washrooms.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Woodcock</p>                                                                               | Director Corporate Services | <p>11.03.14 Capital feasibility document provided to Finance Manager.<br/>15.04.14 Included in draft 14/15 budget.<br/>20.05.14 Awaiting budget determination.<br/>14.07.14 \$57,000 provision made in budget.<br/>12.08.14 Grant approved. Additional budget required at September QBR.<br/>18.09.14 Meeting to be convened with showground users to firm up design and commence works.<br/>Meeting held 26.09.14. Awaiting plans from the Jockey Club.<br/>18.11.14 Still awaiting plans from Dick James, regular follow up taking place..<br/>01.12.14 Still awaiting plans.<br/>03.02.15 Plans received. Matching funds in December QBR. Director Regulatory Services reviewing approval requirements.<br/>10.2.15 Meeting held with Showground/Racecourse representatives to finalise plans. Work to be completed prior to June Race Meeting.</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |
|                    | 2/2014/19 | <p>1.That Council endorse the proposed replacement or refurbishment the Gray Park toilet block.<br/>2.That Council consider making provision in the 2014/2015 budget of an amount of \$75,000 for the replacement or refurbishment of the existing amenities block in Gray Park<br/>3.That Council also investigate the Walgett caravan park toilets.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane</p> | Director Corporate Services | <p>11.03.14 Capital feasibility document provided to Finance Manager. Assets Officer requested to prepare a condition assessment for Alex Trevallion Park Toilets (Walgett Caravan Park</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Corporate Services |  |

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|  |           | <p>Seconded: Clr Woodcock</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                    | <p>toilets).<br/>           15.04.14 Included in draft 14/15 budget.<br/>           20.05.14 Awaiting budget determination. Trevallion Park Toilets review not yet commenced.<br/>           16.06.14 Gray Park Toilet project not included in budget. New Property Officer undertaking inspection and report.<br/>           14.07.14 Application for 50% funding submitted under the Community Building Partnerships Program.<br/>           12.08.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application.<br/>           10.10.14 No further update.<br/>           18.11.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application.<br/>           01.12.14 Advice on grant application due December.<br/>           03.02.15 Grant application unsuccessful. Provision made in Dec QBRs for \$75,000 including funding.<br/>           10.2.15 Specification inviting quotations advertised.</p> |                                    |  |
|  | 2/2014/20 | <p>That consideration for provision to be made in the 2013/2014 budget for an amount of \$20,000 to conduct an investigation and development of options for the design and upgrade of the administration building air conditioning system.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br/>           Seconded: Clr Lane</p> | <p>Director Corporate Services</p> | <p>11.03.14 Specifications being developed.<br/>           15.04.14 Submissions close 30.04.14.<br/>           20.05.14 Tenders received to be considered at June meeting.<br/>           16.06.14 Project working group formed to assess tenders.<br/>           14.07.14 Project team meeting on 15 July to review tender spec.<br/>           12.08.14 Tenders due 18 August.<br/>           10.10.14 Project under review by GM.<br/>           18.11.14 Project under review.<br/>           03.02.15 Project under review.<br/>           10.2.15 Project under review</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Director Corporate Services</p> |  |

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| 11th February 2014 | 2/2014/39 | <p>1. That the content of the report be noted.<br/>                 2. That the actions of the Acting General Manager to engage Lawyer Piper Alderman under the funding agreement with Bentham IMF Ltd be endorsed.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br/>                 Seconded: Clr Taylor</p> | Director Corporate Services | <p>11.03.14 Matter ongoing.<br/>                 15.04.14 Matter ongoing.<br/>                 Awaiting proof of debt from lawyers.<br/>                 20.05.14 Proof of claim lodged with liquidators by lawyers.<br/>                 14.07.14 Proof of claim admitted by liquidators.<br/>                 12.08.14 Awaiting further update.<br/>                 01.12.14 Ongoing.<br/>                 03.02.15 Matter ongoing.<br/>                 Change of lawyer to Squire Patton Boggs.<br/>                 10.2.15 Matter ongoing no further update.</p> |  |  |
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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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| 25th March 2014 | 5/2014/35 | <p>That Council consider a provision in the Draft 2014/15 Budget of \$150,000 for a new Unified Communications telephone system and associated data infrastructure upgrade. Subject to funding it is further recommended that Council proceed to stage 2 being the preparation of tender documentation and the calling of tenders.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>                 Seconded: Clr Cooper</p> | Director Corporate Services | <p>15.04.14 Included in draft 14/15 budget.<br/>                 20.05.14 Awaiting budget determination.<br/>                 16.06.14 No funds provided in 2014/15 budget.<br/>                 14.07.14 Provision made in final adopted budget.<br/>                 Consultant finalising tender spec.<br/>                 12.08.14 Tender advertised.<br/>                 Tenders closed 09.09.14.<br/>                 Report to October meeting 18.11.14 Project progressing on schedule.<br/>                 01.12.14 Project on scheduled. Cabling project to be finalised.<br/>                 03.02.15 Cabling project completed. Unified communications system planning well advanced prior to site installation.<br/>                 10.2.15 Data plan and pricing finalised with Telstra.</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |
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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 held 8 May 2014**

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| 8 May 2014 | 7/2014/13 | <p>That Council undertake negotiations with Transponder Technologies to develop a scope of works and quotation for the supply, installation and commissioning of a Point of Sale system at both the Harlequin St and Onyx St standpipes in Lightning Ridge.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Keir<br/>Seconded: Clr Lane</p> | Director Corporate Services | <p>20.05.14 Awaiting further information.<br/>16.06.14 Request for detailed proposal made again on 16 June.<br/>14.07.14 Detailed proposal to be provided by 16 July 2014 with report to August meeting.<br/>12.08.14 Company has had further discussions with DCS and DUS.<br/>18.09.14 Further clarification on some aspects being sought.<br/>10.10.14 Further discussions held with supplier. Pricing, modelling and further cost benefit analysis required.<br/>18.11.14 No further progress.<br/>01.12.14 No further progress.<br/>03.02.15 Project not progressed.<br/>10.2.15 Project not progressed.</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |
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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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| 27 May 2014 | 8/2014/10 | <p>1. That Council obtain detailed report on cost of running all sporting services in Walgett Shire.<br/>2. That naming rights for the Lightning Ridge Pool are investigated.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>Seconded: Clr Walford</p> | General Manager             | <p>02.06.14 Report being prepared for August 2014 meeting<br/>18.09.14 Deferred to October meeting.<br/>22.10.14 Deferred to April meeting.</p>       | General Manager             |  |
| 27 May 2014 | 8/2014/12 | <p>That Council approve the disposal of identified e-waste and the Reserve e-waste be engaged to remove and dispose of the e-waste at no cost to Council</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Lane</p>                    | Director Corporate Services | <p>16.06.14 Project proceedings with next stage to stack and wrap on pallets.<br/>14.07.14 Project progressing.<br/>12.08.14 Project progressing.</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |

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|             |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | 18.09.14 Project on hold due to other priorities.<br>10.10.14 Project on hold. Interest in participating to be sought from Brewarrina and Bourke Councils.<br>18.11.14 Project yet to be progressed.<br>01.12.14 Project on hold due to other priorities.<br>03.02.15 Service provider now requires e-waste to be shipped to Sydney. Alternative options being investigated.<br>10.2.15 Alternative options still being pursued. |                               |  |
| 27 May 2014 | 8/2014/21       | That the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to negotiate 2-3 year options on suitable land for commercial development in the Walgett CBD and also negotiate in relation to the possible commercial redevelopment of the carpark off Neilly Street, Walgett.<br><br>Moved: Clr Walford<br>Seconded: Clr Taylor | General Manager               | 15.09.14 Negotiations continuing.<br>22.10.14 Awaiting draft MOU.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | General Manager               |  |
| 27 May 2014 | Qs next meeting | Clr Taylor<br>Can Council investigate the possibility of implementing a user pays system at the Burren Junction Bore Baths?<br><br>Response<br>The General Manager advised that investigations will take place as part of Council's review of Shire wide services.                                                 | General Manager               | 27.05.14 The General Manager advised that investigations will take place as part of Council's review of Shire wide services.<br>15.09.14 Being prepared for October 2014 Meeting.<br>22.10.14 Preparation of report delayed until November meeting.                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager               |  |
| 27 May 2014 | Qs next meeting | Clr Lane<br>There are currently no precinct committees in operation in Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Grawin. Should we encourage residents to get these committees up and running again?                                                                                                                            | General Manager               | 27.05.14 General Manager to investigate. The General Manager also advised that the Collarenebri Precinct Committee is in the process of being re-established as the Town Improvement Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager               |  |
| 27 May 2014 | Qs next meeting | Clr Martinez<br>Can 3 grids north of Lightning Ridge on the O'Brien's property be addressed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services | Has been scheduled for inspection( 19/06/2014)<br><br>14.07.14 Received three written quotations for fencing works. As per Grid policy, \$4000 per grid can be contributed towards the removing the grid.<br>12.08.14 Discussion took                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services |  |

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|  |  |  |  | place with Mr O'Brien and waiting on his response.<br>6.3.15 Received a letter re: the fencing work. Council advised him in writing about the Grid Policy and can pay only \$4,000 per grid. |  |  |
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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

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| 24 June 2014 | 9/2014/14       | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <p>1.Note the report on the activities of Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, during 2013-2014.</p> <p>2. Endorse and adopt the following documents, as prepared by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison:<br/>(a) Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Annual Report 2013-2014.<br/>(b) Walgett Shire Council Heritage Strategic Plan 2014-2017.</p> <p>3.Endorse submission of the documents to the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning &amp; Environment.</p> <p>4.Note that Ray Christison of High Ground Consulting has advised Walgett Shire Council that he will cease providing heritage advisory services as soon as Council can find a replacement advisor.</p> <p>5.Write to Ray Christison and thank him for his work as Walgett Shire Council's heritage advisor from 2008 until 2014.</p> <p>6.Seek expressions of interest for a new Heritage Advisor:<br/>(a) Consistent with the document titles "How to Establish a Heritage Advisor Service", published by Heritage Branch, NSW Office of Environment &amp; Heritage, July 2011.<br/>(b) Where feasible, in consultation with the Bourke and Brewarrina Shire Councils as part of a resource sharing initiative of the Outback Shires Alliance.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Cooper<br/>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>Director Planning &amp; Regulatory Services is currently consultation with the Bourke and Brewarrina Shire Councils as part of a resource sharing initiative of the Outback Shires Alliance.</p> <p>Meeting held 10/9/2014 at Brewarrina to meet with Brewarrina heritage advisor and discuss resource sharing.</p> <p>31.10.14 Council wrote to Office Environment &amp; Heritage regarding facilitating sharing of Heritage Advisor</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 24 June 2014 | Qs next meeting | <p>What is the progress of the fencing and ramps to be installed on Gerard O'Brien's property?<br/>Clr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services           | <p>24.06.14 The Director Engineering Services advised that Expressions of Interest close on Friday 4 July 2014.<br/>11.09.2014 – Waiting for response.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Engineering Services           |  |
| 24 June 2014 | Qs next meeting | <p>Does Council currently have a Carpenter on staff?<br/>Clr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                         | <p>24.06.14 The General Manager advised that Council do not currently have a Carpenter, however are interested in hiring one. Council's current Building Maintenance Officer does undertake small tasks in the main administration building.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager                         |  |

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| 24 June 2014 | Qs next meeting | What is the progress of the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road Improvement Programme?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Director Engineering Services               | 24.06.14 The General Manager advised that Council have undertaken a feasibility study and are now waiting for response from Kevin Humphries MP who is coordinating the programme. Director of Engineering is to contact Mr Humphries to investigate where matter is up to.<br><br>14.07.14 Discussed with Mayor of Narrabri Shire Council on 7/7/2014 regarding the project. He will contact with Kevin Humphries for further updates. | Director Engineering Services               |  |
| 24 June 2014 | 9/2014/21       | 1. That the General Manager be authorised to take the necessary steps to resolve outstanding Title issues.<br>2. That Council draft a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development and exchange of the Neilly Street Carpark.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | General Manager                             | 15.09.14 All owners contacted and in process of arranging transfers.<br>21.10.14 Solicitors advise matter nearing resolution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager                             |  |
| 24 June 2014 | 9/2014/22       | 1. That a detailed review of Council's staff housing stock be carried out in the 2014/15 financial year with a view to preparing not only not only a routine maintenance programme but also a capital upgrade and replacement programme as well.<br>2. Further that Council reaffirm the approach of transferring the income from any property sales to a cash backed reserve to provide for future property development.<br>3. Council obtain quotes for upgrade of work to the 6 Vaughn Place property and undertake work as necessary.<br><br>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway | General Manager/Director Corporate Services | 14.07.14 Matter referred to Property Officer to obtain work schedule and cost.<br>12.08.14 Awaiting report from builder.<br>18.09.14 Review ongoing, tenders advertised for refurbishment of 6 Vaughn Place.<br>10.10.14 Quotations being obtained.<br>01.12.14 Analysis of property reports for overall works programs ongoing. Contract for 6 Vaughn Place awarded to GBC Builders.<br>8.2.15 Work commenced on 6 Vaughan Place      | General Manager/Director Corporate Services |  |

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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

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| 22 July 2014 | 10/2014/16             | <p>1. That repairs to the existing lights on the western towers be undertaken at an estimated cost of \$10,000 subject to unspent funds being brought forward from the 2013/2014 Parks and Reserves Capital Maintenance Vote.</p> <p>2. That an application be submitted under the Sport and Recreation Facility Development Program for 50% funding of a total upgrade of the Spider Brown Oval lights and if successful, that matching funding be provided from Parks and Reserves Capital Maintenance Vote in the 2015 / 2016 Budget.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford<br/>Seconded: Clr Lane</p> | Director Corporate Services             | <p>12.08.14 LRE to undertake lightning repairs.</p> <p>18.09.14 Work completed, funding program not yet open.</p> <p>10.10.14 Application being developed. Program open and closes on 31 October 2014.</p> <p>01.12.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application.</p> <p>03.02.15 Advice received that application was unsuccessful.</p> <p>10.2.15 Project remains on programme for future grant opportunities.</p> | Director Corporate Services             |                   |
| 22 July 2014 | Questions next meeting | <p>There are parts of fencing, doors and windows missing from a house on the corner of Morilla and Gem Streets which looks untidy. Can Council issue an order for the property to be tidied up?</p> <p>Response<br/>The Director Planning &amp; Regulatory Services to investigate</p> <p>Clr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>The residence is boarded up, ongoing investigation, monitoring by P&amp;R staff is occurring currently.</p> <p>8/9/2014. . Owner has advised that unsecured buildings will be made secure.</p> <p>Inspection undertaken</p> <p>28.1.15. Notice of intention to issue an order issued</p> <p>4.3.15 re rubbish &amp; unsecure buildings</p>                                                                    | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                   |
| 22 July 2014 | Questions next meeting | <p>The change room floor at the Lightning Ridge Bore Baths becomes slippery and a user has fallen. There are also loose floor tiles and drainage issues. Can work be done to resolve these issues?</p> <p>Response<br/>The Director Corporate Services advised that the Property Officer is in the process of organising a non-slip flooring to be installed as an interim measure.</p> <p>Clr Woodcock</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager                         | <p>12.08.14 Anti-slip coating purchased and to be applied by urban services staff.</p> <p>22.10.14 New tiles etc have been laid in men's dressing shed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | General Manager                         | Completed 28.2.15 |
| 22 July 2014 | Questions next meeting | <p>What is the progress of works to be undertaken at the Lightning Ridge IGA?</p> <p>Response<br/>The Director Planning &amp; Regulatory Services advised that propping has been put in place and an engineer has approved this propping. Council recently wrote to the IGA owner requesting information regarding permanent propping with no response. The Director Planning &amp; Regulatory Services will follow up response.</p> <p>Clr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                        | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>Ongoing correspondence between Council and IGA owner relating to permeant propping, currently no indication as to when design shall be completed by Engineers.</p> <p>. In e-mail dated 19-1-2015 building owner's legal representative expects</p>                                                                                                                                                           | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                   |

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|  |  |  |  | work to commence late March 2015 to implement permanent remediation measures. |  |  |
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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

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| 26 August 2014 | 11/2014/4  | That the General Manager investigate the most appropriate or opportune timing for withdrawal from the Weight of Loads Committee, and that Council advise the Weights of Loads Committee that Council will be withdrawing membership of the organisation at that time.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager | 15.09.14 Constitution to be reviewed to determine process required.<br>17.3.15 repot to March Meeting | General Manager |  |
| 26 August 2014 | 11/2014/11 | 1. That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report in respect of fund balances held at 30 June 2014 this report, confirm the amount of \$4213641.52 shown as internally restricted reserves and endorse the carried forward expenditure of \$828,052.00 (General Fund), \$274,110.00 (Water Funds), \$350,000.00 (Sewerage Funds) and \$69,607 (Waste Funds).<br><br>2. Further, that a report be prepared outlining what courses of action are available to Council to utilise Minor Fund surpluses to address Council's infrastructure backlog and improve its future sustainability.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Lane | General Manager | 1. No further action required.<br>2. Currently being investigated.                                    | General Manager |  |
| 26 August 2014 | 11/2014/12 | That Council convene a meeting of all the stakeholders involved with the Lightning Ridge Racecourse and Spider Brown Oval Complex to agree on a list of projects to be undertaken and then setting a reasonable time frame in which to prepare at strategic plan for the complex in order to both attract funding and carry out the works involved.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | General Manager | 15.09.14 Meetings held report to September meeting.<br>28.2.15 Strategic Plan being prepared          | General Manager |  |
| 26 August 2014 | 11/2014/13 | That That Council consider the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding and determine whether or not it is keen on proceeding with the concept and, if so, how to best further the development of the 'whole of community' in partnership with key local organisations.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | General Manager | 15.09.14 MOU discussions arranged.<br>22.10.14 Discussions ongoing.                                   | General Manager |  |

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| <p>26 August<br/>2014</p> | <p>11/2014/21</p> | <p>That Council advise the Burren Junction community that if a partnership arrangement can be established between the Burren Junction community and the Department of Education with regards to the Burren Junction School of Arts Hall, Council will;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider re-opening the main hall for restricted use after completing repairs estimated to cost \$67,000 including the replacement of guttering.</li> <li>2. Hold a further community meeting at Burren Junction on Thursday 17 September 2014 at 5:30pm at the Burren Junction RSL.</li> <li>3. Apply for heritage funding grants to carry out necessary renovations to the hall.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Lane</p> | <p>Director Corporate Services</p> | <p>Meeting at Burren Junction held 17.09.14<br/>10.10.14 Further community meeting held 17.09.14. Scope of works to be developed by working group before meeting at Burren Junction.<br/>18.11.14 Project progressing on schedule.<br/>01.12.14 Project on schedule.<br/>03.02.15 Hall re-opened for restricted use. Longer term plan for complete restoration to be developed.<br/>10.2.15 Repairs to guttering &amp; downpipes approved by Heritage advisor. To be funded from Heritage grant</p> | <p>Director Corporate Services</p> |  |
| <p>26 August<br/>2014</p> | <p>11/2014/35</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to accept offers for Lot 157 DP 882747, and Lot 156 DP 882747 in Council's Industrial Subdivision, and that any necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</li> <li>2. That the proceeds of sale be transferred to Council's Property Development Reserve.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>Seconded: Clr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>General Manager</p>             | <p>15.09.14 Negotiations continuing.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>General Manager</p>             |  |

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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

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| 23 September 2014                  | 12/2014/18          | <p>1. That Council adopt a budget of \$35,100 to carry out the works identified above within the current year and that appropriate amendments be made to the 2014/15 Operating Plan and Budget in conjunction with the September, 2014 QBRs.<br/>And further that Council's Asset Management staff work with key stakeholders to prepare a strategic plan for the complex which includes detailed cost estimates and identifies funding sources for the proposed capital works programme</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>Seconded: Clr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Corporate Services | <p>18.11.14 To be included in September QBRs.<br/>01.12.14 Purchase Order issued for construction.<br/>03.02.15 Strategic plan yet to commence.<br/>10.2.15 Builder engaged to undertake work on Jockey Amenities. Project to be completed before Easter Races.</p> | Director Corporate Services |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 23 September 2014                  | 12/2014/19          | <p>1. That Council adopt the following roster for the Lions Park Lightning Ridge Sunday Markets:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dates</td> <td>Event Co-ordinator</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Sunday of Every Month</td> <td>Lightning Ridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Radio Inc.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Sunday of Every Month</td> <td>United Hospital</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auxiliary</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Sunday of Every Month</td> <td>Royal Flying Doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th Sunday of Every Month</td> <td>Historical Society</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trust/LR Mens' Shed</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th Sunday of every Month (2 p.a.)</td> <td>Rotary Club of</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lightning Ridge</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Further that the Historical Society Trust share its allocated date with the Lightning Ridge Mens' Shed group who would undertake the BBQ on behalf of the Trust and that on any month were there wasn't a fifth Sunday that the Historical Society Trust and Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge would share the 4th Sunday rotating alternatively.<br/>3. It is also a condition that dogs not be allowed to be taken to the Sunday Markets.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Martinez<br/>Seconded: Clr Lane</p> | Dates                       | Event Co-ordinator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1st Sunday of Every Month   | Lightning Ridge | Community Radio Inc. |  | 2nd Sunday of Every Month | United Hospital | Auxiliary |  | 3rd Sunday of Every Month | Royal Flying Doctor | Service |  | 4th Sunday of Every Month | Historical Society | Trust/LR Mens' Shed |  | 5th Sunday of every Month (2 p.a.) | Rotary Club of | Lightning Ridge |  | General Manager | <p>24.09.14 Regulatory signs in place.<br/>22.10.14 Advice of market arrangements to be circulated.</p> | General Manager | Completed 28.2.15 |
| Dates                              | Event Co-ordinator  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 1st Sunday of Every Month          | Lightning Ridge     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| Community Radio Inc.               |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 2nd Sunday of Every Month          | United Hospital     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
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| 3rd Sunday of Every Month          | Royal Flying Doctor |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| Service                            |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 4th Sunday of Every Month          | Historical Society  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| Trust/LR Mens' Shed                |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 5th Sunday of every Month (2 p.a.) | Rotary Club of      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| Lightning Ridge                    |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 23 September 2014                  | 12/2014/22          | <p>That Council consider inviting local residents to register their interest in participating drought relief employment projects as a means to being able to justify the funding for such projects.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager             | <p>22.10.14 Advertisements forms and press releases being drafted.<br/>17.3.15 Ongoing</p>                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager             |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |
| 23 September 2014                  | 12/2014/24          | <p>1. That the Council accept the \$20,000 grant offered by the NSW Government of Communities Sport and Recreation Grant Funding for the upgrade of the Lightning Ridge netball courts lighting and;<br/>2. That provision be made in the September QBRs for the project funding of \$40,000 to be offset by grant income of \$20,000 (net cost \$20,000) and Council's contribution being by way of transfer from the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Corporate Services | <p>10.10.14 Project to be progressed in accordance with Council resolution.<br/>18.11.14 Project progressing.<br/>01.12.14 Quotations being sought.</p>                                                                                                             | Director Corporate Services |                 |                      |  |                           |                 |           |  |                           |                     |         |  |                           |                    |                     |  |                                    |                |                 |  |                 |                                                                                                         |                 |                   |

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|                   |                 | Recreation and Capital Maintenance Vote.<br>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded: Clr Lane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               | 03.02.15 LED Australia engaged to undertake works.<br>10.2.15 Works completed and contractor paid.                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |  |
| 23 September 2014 | 12/2014/26      | 1. That the content of the report be noted.<br>2. That the quotation from Douglas Bros for supply and installation of new front fence at the Walgett Masonic Lodge at an estimated cost of \$7,700.00 be accepted and that it be funded from B/L 11.03056.4081 Recreation and Culture Capital Maintenance.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Taylor | Director Corporate Services   | 10.10.14 Project proceeding and DA lodged.<br>18.11.14 DA approved, awaiting contractor.<br>01.12.14 Job scheduled to commence 10 December 2014.<br>27.01.15 Delay in materials, project to commence 1 <sup>st</sup> week of February.<br>10.2.15 Project Completed | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 23 September 2014 | Qs next meeting | Opal FM have been unsuccessful in obtaining ongoing funding. Can Council look into giving financial assistance to Opal FM?<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager               | 23.09.14 GM requested further info from Opal FM<br>17.3.15 Awaiting letter                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager               |  |
| 23 September 2014 | Qs next meeting | The Carinda to Walgett Road is in poor condition where geotextile has been applied. Can this be investigated?<br>Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Engineering Services | 11.11.2014 – Work has commenced.<br>03.02.15 Work in progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Engineering Services |  |

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**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 28 October 2014**

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| 28 October 2014 | 13/2014/15      | 1.Note the response letter dated 25 September 2014 from NSW Crown Lands indicating that it has no objection to the establishment of an off-leash area for dogs at Lightning Ridge, within Crown Reserve R84117 for public recreation and a racecourse.<br>2.Proceed with the establishment of an off-leash area for dogs at Lightning Ridge, within Crown Reserve R84117 for public recreation and a racecourse, over the area shown in Attachment A.<br>3.Request the General Manager to make arrangements for the erection of appropriate signage for the off leash area.<br><br>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded: Clr Walford | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 7.11.14 Email sent asking Acting Director Urban Infrastructure to action resolution.                                                     | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 28 October 2014 | Qs next meeting | Can a roundabout be put in place in Fox Street near the BP?<br>Clr Murray                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services           | 28.10.14 Council is to forward the request to the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting for consideration.<br>03.02.15 Matter referred to | Director Engineering Services           |  |

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|                 |                 |                                                                         |                                         | LATC. Due to cost this will not go ahead.<br>6.3.15 Has been discussed at RMCC meeting and advised to apply with revised data and case study                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                         |
| 28 October 2014 | Qs next meeting | What is the progress of the Lightning Ridge IGA matter?<br>Clr Woodcock | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | Letter sent 16 October 2014 requesting confirmation of who has been appointed as the engineer and expected time frame for completion of permanent remediation works.<br>In e-mail dated 19-1-2015 building owner's legal representative expects work to commence late March 2015 to implement permanent remediation measures. | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |

**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 25 November 2014**

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| 25 November 2014 | 15/2014/9       | That the action being taken by the General Manager in preparing and submitting an application for National Stronger Regions Fund – "Main Street Makeovers" be endorsed.<br><br>Moved: Clr Murray<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper                                                                  | General Manager                               | 28.11.14 Application lodged.<br>28.2.15 Announcement of grants to be made in May 2015.                                                                                        | General Manager                               |
| 25 November 2014 | 15/2014/15      | 1. That the WSC AFM Quotation and Tender Thresholds and WSC Purchasing Policy and Procedures be rescinded.<br>2. That the Procurement and Tendering Policy and Policy Procedure be adopted.<br><br>Moved: Clr Martinez<br>Seconded: Clr Murray                                            | Director Corporate Services                   | 01.12.14 Policy and procedure to be implemented.<br>03.02.15 Awaiting meeting of contractors.<br>10.2.15 Awaiting meeting of contractors                                      | Director Corporate Services                   |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | Can a report be brought to Council regarding changing the name of the Gundabloui Road to the Mungindi Road as it was previously named?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                  | Director Engineering Services                 | 11.12.14 A report is to be prepared for the February Council Meeting.<br>6.3.15 Planning Department is working on it.                                                         | Director Engineering Services                 |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | What is the progress of the Grawin Bore project?<br>Response<br>The General Manager advised that a community consultation session is to be held at Grawin in the near future. Residents are to be advised that they will need to contribute towards the cost of the bore.<br>Clr Martinez | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 01.12.14 A meeting is to be held with the Grawin community shortly.<br>03.02.15 Community consultation to be held this month.<br>6.3.15 Community consultation yet to be held | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |

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| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | The 2015 ANZAC Day celebrations will be held in Gray Park, Walgett. Will the Walgett ANZAC Committee have to cover the cost of temporary toilet facilities for the day?<br>Response<br>The Director Corporate Services to investigate.<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Corporate Services                   | 01.12.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application in December, but temporary facilities will be made available for the event.<br>03.02.15 Grant application unsuccessful. \$75,000 in December QBRS. Further consideration to be given to temporary toilets closer to event.<br>10.2.15 This aspect should be on the agenda for planning by event organisers. | Director Corporate Services                   |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | Can garbage bins be installed along the footpath outside of the Walgett IGA?<br>Response<br>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.<br>Clr Murray                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 01.12.14 Investigating<br>6.3.15 Project Completed on 22.1.15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | Can Council write to Kevin Humphries MP requesting that mental health services within the Shire are better coordinated and have a more regular presence?<br>Response<br>The General Manager to investigate<br>Clr Murray                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | General Manager                               | 04.12.14 Letter being drafted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager                               |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | Walgett fishermen have noted that they have recently not been able to access the Weir. Why are they not able to access the weir now?<br>Response<br>The General Manager to investigate<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager                               | 04.12.14 Private property access issues being researched.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager                               |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | Can Council install water meters to properties outside of Lightning Ridge near the tip?<br>Response<br>The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that Council cannot install water meters outside of the town area. He further advised that a report on illegal use of the town water supply was brought to Council recently. Council resolved to seek legal advice, and he will be submitting that advice to Council in conjunction with an updated report.<br>Clr Taylor | Director Planning and Regulatory Services     | 02.12.14 Response provided at meeting by Director Planning and Regulatory Services<br>Updated report currently being drafted for submission to Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Planning and Regulatory Services     |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | What is the progress of the Lightning Ridge Post Office issue?<br>Response<br>The Mayor advised that he has been informed by Mr Mark Coulton MP that Australia Post are planning to take over the Post Office from the current Post Master.<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Director Corporate Services                   | 11.12.14 Waiting for advice from Australia Post.<br>10.2.15 No further update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Director Corporate Services                   |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | People who leave their car windows open to cool their car down while they are parked in Lightning Ridge during hot weather are receiving \$104.00 fines from the Highway Patrol Officer. Can Council discuss this issue with the Police?<br>Response<br>The General Manager advised that the Highway Patrol does not operate as part of the Castlereagh Local Area Command. The                                                                                                        | General Manager                               | 04.12.14 Not raised at the meeting. Being checked with Highway Patrol.<br>28.2.15 N.F.A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                               |  |

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|                  |                 | General Manager further advised that he will be attending an REMC meeting next week and he will raise the issue with the Assistant Police Commissioner who will be in attendance as well.<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                                                                                                                                                      |                             |  |
| 25 November 2014 | Qs next meeting | Can flags be installed in Morilla and Opal Streets in Lightning Ridge as part of the Main Street Beautification Project?<br>Response<br>The General Manager to investigate.<br>Clr Walford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager             | 04.12.14 To be listed for discussion at next consultation session.in 2015                                                                            | General Manager             |  |
| 25 November 2014 | 15/2014/24      | 1. That Council resolve to sell the properties as listed in appendix 1 of this report in accordance by public auction in accordance with the Sec 713 of the Local Government Act 1993.<br>2. That the only payment arrangement acceptable to the Council be payment in full.<br>3. That Council resolve that Saturday 28th March 2015 at 10:30am be the date and time of the auction for sale of land for unpaid rates.<br><br>Moved: Clr Cooper<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway | Director Corporate Services | 1. Letter send 01.12.14<br>2. Progressing<br>01.12.14 Arrangements being put in place.<br>03.02.15 Matter progressing.<br>10.2.15 Matter progressing | Director Corporate Services |  |

**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 17 December 2014**

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| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/5  | 1. That an invitation be extended to the Minister for Emergency Services and NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons to meet with Council representatives to discuss the following issues;<br>a)The issue of the use of cheaper, more effective tanker trailer units in the North West Zone rather than more expensive fire trucks.<br>b)The issue of fire protection clothing suitable for North West Zone conditions.<br>2. That a copy of the invitation letter is provided to Greg Sim and Kevin Humphries MP.<br><br>Moved: Clr Murray<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway | General Manager | 17.12.14 letters sent awaiting responses | General Manager |  |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/6  | That an invitation be extended to the NSW Minister for Education Mr Adrian Piccoli MP to review the effectiveness of the Connected Communities concept at the Walgett Community College as it does not appear to be meeting whole of community expectations.<br>2.That a copy of the invitation letter is provided to Kevin Humphries MP.<br><br>Moved: Clr Murray<br>Seconded: Clr Walford                                                                                                                                                                           | General Manager | 17.12.14 Letter sent awaiting response   | General Manager |  |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/11 | That a meeting with the Local Federal Member Mark Coulton MP be arranged as a matter of urgency to follow up Council's various Drought Submissions/initiatives.<br><br>Moved: Clr Walford<br>Seconded: Clr Murray                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager | 17.12.14 to advise when available        | General Manager |  |

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| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/14             | <p>1. That Council note the content of the report and that the list be reviewed by councillors and staff for accuracy and omissions.</p> <p>2. That Councillors Keir, Greenaway and Woodcock meet with Council staff after the February 2015 meeting to review the report.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Keir<br/>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                           | Director Corporate Services                       | 03.02.15 Review meeting scheduled for after the February Council Meeting<br>10.2.15 Further draft to be provided to Councillors following review meeting.                        | Director Corporate Services                       |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/15             | <p>That Council note the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for September and adopt the adjustments/changes indicated within each report respectively.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Keir<br/>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Corporate Services                       |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Director Corporate Services                       |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/19             | <p>That this item is deferred until a response is received from the NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons regarding the issues raised by Clr Murray in his Motion of Notice.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Engineering Services                     | 23.01.15 Work in progress.                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services                     |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/21             | <p>1. That the Level 2 Garden Watering restriction is amended to allow watering from 7:00pm to 9:00pm only, from 16 December 2014.</p> <p>2. That the Office of Water/State Water are requested to investigate illegal irrigation upstream of Walgett.</p> <p>3. That Council initiate an approach for emergency bore or pumping from the Barwon River funding as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p> | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services | 03.02.15 1 and 2 done. 3 – awaiting response from local member.<br>6.3.15 Completed                                                                                              | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | <p>Can Council investigate re-installing the Walgett Town sign on the Kamilaroi Highway once it is repaired?</p> <p>Response<br/>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to take appropriate action for repairs and re-installation.<br/>Clr Murray</p>                                                                                                                                                                           | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services | 6.3.15 Matter progressing                                                                                                                                                        | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | <p>The unsealed road near the Walgett tip is untidy and there is rubbish in the area. Can this be tidied up?</p> <p>Response<br/>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the area was cleared last week and he will investigate further and take appropriate action.<br/>Clr Murray</p>                                                                                                                              | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services | 03.02.15 Completed, next step may be to engage R&R Services regarding illegal dumping.<br>6.3.15 Planning and Regulatory Department issuing written notices for illegal dumping. | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | <p>The undercover area between the small and large swimming pools in Walgett that was previously grassed is now dirt. Can Council investigate?</p> <p>Response<br/>The Director Corporate Services advised that a number of options for recovering are currently being investigated and appropriate action will be taken without any further delay.<br/>Clr Cooper</p>                                                                      | Director Corporate Services                       | 03.02.15 Work to be undertaken when pool closes in April.<br>10.2.15 Works scheduled after pool closes                                                                           | Director Corporate Services                       |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | <p>Can the Rosemary around the ANZAC Monument in Fox Street Walgett be removed?</p> <p>Response<br/>The General Manager advised that the RSL is planning on installing</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services | 03.02.15 Actioned by RSL Sub Branch Committee.<br>6.3.15 Project Completed                                                                                                       | Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services |

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|                  |                        | planter boxes around the Monument but that the damaged rosemary will be removed in the interim period.<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |                                                             |                               |  |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | Brian Hannigan has written to Council regarding the misspelling of the Hardy's Lease Road. Can his letter be acknowledged and a response sent?<br>Response<br>The Director of Engineering Services advised that the letter has been received, will be acknowledged by letter and appropriate action initiated without delay to correct the spelling error.<br>Clr Keir | Director Engineering Services | 6.3.15 Planning and Regulatory Department is working on it. | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | What is the progress of the fencing issue at the Walgett Weir?<br>Response<br>The General Manager advised that the laneway to the weir will be fenced shortly and arrangement for access made as necessary.<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                | General Manager               | 28.2.15 Fresh Tenders for materials called.                 | General Manager               |  |
| 17 December 2014 | Questions Next Meeting | Can the letter received from Michael Hughes Transport be acknowledged?<br>Response<br>The General Manager advised that the letter received will be acknowledged and further negotiation for the sale of the land involved initiated.<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                                       | General Manager               | 17.2.14 reply sent awaiting costing details                 | General Manager               |  |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/24             | 1. That the summary of the performance monitoring undertaken by LG NSW Management Solutions on behalf of Council be received and noted.<br><br>Moved: Clr Keir<br>Seconded: Clr Murray                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager               | 17.12.14 N.F.A                                              | General Manager               |  |
| 17 December 2014 | 16/2014/25             | That Council endorse the proposed reorganisation of Council's functional activities into a three divisional structure and that an appropriate consultation process be commenced early in January, 2015 with a view to a definite proposal being put before Council for consideration in February, 2015.<br><br>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded: Clr Walford            | General Manager               | 28.2.14 Report delayed until April 2015                     | General Manager               |  |

**Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 10 February 2015**

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| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/4  | That Council write to the Chief Executive Officer of the Bureau of Meteorology Dr Rob Vertessy requesting that a representative from the Bureau visits the Walgett Shire to explain why weather forecasts for the Walgett Shire for the past two and a half years have been incorrect.<br><br>Moved: Clr Murray<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway | General Manager | 13.3.14 Letter sent                                                       | General Manager |  |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/11 | That Council:<br>1. Continue to evaluate the concept of a Far West Initiative with fellow Western Division Councils and play an active role in the further development of the concept.                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager | 28.2.14 To be considered in conjunction with Western Division Resolutions | General Manager |  |

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|                  |           | <p>2.Maintain its involvement with the Outback Shires Alliance and press for an expanded role for the Alliance in the Local Government Reform process.</p> <p>3.Evaluate the concept of a "rural council" and its suitability or otherwise for the future operation of Walgett Shire Council.</p> <p>4.Prepare a draft "Fit For the Future" proposal for further review and consideration</p> <p>5.Continue to liaise with both Bourke and Brewarrina Shire in respect of action they are taking with regards local government reform.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |                                                   |                             |                                                   |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/12 | <p>1.That Council supply a suitable number of portable toilets for the Lightning Ridge Easter Carnival.</p> <p>2.That Council do not provide sponsorship for the Piglet Races event.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | General Manager             | 28.2.14 Referred to Corporate Services for action | General Manager             |                                                   |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/13 | <p>That Council submit the following motions at the Annual Conference of the Western Division Group of Shires;</p> <p>1.The use of fire trailers by the RFS in more isolated areas of the state to provide a more effective level of fire protection.</p> <p>2.The combining the RFS, SES, VRA and Fire and Rescue NSW in the Western Division to reduce operating costs and in particular levies being placed on local government.</p> <p>3.That the level of funds each western division council can identify through cost shifting by higher tiers of government be taken into account during the "Fit For the Future" process in determining a council's future sustainability.</p> <p>4.That Council support the establishment of a Western Freeway.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Murray</p> | General Manager             | 23.2.15 Motions submitted and carried             | General Manager             |                                                   |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/19 | <p>That Council note the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31st December 2014 and adopt the adjustments/changes indicated within each fund respectively.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Murray<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Corporate Services |                                                   | Director Corporate Services | Adjustments processed by Financial Manager        |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/20 | <p>That Council request the General Manager to undertake a comprehensive cost benefit analysis on the provision of primitive camping facilities and the role that they play in the overall tourism strategy for the Shire and also investigate the cost of the electricity supply to the facility.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Corporate Services |                                                   | Director Corporate Services | General Manager to progress project               |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/22 | <p>That the applicants be granted financial assistance for the recommended amount (as detailed below) subject to any conditions under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2014/2015.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Martinez<br/>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Corporate Services |                                                   | Director Corporate Services | Letters sent to application advising of outcomes. |

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| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/23 | <p>1. That Council record its recognition of and support for the event;<br/>2. That the Mayor or his nominee provide an address to the forum to be held in the RSL Hall.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Martinez<br/>Seconded: Clr Taylor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Director Corporate Services                   |                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Corporate Services                   | Event conducted on 19.2.15 |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/25 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <p>1. Allocate \$8,467 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2014-2015 to maintenance works on the Burren Junction School of the Arts hall.<br/>2. Request that the General Manager arrange discussions between Council's Heritage Advisor and any tradespeople involved to ensure that work is done to relevant standards.<br/>3. If any other Local Heritage Fund project fails, then the remaining amount shall be allocated to the Burren Junction School of the Arts hall.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | Asset officer notified of Council resolution 13.2.15 & has obtained quotes to replace down pipes and direct stormwater away from the building.<br>Appointment of contractor imminent. | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       |                            |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/26 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <p>1. Defer this item to allow for Council staff to prepare a report regarding possible funding of 50% of the cost of updating security of premises to a pre-determined limit with the upgrade to occur within a specific time period.<br/>2. Council staff also investigate the possibility of requesting business owners to repaint premises in heritage colours, with the support of a paint company.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Taylor<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                        | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | Wendy Azevedo notified of resolution via letter dated 26.2.15.<br><br>Town Planner drafting request report for March 2015 Council meeting.                                            | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       |                            |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/27 | <p>1. Note Council's GIS Coordinators report regarding the renaming of RR457 Gundabloui Road.<br/>2. Maintain the name Gundabloui Road for RR457.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Murray</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | No action required.                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | Completed.                 |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/31 | <p>That Council receive and approve the draft budget as listed for the Rural Fire Services fund 2015/2016, however provide for a 3% drop each year in respect of VASS charges, based on last year's figures with other charges to remain as is.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Murray<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Engineering Services                 | 6.3.15 RFS have been informed verbally after Feb Council Meeting                                                                                                                      | Director Engineering Services                 |                            |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/33 | <p>1. That Council endorse the General Manager's actions in accepting the grant funding of \$2,485,714.00 offered by the Office of Environment and Heritage.<br/>2. Council shall contribute \$414,286 on a basis of a 6:1 ratio for the Walgett Levee Refurbishment Program in FY2014-15.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Martinez</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 6.3.15 Awaiting funding agreement to be signed by both parties                                                                                                                        | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                            |

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| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can Council encourage the removal of car bodies from the area behind the BP service station at Lightning Ridge?<br>Response<br>The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate.<br>Clr Taylor         | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | Letter sent to landowner on 11.2.15 requesting the removal of 3 car bodies within 1 month.                                      | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | There is a section of Old Nobby Road in Lightning Ridge that has washed away. Can this be investigated?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>Clr Taylor                           | Director Engineering Services                 | 6.3.15 This road belongs to Mining Association                                                                                  | Director Engineering Services                 |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Trees in Lightning Ridge are not being watered on a regular basis. Can a regular watering system be put in place?<br>Response<br>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.<br>Clr Taylor | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 6.3.15 Regular watering system actioned.                                                                                        | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Sections of the intersection of Silica and Harlequin Streets in Lightning Ridge have worn away. Can this be investigated?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>Clr Taylor         | Director Engineering Services                 | 6.3.15 Inspections has been completed and works scheduled.                                                                      | Director Engineering Services                 |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | When will the Main Street Beautification project start work in Lightning Ridge?<br>Response<br>The General Manager to provide an update.<br>Clr Taylor                                                           | General Manager                               | 18.3.15 Reported to March 2015 Meeting                                                                                          | General Manager                               |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can Council receive an update on the progress of Hudson Pear funding?<br>Response<br>The General Manager to provide an update.<br>Clr Taylor                                                                     | General Manager                               | 18.3.15 Reported to march 2015 Meeting.                                                                                         | General Manager                               |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can Council reassess the re-routing of heavy vehicles through Lightning Ridge? Can a by-pass be put in place?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>Clr Taylor                     | Director Engineering Services                 | 6.3.15 Lorne Road has been discussed in previous meetings as an option for the by-pass. Investigating funding for this project. | Director Engineering Services                 |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can the bus parking area out the front of the Lightning Ridge School be resealed?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>Clr Taylor                                                 | Director Engineering Services                 | 6.3.15 Has been scheduled                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services                 |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can signage be erected in Walgett advising of the location of public toilets?<br>Response<br>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate<br>Clr Murray                                      | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 6.3.15 Matter progressing                                                                                                       | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can the Environmental Health and Building Surveyor undertake an inspection of Walgett Gourmet Foods?<br>Response<br>The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate.<br>Clr Murray                    | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | Inspection undertaken by Snr Environmental Health and Building Surveyor on 17.2.15. Improvement notice issued 17.2.15           | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       |  |

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| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can the sign on the wall of the public toilet block at Collarenebri be removed?<br>Response<br>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.<br>Clr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                                       | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 6.3.15 Project completed                                                                                                                                                  | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can the drainage issue at Opal Street, Lightning Ridge be investigated?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services advised that the drainage issue was resolved last week.<br>Clr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services                 | 6.3.15 Inspection is in progress                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services                 |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | There are kangaroos getting into the Lightning Ridge Aerodrome through the fence. Can this be investigated?<br>Response<br>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that pilots should be contacting Council's staff contact before landing at the aerodrome to allow a "roo run" to take place.<br>Clr Martinez                                      | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 6.3.15 Kangaroos are a big problem at LR and Collarenebri Airport. A budget vote is allocated for LR airport fencing. Repairs to the fence on the western side completed. | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Can Council investigate damaged road signs across the Shire?<br>Response<br>The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services                 |                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services                 |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | How are water usage bills calculated when Council staff cannot access water metres?<br>Response<br>The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that if staff have difficulty accessing metres they will contact the property owner to gain access.<br>Clr Cooper                                                                                         | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                                                                                                                                                                           | Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services | Any inaccessible water metres are charged on an estimated consumption. Council send letters to property owners asking the to provide access for meter reading. |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | What is the progress of the weir access issue?<br>Response<br>The General Manager to provide an update.<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                               | 18.3.15 Reported to March 2015 meeting.                                                                                                                                   | General Manager                               |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 February 2015 | Qs next meeting | Keith Hackett from Fire and Rescue Lightning Ridge has been advised that there is funding available to update addressing for the opal fields. Is this correct?<br>Response<br>The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that there is no funding currently available. Council's GIS Co-ordinator will provide a report to Council on the matter.<br>Clr Lane | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       | Report regarding addressing on the opal fields currently being drafted.                                                                                                   | Director Planning & Regulatory Services       |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 February 2015 | 1/2015/36       | 1. That Council accept the quotation submitted by DCL Locksmiths and Security for the installation and supply of Councils CCTV system in the sum of \$6,056.89.<br>2. That the Council proceed with an additional two cameras and DVR upgrade at an additional cost of \$3,703.56.<br><br>Moved: Clr Martinez<br>Seconded: Clr Taylor                                  | Director Corporate Services                   |                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Corporate Services                   | Contractor engaged to undertake project                                                                                                                        |

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| 10 February<br>2015 | 1/2015/37 | <p>That rate assessment 57505 for Lots 6 to 10 Section 22 DP 759036 in the name of George Temple, Augustus Fuller Temple &amp; Horace Temple be withdrawn from sale of land for unpaid rates scheduled for Saturday 28 March 2015.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Murray</p> | Director Corporate Services |  | Director Corporate Services | Assessment withdrawn from sale          |
| 10 February<br>2015 | 1/2015/38 | <p>That the following debtor accounts as detailed be written off. (please see minutes for details)</p> <p>Moved: Clr Martinez<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                    | Director Corporate Services |  | Director Corporate Services | Financial Manager to process write offs |

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – MARCH 2015**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/615

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### **Summary:**

Copies of weekly circulars numbers 4 -10 received from Local Government NSW since the December Council meeting have been distributed to Councillors.

### **Background:**

The following items in each circular have been flagged by the General Manager as requiring particular attention of Councillors:

#### Issue 4

Item 3: LGNSW Supporting Council's *Fit For Future* Proposals  
Item 9: *Fit for Future* Workshops for February and March 2015

#### Issue 5

Item 5: NSW Government release Rural Council Template under *Fit for Future* package

#### Issue 6

Item 13: Upcoming courses in February & March 2015  
Item 18: RMS Heavy Vehicle Road manager Toolkit

#### Issue 7

Item 5: Preparing *Fit for the Future* Proposals  
Item 7: Electronic Voting  
Item 9: Amendments to Foreign Purchases of Agricultural Land Rules

#### Issue 8

Item 6: Government Communications Australia Conference 2015  
Item 9: Final Report from Wambelong Fire Inquiry  
Item 10: Changes to Contaminated Land Management Act

#### Issue 9

Item 4: Local Government Employment Law Seminar – Registration Open  
Item 6: Liquor Act Review Reforms  
Item 9: Call for 2015-16 Floodplain Management Grants  
Item 14: Managing Stages of Change – Upcoming Course  
Item 15: Public Program for March and April 2015  
Item 18: Development Control Short Course

**Current Position:**

Senior Management Staff and Councillors need to peruse these circulars and raise any matters of interest with the General Manager prior to the Meeting. Staff also have the task of following up and lodging application for grant funding where funding for Council projects may be available.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Nil

**Governance issues:**

Senior Management Staff and Councillors are requested to review weekly Circulars and keep abreast of Local Government issues occurring at Industry level.

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council staff

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Legal Issues:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not Applicable

**Conclusion:**

Both Senior Management Staff and Councillors need to consider the contents of the various circulars and determine what action, if any, needs to be taken.

**Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW**

**Recommendation:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 4 – 10 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

## ***CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MARCH 2015***

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/616

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### **Summary:**

Copies of circular received 15-05 to 15-11 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information.

### **Background:**

The General Manager has flagged the following circulars as requiring the particular attention of councillors:

|                 |                                                                      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Circular 15-05: | Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program – Successful Applicants     |
| Circular 15-06  | Information and privacy Commission – Privacy Governance              |
| Circular 15-07  | Misuse of Council Resources – 2015 State Election                    |
| Circular 15-08  | New NSW Online Registry for Court Services save time and money       |
| Circular 15-09  | Changes to land acquisition process for acquiring authorities in NSW |
| Circular 15-10  | More time to get pools safe before selling or leasing                |
| Circular 15-11  | 2015 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government                 |

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

### **Governance Issues:**

All circulars have Governance implications. Where necessary the subject of particular circulars will be raised in following reports.

Copies of the briefing papers/discussion papers have been forwarded to all Councillors under separate cover. Councillors need to consider what the long term impacts may be on Local Government generally and Walgett Shire in particular.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council staff

### **Financial Implications:**

Obviously some circulars will have a financial impact and where this is the case, Councillors particular attention will be drawn to them.

**Legal Issues:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will need to comply with the various requirements set out in the circulars.

**Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government – March 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 15-04 to 15- 11 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Circulars 15-04 to 15-11

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-05 / 6 February 2015 / A403674                                                                          |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 13-54 and 14-22                                                                                            |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff / Companion Animals staff                               |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Program Delivery Team / 4426 4100 / <a href="mailto:rcogrants@olg.nsw.gov.au">rcogrants@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information / Successful applicants to return signed Funding Agreements to OLG                             |

**Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program – Successful Applicants in Year One**

**What's new or changing**

- Commencing in 2014/15, the NSW Government has committed \$900,000 over 3 years to the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program.
- Applications for year one of the program have now been assessed and 24 projects with a total project value of \$303,375 have been approved.

**What this will mean for your council**

- All applicants will receive correspondence from OLG in relation to their individual application.
- Successful applicants will be paid the full grant amount after returning their signed Funding Agreement to the OLG.
- All councils are encouraged to apply for funding in the second year of the program, which will open in the second quarter of 2015.

**Key points**

- The Grants Program seeks to provide funding to councils to target programs which will increase microchipping, lifetime registration and desexing rates and address dangerous dog issues in the community.
- The first round of applications closed on 3 October 2014 and a total of 43 applications were received.
- An Assessment Panel was established to make recommendations on funding and assess all applications in accordance with the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program Guidelines.
- It is anticipated that applications for year two of the grant funding program will be called for in the second quarter of 2015.

**Where to go for further information**

- A full list of successful applicants in the first year of the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program will be available on the Office of Local Government's website <http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au>



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-06 / 9 February 2015 / A407396                                                    |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | NW                                                                                   |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | General Managers / Governance                                                        |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Council Governance Team : <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information                                                                          |

## Information and Privacy Commission – Privacy Governance Framework

### What's new or changing

- The Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) has launched the Privacy Governance Framework (PGF), a new resource to help councils manage their responsibilities under the NSW privacy regime.

### What this will mean for your council

- IPC suggests councils and county councils include the PGF in their internal governance to help better understand and address their roles and responsibilities in relation to privacy management.

### Key points

- The PGF is an online interactive tool designed to assist NSW public sector agencies to:
  - understand the NSW privacy and personal information protection framework;
  - identify how the NSW privacy regime can be effectively implemented; and
  - help agencies identify, measure and resolve privacy risks to comply with NSW privacy legislation.

### Where to go for further information

- The PGF can be found at:  
<http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy-governance-framework>
- Contact IPC directly for further information:  
Telephone: 1800 472 679 or email: [ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au)



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-07 / 10 February 2015 / A410127                                                                  |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | Not applicable                                                                                      |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff                                                  |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Council Governance Team / 02 4426 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Councils to Implement                                                                               |

## Misuse of Council Resources – 2015 State Election

### What's new or changing

In the lead up to the 2015 State election, council officials need to be aware of their obligations under the Model Code of Conduct regarding the use of council resources.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils may experience an increased risk that council resources are misused.
- It is important that the community has confidence that council property and resources are only used for official purposes.
- Councils are encouraged to ensure that council officials are aware of their obligations regarding the use of council resources.

### Key points

- Clause 7.16 and 7.17 of the Model Code of Conduct provides that council officials must not:
  - use council resources, property or facilities for the purpose of assisting their election campaign or the election campaign of others unless the resources, property or facilities are otherwise available for use or hire by the public and any publicly advertised fee is paid for the use of the resources, property or facility;
  - use council letterhead, council crests and other information that could give the appearance it is official council material for the purpose of assisting their election campaign or the election campaign of others.
- These obligations apply to all election campaigns including council, State and Federal election campaigns.
- Councils should also ensure that they exercise any regulatory powers in relation to election activities such as election signage in an impartial and even-handed way and in accordance with established procedures and practices.
- Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disciplinary action under the code of conduct.

### Where to go for further information

- For more information, contact the Office's Council Governance Team on 4426 4100.

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-05 / 12 February 2015 / A410571                                                          |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | Nil                                                                                         |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | General Managers /Legal and Regulatory Staff                                                |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Innovation Team / 02 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | For Information                                                                             |

**New NSW Online Registry for court services to save time and money**

**What's new or changing**

- Councils can now access court services more cheaply and quickly via a new NSW Online Registry.

**What this will mean for your council**

- Council staff may wish to register for the Online Registry to allow rapid access to court documents, judgments and orders and to file Court Attendance Notices.
- Accessing court services online will save councils time and money with particular benefits for councils in regional and remote areas.

**Key points**

- Authorised representatives of Councils can now access some court services at <http://www.onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au>.
- Court Attendance Notices can be filed online through this service for Commonwealth and NSW State matters.
- The Online Registry also allows registered users to track case progress, view and download court sealed documents online and by email, check for judgments and orders and request judgment copies.
- To use the Online Registry authorised council staff should register through the website. Registered users will need to pass an identity check.
- Filing and other court fees can also be paid online by credit or debit card or direct debit.

**Where to go for further information**

- Further information about the Online Registry and how to register can be obtained by contacting [onlineregistry\\_support@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:onlineregistry_support@agd.nsw.gov.au) or online at: <http://www.onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au>.



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-09 / 25 February 2015/ A409807                                                                    |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | N/A                                                                                                  |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All staff involved in the acquisition of land by compulsory process |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Performance Team / (02) 44264214 <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>          |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Councils to implement new requirements effective immediately.                                        |

**Changes to the land acquisition process for acquiring authorities in NSW**

**What's new or changing**

- The process for acquiring privately owned land by compulsory process has been changed to improve fairness and transparency.
- The new requirements apply to all acquiring authorities in NSW, including local councils. Compliance with the requirements is mandatory.
- NSW Office of Finance and Services (OFS) has issued a Circular (No [2015-01](#) of 1 January 2015) setting out the new requirements.
- Before making an application for approval to compulsorily acquire private land, councils must provide the land owner with information about the compulsory acquisition process.
- OFS has prepared a ["Land Acquisition Information Guide"](#), which councils can use for that purpose.
- In addition, councils must make additional efforts to negotiate with the land owner, including making every reasonable effort to have at least one face to face meeting with the land owner and/or their representative.

**What this will mean for your council**

- Councils seeking to acquire privately owned land by compulsory process, either under the *Local Government Act 1993* or the *Roads Act 1993*, must comply with the new requirements.
- Councils will need to provide evidence of having complied with these requirements with their application form.

**Key Points**

- Compliance with the new requirements is mandatory. The changes apply from 1 February 2015.
- They should be applied to all proposals to acquire private land currently under consideration by councils, to all future proposals for the acquisition of private land and to any application currently being assessed by the Office of Local Government, where it is deemed appropriate for additional negotiation to occur.

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-10/26 February 2015/ A414038                                                                               |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 12-40, 13-53, 14-07                                                                                           |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff / Specific business areas                                  |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Program Delivery Team / T: (02) 4428 4100 / E: <a href="mailto:olig@olig.nsw.gov.au">olig@olig.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information and Implementation                                                                                |

**More time to get pools safe before selling or leasing**

**What's new or changing**

- Provisions requiring a property with a swimming pool to have a certificate of compliance before it can be sold or leased will now commence on **29 April 2016**.

**What this will mean for your council**

- Councils should use this additional time to implement their swimming pool inspection program and promote awareness of the requirements that will now commence on **29 April 2016**.
- Councils should continue to carry out mandatory inspection of pools in tourist and visitor accommodation and multi-occupancy properties to improve compliance rates and increase child safety around pools.

**Key points**

- An additional twelve months is being provided to give property owners more time to ensure that their swimming pool is compliant before selling or leasing their property.
- This follows discussions with child safety advocates, councils and industry stakeholders who requested additional time.
- Councils continue to report high failure rates for initial inspections of at least 95%.
- The additional swimming pool barrier repair and upgrade work being generated is placing pressure on pool trades and services.
- The Building Professionals Board has established the E1 Pool Certifier category to provide additional certification services to pool owners. This will complement council inspections and increase the number of qualified people who can conduct swimming pool inspections.
- Councils should use this additional time to inform property owners of their responsibilities and to ensure that the council has appropriate systems, processes and resources to respond to requests from property owners for inspections.

**Where to go for further information**

- Further information can be found at [www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Office of Local Government on telephone no (02) 4428 4100.



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 15-11 / 4 March 2015 / A414756                                                                                |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | n/a                                                                                                           |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors, General Managers and council staff                                                               |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Development Team 02 4428 4100<br><a href="mailto:WomensAwards@olg.nsw.gov.au">WomensAwards@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information                                                                                                   |

**2015 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government**

**What's new or changing**

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole MP, and the Minister for Women, the Hon Pru Goward MP, announced the winners of the eighth annual Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government, as part of International Women's Day celebrations at Parliament House on 3 March 2015.

The Awards were established to recognise the outstanding contributions and achievements of women in local government in NSW.

**Key points**

Winners of the 2015 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government are:

Elected Representative from a Metropolitan Council

**Winner of the Award** – Councillor Sue Heins, Warringah Council

Elected Representative from a Rural or Regional Council

**Winner of the Award** – Councillor Gae Swain, Gunnedah Shire Council

Senior Staff Member – Metropolitan Council

**Winner of the Award** – Nicole Magurran, Camden Council

Senior Staff Member – Rural or Regional Council

**Winner of the Award** – Therese Manns, Broken Hill City Council

Highly Commended – Leeah Daley, Gwydir Shire Council

Non-Senior Staff Member – Metropolitan Council

**Winner of the Award** – Sarah Sampson, Penrith City Council

Highly Commended – Justine Ulubau, Campbelltown City Council

Non-Senior Staff Member – Rural or Regional Council

**Joint Winner of the Award** – Shellee Buckle, Parkes Shire Council

**Joint Winner of the Award** – Laura Kendall, Lake Macquarie City Council

Women in a Non-Traditional Role – Metropolitan Council

**Winner of the Award** – Sara Foster, Wyong Shire Council

Women in a Non-Traditional Role – Rural or Regional Council

**Winner of the Award** – Sharon Ross, Parkes Shire Council.

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## **MONTHLY CALENDAR – MARCH 2015**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/22

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### **Summary:**

Monthly calendar of Council activities.

### **Discussion (including issues and background):**

It was resolved at the 28 September 2010 Ordinary meeting of Council to produce a monthly in-house calendar as a central focus point to allow Councillors and senior management staff to plan their activities and spread their work load having regard to upcoming commitments.

It also avoids situations where some Councillors missed meetings or are not aware of when they have been scheduled. In addition, outside organisations have been requested to send meeting notice and minutes direct to Council's various representatives. Where notification is received meeting dates will be listed on the strategic tasks, events and meetings calendar and the representative(s) names flagged.

### **Current Position:**

The calendar for the months of March 2015 to May 2015 is attached. Councillors are requested to raise any queries prior to the meeting.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Nil

### **Governance issues:**

Good governance centres in part on good communication and forward planning. Councillors are requested to advise the General Manager's Executive Assistant of any coming community or councillor function so as to avoid any clashes of commitments.

### **Environmental issues:**

Not applicable

### **Stakeholders:**

Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council staff

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

Provided there are no changes it is appropriate to receive and note the information.

**Monthly Calendar – March 2015 to May 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March 2015 to May 2015.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Calendar for March to May 2015

## March 2015

| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>Time</b>    | <b>What</b>                                                             | <b>Who</b>                                                               |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 1 March            |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Mon 2 March            |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Tues 3 March           | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Auction – CMCC Depot and Plant Coonamble</b>                         | <b>General Manager</b>                                                   |
| Weds 4 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| <b>Thurs 5 March</b>   | <b>9:00am</b>  | <b>Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance Meeting - Nyngan</b>        | <b>General Manager &amp; Act. Director Urban Infrastructure Services</b> |
| Fri 6 March            |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Sat 7 March            |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Sun 8 March            |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Mon 9 March            |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Tues 10 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Weds 11 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Thur 12 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| <b>Fri 13 March</b>    | <b>5:30pm</b>  | <b>Welcome to Community Event – Walgett Sporting Club</b>               | <b>All Councillors and Directors</b>                                     |
| Sat 14 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Sun 15 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Mon 16 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Tues 17 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Weds 18 March          | <b>5.30pm</b>  | <b>Grawin Bore Community Meeting</b>                                    | <b>Mayor &amp; Council Staff</b>                                         |
| Thur 19 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Fri 20 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Sat 21 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Sun 22 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Mon 23 March           | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>CMCC Meeting Walgett</b>                                             | <b>General Manager, Cirs Greenaway &amp; Woodcock</b>                    |
| <b>Tues 24 March</b>   | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>Council Meeting – Lightning Ridge</b>                                | <b>All Councillors and Directors</b>                                     |
| Weds 25 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Thur 26 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Fri 27 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| <b>Sat 28 March</b>    | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>Sale of Land for Unpaid/Overdue Rates – Walgett Council Chambers</b> | <b>General Manager</b>                                                   |
| Sun 29 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Mon 30 March           |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |
| Tues 31 March          |                |                                                                         |                                                                          |

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA**

**April 2015**

| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>Time</b>    | <b>What</b>                                     | <b>Who</b>                                            |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Weds 1 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| <b>Thurs 2 April</b>   | <b>8:00am</b>  | <b>Special Council Meeting – Council Budget</b> | <b>All Directors and Councillors</b>                  |
| Fri 3 April            |                | <b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>               |                                                       |
| Sat 4 April            |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Sun 5 April            |                | <b>Easter Sunday</b>                            |                                                       |
| Mon 6 April            |                | <b>Easter Monday Public Holiday</b>             |                                                       |
| Tues 7 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Weds 8 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Thurs 9 April          |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Fri 10 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Sat 11 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Sun 12 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Mon 13 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Tues 14 April          |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Weds 15 April          |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Thurs 16 April         |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| <b>Fri 17 April</b>    | <b>9:00am</b>  | <b>GMAC Meeting – Dubbo</b>                     | <b>General Manager</b>                                |
| Sat 18 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Sun 19 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| <b>Mon 20 April</b>    | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>CMCC Meeting – Gilgandra</b>                 | <b>General Manager, Cirs Greenaway &amp; Woodcock</b> |
| Tues 21 April          |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Weds 22 April          |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Thurs 23 April         |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Fri 24 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Sat 25 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Sun 26 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Mon 27 April           |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| <b>Tues 28 April</b>   | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>Council Meeting – Collarenebri</b>           | <b>All Directors and Councillors</b>                  |
| Weds 29 April          |                |                                                 |                                                       |
| Thurs 30 April         |                |                                                 |                                                       |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

May 2015

| Date of Meeting    | Time           | What                             | Who                                  |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fri 1 May          |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sat 2 May          |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sun 3 May          |                |                                  |                                      |
| Mon 4 May          |                |                                  |                                      |
| Tues 5 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Wed 6 May          |                |                                  |                                      |
| Thurs 7 May        |                |                                  |                                      |
| Fri 8 May          |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sat 9 My           |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sun 10 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Mon 11 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Tues 12 May        |                |                                  |                                      |
| Wed 13 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Thurs 14 May       |                |                                  |                                      |
| Fri 15 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sat 16 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sun 17 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Mon 18 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Tues 19 May        |                |                                  |                                      |
| Wed 20 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Thurs 21 May       |                |                                  |                                      |
| Fri 22 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sat 23 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sun 24 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Mon 25 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| <b>Tues 26 May</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Council Meeting – Walgett</b> | <b>All Directors and Councillors</b> |
| Wed 27 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Thurs 28 May       |                |                                  |                                      |
| Fri 29 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Sat 30 May         |                |                                  |                                      |
| Mon 31 May         |                |                                  |                                      |

## **2015 DICK COLLESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 13/27

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### **Summary:**

To consider the 2015 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards.

### **Background:**

In July 2012 meeting it was resolved to establish a perpetual scholarship to honour the memory of the late Councillor Dick Colless. Subsequently, Council adopted guidelines for the award of those scholarships which included inviting applications at the commencement of each year from persons entering the second and/or subsequent years of study.

A maximum of four scholarships with a maximum value of \$2,500 each be awarded in any one year with scholarships to be available only for recognised courses of study being undertaken at recognised tertiary institutions and TAFE Colleges.

Scholarships be based on course fees, accommodation requirements and any other special requirements for study including residential course attendance expenses. Formal application has to be made on the prescribed application form setting out personal details, course of study being undertaken, past results and any special circumstances for applying. Applicants are to provide written proof of course fees and the like with their application.

Scholarships be only awarded to students who have their principal place of abode within Walgett Shire.

When awarding scholarships due consideration be had to the results achieved in the first or subsequent years of study. Where the annual vote of \$10,000 is not awarded, it be placed in a reserve for future years.

### **Current Position:**

Applications for the 2015 scholarships were invited and closed on 23 February 2015. Eight applications were received and all applications met the required criteria.

A small committee comprising the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Murray and General Manager has reviewed the applications received and makes the following recommendations for the award of scholarships in 2015:

|                   |                                                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Friend  | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Pharmacy)                                              |
| Georgie Currey    | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Business Marketing)                                    |
| Angus Remond      | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Agri Business)                                         |
| Phillipa Beckwith | \$1,800 (Diploma of Children's Services – Early Childhood Education & Care) |
| Arabella Fleming  | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Primary Education)                                     |
| Anna Holcombe     | \$250 (Bachelor of Agricultural Science)                                    |
| Brook Holland     | \$250 (Bachelor of Business Management)                                     |
| Sky Holland       | \$250 (Doctor of Physiotherapy)                                             |

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards guidelines

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire

Younger members of the community undertaking formal studies

**Governance Issues:**

The aim of the guidelines is to provide some rigor around the annual awarding of scholarships.

**Environmental Issues:**

Not applicable

**Financial Implications:**

Council has agreed to provide \$10,000 annually from interest earned from investments to fund the scholarship concept.

The total amount awarded under the 2015 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships is \$9,750, the balance of \$250 will be carried forward into the 2015/16 budget and will be allocated under the 2016 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards.

**Legal Issues:**

Not applicable

**Alternatives/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

That Council adopt the recommendations for the award of scholarships in 2015. It would also be appropriate to arrange a presentation ceremony to co-incide with the June/July university vacations when it is anticipated that the majority of students will be home.

**2015 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards**

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations for the awarding of the 2014 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships:

|                  |                                                                            |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Friend | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Pharmacy)                                             |
| Georgie Currey   | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Business Marketing)                                   |
| Angus Remond     | \$1,800(Bachelor of Agri Business)                                         |
| Phillip Beckwith | \$1,800 (Diploma of Children’s Services – Early Children Education & Care) |
| Arabella Fleming | \$1,800 (Bachelor of Primary Education)                                    |
| Anna Holcombe    | \$250 (Bachelor of Agricultural Science)                                   |
| Brook Holland    | \$250 (Bachelor of Primary Education)                                      |
| Sky Holland      | \$250 (Doctor of Physiotherapy)                                            |

and an appropriate presentation ceremony be arranged to co-incide with the June/July university vacations

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

## **AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/298

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### **Summary:**

To consider a request for support from the Australian Opal Centre

### **Background:**

On Thursday 12 March, 2015 the Mayor and General Manager met with M/s Rebel Black to discuss progress in relation to the Australian Opal Centre project at Lightning Ridge.

### **Current Position:**

During those discussions, the major barrier to submitting applications for large State and Federal capital works grants was identified as the lack of key plans and documentation estimated to cost in the order of \$150-\$200,000 to produce.

In the attached letter date 13 March, 2015, M/s Black indicates that a company has provided the Centre with a baseline quote of \$20,000 to provide an updated Business Plan and Cost Benefit Analysis.

The Centre has only \$10,000 available and they are seeking support from Council to provide a matching advance of \$10,000 repayable within twelve months so that applications can be lodged for State and Federal funds by May, 2015.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Australian Opal Centre Letter dated 13 March, 2015 attached

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Australian Opal Centre  
Local resident and ratepayers

### **Governance issues:**

Appropriate documentation would need to be in place with regards repayment of the advance by May, 2016.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nothing identified at this stage.

### **Financial Implications:**

The advance could be drawn from Council's Economic Development Reserve should Council wish to lend the support requested.

### **Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not approve the request  
Identify an alternative source of funding

**Conclusion:**

Council is always looking to encourage economic development within the Shire. The Australian Opal Centre is a project that would have a tremendous impact on not only Lightning Ridge but the whole of the Shire.

It would be appropriate for Council to give serious consideration to the request.

**Australian Opal Centre – Request for support**

**Recommendation:**

That Council consider the request from the Australian Opal Centre for an advance of \$10,000 repayable within 12 months of the advance being made with the amount advanced being drawn against Council's Economic Development Reserve.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Australian Opal Centre letter dated 13 March, 2015.



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Mr Don Ramsland  
The General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
Po Box 31  
Walgett  
NSW 2832

13.3.15

Dear Don,

**The Australian Opal Centre – Planning Documentation Request For Support**

As you are aware, there are two key opportunities for capital funding available to the Australian Opal Centre in 2015. Both State and Federal government have large capital works grants available and The Australian Opal Centre is well positioned to make submissions to both of these.

Our only barrier to submitting strong applications are several pieces of missing documentation.

In order to make a case for funding, we require:

- Updated Business Plan (our current Plan was done in 2007)
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Project Management Plan
- Risk Management Plan
- Business Case
- Procurement Management Plan
- Asset Maintenance or Management Plan

The estimated cost to produce these documents is \$150-\$200,000, which of course The Australian Opal Centre simply does not have.

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We are currently negotiating with a company who is considering undertaking the building related documentation on a pro-bono basis, but we still require the updated Business Plan and Cost Benefit Analysis.

We have received a baseline quote, from a company we know could complete this work, for \$20,000 and we are seeking the support from Walgett Shire Council to match the \$10,000 the Australian Opal Centre has available to invest in this work.

We seek this as an advance; repayable in 12 months from receipt.

It is our intent to commission this work and by the end of May, have an application prepared and presented to the NSW Government for consideration by Treasury.

It is our intention to seek a \$10million commitment, which we could use to match a \$10 million commitment from the Federal Government through the Stronger Regions Fund.

A \$10,000 advance from Walgett Shire Council will expedite this process and we would be most appreciative.

Kind Regards,

Rebel Black

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebel Black', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

President, LROFC Inc

*Proudly building the Australian Opal Centre at Lightning Ridge*

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/298

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### **Summary:**

To further consider the local government reform “fit for the future” concept and consider Council’s position and the preparation of appropriate submissions in response.

### **Background:**

#### **Vide Council Resolution 1/2015/11**

#### **Council Resolved:**

That Council

1. Continue to evaluate the concept of a Far West initiative with fellow Western Division Councils and play an action role in the further development of the concept
2. Maintain its involvement with the Outback Shires Alliance and press for an expanded role for the Alliance in the Local Government Reform process.
3. Evaluate the concept of a ‘rural council’ and its suitability or otherwise for the future operation of Walgett Shire Council
4. Prepared a draft ‘Fit for the Future’ proposal for further review and consideration
5. Continue to liaise with both Bourke and Brewarrina Shire in respect of action they are taking with regards local government reform.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Current Position:**

At the recent Western Division Group of Shires Annual Conference the following resolutions were passed:

#### **Motion 20/15 Western Division development of local government models**

*MOTION: That this Western Division Group of Councils form a General Managers’ Advisory Committee (GMAC) comprising the General Managers of all member Councils to devise a model(s) of Local Government based around the existing Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation, and in particular the Community Strategic Planning concept, with a view to identifying and establishing place based solutions supporting the ongoing sustainability of Western Division Communities linked to specific State and Federal Agency program with a particular emphasis on addressing the following points:*

1. That Local Governments within the Western Division remain as autonomous stand alone Councils
2. Cost shifting of services onto local government
3. Elimination of service duplication/overlap and realignment of any savings achieved locally

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4. Filling of service gaps
5. Establishing innovative economic development projects and concepts
6. Establishing regional/sub-regional committees to define and co-ordinate
  - a. Roles and responsibilities of such committees
  - b. Strategic planning
  - c. Major infrastructure projects
  - d. Adequate grant funding commitments for an extended period of at least five (5) years
  - e. Establishing co-ordinated service delivery
  - f. Government agency and indigenous representation
  - g. Advocacy for Western Council initiatives
  - h. Ensuring there are no forced amalgamations of local government
  - i. Such other issues as may be identified as part of the ongoing local government reform process

**Moved Walgett/ seconded Cobar**

**Carried unanimously**

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### FORMATION OF A FAR WESTERN JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

*Motion: That this Western Division Group of Councils investigate the formation of a Western Joint Organisation of Councils and that the current group executive, with power to co-opt, be authorised to develop a draft proposal for distribution to member Councils for further input, comment and consideration, with a view to adopting an agreed model at the Mid-Term meeting of the group to be held on 1 June, 2015 at Cobar.*

**Moved Walgett/ Seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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### Motion 22/15 Fit for the Future Assessment Panel

*Motion: That Western Division writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that:*

1. *That the Fit For the Future assessment panel be comprised of a majority of people with extensive experience as elected members and senior local Government Management Level.*

2. *That the Minister release criteria for panel members immediately and seek expressions of interest from the Local Government industry.*

3. *That the Panel meets with each council prior to making a determination as to whether a Council is Fit for the Future.*

**Moved Walgett, Seconded Bourke**

**Carried unanimously**

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### 23/15 FUNDING

*Motion: That Western Division makes an application for funding to the FFF Innovation fund when the guidelines are available.*

These resolutions have attempted to set out a clear direction for the far western councils to follow and the first meeting with the eight far west general managers will be held shortly.

The Office of Local Government is also organising a teleconference with the general

managers which has been tentatively set down for Thursday 26 March, 2015.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

ILGRP discussion paper “Final Report of the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel”

ILGRP discussion paper “Strengthening Far West Communities – A Pathway for Change” Supporting ILGRP Volumes 1-3.

DCP “Far West Initiative” presentation – February, 2015

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire community, Councillors and staff

Western Division Group of Shires

State Agencies

**Governance issues:**

Various governance issues are discussed broadly in the body of the reports. However, as raised previously, much reliance is placed on anticipated population declines over the next twenty five years. No consideration has been given at this stage to likely falls in property valuations and their resultant impact on Council’s financial viability or the wider business community

**Environmental issues:**

The reports focus on the future of local government in NSW and what the position is likely to be in twenty five years time based on current trends. Little comment, if any, is made on the impact the changes being identified would have on the environmental sustainability of the broader community if they went ahead.

**Financial Implications:**

Yet to be determined but will be impacted by any decision taken.

**Legal Issues:**

Discussed in the ILGR Panel’s discussion documents – some proposals would need legislative change.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing

Support the ILGRP recommendations

Work with the far western division councils to devise alternate model(s) as per the resolutions passed at the recent Western Division Group meeting.

**Conclusion:**

As discussed previously, Council is in a position to play a proactive role in the local government reform process going forward. To fail to take appropriate action would squander a valuable opportunity to have some direct input and/or influence into the State Government’s determinations following receipt of the Panel’s and Taskforce’s final reports and recommendations and subsequent proposals including the “Fit for the Future” package of initiatives.

The resolutions passed at the recent western division meeting open up the way for this to happen.

**“Fit for the Future Concept – Consideration of Council’s Position and Submission Preparation**

**Recommendation:**

6. That Council endorse the recommendations passed at the Western Division group meeting on 23/24 February, 2015 in relation to Local Government Reform as it affects Western Division Councils.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Documentation circulated under separate cover.

***GRANT FUNDING PROGRESS***

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/298

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A report in respect of Grant Funding for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 will be tabled as a supplementary report.

**REGONITION OF SERVICE – 3 COUNCIL EMPLOYEES GARRY MOLLOY, WAYNE HOLDEN & GORDON RICHARDS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** EF: 1053, EF:1297 & EF:1525

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**Summary:**

Council recognise the efforts of three Council employees Garry Molloy, Wayne Holden & Gordon Richards for their years of service to Walgett Shire Council.

**Background:**

**GARRY MOLLOY:** - 25 Years

Mr Garry Molloy commenced his service with Council on 29th January, 1990 as a Works Foreman and retired as Walgett Team Leader Parks & Garden on 20th March 2015.

**WAYNE HOLDEN:** – 18 Years

Mr Wayne Holden commenced his service with Council on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1996 as a Semi-Skilled Worker and retired as Lightning Ridge Team Leader on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**GORDON RICHARDS:** – 17 Years

Mr Gordon Richards commenced with Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1997 as a Grader Operator and retired as Team Leader – Plant Operator on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**Current Position:**

**GARRY MOLLOY**

Council has received many letters and commendations from Community Organisations over the past 25 years regarding Garry's dedication to his duties and the pride he takes in his work around the town including the Walgett Airport. Garry was also the Walgett Airport Reporting Officer.

There have been countless hours of unpaid overtime during his employment, particularly in times of emergencies. On countless occasions during the night Garry was required to attend the Walgett airport to do a roo run on the airstrip for the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

Over the years his hard work at the Showground/Racecourse for the annual Walgett Show has been an absolute credit to him and he should be very proud of his efforts.

He has been a mentor to his staff and over the years and has provided ongoing advice to Senior Managers, former Shire Clerks/General Managers & Engineers.

**WAYNE HOLDEN**

In the past 19 years that Wayne has been employed with Council he has always applied himself to his daily duties and been a valued member of the team at Lightning Ridge. Wayne was also the Lightning Ridge Airport Reporting Officer.

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There have been countless hours of unpaid overtime during his employment, particularly in times of emergencies. On countless occasions during the night Wayne was required to attend the Walgett airport to do a roo run on the airstrip for the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

In 2001 Wayne was officially appointed Team Leader in Lightning Ridge and his professional approach to his work has been nothing but exceptional.

He has been a mentor to his staff over the years and has provided ingoing advice to Senior Managers, former Shire Clerks/General Managers & Engineers.

### GORDON RICHARDS

Over the past 18 years Gordon has been employed as a Grader operator with Council and has always taken pride in his work which included his attention to detail. His attitude towards his work and the way he expected his work to be completed was always aimed at nothing less than 100%.

After many years of operating a grader and working in a team environment he has had the opportunity to pass his skills and knowledge onto other Council employees within the Rural Infrastructure Services Department.

Gordon has been a mentor within his work crews, other Council employees and always displayed professionalism in the way he conducted himself and applied this to his daily operational work ethics.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Council's Employee records.

### **Stakeholders:**

Council

The Walgett & Lightning Ridge Communities

Council staff

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

None identified

### **Financial Implications:**

A small gift and certificate of service preparation for each employee will be charged against Council's applicable existing budget allocations.

### **Legal Issues:**

Nil

### **Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do Nothing.

**Conclusion:**

Walgett Shire Council wish the above three employees all the very best in their retirement and thank them for all their dedication and hard work whilst been employed.

Arrangements are being made to make a presentation to the three employees at the March 2015 Meeting in order that Council gives recognition to the above three employees for their years of service including the commitment they have given to their Communities whilst being employed by Walgett Shire Council.

**Recognition of Service on Retirement – Mr Garry Molloy, Mr Wayne Holden & Mr Gordon Richards**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council endorse arrangements made to make a presentation to three employees at the march 2015 meeting in order that Council gives recognition to these three employees for their years of service including the commitment they have given to their communities whilst being employed by Walgett Shire Council.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

**MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION  
FROM GENERAL MANAGER – FEBRUARY 2015**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/298

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**Summary:**

The following matters are for brief mention or information only.

**1. Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Inc. – Loan of Art Works.**

A request from the Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Inc made by M/s Helen Buchanan to have a loan of the art works hanging in the Walgett administration building for a two week period during the Lightning Ridge Easter Festival has been approved.

The art works have been fully catalogued including a photographic record and will be covered by insurance.

**2. Walgett Weir Update**

Council has now received confirmation that the Deed of Agreement for the raising of the Walgett Weir project as part of Restart NSW has been executed by the NSW Treasurer. See letter dated 5 March, 2015 attached.

Work on the preliminary investigations and design can now commence immediately.

**3. Hudson pear update**

The Hudson pear Strategic/Risk Analysis Report will be presented to the next meeting of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council and makes nineteen separate recommendations.

One of those recommendations is for the re-activation of the Hudson pear TaskForce under an independent chairman and Mr Geoff Wise (Ex Western Lands Commissioner) has accepted this role.

It is envisaged that the Taskforce will oversight the co-ordinated efforts of various agencies involved with control measures for Hudson pear and a comprehensive mapping exercise will clearly demonstrate the spread of the infestation, which areas have been treated and the effectiveness or otherwise of those control measures.

**4. Main Street Beautification Projects**

As previously advised, main street beautification projects are being carried out in the following order – Collarenebri, Walgett and then Lightning Ridge. Reports elsewhere on this agenda deal with items concerning the approach to be taken at Collarenebri and Walgett with some changes being recommended in relation to the limited funding we currently have available.

A preliminary consultative meeting has been held at Lightning Ridge and further planning will be undertaken when staff resources are available.

**5. Revised Budget Timetable**

Owing to other staff commitments, the preliminary planning sessions leading to the preparation of the draft budget for 2015/16 are running behind schedule. This will mean that

the draft budget will now be put before the April Ordinary Council meeting rather than a special meeting prior to Easter.

It is still planned to have Councillors have a preplanning session to consider various capital works items. Comprehensive road works programmes for the next four years are listed for consideration elsewhere in the agenda for this meeting.

#### **6. PCYC Progress**

The latest advise on the PCYC project is that the two sworn officers have now been selected and should take up duties hopefully in May.

A house has been purchased and renovated to be relocated on site to be used as the office block in lieu of the original demountable plan.

The house should be onsite during the last week of March/early April ahead of the arrival of the two police officers.

It is hoped to have a new executive principal on site for the start of second term.

#### **7. Grawin Bore Project**

Meetings were held with the local communities at Grawin and Glengarry on Wednesday evening 18 March 2015 to discuss the Grawin bore Project.

There was almost unanimous support for progressing with the project and funding any short fall by an increase levy on rates from 1 July 2016. A detailed report is being prepared for the April 2015 meeting.

#### **Conclusion:**

It there are no other queries that the above matters should be received and noted.

#### **Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only.**

##### **Recommendation:**

That the following matters listed for brief mention or information only

Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Inc – Loan of Art Works

Walgett Weir Update

Hudson pear Update

Main Street Beautification Project

Revised Budget Timetable

PCYC Progress

be received and noted.

##### **Moved:**

##### **Seconded:**

#### **Attachments:**

Letter dated 5 March from NSW Treasurer



**Treasurer  
Minister for  
Industrial Relations**

Reference: P15/842

Mr Donald Ramsland  
General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
77 Fox Street  
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Mr Ramsland

I can confirm that I have executed the Restart NSW Funding Deed which was approved by Walgett Shire Council.

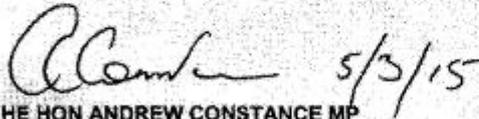
I further confirm, in accordance with clause 3.2 of the Deed, the nomination of Infrastructure NSW (INSW) as the Treasurer's Representative under the Deed.

INSW will provide you with a copy of the Deed shortly.

The \$3.587 million in Restart NSW funding is designed to fund the Walgett Weir Raising and Fish Conservation Project.

The NSW Government looks forward to working with you in supporting your local area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Constance', followed by the date '5/3/15' written in a similar style.

THE HON ANDREW CONSTANCE MP

14.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

**1. CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT REPORT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Shane Roberts – Senior Finance Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1460-03

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**Summary:**

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 28 February 2015.

**Background:**

Walgett Shire Council operates one primary transaction account with the Commonwealth Bank and invests surplus funds to its operational requirements. The level of funds held in the account at any time reflects the outlook in terms of payments to be made in the short term.

**Current Position:**

As at 28 February 2015 the operational bank account's balance was \$677,031.66. The reconciliation of this balance is:

**Operational Account Bank Reconciliation  
 As at 28 February 2015**

|                                                             | \$                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 1 February 2015</b> | <b>1,655,606.67</b> |
| Add: Receipts                                               | 3,182,474.59        |
| Add: Recalled Investments                                   |                     |
| Less: New Investments                                       |                     |
| Less: Payments                                              | (4,133,642.98)      |
| <b>Closing Ledger Balance as at 28 February 2015</b>        | <b>704,438.28</b>   |
| <br>                                                        |                     |
| <b>Balance as per Bank Statement as at 28 February 2015</b> | <b>677,031.66</b>   |
| Add: Receipts not banked                                    | 30,990.04           |
| Less: Payments not presented                                | (3,583.42)          |
| <b>Closing Balance of Bank Account</b>                      | <b>704,438.28</b>   |

No Term Deposit were recalled.  
 No new Term Deposits were made.  
 2 transfers were made from the BOS account to the value of \$500,000.00.  
 1 transfer was made to the BOS account to the value of \$650,000.00.

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As at 28 February 2015 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$15,750,000.00. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

|                                                    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Term Deposits                                      | \$15,750,000.00 |
| Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) | \$ 0.00         |

The values for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values at 31 January 2015 and were supplied by the ANZ Group. The CDO's are at a N/A value. Legal proceedings against Lehman Brothers are in progress to reclaim a portion of the value invested.

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Business Online Saver Account Balance | \$3,365,187.59 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

|                 |                                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 09/1772-02/30   | February 2015 bank reconciliation ledger 11.5010 |
| 09/1460-03/0015 | Investments Report to Council 2014/2015          |

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

As per report

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

As at 28 February 2015 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$19,819,625.87 represented by:

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Reconciled Operational Account Balance | \$ 704,438.28   |
| Investments                            | \$15,750,000.00 |
| BOS Account                            | \$ 3,365,187.59 |

**CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2015**

**Recommendation:**

7. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 28 February 2015 be received.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

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| Investment Institution               | Type of Investm | Term | Rate % | Ref    | Reset Date | Maturity Date |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------|--------|--------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Term Deposits</b>                 |                 |      |        |        |            |               |
| Westpac                              | Term Deposit    | 272  | 3.60   | 931/15 |            | 06-May-15     |
| National Australia Bank              | Term Deposit    | 203  | 3.65   | 933/15 |            | 04-Mar-15     |
| Bank of Queensland                   | Term Deposit    | 203  | 3.53   | 934/15 |            | 11-Mar-15     |
| Credit Union Australia               | Term Deposit    | 203  | 3.15   | 935/15 |            | 18-Mar-15     |
| ING                                  | Term Deposit    | 203  | 3.55   | 937/15 |            | 25-Mar-15     |
| Bank of Queensland                   | Term Deposit    | 195  | 3.60   | 939/15 |            | 01-Apr-15     |
| Westpac                              | Term Deposit    | 182  | 3.40   | 942/15 |            | 08-Apr-15     |
| Suncorp                              | Term Deposit    | 120  | 3.50   | 953/15 |            | 26-Mar-15     |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit    | 91   | 3.35   | 955/15 |            | 11-Mar-15     |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit    | 91   | 3.35   | 956/15 |            | 11-Mar-15     |
| Bankwest                             | Term Deposit    | 84   | 3.50   | 957/15 |            | 18-Mar-15     |
| Bankwest                             | Term Deposit    | 91   | 3.50   | 958/15 |            | 01-Apr-15     |
| ING                                  | Term Deposit    | 189  | 3.55   | 959/15 |            | 08-Apr-15     |
| Westpac                              | Term Deposit    | 181  | 3.75   | 960/15 |            | 14-Jan-15     |
| Suncorp                              | Term Deposit    | 91   | 3.40   | 961/15 |            | 14-Jan-15     |
| IMB                                  | Term Deposit    | 98   | 3.42   | 962/15 |            | 22-Apr-15     |
| IMB                                  | Term Deposit    | 84   | 3.40   | 963/15 |            | 29-Apr-15     |
| Suncorp                              | Term Deposit    | 105  | 3.30   | 964/15 |            | 14-Apr-15     |
| Bankwest                             | Term Deposit    | 91   | 3.45   | 965/15 |            | 13-May-15     |
| Bank of Queensland                   | Term Deposit    | 98   | 3.12   | 966/15 |            | 29-Apr-15     |
| IMB                                  | Term Deposit    | 105  | 3.05   | 967/15 |            | 13-May-15     |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit    | 91   | 3.20   | 968/15 |            | 20-May-15     |
| Bank of Queensland                   | Term Deposit    | 98   | 3.15   | 969/15 |            | 06-May-15     |
| National Australia Bank              | Term Deposit    | 105  | 3.13   | 970/15 |            | 20-May-15     |
| IMB                                  | Term Deposit    | 98   | 3.05   | 971/15 |            | 27-May-15     |
| Bank of Queensland                   | ELE - Term Dep  | 91   | 3.00   | 972/15 |            | 27-May-15     |
| National Australia Bank              | Term Deposit    | 105  | 3.10   | 973/15 |            | 20-May-15     |
| National Australia Bank              | Term Deposit    | 98   | 3.10   | 974/15 |            | 10-Jun-15     |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit    | 92   | 3.35   | 975/15 |            | 03-Jun-15     |
|                                      |                 |      |        |        |            | 03-Jun-15     |

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|------------------------|
| <b>\$15,750,000.00</b> |
| 20-Jun-15              |
| \$0.00                 |
| \$0.00                 |
| \$15,750,000.00        |
| \$3,365,187.69         |
| \$19,115,187.59        |

Floating Rates Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO)  
Morgan Stanley Aces SP

0.00

Floating Rate CDO

20-Jun-15

\$0.00

Term Deposit Ledger Balance  
24 hour Online Bank Account

\$0.00

Note that this is a separate interest bearing account linked with the Main Bank Account Investment Report as at 28 February 2015

I hereby certify that the investments shown herein have been invested in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, associated regulations and in accordance with Council's Policies and Procedures.  
Signed

Shane Roberts  
Senior Finance Officer *S. Roberts*

Prepared and Reconciled by Niki Ryan  
Finance Officer

*[Signature]*  
3-3-15

## **COUNCIL CHAMBER HONOUR BOARDS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Rebecca Wilson - Administrative Services Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14

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### **Summary:**

Council records were researched to identify former councillors and staff of Walgett Shire Council since 1999.

The purpose of this report is to bring the revised list to council for review and endorsement for the project to proceed.

### **Background:**

The honour boards in the council chambers list councillors and staff who have served on council since the temporary council was formed on 13 June 1906. The boards were last updated in 1999. Council records were researched and the results reported to the December council meeting. Following the February meeting a further review was undertaken with councillors.

### **Current Position:**

The attached list incorporates amendments from the February review by staff and councillors and is presented for a final review and approval by council to proceed, subject to any further amendments. When the list has been confirmed arrangements will be made to have the Honour Boards updated.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council Files and minutes.

### **Governance issues:**

It is essential that the details of those inscribed on the board are accurate and that there are no omissions.

### **Environmental issues:**

There are no identified environmental issues in relation to this matter.

### **Stakeholders:**

Councillors and senior staff, both past and present.

### **Financial Implications:**

An estimated cost for updating the boards is yet to be determined. The project will be funded from the current budget.

### **Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

Following councils direction for the honour boards to be updated, council records were researched to identify former councillors and staff. The purpose of this report is to bring the revised list to council for review and endorsement for the project to proceed.

**Council Chambers Honour Boards**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council review the attached list of councillors and senior staff for accuracy and omission and that it be endorsed subject to any further amendments.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Spreadsheet of information collated for honour board update.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

| Year                   | 1999-2000                                            | 2000-2001                                            | 2001-2002                                                    | 2002-2003                                                    | 2003-2004                                                    | March - June 2004                                            | 2004-2005                                        | 2005-2006                                     | 2006-2007                                     | 2007-2008                                        | 2008-2009                                        | 2009-2010                                                               | 2010-2011                                                               | 2011-2012                                                 | 2012-2013                                                  | 2013-2014                                                  | 2014-2015                                                  |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mayor</b>           | A.H.Friend                                           | A.H.Friend                                           | Peter Waterford                                              | Peter Waterford                                              | Peter Waterford                                              | A.H.Friend                                                   | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                                       | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                                       | G.A. Murray                                               | G.A. Murray                                                | G.A. Murray                                                | D.A. Lane OAM                                              |
| <b>Deputy Mayor</b>    | P.A.Hutchinson                                       | P.A.Hutchinson                                       | P.A.Hutchinson                                               | P.A.Hutchinson                                               | P.A.Hutchinson                                               | R.L. Greenaway                                               | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | G.P. Colless                                     | G.P. Colless                                                            | G.A. Murray                                                             | D.A. Lane                                                 | D.A. Lane OAM                                              | D.A. Lane OAM                                              | J.T. Keir OAM                                              |
| <b>1. Councillor</b>   | M.P. Bow                                             | M.P. Bow                                             | M.P. Bow                                                     | M.P. Bow                                                     | M.P. Bow                                                     | M.P. Bow                                                     | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | G.A. Murray                                      | G.A. Murray                                                             | L.J. Walford                                                            | L.J. Walford                                              | J.T. Keir OAM                                              | J.T. Keir OAM                                              | G.A. Murray                                                |
| <b>2. Councillor</b>   | R.L. Greenaway                                       | R.L. Greenaway                                       | R.L. Greenaway                                               | R.L. Greenaway                                               | R.L. Greenaway                                               | R.L. Greenaway                                               | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | J.T. Keir OAM                                    | J.T. Keir OAM                                                           | R.L. Greenaway                                                          | J.T. Keir OAM                                             | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                          | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                          | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                          |
| <b>3. Councillor</b>   | R.G. Hewlett                                         | R.G. Hewlett                                         | R.G. Hewlett                                                 | R.G. Hewlett                                                 | R.G. Hewlett                                                 | L.B. Carnay                                                  | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | M. Martinez                                      | M. Martinez                                                             | D.A. Lane                                                               | R.L. Greenaway                                            | M. Martinez                                                | M. Martinez                                                | M. Martinez                                                |
| <b>4. Councillor</b>   | T.J. Horan                                           | T.J. Horan                                           | T.J. Horan                                                   | T.J. Horan                                                   | T.J. Horan                                                   | D.C. Cooper                                                  | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | D.A. Lane                                        | D.A. Lane                                                               | G.P. Colless                                                            | Kelly Smith                                               | M.A. Taylor                                                | M.A. Taylor                                                | M.A. Taylor                                                |
| <b>5. Councillor</b>   | W.J. Jeffries                                        | W.J. Jeffries                                        | W.J. Jeffries                                                | W.J. Jeffries                                                | W.J. Jeffries                                                | D.F. Slack-Smith                                             | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | R.L. Greenaway                                   | R.L. Greenaway                                                          | M. Martinez                                                             | L.J. Woodcock OAM                                         | R.L. Greenaway                                             | R.L. Greenaway                                             | R.L. Greenaway                                             |
| <b>6. Councillor</b>   | D.A. Lane OAM                                        | D.A. Lane                                            | D.A. Lane                                                    | D.A. Lane                                                    | D.A. Lane                                                    | Peter Waterford                                              | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | L.J. Walford                                     | L.J. Walford                                                            | J.T. Keir OAM                                                           | M. Martinez                                               | L.J. Walford                                               | L.J. Walford                                               | L.J. Walford                                               |
| <b>7. Councillor</b>   | P.L. Lang                                            | P.L. Lang                                            | P.L. Lang                                                    | P.L. Lang                                                    | P.L. Lang                                                    | Lawrence Walford                                             | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   | K.M. Smith                                       | K.M. Smith                                                              | K.M. Smith                                                              | G.P. Colless (23.4.12)                                    | D.C. Cooper                                                | D.C. Cooper                                                | D.C. Cooper                                                |
| <b>8. Councillor</b>   | C.J. Mitchell                                        | C.J. Mitchell                                        | C.J. Mitchell                                                | C.J. Mitchell                                                | C.J. Mitchell                                                | C.J. Mitchell                                                | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   |                                                  |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                           |                                                            |                                                            |                                                            |
| <b>9. Councillor</b>   | J.H. Treweek                                         | J.H. Treweek                                         | J.H. Treweek                                                 | J.H. Treweek                                                 | J.H. Treweek                                                 | D.J. Osborne                                                 | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   |                                                  |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                           |                                                            |                                                            |                                                            |
| <b>10. Councillor</b>  | P.P. Waterford                                       | P.P. Waterford                                       | A.H.Friend                                                   | A.H.Friend                                                   | A.H.Friend                                                   | D.A. Lane                                                    | Administration                                   | Administration                                | Administration                                | Administration                                   |                                                  |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                           |                                                            |                                                            |                                                            |
| <b>Administrator</b>   |                                                      |                                                      |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              | Administrator<br>Hugh Percy                      | Administrator<br>Hugh Percy                   | Administrator<br>Vic Smith                    | Administrator<br>Vic Smith                       |                                                  |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                           |                                                            |                                                            |                                                            |
| <b>General Manager</b> | A/General Manager<br>Oraham Kellett                  | A/General Manager<br>Oraham Kellett                  | General Manager<br>V.L. North                                | General Manager<br>V.L. North                                | General Manager<br>V.L. North                                | General Manager<br>V.L. North                                | A/General Manager<br>Col Francis                 | General Manager<br>S.I. McLean                | General Manager<br>S.I. McLean                | General Manager<br>S.I. McLean                   | A/General Manager<br>Carole Medcalf              | General Manager<br>R.K. Kent                                            | General Manager<br>D.H. Ramsland                                        | General Manager<br>D.H. Ramsland                          | General Manager<br>D.H. Ramsland                           | General Manager<br>D.H. Ramsland                           | General Manager<br>D.H. Ramsland                           |
|                        |                                                      | General Manager<br>V.L. North                        |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              | A/General Manager<br>J.J. Austin                 |                                               |                                               |                                                  | General Manager<br>R.K. Kent                     |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                           |                                                            |                                                            |                                                            |
| <b>Director</b>        | A/Director Engineering<br>Services Rolly Lawford     | A/Director Engineering<br>Services Rolly Lawford     | Group Manager Services<br>Management J.H. Woolbridge         | Group Manager<br>Services Management<br>J.H. Woolbridge      | Group Manager Services<br>Management J.H. Woolbridge         | Group Manager Services<br>Management J.H. Woolbridge         | A/Manager Corporate<br>Governance<br>J.W. Burden | A/Manager Corporate<br>Services<br>E.I. Darcy | A/Manager Corporate<br>Services<br>E.I. Darcy | Manager Corporate<br>Services<br>E.I. Darcy      |                                                  | Director Corporate &<br>Community Services<br>Carole Medcalf            |                                                                         | A/Director Corporate<br>Services<br>G.A. Warren           | Director Corporate<br>Services<br>S.B. Holland             | Director Corporate<br>Services<br>S.B. Holland             | Director Corporate<br>Services<br>S.B. Holland             |
| <b>Director</b>        | A/Director Financial<br>Services John Stuart         | A/Director Financial<br>Services John Stuart         | Group Manager<br>Infrastructure<br>Management<br>J.W. Burden | Group Manager<br>Infrastructure<br>Management<br>J.W. Burden | Group Manager<br>Infrastructure<br>Management<br>J.W. Burden | Group Manager<br>Infrastructure<br>Management<br>J.W. Burden | A/Manager Regulation<br>M.P. Goodwin             | A/Manager Regulation<br>M.P. Goodwin          | A/Manager Regulation<br>M.P. Goodwin          | Manager Regulation &<br>Planning<br>M.P. Goodwin | Manager Regulation &<br>Planning<br>M.P. Goodwin | Manager Regulation &<br>Planning<br>M.P. Goodwin                        | Manager Regulation &<br>Planning<br>M.P. Goodwin                        | Manager Regulation &<br>Planning<br>M.P. Goodwin          | Director Planning &<br>Regulatory Services<br>M.P. Goodwin | Director Planning &<br>Regulatory Services<br>M.P. Goodwin | Director Planning &<br>Regulatory Services<br>M.P. Goodwin |
| <b>Director</b>        | A/Director Environmental<br>Services Maurice Freixas | A/Director Environmental<br>Services Maurice Freixas |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              | A/Manager Engineering<br>A.E. Nelson             | Manager Engineering<br>A.E. Nelson            | Manager Engineering<br>A.E. Nelson            | Manager Engineering<br>A.E. Nelson               | Director Urban<br>Infrastructure<br>S. Corbide   | Director Rural<br>Infrastructure & Support<br>Services<br>I.O.N. Taylor | Director Rural<br>Infrastructure & Support<br>Services<br>I.O.N. Taylor | Director Engineering<br>Services<br>R. Ranjit             | Director Engineering<br>Services<br>R. Ranjit              | Director Engineering<br>Services<br>R. Ranjit              | Director Engineering<br>Services<br>R. Ranjit              |
| <b>Director</b>        |                                                      |                                                      |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              |                                                              |                                                  |                                               |                                               |                                                  |                                                  | Director Urban<br>Infrastructure Services<br>S.D. Corbide               | Director Urban<br>Infrastructure Services<br>S.D. Corbide               | Director Urban<br>Infrastructure Services<br>S.D. Corbide | A/Director Urban<br>Infrastructure Services<br>P.B. K.C.   | A/Director Urban<br>Infrastructure Services<br>P.B. K.C.   | A/Director Urban<br>Infrastructure Services<br>P.B. K.C.   |

## **COLLARENEBRI SWIMMING POOL – CONDITION ISSUES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bronte Kerr – Senior Administration Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14

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### **Summary:**

The current condition of the Collarenebri pool raises concerns for users of the facility and it is believed that unless remedial action is taken, the pool will not be able to open for the 2015 / 2016 season. The report informs council of the issues associated with the condition of the pool and that it is proposed to engage a pool expert to provide a condition assessment report and suggested remedial action for consideration in the draft 2015 /2016 budget.

### **Background:**

In August 2011 Perfect Seal Australia Pty Ltd entered into a contract with Council for the resurfacing of the Collarenebri pool. The works involved the removal of the degraded fibreglass lining, installing a new fibreglass lining and painting of the surface. The contract price for the work was \$55,000 inc GST. Prior to the start of the 2014 / 2015 season, the pool manager reported that there were increasing issues with the integrity of the fibreglass lining and paint flaking off. Some interim work was done by the pool manager to remove flaking paint; however the incidence of this has increased over the last few months with some complaints from the public received.

### **Current Position:**

The current condition of the Collarenebri pool is of concern and it is believed that the pool will not be able to open for the 2015 / 2016 season unless remedial work is carried out. It is evident that the paint is continuing to flake off the base and side walls and as a consequence the fibreglass is now exposed in a number of areas across the pool surface (refer to attached photographs).

Concerns have been raised by the pool manager and the public regarding the risk of injury from exposed fibreglass surfaces and potential for ingestion of spicules of fibreglass. Investigations by council staff determined that there were no identified health risks with the effect being mainly discomfort from particles in hair and the skin. Discussions with the pool manager included the possibility of closing the pool however given the extreme heat conditions and the desirability of children not using the river as an alternative, it was decided to leave the pool open and monitor the situation. The pool manager advised that there have been no further complaints from users with the number of people utilising the facility declining. Also as the swimming lessons are over for the season, he believes the pool will be ok to continue operating until the end of season (1st April 15). At this stage, it appears the situation has stabilised and we will just continue to monitor for any changes.

Inspections have identified the need for repairs to the fibreglass and for the surface to be repainted to ensure health and safety standards are met and to provide a well maintained facility for the community of Collarenebri.

The matter has been discussed with the Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services and it was agreed that whilst remedial work to the painting will be required before the commencement of the next swimming season, it is believed that a condition assessment of

the pool should be undertaken by a suitably qualified pool expert to determine if additional work to the fibreglass lining or other work is also required.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

2014 / 2015 Budget

2015 / 2016 Draft Budget

**Governance issues:**

The Council is required to ensure that the facility is safe to use and in this regard must comply with legislative and insurance related requirements.

**Environmental issues:**

Whilst there would appear to be no direct health considerations resulting from the flaking of paint and fibreglass particles into the water, parents have reported these particles becoming lodged in children's hair.

**Stakeholders:**

Collarenebri Community

Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

The estimated cost for an assessment report is in the order of \$8,000 to \$10,000 which would be funded from current maintenance budgets. When an estimated cost for remedial works is known, a budget allocation in the 2015 / 2016 budget will be required to undertake the work.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

This matter requires further investigation and costing before any alternative options could be considered.

**Conclusion:**

Remedial work will be required on the Collarenebri pool before the commencement of the 2015 / 2016 season. The report informs council of the issues associated with the condition of the pool and that it is proposed to engage a pool expert to provide a condition assessment report and suggested remedial action.

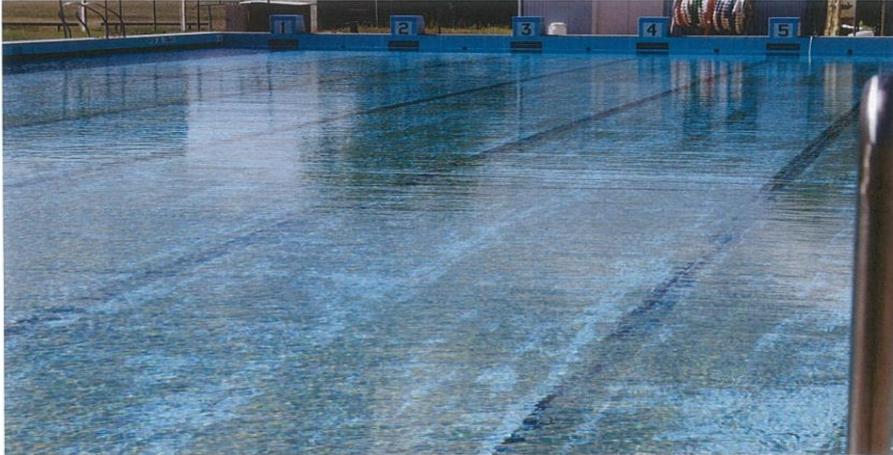
| <b>Cosmetic Restoration of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool</b>                                                     |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Photographs of the Collarenebri Swimming pool

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Photographs of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool taken 22/01/2015



Pool Surface



Side Walls



Fiberglass patches

## **WALGETT LITTLE ATHLETICS LONG JUMP PIT – NO.1 OVAL**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bronte Kerr – Senior Administration Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14

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### **Summary:**

Little A's have met with council officers regarding issues associated with the current long jump pit not meeting training or competition standards. A design that complies with the relevant standards has been developed and agreed with the club. The report recommends that Council consider making provision of \$35,000 offset by grant income of \$17,500 in the 2015-2016 Draft Budget for the construction of a new long jump pit at the Walgett Sports Oval 1.

### **Background:**

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for the Crown Reserve D520097 comprising the Walgett Sporting Ovals. In 2009 it was recommended that \$5000 be allocated for construction of a new long jump pit however no funds were provided in the budget. A further report by the Assets Officer in 2012 recommended that an amount of \$12,000 be provided in the 2012 / 2013 budget however no funding was provided for this project.

The current long jump pit is located inside the oval fence near the sideline of the football oval. Little A's pay an annual Temporary Licence Fee to Council to be able to use the Walgett Sports Oval No 1 as required by the Department of Lands.

### **Current Position:**

Walgett Little Athletics Club (Little A's) provides an avenue for young people to participate in the sport of athletics and is the only athletics club in the Walgett Shire. The Athletics Club meets weekly on Thursdays for training for two school terms every year. There are approximately 100 children that participate in the Athletics club. The local schools also utilise the long jump pit for athletics carnivals held annually

Little A's have again approached Council regarding issues associated with current the long jump pit not meeting training or competition standards. In particular the club is not able to host zone meets and must travel to other centres for this level of competition. They have requested that Council consider providing funding in the 2015 / 2016 budget for the construction of a new long jump pit. They have indicated that they will seek funding from local schools and Little Athletics New South Wales. A grant application has been submitted by Little A's under the 'Holden Home Ground Advantage' program ( closed 28th February ) for \$17,500 however funding from council will also be required if the project is to come to fruition. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$27,000 to \$35,000

A new long jump pit would require a concrete runway with a rubber surface of 55 metres in length and a landing pit at either end of the runway. This is required to accommodate the numbers who participate in competition. The proposed design is in accordance with the specified LANSW Rules of Competition and has been approved at a meeting of council staff and members of the Little A's committee.

It is proposed that council make provision in the budget for a total project cost of \$35,000 with a grant contribution of \$17,500. In the event that the current grant is unsuccessful other

grant / funding options could be investigated to achieve the project before the close of the 2015/ 2016 financial year.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council Asset Officer's report 2012  
Land and Property Management Authority Trust Handbook  
Temporary Licence Agreement  
Design and letter from Little A's

**Governance issues:**

Council provides facilities and infrastructure to support a range of community organisations across the shire.

This project aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2012-2022

C.1.2 – "increased participation in administering and supporting recreational and cultural activities, particularly those that cater for the younger and older members of the community".

C 1.8 – "enhanced health and social outcomes "

C 1.10 "A community with access to an appropriate range of cultural, sporting and recreational activities".

**Environmental Issues:**

There are no identified environmental Issues in relation to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Little Athletics Club  
Walgett Shire Council  
Land and Property Management Authority  
Residents of Walgett

**Financial Implications:**

The estimated cost for the project is in the order of \$27,000-\$35,000. The report recommends that an allocation of \$35,000 be made in the Draft 2015 / 2016 Budget to be offset by grant income of \$17,500.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

That the council not support the project.

**Conclusion:**

The need for a long jump pit that complies with the relevant standards has been identified as far back as 2009. The Walgett Little A's have requested that council again consider supporting the project with funding in the 2015 / 2016 draft budget. The report recommends that funding of \$35,000 offset by grant income of \$17,500 be considered in the draft 2015 / 2016 Budget.

**Walgett Sports Oval No.1 Crown Reserve D520097**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council consider an allocation of \$35,000 offset by grant income of \$17,500 for the construction of a long jump pit in the draft 2015/2016 budget.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Statement from Walgett Little Athletics in support of the design  
Proposed design

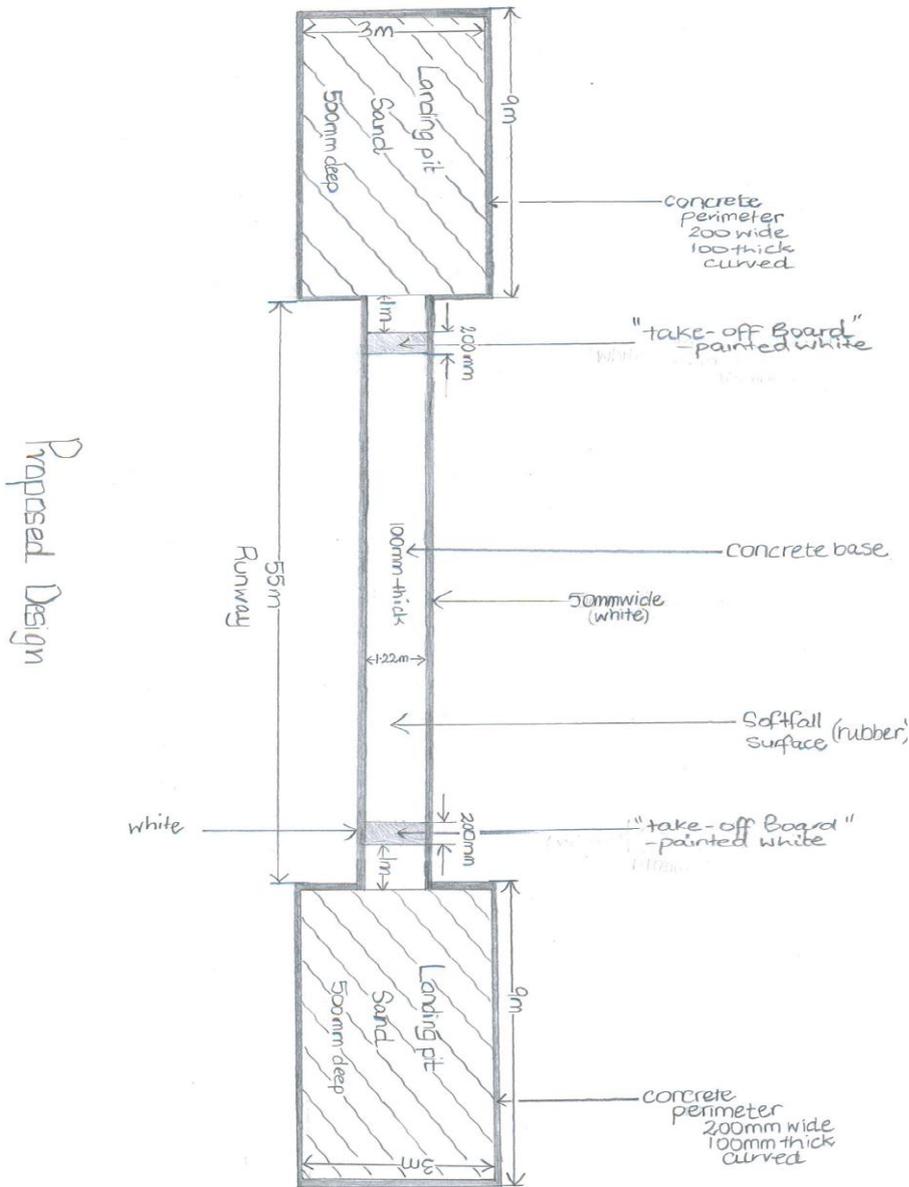
ATTACHMENT ONE – Statement from Walgett Little Athletics in support of Design

23/2/15

The following Committee members  
of Walgett Little Athletics support  
the proposed design for a  
LONG JUMP PIT on No 1 Oval.

Karen Ricardo - K Ricardo  
Francesca Collins - F Collins  
Carolyn Farr - C Farr  
Nicole Weate - N Weate  
Wayne Kerr - W Kerr  
C Rountree - C Rountree  
Leonie Price - Leonie Price.

ATTACHMENT TWO – Proposed Design



**MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION  
ONLY FROM DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES –  
FEBRUARY 2015**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Stephen Holland – Director Corporate Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14

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Change of Name for North West Slopes and Plains Cooperative Library Service

The NWSPCLS Committee considered a name change from the existing North West Slopes and Plains Cooperative Library Service at its meeting held in Moree on Wednesday 17th December 2014.

It was subsequently resolved to change the name of the Regional Library service from “North West Slopes and Plains Cooperative Library Service” to “Big Sky Libraries” which will identify the library as a regional service in conjunction with the recognition of each member council’s identity. It also better provides for the expansion of the library service regardless of location, for example if Bourke Shire was to join.

The decision of the committee was to be conveyed to each member council with a request that they each formally endorse the change of name. Both Moree and Brewarrina have endorsed the name change and it is recommended that council also resolve to endorse the change of the regional library service name to ‘Big Sky Libraries’.

A letter from Regional Co-operative Library Manager Mrs Sally Walters is attached

Regional Library Branding

At its meeting in Walgett on Wednesday 18 March, the Committee considered logo designs for the re-branding of the library service to ‘Big Sky Libraries’. The attached version was endorsed by the committee as the logo for Big Sky Libraries.

Regional Library Budget

The Regional Library Committee held its quarterly meeting in Walgett on Wednesday 18 March. The committee considered the draft budget which provides for an increase in council contributions of 5% for 2015 / 2016. For Walgett this is an increase of \$6,692 to \$140,540 for the next financial year. The proposed increase is considered reasonable given that there has been no increase in member council contributions since 2012 / 2013. The budget maintains new book purchases at \$200,000 pa. In addition to the total recurrent income of \$467,848, an amount of \$131,985 will be funded from the reserve resulting in an estimated reserve balance of \$235,265 at 30 June 2016.

The committee resolved to endorse the draft budget and that it be submitted to the member councils for their endorsement.

**Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Director Corporate Services**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council endorse the change of name of the Regional Library Service to 'Big Sky Libraries'
2. That Council note the 'Big Sky Libraries' Logo endorse by the Committee
3. That Council endorse the Draft Regional Library 2015/2016 Budget as submitted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Letter from Mrs Sally Walters (Library Co-operative Manager)

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9 March 2015

Mr G McCormick  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear George,

**North West Slopes & Plains Cooperative Library Committee**

At the last meeting of the North West Slopes & Plains Cooperative Library Service Committee meeting held in Moree on December 17, 2014 the Committee resolved to change the name of the library service to *Big Sky Libraries*. As a result the Committee is seeking the endorsement of each member council in relation to the new name.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (Stephen Holland/Dave Aber)**

1. That the Committee supports a name change to 'Big Sky Libraries' as the preferred name of the North West Slopes and Plains Cooperative Library Service and seeks the endorsement of each member council.

The purpose of the name change is to allow the library service to develop a marketable identity within the region. It is envisaged that the name *Big Sky Libraries* will allow the Library service to create an identifiable image within the region that becomes synonymous with service excellence.

If you require further information please contact me via email or phone, as indicated above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sally Walters'.

Sally Walters  
**COOPERATIVE LIBRARY MANAGER**

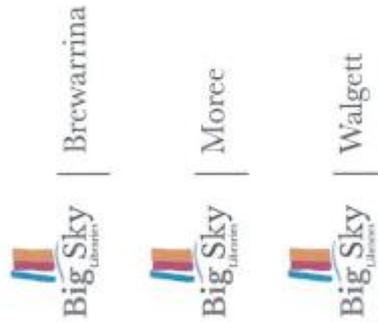
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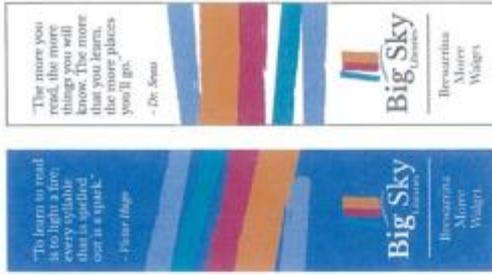
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| BIG SKY LIBRARIES DRAFT BUDGET WORKINGS            |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                                    | 2014-2015<br>CURRENT | 2015-2016<br>DRAFT | 2016-2017<br>DRAFT | 2017-2018<br>DRAFT |                                   |
|                                                    |                      | %                  | %                  | %                  | Expenditure                       |
| <b>Recurrent Income</b>                            |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| <b>99 0330. Rev-Per Capita Contributions</b>       |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 9901 Contribution - Breweries                      | 38,335               | 37,100             | 35,957             | 40,905             | Breweries 1,900                   |
| 9902 Contribution - Motor Fleet                    | 249,863              | 200,256            | 294,219            | 308,927            | Motor 14,425                      |
| 9904 Contribution - Walgett                        | 133,848              | 1,602,840          | 1,477,537          | 1,542,845          | Walgett 7,235                     |
| <b>Total 99 0330. Rev-Per Capita Contributions</b> | <b>422,046</b>       | <b>437,946</b>     | <b>480,741</b>     | <b>504,778</b>     | <b>23,560</b>                     |
| <b>99 0330. Rev-General</b>                        |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 0150 Interest Earned on Investments                | 20,000               | 10,000             | 10,000             | 10,000             |                                   |
| <b>Total 99 0330. Rev-General</b>                  | <b>20,000</b>        | <b>10,000</b>      | <b>10,000</b>      | <b>10,000</b>      |                                   |
| <b>Recurrent Income Total</b>                      | <b>442,046</b>       | <b>447,946</b>     | <b>490,741</b>     | <b>514,778</b>     |                                   |
| <b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>                       |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| <b>99 3300. Exp-Staff Expenses</b>                 |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 1140 FBT                                           | 4,500                | 4,500              | 4,724              | 4,917              |                                   |
| 1201 General Staff - Salaries & Wages/Misc         | 190,275              | 194,004            | 199,685            | 205,651            | Regional Library Manager          |
| 1216 Conferences & Seminars                        | 5,400                | 5,500              | 5,729              | 5,903              | Cataloguing Officer               |
| 1254 Travel & Accommodation                        | 3,400                | 13,000             | 13,350             | 13,792             | Library Assistant                 |
| 1301 Casual Staff                                  | 4,000                | 4,244              | 5,092              | 5,245              | Online Services & Systems Officer |
| <b>Total 99 3300. Exp-Staff Expenses</b>           | <b>207,575</b>       | <b>221,248</b>     | <b>228,640</b>     | <b>235,708</b>     | Library Outreach Officer          |
| <b>99 3300. Exp-General</b>                        |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 2013 Audit Fees                                    | 5,000                | 5,000              | 5,035              | 5,010              |                                   |
| 2237 Library Mgt System Annual Fee                 | 38,000               | 26,840             | 39,705             | 30,596             |                                   |
| NEW Website Maintenance                            | 0                    | 5,000              | 3,708              | 3,819              |                                   |
| NEW RFID License & Maintenance                     | 0                    | 10,770             | 11,034             | 11,428             |                                   |
| NEW Online e-Resourcing                            | 0                    | 12,000             | 12,330             | 12,731             |                                   |
| 2119 Maintenance                                   | 1,500                | 1,548              | 1,591              | 1,638              |                                   |
| 2165 Postage                                       | 4,500                | 4,635              | 4,774              | 4,917              |                                   |
| 2103 Process (rent, power, cleaning, insurance)    | 33,500               | 25,000             | 30,600             | 31,210             |                                   |
| 2245 Sundry Expenses                               | 3,100                | 3,190              | 3,289              | 3,387              |                                   |
| 2272 Telephone & Telecommunications                | 1,500                | 1,545              | 1,591              | 1,638              |                                   |
| <b>Total 99 3300. Exp-General</b>                  | <b>80,200</b>        | <b>94,798</b>      | <b>97,622</b>      | <b>100,652</b>     |                                   |
| <b>99 3300. Exp-Equipment Expenses</b>             |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 2042 Depreciation                                  | 90,000               | 100,000            | 110,000            | 120,000            |                                   |
| 2455 Internal Administration                       | 31,921               | 30,879             | 31,805             | 34,881             |                                   |
| 2367 Internal - Dictionary                         | 0                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |                                   |
| <b>Recurrent Expenditure Total</b>                 | <b>410,796</b>       | <b>446,846</b>     | <b>470,328</b>     | <b>491,138</b>     |                                   |
| <b>Recurrent Operating Result - Surplus</b>        | <b>31,250</b>        | <b>1,099</b>       | <b>20,413</b>      | <b>23,639</b>      |                                   |
| <b>Capital Expenditure</b>                         |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| <b>99 3000. Exp-Collections Development</b>        |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 2830 Breweries                                     | 23,207               | 23,207             | 23,207             | 23,207             |                                   |
| 2840 Motor                                         | 112,401              | 112,401            | 112,401            | 112,401            |                                   |
| 2832 Walgett                                       | 64,392               | 64,392             | 64,392             | 64,392             |                                   |
| <b>Total 99 3000. Exp-Collections Development</b>  | <b>200,000</b>       | <b>200,000</b>     | <b>200,000</b>     | <b>200,000</b>     |                                   |
| <b>99 3600. Exp-Equipment</b>                      |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 8940 Capital - RFID Rollout Across & Others        | 125,000              | 50,000             | 0                  | 0                  |                                   |
| <b>Total 99 3600. Exp-Equipment</b>                | <b>125,000</b>       | <b>50,000</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |                                   |
| <b>Capital Income</b>                              |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| <b>99 300. Inv-Collections Development</b>         |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| 9908 Transfer from Reserve                         | 200,000              | 200,000            | 200,000            | 200,000            |                                   |
| <b>Total 99 300. Inv-Collections Development</b>   | <b>200,000</b>       | <b>200,000</b>     | <b>200,000</b>     | <b>200,000</b>     |                                   |
| <b>Capital Expenditure Total</b>                   | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |                                   |
| <b>Result After Capital - Surplus</b>              | <b>31,250</b>        | <b>1,099</b>       | <b>20,413</b>      | <b>23,639</b>      |                                   |
| <b>Opening Cash Balance 1/7/2014</b>               |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
|                                                    | <b>557,000</b>       | <b>367,000</b>     | <b>335,265</b>     | <b>168,677</b>     |                                   |
| Increase - Recurrent Income                        | 422,046              | 447,946            | 490,741            | 514,778            |                                   |
| Decrease - Recurrent Expenditure                   | (410,796)            | (446,846)          | (470,328)          | (491,138)          |                                   |
| <b>Add back Non Cash Items</b>                     |                      |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| Depreciation                                       | 90,000               | 100,000            | 110,000            | 120,000            |                                   |
| Decrease - Capital Expenditure                     | (125,000)            | (50,000)           | (0)                | (0)                |                                   |
| <b>Net Cash Flow for Year</b>                      | <b>-189,750</b>      | <b>-131,846</b>    | <b>-49,233</b>     | <b>-66,361</b>     |                                   |
| <b>Estimated Closing Cash Balance 30/6/2015</b>    | <b>367,250</b>       | <b>235,154</b>     | <b>186,032</b>     | <b>102,316</b>     |                                   |

### 14.3 DIRECTOR PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES

#### 1. **AMENDMENT TO THE SPELLING OF SHIRE ROAD 26**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** James Abel – Geographic Information Systems Coordinator  
**FILE NUMBER:** 14/267/0003

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**Summary:**

Council has received correspondence regarding the spelling of Shire Road (SR) 26 which is gazetted as “Hardies Lease Road”. The spelling of this name appears incorrect and the correct spelling should be “Hardys Lease Road”. It is recommended that Council conduct public consultation regarding the spelling of this name and approach the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of New South Wales to request that the spelling be amended.

**Background:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Shire Road 26 was officially gazetted as “Hardies Lease Road” as part of the implementation of Walgett Shire Council’s rural addressing program. The name was derived from existing Council records and signage that was in place at the time. The name being spelt as “Hardies Lease Road” was subjected to public consultation prior to its gazettal. There was no correspondence received during the consultation period to suggest that this spelling was incorrect.

As a result, the name “Hardies Lease Road” was considered to be compliant with the Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4819 Geographic information – Rural and urban addressing and Council endorsed and formalised this name for SR26 via gazettal.

The signage that was in place at the time also spelt SR26 as “Hardies Lease Road” so no changes or additional signage were required on the road site, post gazettal.

**Current position:**

Council received a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from Mr Brian Hanigan from the property “Benah” (Attachment A). Mr Hanigan’s property is located on SR26. In the letter, Mr Hanigan indicated that the signage for SR26 was currently missing and he was requesting that it be replaced. He also stated that he was of the opinion that the spelling was incorrect on the signage that had formally been in place.

Mr Hanigan indicated that the original signage that had identified the road when he became a resident of the road in 1987 was spelt as “Hardys Lease Road” but it had been changed or replaced some years later with the different spelling of “Hardies Lease Road”.

His letter informed Council that he had conducted some research and found that the road had originally been named after the late Ernest Hardy who leased land in the vicinity of SR26.

A letter of response to Mr Hanigan’s initial correspondence and a request for supporting documentation was prepared by Council and forwarded to him on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (Attachment B).

Mr Hanigan was also contacted by Council's Geographic Information Systems Coordinator, James Abel on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015, to discuss the apparent incorrect spelling. As a result of this conversation and response letter, an email was received from Mrs Kerry Hanigan on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (Attachment C) providing the following additional documentation displaying the spelling of SR26 as "Hardys Lease Road" to support the request to have the spelling amended.

- A scanned section of a Topographic Survey Map Sheet 8636 Edition 1 – AAs Printed by the Royal Australian Survey Corps in 1973.
- A scanned section of a map from the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service from the NSW Government Office of Environment & Heritage.
- A picture of a roadside sign on the Hardys Lease Road.

In addition, Council also received an email on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 from another resident of SR26, Mr Ted Borowski, requesting that the spelling be rectified to "Hardys", not "Hardies" Lease Road (Attachment D).

With two of the three residents of this road advocating that the correct spelling for SR26 is "Hardys Lease Road", it appears that there is a very high likelihood that the gazetted spelling of "Hardies Lease Road" is incorrect. This is potentially the result of a transcription error when signage has been updated or replaced on the road, sometime after 1987. This error has then had a flow on effect to related records, maps etc.

If Council chose to facilitate the request for an amendment to the spelling of name for SR26, the following processes would need to be followed as outlined within the NSW GNB - NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014 and as per the "*Roads Regulation 2008*". The NSW Addressing User Manual is a comprehensive guide which has been assembled to assist with all aspects of addressing including the naming and renaming of roads.

- 1) **Public Consultation** – Council would be required to extensively advertise its intent to change the spelling of the road name for SR26 and request submissions for any alternate spelling from the general public (This would require advertising in local newspapers including those published in Coonamble as well as displaying the advertisement in prominent locations in Pilliga to ensure that all residents in the area have exposure to the proposed amendment).
- 2) **Affected residence consultation** – Chapter 7.1.3 of the NSW Addressing User Manual outlines that Council would need to:  
*"consult with the immediate community who directly utilise the road names assigned to sites affected by a name change or addition. This includes, but is not limited to residents, ratepayers and businesses"*.  
Those affected would need to be notified in writing of Council's intentions and allowed 15 business days to provide feedback regarding the proposal.
- 3) **Endorse selected name** – At the completion of the consultation periods, Council would need to endorse the amended spelling if it is found to be valid in preparedness for submission to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval.
- 4) **Submit proposed name to the Geographical Names Board of NSW** – The proposed name would need to be submitted to the GNB to enable them verify/check for conformity with AS/NZS 4819:2011 and for their approval.
- 5) **Notify intent to amend road name** – Once conformity is established, as per the "*Roads Regulation Act 2008*", Council as the road naming Authority must then;
  - Publish notice of its proposal in a local newspaper
  - Serve notice of its proposal on the prescribed authorities listed in Regulation 7.1 of the act. The list of prescribed authorities includes;
    - i. Australia Post

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- ii. Registrar-General
- iii. Surveyor-General
- iv. Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW
- v. Fire and Rescue NSW
- vi. NSW Rural Fire Service
- vii. NSW Police Service
- viii. State Emergency Service
- ix. New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated

Prescribed authorities need to be given time (15 business days) to comment on any proposed name prior to gazettal.

- 6) **Submit amended name for gazettal** – Council would be required to;
  - Publish notice of the amended name in the NSW Government gazette.
  - Advertise the amendment extensively in local newspapers.
  - Notify affected residents of the road name change and their change of address if applicable.
  - Notify prescribed authorities listed in Regulation 7.1 of the “*Roads Regulation Act 2008*” of the finalised amended name and subsequent gazettal.
- 7) **Update signage** – Council would need to update/replace any existing road signage with new signage displaying the amended name.
- 8) **Update corporate records** – Council would be required to apply updates to all records pertaining to SR26 within Council’s corporate database, “Authority” including addressing and parcel location records.
- 9) **Update Council’s Geographic Information System** – Council would need to apply updates to all records pertaining to SR26 within Council’s Geographical Information System (GIS), including addressing and all road related data and mapping.

It is anticipated that the Geographic Names Board would support any request for amendment that Council submitted because it would only be an amendment to the spelling and not a complete change of name.

The GNB are not usually accommodating to road name change after gazettal as it also has repercussions for their records and mapping and more importantly, the NSW Comprehensive Property Address System (CPAS).

“Chapter 6 – Addressing Principles, Section 6.7.9 - Amending Road Names” in the manual states;

*“Road names are intended to be enduring, and the renaming of roads is discouraged unless there are compelling reasons for a change. Issues that can prompt renaming include the redesign of a road, changed traffic flow, mail or service delivery problems, duplication issues and addressing problems”.*

Whilst this amendment does not fit any of these criteria, it is envisaged that the GNB will appreciate the historical significance of the correct spelling to local residents and be sympathetic to the reasoning why the name may have been gazetted incorrectly in the first instance.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

AS/NZS 4819:2003 Australian/New Zealand Standard – Rural and urban addressing  
NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014  
Roads Regulation Act 2008

**Governance issues:**

Council's charter:- Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes Council's charter, which includes:

- \* to exercise community leadership
- \* to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
- \* to engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community
- \* to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights

**Environmental issues:**

None

**Stakeholders:**

The public, residents of SR26, Walgett Shire Council, Emergency Services, Service Providers

**Financial implications:**

None

**Alternative solutions/options:**

1. Not do anything. This has not been recommended because it is likely that Council, as custodians of the road, may have potentially been the source of the incorrect spelling as "Hardies Lease Road" being gazetted. Also the spelling as "Hardys Lease" appears to have historical significance to members of the community in the area and Council should support its community members request to have the error rectified by facilitating the amendment.
2. Change the spelling of SR26 without the support of the GNB or without notifying them of any amendment. This would include the installation of replacement signage showing the amended spelling. This option has not been recommended as it is envisaged that the GNB would continue to use the current gazetted spelling of "Hardies Lease Road" for all interaction with principle authorities, including emergency services, regarding this road. This would have the potential to create confusion which could prove life-threatening in a worst case scenario, for example in an emergency when an ambulance is unable to locate a patient.
3. Submit the request for amendment to the GNB without conducting public consultation. This option has not been recommended because there may be members of the public who believe that the current spelling as "Hardies Lease Road" is correct, and there is evidence provided to support the reasoning behind why the name was changed from "Hardys" to "Hardies". It is also unlikely that the GNB would support the amendment unless the correct public consultation process had been conducted in compliance with the NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014

**Conclusion:**

It appears the correct spelling for SR26 is “Hardys Lease Road” in memory of the late Ernest Hardy and the name Hardy has historical significance in the immediate area; therefore Council should endeavour to rectify the mistake.

**Amendment to the Spelling of Shire Road 26****Recommendation:**

That Council resolve to:

1. Conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the spelling of the Shire Road 26 in compliance with NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014 and the Roads Regulation Act 2008 to confirm that an amendment is required.
2. If no objections are received during the public consultation period, Council submits a request to the geographical Names Board of New South Wales to have the spelling of SR26 amended to ‘Hardy’s Lease Road’.
3. Update all Council records and mapping pertaining to SR236 with the amended spelling.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments**

- A – Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 received by Council from Mr Brian Hanigan
- B – Letter of reply to Mr Hanigan dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to Mr Brian Hanigan
- C – Email received Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 from Mrs Kerry Hanigan
- D – Email received 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 from Mr Ted Borowski

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ATTACHMENT A – LETTER DATED 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 RECEIVED BY COUNCIL  
FROM MR BRIAN HANIGAN

"Benah",  
Coonamble 2829

13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

Mr Don Ramsland,  
General Manager,  
Walgett Shire Council,  
P.O Box 31,  
WALGETT NSW 2828

**RE: Hardy's Lease Road**

Dear Mr Ramstand,

I recently telephoned the Walgett Shire Office to request that the road sign at the eastern end of the Hardy's Lease Road be replaced as it is missing and as a result both before and during harvest we had several trucks miss the turn off. Also, during my phone call with Kathy Andrews I brought it to her attention that the previous sign had been spelt incorrectly and she has since phoned back and requested that I put it in writing.

We moved to live at "Benah" in 1987 and for many years the sign was spelt correctly being **Hardy's Lease Road** then for some reason, and I couldn't tell you when exactly, it was replaced with the spelling of **Hardies Lease Road**.

After doing some research we have discovered that the road was named after the late Ernest Hardy who died in 1935. His daughter Isabella Hope Green who owns a property at Gwabegar told me about some of the history around the area and that it was her father who had the scrub country on the western side of the Coonamble/Pilliga road leased. The lease was fenced and Ernest Hardy grazed cattle on it for many years and consequently it was named the **Hardy's Lease Road**. I have also had this confirmed by another source and old maps.

I am guessing that the incorrect spelling came about as a result of a simple error and request that for the sake of history and respect to the memory of Ernest Hardy it be restored to the correct spelling. The sign at the T-intersection with the Colrose Road would also need to be replaced with the correct spelling. At the same time if any relevant correspondence, maps etc. it could be amended it would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



BRIAN HANIGAN

cc. Councillor Jane Keir

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ATTACHMENT B – LETTER OF REPLY TO MR HANIGAN DATED 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015  
TO MR BRIAN HANIGAN

JA, MG; 14/267/0002

James Abel

12 February 2015

Mr Brian Hanigan  
"Benah"  
COONAMBLE, NSW 2829

Dear Mr Hanigan,

**RE. HARDYS LEASE ROAD**

Thankyou for your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 notifying Council of the missing road name signage on Shire Road 26 and the apparent misspelling of the road name as "Hardies Lease Road".

Following on from a conversation you had with Council's Geographic Information Systems Coordinator, James Abel on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015, a report will be prepared for the next Council meeting recommending that Council pursue the amendment of this road name by engaging in public consultation and by submitting a request for amendment to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of New South Wales.

Shire Road 26 is currently formally spelt as "Hardies Lease Road" via official gazettal of this name on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009. As a result any change to this road name will need to be endorsed by the GNB.

As discussed, any documentation including maps displaying the spelling as "Hardys" opposed to "Hardies", or correspondence from family or friends of the late Ernest Hardy supporting your letter, will support any request for amendment that Council may submit to the GNB.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Walgett Shire Council's Geographic Information Systems Coordinator, James Abel on 6828 6399.

Yours faithfully,



Matthew Goodwin  
Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
For and on behalf of Don Ramsland, General Manager

ATTACHMENT C – EMAIL RECEIVED WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 FROM MRS KERRY HANIGAN.

**James Abel**

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**From:** Brian & Kerry Hanigan <hanigan.benah@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 February 2015 12:16 PM  
**To:** James Abel  
**Subject:** Hardys Lease Road  
**Attachments:** Hardys Lease Road0001.pdf; Hardys Lease Road scan 20001.pdf; Hardys Lease Road 002.JPG

Dear James,

Please find attached a scanned section of a Topographic Survey Map Sheet 8636 Edition 1 – AAs Printed by the Royal Australian Survey Corps in 1973 and another map from the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service from the NSW Government Office of Environment & Heritage. Both these maps clearly state the correct spelling of the Hardys Lease Road. Also included is a picture of a roadside sign on the Hardys Lease Road.

You can see that as of 1971 the Royal Australian Survey Corps had the correct spelling

**PRODUCED** by the Royal Australian Survey Corps under the direction of the Chief of the General Staff, as part of the national mapping programme.  
**PRINTED** by the Royal Australian Survey Corps, 1973.  
**MAP ACCURACY:** The average accuracy of this map is  $\pm 25$  metres in the horizontal position of well defined detail and  $\pm 10$  metres in elevation.  
**MAP RELIABILITY:** Topographic information shown on this map is correct to 1971.

As mentioned on the phone we are unable to get a letter from Mrs May Green (nee Hardy), whose father Ernest Hardy the road was named after as Mrs Green is now in her nineties and is living in a nursing home in Narrabri.

I hope this evidence along with Brian's letter dated 13th November, 2014 is enough to rectify the spelling of the Hardys Lease Road.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

regards,  
Kerry Hanigan

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ATTACHMENT D – EMAIL RECEIVED 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 FROM MR TED BOROWSKI

**James Abel**

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**From:** Julia Borowski <ted\_julia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 February 2015 4:04 PM  
**To:** James Abel  
**Subject:** Hardys Lease Road..

Dear James, my name is Ted Borowski and I have lived all my life on The Hardys Lease Road.

In respect to Mr Hardy, who the road was named after, it seems only right that the spelling should be rectified to Hardys, and not Hardies Lease Road.

Thank you,

Regards Ted Borowski

## **IMPENDING EXPIRY OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/626

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### **Summary:**

Alcohol free zones in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri are due to expire on 14 July 2015. This report recommends that Council resolve to undertake community consultation regarding the re-establishment of the zones.

### **Background:**

At a meeting held on 28 June 2011 Walgett Shire Council resolved to establish alcohol free zones over parts of the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri urban areas for the maximum permitted term of four years. Those zones are due to expire on 14 July 2015.

In a letter dated 17 February 2015 the Superintendent of Castlereagh Local Area Command has written to Walgett Shire Council and requested that the Alcohol Free Zones be maintained for another four year period (Attachment A). The Superintendent has provided a range of reasons why they are required, and how they are effective.

From a Council perspective, certain problems are exacerbated by uncontrolled street drinking, including:

- \* Litter, which requires additional resources to remove.
- \* Broken glass, which presents a safety hazard to the public.

### **Current Position:**

The Local Government Act 1993 (LGA 1993) does not make provision for alcohol free zones to be renewed, hence the processes required under Chapter 16 Part 4 of the Act must be followed each time a zone is established. Under section 646 of the LGA 1993, Council is obliged to follow the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones.

Alcohol free zones can only be created over public roads or a public place that is a car park (ie. a car park on public land or Crown Land). Zones can operate up to a maximum of four (4) years (sub-section 644(5) LGA 1993).

A simplified summary of the process to establish an alcohol free zone is provided below:

- (1) The alcohol free zone proposal must be documented in a manner which specifies its location, when it will apply and reasons for the zone. A draft alcohol free zone proposal document has been prepared (Attachment B).
- (2) Notice of the alcohol free zone proposal must be published in a newspaper circulating in the area and an invitation issued for representations or objections to be submitted within 14 days (sub-section 644A(1) LGA 1993).
- (3) A copy of the alcohol free zone proposal document must be sent to the officer in charge of the Police station within or nearest to the proposed zone, inviting representations and objections within 30 days (sub-section 644A(2)(a) LGA 1993).
- (4) A copy of the proposal document must be sent to all liquor licence holders whose premises border on or adjoin the proposed zone, inviting representations and objections within 30 days (sub-section 644A(2)(b) LGA 1993).

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- (5) A copy of the proposal document must be sent to any known organisation representing an identifiable Aboriginal or culturally and linguistically diverse group within the local area inviting representations and objections within 30 days (p.9 of Ministerial Guidelines).
- (6) A copy of the proposal document must be sent to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board inviting representations and objections within 40 days (sub-section 644A(3) LGA 1993 and the Ministerial Guidelines).
- (7) Council must “*consider all representations and submissions that are duly made to it*” (Sub-section 644A(4) of the LGA 1993 and p.9 of the Ministerial Guidelines).
- (8) After complying with the procedures under section 644 and 644A, a Council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal to establish an alcohol free zone (section 644B LGA 1993). The resolution establishes the zone.
- (9) Council must inform any interested parties, including the applicant, the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, the local Police Patrol Commander, officer in charge of local police stations, affected liquor licence holders that the zone has been established (p.9 of Ministerial Guidelines).
- (10) Council must then publish a notice in a local newspaper indicating that the alcohol free zones have been established (sub-section 644B(3) LGA 1993).
- (11) Council must then update signs for the zones with the new operating dates (section 644C LGA 1993).

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

- \* Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones issued by the Department of Local Government, February 2009.
- \* Circular 09/05 “Alcohol Free Zones – Update of Ministerial Guidelines”, issued by the Department of Local Government, 5 February 2009.
- \* Guidelines for Local Government Councillors issued by the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW, 1999.
- \* Guidelines for Managers of Local Councils issued by the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW, 1999.

### **Governance issues:**

Regulatory compliance:- When dealing with a proposal to establish an alcohol free zone, Council must comply with the provisions within Chapter 16 Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, as well as the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones.

Council’s charter:- Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes Council’s charter, which includes:

- \* to exercise community leadership
- \* to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
- \* to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights

### **Environmental issues:**

Adherence with, and enforcement of, alcohol free zones is likely to reduce littering (especially glass alcohol containers).

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, community, liquor licensees.

**Financial implications:**

Alcohol free zones signs will need to be updated. This is expected to be able to be completed using an existing Urban Infrastructure budget for signs.

**Alternative solutions/options:**

Do nothing: This option has not been recommended as:

- Doing nothing would allow the zones to lapse.
- The existing zones appear to be supported by the community and Police.
- If the zones lapsed, it is expected that there would be significant adverse impacts on the community.

Reduce the area of the zones: The Ministerial Guidelines state that generally alcohol free zones should be as small as possible. This option has not been recommended as:

- It is expected that reducing the area of the existing zones would be inconsistent with community and Police expectations.
- If the zones were reduced, then it is expected that the frequency of adverse impacts associated with street drinking would increase.
- The only previous objections to the zones has been from the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.

Increase the area of the zones: This option has not been recommended as:

- No request for an extension has been received.
- The current circumstances do not appear to justify an extension.

**Conclusion:**

The maintenance of alcohol free zones is one of several methods by which Council can maintain public amenity and reduce risks which may otherwise arise from street drinking.

**Re-establishment of alcohol free zones**

**Recommendation:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the letter dated 17 February 2015 from the Superintendent of Castlereagh Local Area Command requesting that the existing Alcohol Free Zones at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri be maintained for a four year period.
2. Undertake consultation regarding establishing alcohol free zones in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for four years, over the same areas as the existing zones. This will include publicising and circulating a proposal document, as well as inviting public submissions, via:
  - (a) Advertising within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.
  - (b) Advertising on the Walgett Shire Council web site.
  - (c) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the officer in charge of the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri police stations.
  - (d) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.
  - (e) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to any known organisation representing an identifiable Aboriginal or ethnic group within the local area
  - (f) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to all liquor licensees within or adjoining the proposed alcohol free zones.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Letter dated 17 February 2015 from NSW Police

Attachment B – Draft Alcohol Free Zone proposal document

Attachment C – Draft mailing list for Alcohol Free Zone proposal

ATTACHMENT A – LETTER DATED 17-2-2015 FROM NSW POLICE

RECEIVED 26 FEB 2015



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**CASTLEREAGH  
LOCAL AREA COMMAND**

17 February 2015

Mr Matthew GOODWIN  
Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
Walgett Shire Council,  
WALGETT. NSW 2832

Dear Matthew,

Re: Alcohol Free Zones within the Walgett Shire

Alcohol related crime and disorder remain the highest crime risk categories throughout the townships of Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge. Like many Western areas, our communities face ongoing problems due to the endemic nature of alcohol abuse. Addressing these problems requires a causal shift in the drinking culture of each community. Restrictions relating to consumption and location promote cultural change because they provide some guidance on what constitutes acceptable behaviour in public space.

The implementation of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) has seen a significant decrease in key crime risk areas over the last two decades. It is widely accepted that AFZs are most effective if they are part of a larger program directed at irresponsible alcohol consumption in which the community is actively involved.

AFZs were introduced in the Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge Local Government Areas (LGAs) as an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible street drinking and incidents involving serious crime in identified trouble spots. The *Local Government Act 1993* provides the legislative powers for local councils throughout NSW to establish AFZs to promote the safe use of roads and public spaces without interference from street drinkers.

It is important to highlight that AFZs are flexible and they can be lifted for special occasions. There is no evidence to suggest that people's freedoms are hampered by their operation. Rather, 'whole town' AFZs are arguably less discriminatory in the sense that they impact upon *all* persons within a geographic area, regardless of social, economic or racial background.

**Castlereagh Local Area Command – Crime Management Unit**

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I am mindful that the subject towns in the Walgett Shire have large indigenous populations and it may be construed that the extensive coverage of an AFZ in these communities targets one social group. However, in defence of these measures it should be emphasised that over 80% of reported alcohol related crimes in Walgett Shire involve a victim of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. These are the people that we are trying to protect.

During the 2011-2015 AFZ periods, there has been a steady decline in the number of alcohol related incidents reported to and actioned by police in the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri townships. Significantly, this includes a 4% reduction in the number of alcohol related assaults reported in these sectors. Unfortunately, assault constitutes one of our core areas of concern. The achievement of such a reduction exemplifies the need for a raft of strategies targeting alcohol related crime.

AFZs and the policing of these areas have not been the focus of community complaints or protests within Walgett Shire. Rather, they appear to be widely accepted by the general public. In essence, AFZs are a reasonable and an effective tool to enable Police to keep our streets safe from alcohol related crime and disorder.

The Castlereagh LAC is seeking to maintain its commitment to building a safer community through the Command Business Plan and State Plan. A key initiative of proactive policing is the reduction of alcohol related crime. I am requesting that the AFZs be maintained for another four year period (2016-2020). I am also requesting that the current zone boundaries for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri be left unchanged.



James Stewart  
Superintendent  
Castlereagh Local Area Command  
17 February 2015

ATTACHMENT B – DRAFT ALCOHOL FREE ZONE PROPOSAL DOCUMENT



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E-mail: admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au

**DRAFT ALCOHOL FREE ZONE PROPOSAL  
FOR WALGETT, LIGHTNING RIDGE AND COLLARENEBRI**

**Outline**

Alcohol free zones in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri are due to expire on 14 July 2015. On [DATE TO BE DETERMINED] Walgett Shire Council passed a resolution to consult with the community about its proposal to re-establish the zones.

The provisions of Chapter 16, Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 allow Walgett Shire Council to establish the zones. This document provides details of the proposed zones.

**Reasons for the alcohol free zones**

In a letter dated 17 February 2015 the Superintendent of Castlereagh Local Area Command has written to Walgett Shire Council and requested that the Alcohol Free Zones be re-established in at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri prior to their expiry. A copy of the letter is provided as an attachment.

Council sees the establishment and enforcement of alcohol free zones as helping to:

- Inform the community of Council's expectations for acceptable standards of behaviour.
- Reduce street drinking, alcohol related crime and littering in public places.

**Location of the alcohol free zones**

The extent of the proposed zones is shown in the following maps. The extent of the zones is the same as existing zones.

**Where does an alcohol free zone apply?**

Alcohol free zones can only be created over public roads or a public place that is a car park (ie. a car park on public land or Crown Land).

**How long will the zone apply?**

It is proposed that the alcohol free zone will be established for four years.

**Community input**

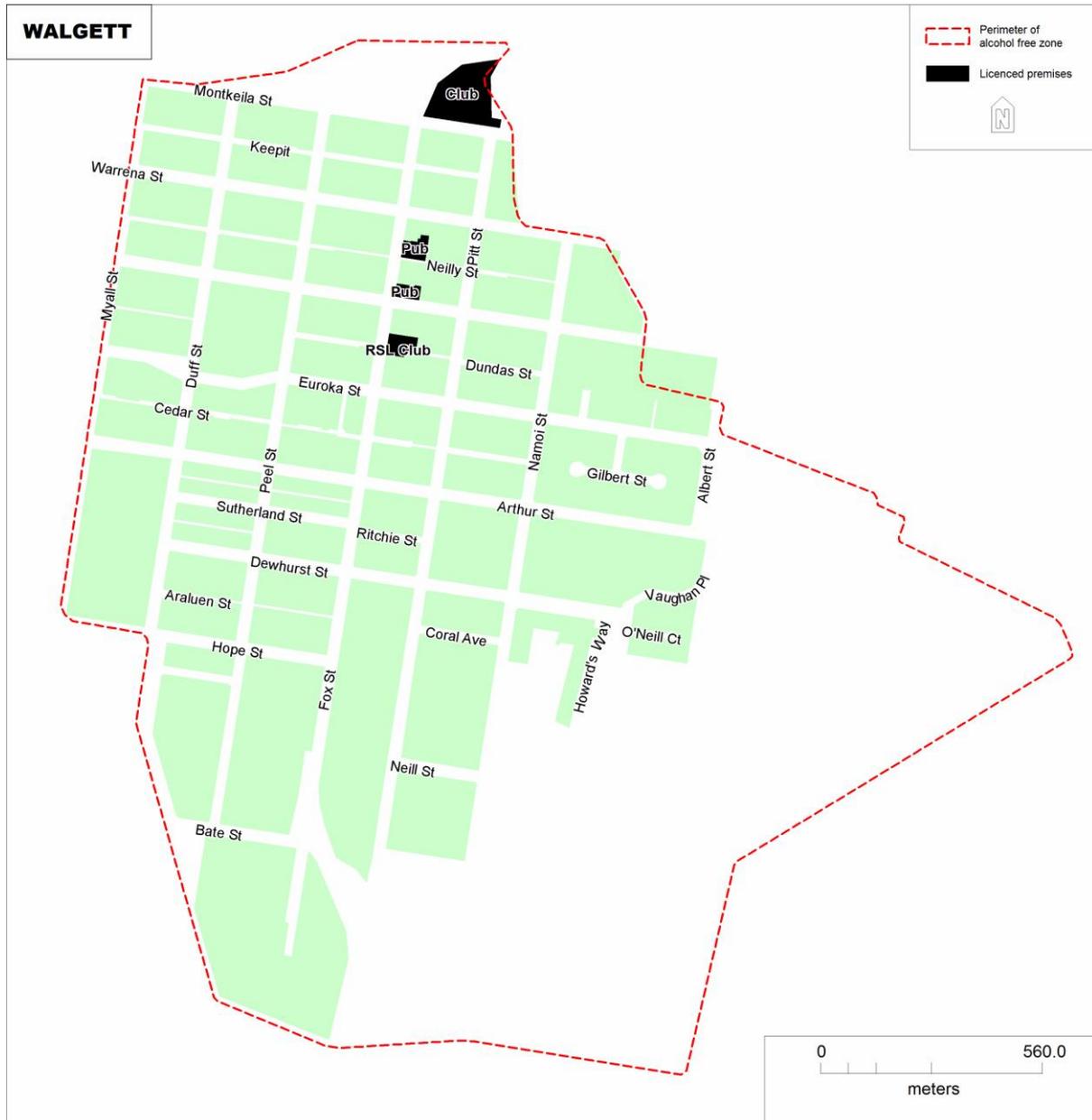
Ministerial Guidelines require that Council "give proper consideration to any representations, submissions or objections received and as a result may amend or withdraw a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone". Walgett Shire Council encourages written submissions from the public regarding the proposed zones. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager of Walgett Shire Council.

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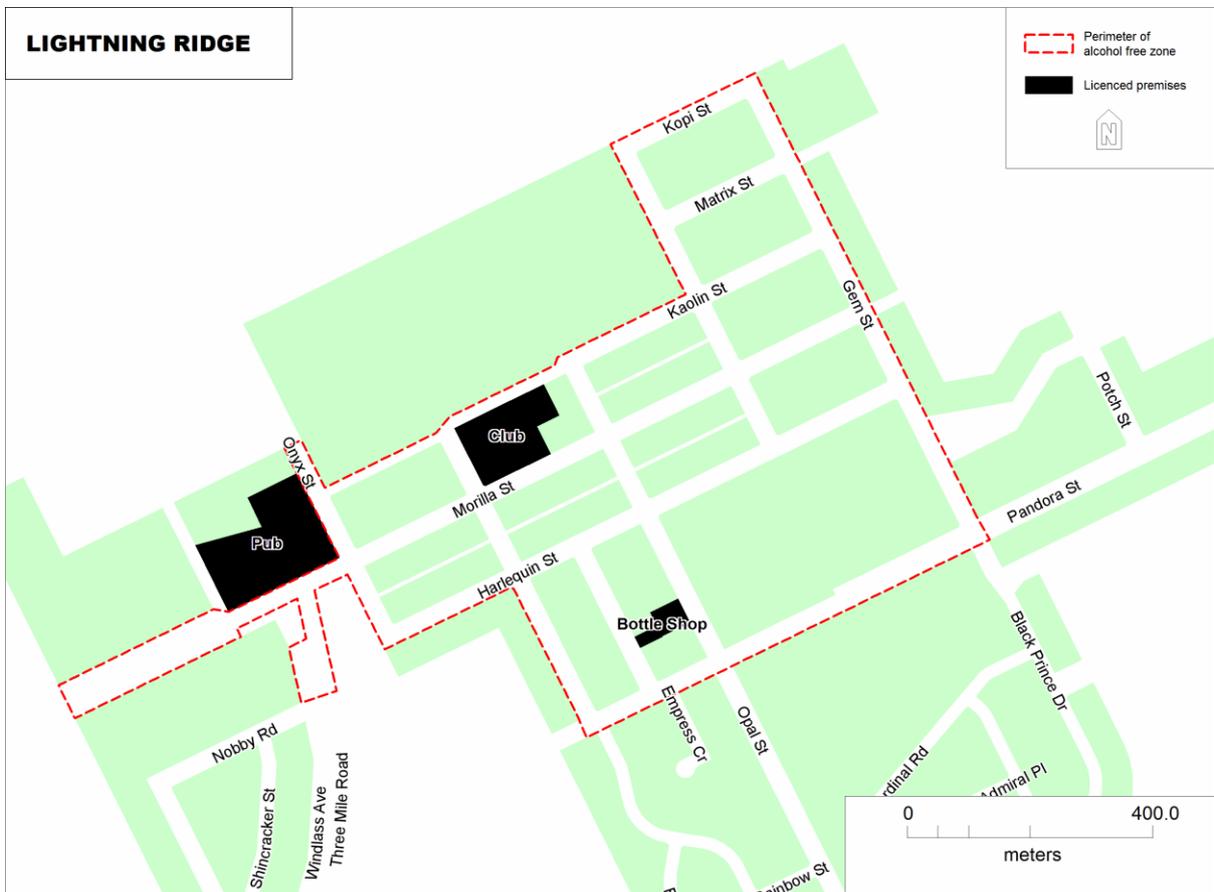
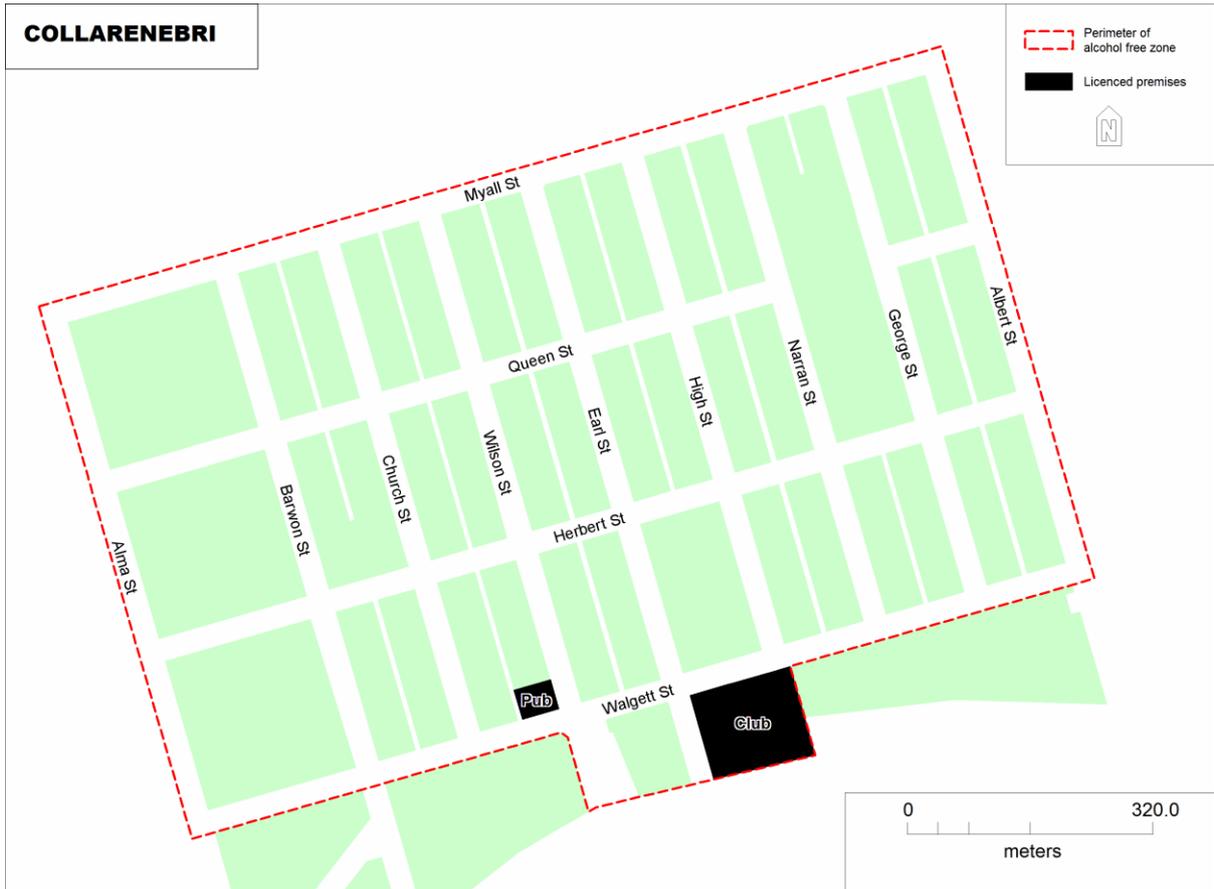
More information?

Contact Council's Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin, if you require any additional information.

Don Ramsland  
General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council



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ATTACHMENT C – DRAFT MAILING LIST FOR ALCOHOL FREE ZONE PROPOSAL

| Organisation                                                  | Address 1   | Address 2       | TYPE                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Aboriginal Integrated Child & Family Centre - Lightning Ridge |             | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Barriekneal Housing and Community Ltd                         | PO Box 651  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Bruno's Pizza & Italian Restaurant                            |             | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Collarenebri Aboriginal Community Options                     | P O Box 371 | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Collarenebri Bowling Club                                     | PO Box 4    | COLLARENEBRI    | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Collarenebri CDEP                                             | PO Box 171  | COLLARENEBRI    | Aboriginal group             |
| Collarenebri Police                                           | Earl Street | COLLARENEBRI    | Police                       |
| Dharriwaa Elders Group                                        | PO Box 174  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Gateway Hotel - Motel & Bottleshop                            | PO Box 77   | WALGETT         | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Goonimoo Mobile Children's Service                            | PO Box 396  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Hon Doo Café                                                  | PO Box 192  | WALGETT         | Affected liquor licensee     |
| IGA Supermarket                                               | PO Box 269  | WALGETT         | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Khan's Supa IGA                                               | PO Box 335  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club                         | PO Box 462  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Lightning Ridge Hotel - Motel                                 | PO Box 315  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council                 | PO Box 903  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Lightning Ridge Police                                        | Opal Street | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Police                       |
| Oasis Hotel Walgett                                           | PO Box 81   | WALGETT         | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Tattersalls Hotel - Motel                                     | PO Box 202  | COLLARENEBRI    | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Thiyama-li Family Violence Service                            | PO Box 148  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Transcultural Community Council                               |             | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Linguistically diverse group |
| Walgett Aboriginal Legal Service                              | PO Box 311  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service                            | PO Box 396  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Walgett District Sporting Club                                | PO Box 112  | WALGETT         | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council                         | PO Box 459  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Walgett Police                                                | PO Box 312  | WALGETT         | Police                       |
| Walgett RSL Club                                              | PO Box 165  | WALGETT         | Affected liquor licensee     |
| Woganurra Aboriginal Culture Centre - The Goondee             | PO Box 1503 | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Yawarra Meamei Womens Group                                   | PO Box 1821 | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Khan's Food Town                                              | POBox 67    | COLLARENEBRI    | Liquor licensee              |
| Namoi House & Barwon Cottage, C/- Mission Australia           | PO Box 306  | WALGETT         | Rehab ???                    |
| <b>STATUS UNCLEAR OR NOT FUNCTIONAL</b>                       |             |                 |                              |
| Collarenebri Community Working Party                          | P O Box 122 | COLLARENEBRI    | Aboriginal group             |
| Collarenebri Local Aboriginal Land Council                    | PO Box 122  | COLLARENEBRI    | Aboriginal group             |
| Lightning Ridge Community Working Party                       | P O Box 903 | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Murrumay Murrilla Corporation                                 | PO Box 357  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |
| Walgett Aboriginal Aged Hostel : Euragai Goondi               | PO Box 396  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Walgett Community Working Party                               | PO Box 129  | WALGETT         | Aboriginal group             |
| Yuwaaliaay Elders Group                                       | PO Box 581  | LIGHTNING RIDGE | Aboriginal group             |

## **DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matt Clarkson, Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1367-03

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### **Summary:**

This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently processed by Council staff under delegated authority.

### **Background:**

Most Development Applications (DA) lodged with Walgett Shire Council are assessed by Council's Town Planner and/or Director of Planning & Regulatory Services. If appropriate, they are then approved by the Director or General Manager under delegated authority. Only applications recommended for refusal, or where objections have been received from the public, are referred to Council for determination.

Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications which are compliant with relevant building and development standards, are assessed and approved by Council's Senior Health and Building Surveyor, Andrew Wilson, who is a NSW Building Professionals Board Accredited Certifier.

### **Current position:**

The table following this report provides details of Development Applications (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications recently dealt with under delegated authority by Council staff. Document type 20 represents Development Applications, while document type 24 represents Complying Development Certificates.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

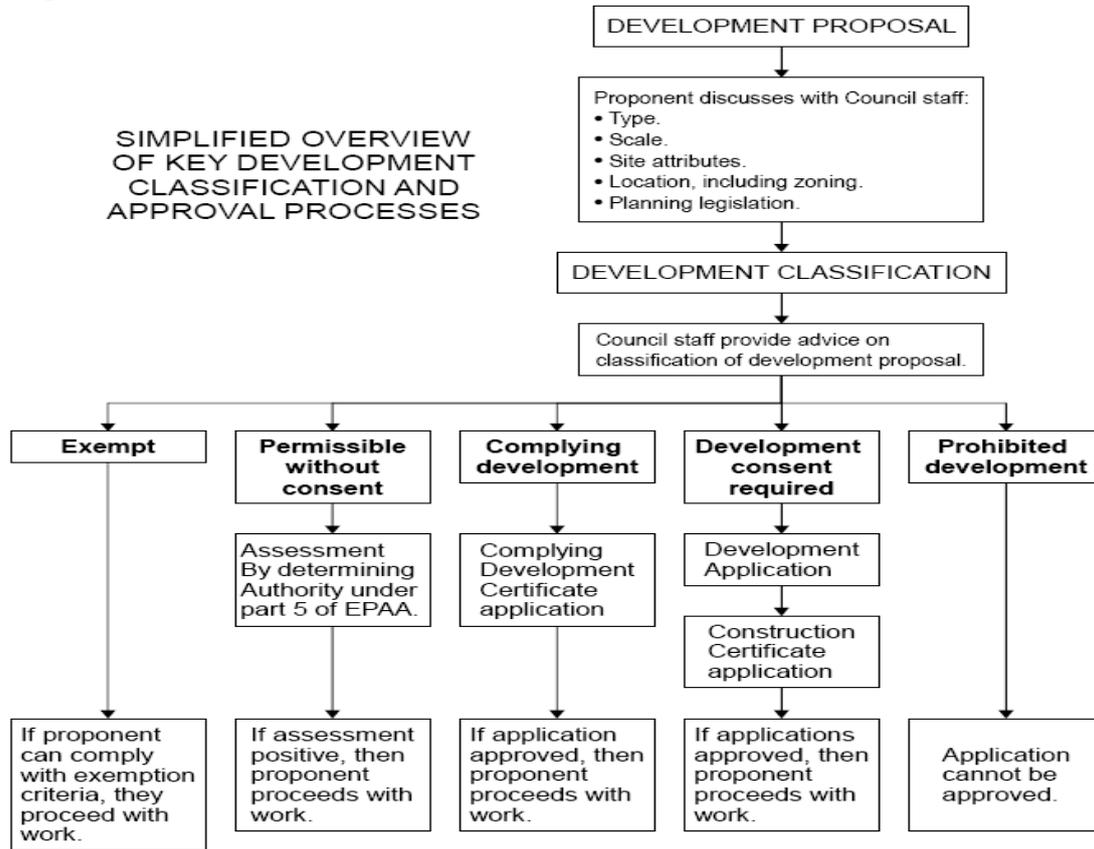
- \* Respective DA and CDC files.
- \* Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- \* Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
- \* State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.

### **Governance issues:**

DAs: DAs are assessed under against a series of "matters for consideration" specified under section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and any relevant statutory requirements (such as regulations, Walgett Local Environmental Plan, and State Environmental Planning Policies). Section 80A of the Act provides that Council may impose conditions of development consent. It is appropriate and normal practice to impose conditions that are related to the nature and scale of the development, as well as the environment in which it will occur.

**CDCs:** Standards for complying development are defined by the relevant State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). Sub-section 85A(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 provides that Council cannot refuse a CDC application which complies with the relevant development standards and regulatory requirements (eg plans and specifications demonstrate compliance with the Building Code of Australia). Conditions that apply to a CDC are specified by the SEPP under which the application is approved.

A simplified overview of development classification and approval processes is provided in the diagram below.



**Environmental issues:**

**DAs:** A Statement of Environmental Effects is required to be lodged with a DA that contains environmental information appropriate for the nature and scale of the development, as well as the setting in which it is proposed to occur. Under statutory requirements, some developments of a large scale and/or proposed for a sensitive area may require significant additional supporting environmental information.

**CDCs:** Complying development is restricted to certain types of land use, particular zones and may be excluded from environmentally sensitive areas, bush fire prone land, etc.

**Stakeholders:**

Public, applicants, Council, Department of Planning & Infrastructure.

**Financial implications:**

Part of the costs incurred assessing and inspecting respective developments is recovered from application and inspection fees.

**Alternative solutions/options:**

Nil.

**Conclusion:**

It is recommended that Council note the current level of development activity within the Shire.

| <b>Cosmetic Restoration of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That Council note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for October 2014 to February 2015.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

A - DAs & CDCs approved October 2014 – February 2015

ATTACHMENT A - DAs & CDCs APPROVED OCTOBER 2014 – FEBRUARY 2015

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| 020/2013/000000039/002 | Mr P Bahadur<br>4/15A Gilbert Street<br>WALGETT NSW 2832 | 100 Class 8 -Bldg/Lab for Retail<br>117 Wcc Manufacturing<br>WALGETT<br>LOT: 1 SEC: 18 DP: 759036 LI: 526305<br>Walgett Shire Council Reserve Trust<br>Management | Approved - Staff Delegation 17/02/2015 | 21/01/2015 |
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 Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 28  
 Calendar Stop Days: 0  
 Adjusted Calendar Days: 28

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| 020/2014/000000035/001 | Lightning Ridge Caravan & Camping<br>Park<br>Reserve Trust<br>C/- NSW Trade & Investment Crown<br>Lands<br>PO Box 865<br>DUBBO NSW 2830 | 140 Class 10a -<br>Caravan/Camping/SHEDDING RIDGE<br>LOT: 2 DP: 1100315 CNL: 230053<br>Lightning Ridge Caravan & Camping Park<br>Reserve Trust | Approved - Staff Delegation 19/01/2015 | 23/12/2014 |
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Officer: Mr M P Goodwin  
 Number of Applications: 2  
 Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 28.00  
 Average Calendar Stop Days: 0.00  
 Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 28.00  
 Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 56.00  
 Total Calendar Stop Days: 0.00  
 Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 56.00

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03/09/2015 Parameters: Date Range: Y Document Type: 20  
 Start Date: 1/10/2014 Officer: ALL Page: 4  
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 As At Date: Stop The Clock: Yes

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| 024/2014/00000005/001                                                                                                  | Smart Commercial Solar Central West<br>for<br>David Thwaites<br>6 Rhyana Court<br>DUBBO NSW 2830 | 150 Class 10b - Fence/Antenna/Other | Approved - Private Certifier | 20/01/2015 | 18/12/2014 |
| <p><i>Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 34</i><br/> <i>Calendar Stop Days: 0</i><br/> <i>Adjusted Calendar Days: 34</i></p> |                                                                                                  |                                     |                              |            |            |

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| 024/2015/00000001/001                                                                                                  | Mr W Kennedy<br>37 Pitt Street<br>WALGETT NSW 2832 | 10 Class 1a -Single Dwelling/Dual<br>25 Wee Wee ST WALGETT<br>LOT: A DP: 159823<br>Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service<br>Co-operative Ltd | Approved - Staff Delegation | 09/02/2015 | 23/01/2015 |
| <p><i>Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 18</i><br/> <i>Calendar Stop Days: 0</i><br/> <i>Adjusted Calendar Days: 18</i></p> |                                                    |                                                                                                                                           |                             |            |            |

Officer: Mr A R Wilson  
 Number of Applications: 2

*Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 26.00*  
*Average Calendar Stop Days: 0.00*  
*Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 26.00*  
*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 52.00*  
*Total Calendar Stop Days: 0.00*  
*Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 52.00*

Report Totals & Averages

Total Number of Applications : 11  
*Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 19.82*  
*Average Calendar Stop Days: 1.45*  
*Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 18.36*  
*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 218.00*  
*Total Calendar Stop Days: 16.00*  
*Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 202.00*

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## **WALGETT CBD UPGRADE STRATEGY**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matt Clarkson – Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** 14/234

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### **Summary:**

Council has budgeted \$160,000 in 2014 / 2015 for upgrades to the Walgett CBD. Council's initial concept was to install irrigation, CCTV, street trees and pavers. It now suggested that Council resolve to allocate up to \$100,000 of these funds for financing up to 50% of fascia works for CBD businesses.

### **Background:**

On 15 December 2014 an application for a review of the development determination for development consent 2014/002 was lodged with Walgett Shire Council by Wendy Azevedo. The core issue in the application and associated letter is that the applicant believes that a condition of development consent requiring removal of security mesh is unreasonable given her previous exposure to security problems with commercial premises. The condition was imposed to ensure that the presentation of the premises became consistent with the development standards expected by Council under clause 4.9.5 of the Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2014.

On 10 February 2015 Council resolved to defer the item to allow for Council staff to prepare a report regarding possible funding of 50% of the cost of updating security of premises to a pre-determined limit with the upgrade to occur within a specific time period.

### **Current position:**

Council has budgeted \$160,000 in the 2014 -2015 budget for upgrades to the Walgett CBD, and Council staff have undertaken community consultation regarding how these funds should be spent.

Consensus regarding expenditure of these funds was generally limited to gardens works and the installation of festoon lightning in the CBD.

As there are insufficient funds for the identified goal construction of new gardens in Fox and Wee Waa Streets, it is proposed that \$60,000 of the upgrade budget should be allocated to new sustainable plantings in existing gardens (\$40,000) and festoon lighting (\$20,000) to achieve broader aesthetic goals identified by the community.

Further, it is proposed that:

- \$100,000 of the upgrade budget be dedicated to 1:1 in kind contributions in the B2 Local Centre zone for fascia upgrades, including security measures, subject to Council approval (works must demonstrate improved visual amenity).
- Contributions be limited to a maximum of \$5000 per business.

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It is proposed public notice of the Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy will be undertaken for a minimum of 28 days, which includes:

- Advertising the public exhibition within the Walgett Spectator.
- Making the strategy available as a pdf file via Council's web site.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act 1993.

### **Governance issues:**

Council's charter:- Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes Council's charter, which includes:

- to exercise community leadership
- to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development
- to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
- to engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights

Voting:- Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 requires a division to be called when a motion for a planning decision is put at a meeting of the Council, and the names of Councillors voting for and against the motion must be recorded.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil.

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett community, business owners, Walgett Shire Council, and the travelling public.

### **Financial Implications:**

Council has allocated a budget of \$160,000 for upgrades to the Walgett CBD in the 2014-2015 budget.

### **Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing:- This option has not been recommended as:

- It is a frequently stated Council and community aspiration that the aesthetics of the main street of Walgett should be improved.
- Funding has been allocated in the current budget for Walgett CBD upgrade works.

Allocate the \$100,000 to garden works:- This option has not been recommended as it presents a poor return on investment relative to the contributions component of the strategy.

**Conclusion:**

Endorsement of the Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy provides the best immediate practical outcomes for allocation of the Walgett CBD upgrade funds.

**Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy**

**Recommendation:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

1. Allocate \$100,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to 1:1 in kind contributions in the B2 Local Centre zone for fascia upgrades, including security measures, subject to Council approval (works must demonstrate improved visual amenity).
2. Allocate \$40,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to new plantings in the B2 Local Centre zone.
3. Allocate \$20,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to festoon lighting in the B2 Local Centre zone
4. Give public notification of the Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy for a minimum of 28 days, by:
  - Advertising the strategy in the Walgett Spectator.
  - Making the strategy available as a pdf file via Council's web site.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

### 14.3 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

## **1. MONTHLY RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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#### **Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council relating to the Engineering Services work progress till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

#### **Background:**

A budget of \$17.54Million including RMCC work has been allocated to the Rural Infrastructure and Support Service for capital & maintenance works, fleet management and engineering administration for 2014/2015.

#### **Current Position:**

A Skelton crew with seven members continued to work through the Xmas and New Year break. They were doing different maintenance works such as bridge approaches, road signs etc.

All the team members have started their normal duties from 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and are in full swing in the planed areas.

#### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

2014/15 Operational Plan and Budget.

#### **Governance issues:**

Due processes are followed on a routine basis i.e procurement and tendering.

#### **Environmental issues:**

Various environmental issues are assessed on a project by project basis to ensure any environmental legislation is complied with.

#### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Walgett Residents

**Financial Implications:**

As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015, \$ 7,820,610 has been spent from a total amount of \$17,543,401 allocated for 2014/2015 budget.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue to monitor the work progress of all the activities to ensure the works are completed within the guidelines and project estimates.

**Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress report from Director Engineering Services – February 2015**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly work progress report for February 2015.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

2014/2015 Budget allocations up the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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The funding allocations for 2014/2015 RMCC works are \$ 3,601,351 details are as follows:

| SN | Description                     | Budget                 | Expenditure Till<br>28/02/2015 | Status     |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1  | Resealing                       | \$ 1,030,000.00        | \$536,611.36                   | 52%        |
| 2  | Heavy patching                  | \$ 500,000.00          | \$659,942.98                   | 132%       |
| 3  | HW 12<br>Warrambool<br>Widening | \$ 700,000.00          | \$29,824.93                    | 4%         |
| 4  | Routine works                   | \$ 1,160,000.00        | \$705,598.00                   | 61%        |
| 5  | Grids<br>Replacement            | \$146,351.06           | \$83,606.01                    | 57%        |
| 6  | Culvert<br>Headwall<br>Works    | \$65,000               | \$21,569.08                    | 33%        |
| 7  | Culvert<br>Replacement          |                        | \$139,903.71                   |            |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$2,177,056.07</b>          | <b>60%</b> |

## **2. FIVE YEAR ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING PROGRAMME (2014/15 TO 2018/19)**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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### **Summary:**

This report is for Council to consider and approve the five year 'Roads To Recovery' funding program.

### **Background:**

Council has some urgent projects that need to be addressed, but due to the lack of funding, it is not possible to complete them in one go and they now have been prioritised as shown in attached spread sheets.

The five year work program has been prepared based on the Transportation Asset Management Plan in order to provide required level of service. During the preparation of the program, the grant amount available has been taken into consideration.

### **Current Position:**

The construction and sealing work in Gundablui Road under the 'Repair' Program, George Street and Merrywinebone Road under 'Roads to Recovery' funding have been completed. Carinda Road under RTR funding is in progress.

Should Councillors have any other item they believe should be included then they should be raised before this five year program is adopted.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's five year road work program

### **Governance issues:**

Due processes are followed on a routine basis i.e procurement and tendering

### **Environmental issues:**

Various environmental issues will be assessed on a project by project basis to ensure any environmental legislation is complied with.

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Residents and Rate Payers  
Tourists  
Other Agricultural Farm Operators  
Walgett Shire Council

### **Financial Implications:**

WSC Operational plan and Budget 2014/2015 to 2018/2019

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue to monitor these projects to ensure the works are completed within the guidelines and project estimates.

**Five Year Roads To Recovery Road Work Program for 2014/2015 – 2018/2019**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council consider and adopt the five year RTR funding program as detailed in this report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Five year RTR funding road programs



## **FOUR YEAR CAPITAL & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR 2015/2016 TO 2018/2019**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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### **Summary:**

This report is to allow Council to consider and approve the four year capital road work program for the years 2015/2016-2018/2019.

### **Background:**

Council has some urgent projects that need to be addressed, but due to the lack of funding, it is not possible to complete them in one go and they now have been prioritised as shown in attached spread sheets.

Council is expecting to receive funding from various programs such as Regional Road Repair Program and Roads to Recovery Program .

Selection of a project for the repair program depends upon the scores. The cut off score varies every year . It is therefore unlikely, but not impossible, for any of these projects to be successful. If one or more of these projects is similarly submitted in the following funding application, it will attract a 3 point bonus. Hence the Program and submission is beneficial even if it is unsuccessful as it places Council in a better position in next year's funding round. To address this, it is better to have programs drafted in well advance.

### **Current Position:**

The construction and sealing work in Gundablui Road under the Repair Program , George Street and Merrywinebone Road under Roads to Recovery funding have been completed. Carinda Road under RTR funding is in progress.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's four year capital road work program for 2015/2016 – 2018/2019.

### **Governance issues:**

Due processes are followed on a routine basis i.e procurement and tendering

### **Environmental issues:**

Various environmental issues will be assessed on a project by project basis to ensure any environmental legislation is complied with.

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Residents and Rate Payers  
Tourists  
Other Agricultural Farm operators  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

WSC Operational Plan and Budget 2015/2016 to 2018/2019

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Councillors may wish to raise roads other than those already included for consideration.

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue to monitor these projects to ensure the works are completed within the guidelines and project estimates.

**Four Year Capital and Maintenance Work Program for 2015/2016 to 2018/2019**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council consider and adopt the four year Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program for the years 2015/2016 to 2018/2019.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Four year Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program

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2015/2016

| ENGINEERING SERVICES                              |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
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| Capital & Maintenance Work program for 2017 /2018 |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| TOWN                                              | Road name         | Work proposed                                    | Total<br>Amount        | Funding                |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | Remarks                |
|                                                   |                   |                                                  |                        | RMCC                   | RMS repair<br>program | RTR                    | Council ( Loan) | Council's own fund     | FAG                    | Council's Betterment<br>funding | Bridge Repair<br>Program |                        |
| <b>CAPITAL WORKS</b>                              |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   | SH18, SH11, SH29  | Works ordered                                    | \$ 2,441,351.06        | \$ 2,441,351.06        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   | SH18, SH11, SH29  | Routine Maintenance                              | \$ 1,160,000.00        | \$ 1,160,000.00        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>                     | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>            |
| Collareenbri                                      | Earle Street      | heavy patching ( Total)                          | \$ 272,209.68          |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Gilbert Street    | Kerb/gutter and resealing work (Total)           | \$ 124,581.44          |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Fox Street        | Kerb/gutter and resealing work (Total)           | \$ 238,496.74          |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Dundas Street     | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 46,801.42           |                        |                       | \$ 23,400.71           |                 | \$ 23,400.71           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Neil Street       | Resheeting                                       | \$ 12,861.90           |                        |                       | \$ 6,430.95            |                 | \$ 6,430.95            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Duff street       | Resheeting                                       | \$ 8,028.30            |                        |                       | \$ 4,014.15            |                 | \$ 4,014.15            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Authur Street     | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 49,882.31           |                        |                       | \$ 24,941.16           |                 | \$ 24,941.16           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Euroka Street     | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 46,764.46           |                        |                       | \$ 23,382.23           |                 | \$ 23,382.23           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Dewhurst Street   | Kerb/gutter and resealing work (total)           | \$ 93,627.96           |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Wareena Street    | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 46,653.26           |                        |                       | \$ 23,426.63           |                 | \$ 23,426.63           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Montkeilla Street | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 61,415.53           |                        |                       | \$ 30,707.77           |                 | \$ 30,707.77           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Lorne Road        | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 629,544.00          |                        |                       | \$ 314,772.00          |                 | \$ 314,772.00          |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Eberheim Street   | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 130,096.46          |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Sebastopol Street | Heavy patching                                   | \$ 27,016.07           |                        |                       | \$ 13,508.04           |                 | \$ 13,508.04           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Hastings Street   | heavy patching ( Total)                          | \$ 109,438.49          |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Cumbarrah                                         | Cumbarrah Street  | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 269,237.79          |                        |                       | \$ 134,618.90          |                 | \$ 134,618.90          |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Marlbone Road     | Reconstruction of causeway( school bus route)    | \$140,000.00           |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        | \$140,000.00           |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$ 3,275,286.58</b> | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$1,083,422.91</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 1,083,422.91</b> | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>            |
| <b>Regional Roads Operation</b>                   |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   |                   | Depreciation                                     | \$930,235.90           |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$930,235.90           |
|                                                   |                   | Interest paid - Loans                            |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Unsealed Pavement                          |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Inspection and Reporting                         | \$71,460.96            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$71,460.96            |
| Various                                           |                   | Corridor- vegetation control                     | \$23,820.32            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$23,820.32            |
| Various                                           |                   | Incident Response                                | \$17,865.24            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$17,865.24            |
| Various                                           |                   | Traffic facilities                               | \$14,292.19            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$14,292.19            |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Sealed roads                               |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$1,057,674.61</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$1,057,674.61</b>  |
| <b>Regional Road Maintenance</b>                  |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Traffic facilities                               | \$42,876.58            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$42,876.58            |
| Various                                           |                   | Drainage                                         | \$47,640.64            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$47,640.64            |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Shoulder Grading                           | \$83,371.12            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$83,371.12            |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Unsealed Pavement                          | \$214,382.88           |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$214,382.88           |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Heavy Patching                             | \$476,406.40           |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$476,406.40           |
| Various                                           |                   | Bitumen patching                                 | \$238,203.20           |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$238,203.20           |
| Various                                           |                   | Gravel Re sheeting                               | \$35,730.48            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$35,730.48            |
| Various                                           |                   | Crack sealing                                    | \$24,177.62            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$24,177.62            |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Corridor including grid repairs            | \$23,820.32            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$23,820.32            |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Sub Total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,186,609.24</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$1,186,609.24</b>  |
| <b>Local Road Operations</b>                      |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Inspection and reporting                         | \$59,550.80            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$59,550.80            |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Traffic Facilities                         | \$11,910.16            |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$11,910.16            |
| Various                                           |                   | Corridor- Vegetation Control                     | \$5,955.08             |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$5,955.08             |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Corridor- Incident Response                | \$5,955.08             |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          | \$5,955.08             |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                 | <b>\$89,371.12</b>     | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$89,371.12</b>     |
| <b>Local Road Maintenance</b>                     |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                       |                        |                 |                        |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Unsealed Pavement Maintenance              | \$595,508.00           |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$595,508.00           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Unsealed Pavement Maintenance              | \$23,820.32            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Unsealed Pavement Reshape Formation Only   | \$71,460.96            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$71,460.96            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Bitumen Patching                           | \$23,820.32            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Shoulder Grading                           | \$23,820.32            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting                    | \$59,550.80            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$59,550.80            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Sealed Pavement Maintenance                | \$176,652.40           |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$176,652.40           |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Unsealed shire road school bus route maintenance | \$59,550.80            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$59,550.80            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Traffic Facilities                               | \$23,820.32            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Corridor including grid repairs            | \$29,775.40            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$29,775.40            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Drainage                                   | \$47,640.64            |                        |                       |                        |                 | \$47,640.64            |                        |                                 |                          |                        |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,137,420.28</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$1,137,420.28</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b>          |
|                                                   |                   | <b>TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>\$ 9,378,272.12</b> | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ 1,083,422.91</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 1,083,422.91</b> | <b>\$ 1,137,420.28</b> | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ 2,927,654.97</b> |

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA**

2016/2017

| ENGINEERING SERVICES                              |                                |                                                                                                                      |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Capital & Maintenance Work program for 2016 /2017 |                                |                                                                                                                      |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Town                                              | Road name                      | Work proposed                                                                                                        | Total                   | Funding                |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | Remarks                |
|                                                   |                                |                                                                                                                      |                         | Amount                 | RMCC                 | RMS repair program   | RTR            | Council (Loan)         | Council's own fund  | FAG                  | Council's Betterment funding |                        |
|                                                   |                                | <b>CAPITAL WORKS</b>                                                                                                 |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   | SH18, SH12, SH29               | Works ordered                                                                                                        | \$ 2,441,351.06         | \$ 2,441,351.06        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   | SH18, SH12, SH29               | Routine Maintenance                                                                                                  | \$ 1,160,000.00         | \$ 1,160,000.00        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                                                      | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b>  | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>                  | <b>\$ -</b>            |
| Burien Junction                                   | Waterloo Street                | Resheeting                                                                                                           | \$ 14,964.39            |                        |                      | \$ 7,482.14          |                | \$ 7,482.14            |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Burien Junction                                   | Waterloo Street                | Kerbs/gutter and resealing work                                                                                      | \$ 35,672.63            |                        |                      | \$ 17,836.32         |                | \$ 17,836.32           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Burien Junction                                   | Houhulan Street                | Kerbs/gutter and resealing work                                                                                      | \$ 36,387.89            |                        |                      | \$ 18,193.95         |                | \$ 18,193.95           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Rowena                                            | South Street                   | Resheeting                                                                                                           | \$ 11,164.30            |                        |                      | \$ 5,582.15          |                | \$ 5,582.15            |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Rowena                                            | Rowena Street                  | Resheeting                                                                                                           | \$ 8,396.30             |                        |                      | \$ 4,198.15          |                | \$ 4,198.15            |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Collareenbri                                      | Alleyone Street                | Resheeting ( Total)                                                                                                  | \$ 37,324.20            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Collareenbri                                      | Alleytwo Street                | Resheeting                                                                                                           | \$ 16,585.10            |                        |                      | \$ 9,292.55          |                | \$ 9,292.55            |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Collareenbri                                      | Alleythree Street              | Resheeting                                                                                                           | \$ 15,901.10            |                        |                      | \$ 9,950.55          |                | \$ 9,950.55            |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Collareenbri                                      | Alleyfour Street               | Resheeting(Total)                                                                                                    | \$ 37,450.20            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Fox Street                     | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                                                                                       | \$ 66,294.65            |                        |                      | \$ 33,147.33         |                | \$ 33,147.33           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Thomas street                  | heavy patching                                                                                                       | \$ 35,495.50            |                        |                      | \$ 17,747.75         |                | \$ 17,747.75           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Euroka Street                  | heavy patching                                                                                                       | \$ 43,278.97            |                        |                      | \$ 21,639.49         |                | \$ 21,639.49           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Burraba Road                   | 200 mm thick sheeting works                                                                                          | \$ 263,087.39           |                        |                      | \$ 131,543.70        |                | \$ 131,543.70          |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Lorne Road                     | Reconstruction and sealing work                                                                                      | \$ 624,261.93           |                        |                      | \$ 312,130.97        |                | \$ 312,130.97          |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Angledool Road                 | Sheeting                                                                                                             | \$ 300,000.00           |                        |                      | \$ 150,000.00        |                | \$ 150,000.00          |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Collareenbri                                      | Maitland Street                | heavy patching                                                                                                       | \$ 213,367.13           |                        |                      | \$ 106,683.57        |                | \$ 106,683.57          |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   | Ridge Road                     | Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick road base overlay. The approximate length is 4 km and width seal is 7 m | \$1,039,193.38          |                        | \$ 400,000.00        |                      |                | \$ 639,193.38          |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Walgett                                           | Brewon Road ( Harris Bridge)   | Removal existing timber bridge and construction of concrete bridge                                                   | \$ 880,000.00           |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 440,000.00          |                     | \$ 440,000.00        |                              | subject to BRP funding |
| Walgett                                           | Brewon Road ( Wanourie Bridge) | Removal existing timber bridge and construction of concrete bridge                                                   | \$ 720,000.00           |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 360,000.00          |                     | \$ 360,000.00        |                              | subject to BRP funding |
| Walgett                                           | Brewon Road                    | Sheeting                                                                                                             | \$ 112,847.06           |                        |                      | \$ 56,423.53         |                | \$ 56,423.53           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   | Glen Eden Road                 | Reconstruction of causeway in Glen Eden Road ( school bus route)                                                     | \$ 140,000.00           |                        |                      |                      |                |                        | \$ 140,000.00       |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                                                      | <b>\$ 4,792,446.41</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ 400,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 939,239.32</b> | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ 2,378,432.70</b> | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 800,000.00</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>            |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Regional Roads Operation</b>                                                                                      |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   |                                | Depreciation                                                                                                         | \$ 877,581.04           |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 877,581.04          |
|                                                   |                                | Interest paid - Loans                                                                                                |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Urban Unsealed Pavement                                                                                              |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Inspection and Reporting                                                                                             | \$ 67,416.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 67,416.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Corridor- vegetation control                                                                                         | \$ 22,472.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 22,472.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Incident Response                                                                                                    | \$ 16,854.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 16,854.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Traffic facilities                                                                                                   | \$ 13,483.20            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 13,483.20           |
| Various                                           |                                | Rural Sealed roads                                                                                                   |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                                                      | <b>\$ 997,896.24</b>    | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b> | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>      | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>               | <b>\$ 997,896.24</b>   |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Regional Road Maintenance</b>                                                                                     |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Traffic Facilities                                                                                                   | \$ 40,449.60            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 40,449.60           |
| Various                                           |                                | Drainage                                                                                                             | \$ 44,944.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 44,944.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Rural Shoulder Grading                                                                                               | \$ 78,652.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 78,652.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Rural Unsealed Pavement                                                                                              | \$ 202,248.00           |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 202,248.00          |
| Various                                           |                                | Rural Heavy Patching                                                                                                 | \$ 445,440.00           |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 445,440.00          |
| Various                                           |                                | Bitumen patching                                                                                                     | \$ 224,720.00           |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 224,720.00          |
| Various                                           |                                | Gravel Re sheeting                                                                                                   | \$ 33,798.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 33,798.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Crack sealing                                                                                                        | \$ 22,809.08            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 22,809.08           |
| Various                                           |                                | Rural Corridor including grid repairs                                                                                | \$ 22,472.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 22,472.00           |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Sub Total</b>                                                                                                     | <b>\$ 1,119,442.68</b>  | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b> | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>      | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>               | <b>\$ 1,119,442.68</b> |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Local Road Operations</b>                                                                                         |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Inspection and reporting                                                                                             | \$ 56,180.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 56,180.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Urban Traffic Facilities                                                                                             | \$ 11,236.00            |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 11,236.00           |
| Various                                           |                                | Corridor- Vegetation Control                                                                                         | \$ 5,618.00             |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 5,618.00            |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Corridor- Incident Response                                                                                    | \$ 5,618.00             |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 5,618.00            |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Sub-total</b>                                                                                                     | <b>\$ 78,652.00</b>     | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b> | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>      | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>               | <b>\$ 78,652.00</b>    |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Local Road Maintenance</b>                                                                                        |                         |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Unsealed Pavement Maintenance                                                                                  | \$ 561,800.00           |                        |                      |                      |                |                        |                     |                      |                              | \$ 561,800.00          |
| Various                                           |                                | Urban Unsealed Pavement Maintenance                                                                                  | \$ 22,472.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 22,472.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Unsealed Pavement Reshape Formation Only                                                                       | \$ 67,416.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 67,416.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Bitumen Patching                                                                                               | \$ 22,472.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 22,472.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Shoulder Grading                                                                                               | \$ 22,472.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 22,472.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting                                                                                        | \$ 56,180.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 56,180.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Urban Sealed Pavement Maintenance                                                                                    | \$ 168,540.00           |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 168,540.00          |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Unsealed shire road school bus route maintenance                                                                     | \$ 56,180.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 56,180.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Traffic Facilities                                                                                                   | \$ 22,472.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 22,472.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Corridor including grid repairs                                                                                | \$ 28,090.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 28,090.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
| Various                                           |                                | Shire Drainage                                                                                                       | \$ 44,944.00            |                        |                      |                      |                | \$ 44,944.00           |                     |                      |                              |                        |
|                                                   |                                | <b>Sub-total</b>                                                                                                     | <b>\$ 1,073,038.00</b>  | <b>\$ 0.00</b>         | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b> | <b>\$ 511,238.00</b>   | <b>\$ 0.00</b>      | <b>\$ 0.00</b>       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>               | <b>\$ 561,800.00</b>   |
|                                                   |                                | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                         | <b>\$ 11,602,736.39</b> | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ 400,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 939,239.32</b> | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ 2,378,432.70</b> | <b>\$ 11,238.00</b> | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 800,000.00</b>         | <b>\$ 2,757,700.92</b> |

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA**

2017/2018

| ENGINEERING SERVICES                              |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Capital & Maintenance Work program for 2017 /2018 |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| TOWN                                              | Road name         | Work proposed                                    | Total<br>Amount        | Funding                |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | Block grant            | Remarks |
|                                                   |                   |                                                  |                        | RMCC                   | RMS repair program | RTR                    | Council ( Loan) | Council's own fund     | FAG                    | Council's Betterment funding | Bridge Repair Program |                        |         |
| <b>CAPITAL WORKS</b>                              |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   | SH18, SH11, SH29  | Works ordered                                    | \$ 2,441,351.06        | \$ 2,441,351.06        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   | SH18, SH11, SH29  | Routine Maintenance                              | \$ 1,160,000.00        | \$ 1,160,000.00        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>                  | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>            |         |
| Collareenbri                                      | Earle Street      | heavy patching ( Total)                          | \$ 272,209.68          |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Gilbert Street    | Kerb/gutter and resealing work (Total)           | \$ 124,581.44          |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Fox Street        | Kerb/gutter and resealing work (Total)           | \$ 238,496.74          |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Dundas Street     | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 46,801.42           |                        |                    | \$ 23,400.71           |                 | \$ 23,400.71           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Neil Street       | Resheeting                                       | \$ 12,861.90           |                        |                    | \$ 6,430.95            |                 | \$ 6,430.95            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Duff street       | Resheeting                                       | \$ 8,028.30            |                        |                    | \$ 4,014.15            |                 | \$ 4,014.15            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Authur Street     | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 49,882.31           |                        |                    | \$ 24,941.16           |                 | \$ 24,941.16           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Euroka Street     | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 46,764.46           |                        |                    | \$ 23,382.23           |                 | \$ 23,382.23           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Dewhurst Street   | Kerb/gutter and resealing work (total)           | \$ 93,627.96           |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Wareena Street    | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 46,653.26           |                        |                    | \$ 23,426.63           |                 | \$ 23,426.63           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Walgett                                           | Montkeilla Street | Kerb/gutter and resealing work                   | \$ 61,415.53           |                        |                    | \$ 30,707.77           |                 | \$ 30,707.77           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Lorne Road        | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 629,544.00          |                        |                    | \$ 314,772.00          |                 | \$ 314,772.00          |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Blenheim Street   | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 130,096.46          |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Sebastopol Street | Heavy patching                                   | \$ 27,016.07           |                        |                    | \$ 13,508.04           |                 | \$ 13,508.04           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Hastings Street   | heavy patching ( Total)                          | \$ 109,438.49          |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Cumbarrah                                         | Cumbarrah Street  | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 269,237.79          |                        |                    | \$ 134,618.90          |                 | \$ 134,618.90          |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Burrun Junction                                   | Marlbone Road     | Reconstruction of causeway( school bus route)    | \$140,000.00           |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        | \$140,000.00           |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$ 3,275,286.58</b> | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$1,083,422.91</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 1,083,422.91</b> | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>            |         |
| <b>Regional Roads Operation</b>                   |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   |                   | Depreciation                                     | \$930,235.90           |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$930,235.90           |         |
|                                                   |                   | Interest paid - Loans                            |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Unsealed Pavement                          |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Inspection and Reporting                         | \$71,460.96            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$71,460.96            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Corridor- vegetation control                     | \$23,820.32            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$23,820.32            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Incident Response                                | \$17,865.24            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$17,865.24            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Traffic facilities                               | \$14,292.19            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$14,292.19            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Sealed roads                               |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$1,057,674.61</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$1,057,674.61</b>  |         |
| <b>Regional Road Maintenance</b>                  |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Traffic facilities                               | \$42,876.58            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$42,876.58            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Drainage                                         | \$47,640.64            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$47,640.64            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Shoulder Grading                           | \$83,371.12            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$83,371.12            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Unsealed Pavement                          | \$214,382.88           |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$214,382.88           |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Heavy Patching                             | \$476,406.40           |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$476,406.40           |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Bitumen patching                                 | \$238,203.20           |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$238,203.20           |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Gravel Re sheeting                               | \$35,730.48            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$35,730.48            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Crack sealing                                    | \$24,177.62            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$24,177.62            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Rural Corridor including grid repairs            | \$23,820.32            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$23,820.32            |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Sub Total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,186,609.24</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$1,186,609.24</b>  |         |
| <b>Local Road Operations</b>                      |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Inspection and reporting                         | \$59,550.80            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$59,550.80            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Traffic Facilities                         | \$11,910.16            |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$11,910.16            |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Corridor- Vegetation Control                     | \$5,955.08             |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$5,955.08             |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Corridor- Incident Response                | \$5,955.08             |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       | \$5,955.08             |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                 | <b>\$89,371.12</b>     | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$89,371.12</b>     |         |
| <b>Local Road Maintenance</b>                     |                   |                                                  |                        |                        |                    |                        |                 |                        |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Unsealed Pavement Maintenance              | \$595,508.00           |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$595,508.00           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Unsealed Pavement Maintenance              | \$23,820.32            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Unsealed Pavement Reshape Formation Only   | \$71,460.96            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$71,460.96            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Bitumen Patching                           | \$23,820.32            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Shoulder Grading                           | \$23,820.32            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting                    | \$59,550.80            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$59,550.80            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Urban Sealed Pavement Maintenance                | \$176,652.40           |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$176,652.40           |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Unsealed shire road school bus route maintenance | \$59,550.80            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$59,550.80            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Traffic Facilities                               | \$23,820.32            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$23,820.32            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Corridor including grid repairs            | \$29,775.40            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$29,775.40            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
| Various                                           |                   | Shire Drainage                                   | \$47,640.64            |                        |                    |                        |                 | \$47,640.64            |                        |                              |                       |                        |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,137,420.28</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$1,137,420.28</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>                | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          |         |
|                                                   |                   | <b>TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>\$ 9,378,272.12</b> | <b>\$ 3,601,351.06</b> | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 1,083,422.91</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 1,083,422.91</b> | <b>\$ 1,137,420.28</b> | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ 2,927,654.97</b> |         |

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

2018/2019

| ENGINEERING SERVICES                              |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Capital & Maintenance Work program for 2018 /2019 |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Town                                              | Road name           | Work proposed                                    | Total<br>Amount         | Funding                |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          | Remarks       |                        |
|                                                   |                     |                                                  |                         | RMCC                   | RMS repair<br>program | RTR                    | Council (Loan) | Council's own fund     | FAG                  | Council's Betterment<br>funding | Bridge Repair<br>Program |               | Block grant            |
| <b>CAPITAL WORKS</b>                              |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Various                                           | SH18, SH12, SH29    | Works ordered                                    | \$ 2,441,951.06         | \$ 2,441,951.06        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Various                                           | SH18, SH12, SH29    | Routine Maintenance                              | \$ 1,160,000.00         | \$ 1,160,000.00        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                   |                     |                                                  | <b>\$ 3,601,951.06</b>  | <b>\$ 3,601,951.06</b> | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>                     | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>            |
| Rowena                                            | Cameron lane        | Sheeting                                         | \$ 392,563.01           |                        |                       | \$ 196,281.51          |                | \$ 196,281.51          |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Lorne Road          | Reconstruction and sealing work                  | \$ 729,292.88           |                        |                       | \$ 364,646.44          |                | \$ 364,646.44          |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Opal Street         | heavy patching                                   | \$ 17,636.85            |                        |                       | \$ 8,848.43            |                | \$ 8,848.43            |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Matrix Street       | heavy patching                                   | \$ 38,395.47            |                        |                       | \$ 19,192.74           |                | \$ 19,192.74           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Agate Street        | heavy patching                                   | \$ 39,805.94            |                        |                       | \$ 19,902.67           |                | \$ 19,902.67           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Brilliant Street    | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 84,461.14            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Windass Street      | heavy patching                                   | \$ 37,818.62            |                        |                       | \$ 18,909.31           |                | \$ 18,909.31           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Gem Street          | heavy patching                                   | \$ 49,212.38            |                        |                       | \$ 24,606.19           |                | \$ 24,606.19           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | Opal Street         | heavy patching                                   | \$ 47,830.72            |                        |                       | \$ 23,915.36           |                | \$ 23,915.36           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Lightning Ridge                                   | red Admiral Street  | heavy patching                                   | \$ 40,195.10            |                        |                       | \$ 20,097.55           |                | \$ 20,097.55           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Carinda                                           | Shakespeare Street  | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 236,525.97           |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Carinda                                           | Hare Street         | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 76,197.42            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Carinda                                           | Showground Street   | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 160,979.57           |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Carinda                                           | oliver street       | heavy patching (Total)                           | \$ 116,125.58           |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Carinda                                           | Warren street       | heavy patching                                   | \$ 54,416.25            |                        |                       | \$ 27,208.13           |                | \$ 27,208.13           |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Come By Chance                                    | Come By Chance Road | Reconstruction and sealing                       | \$ 801,711.92           |                        | \$ 400,000.00         |                        |                | \$ 401,711.92          |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
|                                                   | Teranyan Road       | Reconstruction of causeway ( school bus route)   | \$140,000.00            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      | \$140,000.00                    |                          |               |                        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                   |                     |                                                  | <b>\$ 3,736,495.90</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ 400,000.00</b>  | <b>\$1,060,300.15</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ 1,462,012.07</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>            |
| <b>Regional Roads Operation</b>                   |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
|                                                   |                     | Depreciation                                     | \$986,050.05            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$986,050.05           |
|                                                   |                     | Interest paid - Loans                            |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Various                                           |                     | Urban Unsealed Pavement                          |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Various                                           |                     | Inspection and Reporting                         | \$75,748.62             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$75,748.62            |
| Various                                           |                     | Corridor- vegetation control                     | \$25,249.54             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,249.54            |
| Various                                           |                     | Incident Response                                | \$18,937.15             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$18,937.15            |
| Various                                           |                     | Traffic facilities                               | \$15,149.72             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$15,149.72            |
| Various                                           |                     | Rural Sealed roads                               |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                   |                     |                                                  | <b>\$1,121,135.09</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$1,121,135.09</b>  |
| <b>Regional Road Maintenance</b>                  |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| various                                           |                     | Traffic facilities                               | \$45,449.17             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$45,449.17            |
| various                                           |                     | Drainage                                         | \$50,499.08             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$50,499.08            |
| various                                           |                     | Rural Shoulder Grading                           | \$88,373.39             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$88,373.39            |
| various                                           |                     | Rural Unsealed Pavement                          | \$227,245.85            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$227,245.85           |
| various                                           |                     | Rural Heavy Patching                             | \$504,990.78            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$504,990.78           |
| various                                           |                     | Bitumen patching                                 | \$252,495.39            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$252,495.39           |
| various                                           |                     | Gravel Re sheeting                               | \$37,874.31             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$37,874.31            |
| various                                           |                     | Crack sealing                                    | \$25,628.28             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,628.28            |
| various                                           |                     | Rural Corridor including grid repairs            | \$25,249.54             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,249.54            |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                                  |                     |                                                  | <b>\$1,257,805.80</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$1,257,805.80</b>  |
| <b>Local Road Operations</b>                      |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
|                                                   |                     | Inspection and reporting                         | \$63,123.85             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$63,123.85            |
| Various                                           |                     | Urban Traffic Facilities                         | \$12,624.77             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$12,624.77            |
| Various                                           |                     | Corridor- Vegetation Control                     | \$6,312.38              |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$6,312.38             |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Corridor- Incident Response                | \$6,312.38              |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$6,312.38             |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                  |                     |                                                  | <b>\$88,373.39</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$88,373.39</b>     |
| <b>Local Road Maintenance</b>                     |                     |                                                  |                         |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               |                        |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Unsealed Pavement Maintenance              | \$631,238.48            |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$631,238.48           |
| Various                                           |                     | Urban Unsealed Pavement Maintenance              | \$25,249.54             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,249.54            |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Unsealed Pavement Reshape/Formation Only   | \$75,748.62             |                        |                       |                        |                |                        |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$75,748.62            |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Bitumen Patching                           | \$25,249.54             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$25,249.54            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,249.54            |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Shoulder Grading                           | \$25,249.54             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$25,249.54            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,249.54            |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting                    | \$63,123.85             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$63,123.85            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$63,123.85            |
| Various                                           |                     | Urban Sealed Pavement Maintenance                | \$189,371.54            |                        |                       |                        |                | \$189,371.54           |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$189,371.54           |
| Various                                           |                     | Unsealed shire road school bus route maintenance | \$63,123.85             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$63,123.85            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$63,123.85            |
| Various                                           |                     | Traffic Facilities                               | \$25,249.54             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$25,249.54            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$25,249.54            |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Corridor including grid repairs            | \$31,561.92             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$31,561.92            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$31,561.92            |
| Various                                           |                     | Shire Drainage                                   | \$50,499.08             |                        |                       |                        |                | \$50,499.08            |                      |                                 |                          |               | \$50,499.08            |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                  |                     |                                                  | <b>\$1,205,665.50</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$473,428.86</b>    | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$0.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$732,236.64</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      |                     |                                                  | <b>\$ 18,578,169.02</b> | <b>\$ 3,601,951.06</b> | <b>\$ 400,000.00</b>  | <b>\$ 1,060,300.15</b> | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ 1,462,012.07</b> | <b>\$ 473,428.86</b> | <b>\$ 140,000.00</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ 3,199,559.91</b> |

**MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR  
INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SERVICES – MARCH 2015**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/378

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**1. North West Weight of Loads Committee's response**

Council has been a member of the North West Weight of Loads Group since 1997. Due to the unsatisfactory results, council submitted a letter on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to leave the committee.

Council has received a response letter from the Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 stating that the letter will be tabled on meeting which has been scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

It has been mentioned in the agreement that the 'six months period will be used to finalise any outstanding matters relating the member's participation in the committee.

| <b>Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director Engineering Services March 2015</b>                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information for be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

Letter from North West Weight of Loads Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA



**NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS COMMITTEE**

Administered by  
Moree Plains Shire Council  
ABN: 46 566 790 582

PO Box 420, MOREE NSW 2400  
Telephone: 02 6757 3222  
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Reference: KK: RP File 13/989

RECEIVED 13 MAR 2015

Wednesday, 11 March 2015

Mr Don Ramsland  
General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Mr Ramsland,

**RE: Walgett Shire Council WOL Resignation**

Thanks you for your letter dated 9 January 2015 informing the North West Weight of Loads of your intentions to leave the committee. Your letter will be tabled at the next Weight of Loads meeting which is scheduled for 30 March 2015.

Please note that part of the agreement there is a six (6) month termination period as stated in the Memorandum of Agreement. This six (6) month period will be used to finalise any outstanding matters relating to Walgett Council's participation in the Committee.

Please note that actual enforcement in your Shire ceased on Monday, 16 February 2015.

If you require further information please contact me via email or phone, as indicated above.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Kerr  
ASSET MANAGER

#### 14.4 ACTING DIRECTOR URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **REMOVAL OF APEX PARK, WALGETT FENCING – WH&S COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Urban Infrastructure Services  
**AUTHOR:** Prafulla K.C – Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/796

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**Summary:**

This report is for Councillor's information and to endorse the recommendation to permanently remove apex park fencing.

**Background:**

In 2010 as part of Regional Infrastructure funding children play area and fence was installed to at Apex Park. The children's play area is designed for age group 1-5 year old and parent's supervision is required all the time. Since the erection of fence, Council has been experiencing continuous vandalism to the fence. Frequency of vandalism is so much that the replacement and repair cost of fencing has exceeded the capital investment. The nature of vandalism includes missing panel, destroyed child proof pedestrian gate, smashed bolts and broken hinges. Council replaced couple of panels with mild steel considering it may alleviate the vandalism. However this also did not stop the perpetrators.

In order to tackle with this ongoing issue, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015, work health and safety committee requested WHS Council's Work Health and Safety Officer Rehabilitation Coordinator David Callander to investigate the need/requirement to have fence around play ground area.

**Current Position:**

David did comprehensive risk assessment of the site and concluded that the play area is in safe proximity from highway. The major factors considered in the risk assessment were the approximate distances from highway and Town Street and play area's intended age group. The play area is approximately 46.6 m from Castlereagh highway and there is a border fence at approx. 39 m between the play area and Hwy. all other sides are at least 33 meters from play group area.

Further to this David also discussed the situation with senior members of the Northern Inland Risk Group (NIRG) in Bingara. Committee member's view also lined up with David's recommendation. Based on these findings and discussion WHS Officer presented a report to WHS Committee and recommended to permanently remove the fence and install an appropriate sign advising patrons whilst using the facility. The Committee adopted the report and recommended the General Manager for consideration.

The General Manager has reference the matter for Council's consideration.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

NA

**Governance issues:**

Permanent removal of the play area fence will save Council on going repair and maintenance cost. Installation of appropriate signage will cover Council from any unforeseen risks.

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett  
Facility Users

**Financial Implications:**

Council will save on going repair and maintenance cost that is being spent of

**Alternative Options:**

Do not remove the fence and keep on spending money on repair and maintenance of the fence.

**Conclusion:**

Based on the WHS's Officer's report above, it is recommended that the fence around children's play area shall be removed in order to minimise expenditure on repair and maintenance of fence.

**Apex Park Fencing: WH&S Committee's Recommendation to Fence**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council acknowledge the Work Health and Safety Officer's report Apex Park Fencing.
2. That Council endorse the recommendation to permanently remove the play area fencing and install appropriate signage.

**Moved:**

**Second:**

**Attachments:**

Attachments of Report can be found in Attachment Document on pg 36

Minutes from the Work Health and Safety Committee Meeting 26.2.2015  
Risk Assessment and Report



**ATTACHMENT DOCUMENT  
FOR  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of Western Division Meeting 23-24/02/2015.....pg 3**
- 2. Minutes of OROC Meeting 20/02/2015.....pg 27**
- 3. Removal of Apex Park Walgett Fencing - Attachment Document. pg 36**

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WESTERN DIVISION COUNCILS OF NSW

# 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Minutes



**February 23- 24, 2015**  
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  - Andrew Bell Western Lands Commissioner
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda
  - Greg Wright, Administrator Central Darling Council
- Stephen O'Halloran ??????????add more
- Moree Shire Council

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**Attendees****MEMBER COUNCILS:**

**Balranald Shire Council:** Cr Leigh Byron, Mayor Cr Jeff Manix, Aaron Drenovski, General Manager,

**Bourke Shire Council:** Cr Andrew Lewis, Mayor, Cr Barry Hollman, Cr Cec Dorrington, Ross Earl General Manager

**Brewarrina Shire Council:** Cr Angelo Pippas, Mayor, Cr Phillip O'Connor, Dan Simmons General Manager

**Broken Hill City Council:** Cr David Gallagher, Andrew Bruggy, Manager Infrastructure and Strategy

**Carrathool Shire Council:** Cr Peter Laird, Mayor, Ken Croskell General Manager

**Central Darling Shire Council:** Mr Michael Boyd, General Manager

**Cobar Shire Council:** Cr Lilliane Brady OAM, Mayor, Cr Bob Sinclair, Cr Tracey Kings, Cr Marsha Isbester, Cr Peter Abbott, Gary Woodman General Manager

**Lachlan Shire Council:** Cr Des Manwaring –Mayor, Cr John Medcalf, Cr Brian Nelson, Cr Graham Scott, Cr Denis Brady, Cr Mark Hall. Alan McCormack, Acting General Manager.

**Walgett Shire Council:** Cr David Lane, Mayor, Cr Jane Keir and Don Ramsland- General Manager,

**Wentworth Shire Council:** Cr Don McKinnon, Mayor, Cr Bill Wheeldon, Cr Paul Cohrs, Peter Kozlowski, General Manager

**MEMBERS of Parliament:**

- Kevin Humphries, Minister for Natural Resources, Water and Western NSW

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW** President LGA Keith Rhoades, Noel Baum

**OTHERS:** Sharon Hawke, Lands and Property Management, Geoff Wise Chairman Western Lands Advisory Council, Phil Standen, Western Manager Roads and Maritime Services, Ben Barlow Board Member Western Local Land Services, Sarah Hopkins, Chair Just Reinvest NSW, Naamon Eurell Executive Officer Statewide Mutual, Steve Orr Acting Director General NSW Office of Local Government, Graeme Fleming

**Welcome**

President John Medcalf Welcomed the Delegates

**NSW Minister for Natural Resources, Water and Western NSW Kevin Humphries, MP**

Addressed the meeting and said the Government had delivered major infrastructure projects to rural NSW and had plans to continue to do so after the election.

He said he had attended the Government's Western Leadership Group meeting in Dubbo last week and the Local Government reform was about government service delivery as well as Local Government. He said he didn't support amalgamation in the Western Division as there was too much distance to cover but the traditional model of local government had to be more strategic and there needed to be real leadership from the elected members.

He said the Government had plans to spend more money in the regions for economic stimulus but there was a need for good quality project management, more alliances and strategic planning across the region to get the best outcome from the funds.

The Native Vegetation Act was to be repealed to allow better regional development and the process would become more like putting in a Development Application for consideration overseen by a regional body.

Minister Humphries said Local Government in the Far West was providing constant good Service and there were too many Federal and State Government agencies providing overlapping services which had not made a difference.

He said Western Local Governments should be elevated to a more regional level and offer one front door for all services- they should take out the other agencies and have one front door. They may like to auspice and facilitate services but this required significant reform.

## **Western Roads Project**

Minister Humphries said 22 Councils had taken part in the Western Roads Project and \$1 billion in funding for some of the identified strategic roads had been made available.

There was a 4 billion dollar backlog across NSW and the Government had allocated \$89 million for fixing country roads, a quarter of a billion to the Newell Highway and money for Bush Bridges which was starting to make a difference, about \$500 million was going into country roads.

The Resources for Regions Program which included Cobar and Broken Hill had been a good initiative which had provided much needed infrastructure funds, he said.

Water Security was also a major program for the government and it was rolling out new projects to provide potable and emergency water for all communities and raise the level of the systems through the Rural Towns Water and Sewerage Scheme. Three billion dollars had been injected into this fund which had been neglected in the past

Minister Humphries said the Government's Restart NSW Program, which meant selling off unused assets in Newcastle, Wollongong and Sydney had resulted in 30 percent of these funds going to rural communities.

In the western lease holding areas the Government was looking at freehold conversion as the present system had too many impediments to planning and development.

Minister Humphries said he had been aware of the anecdotes about the loss of frontline government employment in the region and had the Public Service Commission keeping an eye on this. He was surprised at the actual figures which had shown an increase in staff employed in Bourke 2012 – 350, 2013- 390, 2014-380. There had been a loss of employment in the rural sector as it became more automated and because of the drought in some regions.

The Minister then took questions from the floor.

He was asked about the Local Government Rural Council Model. He said there had been little support for an alternative model and believed that the idea would be dropped.

**Western Division Vice President Peter Laird thanked the Minister for attending and addressing the Conference.**

## **Discussion on Fit for the Future**

General Manager for Walgett Don Ramsland outlined the discussion held at the recent Western Leaders Group held in Dubbo which was attended by three GMs from Walgett, Wentworth and Broken Hill and State Government Agencies.

The Government said they would be holding separate discussions with non government and aboriginal organisations.

There was some discussion about population shift in the western communities and the Australian Bureau of Statistics had indicated from year 2000 until 2008 population had increased and there had been a slight drop since then. Broken Hill's population had halved from 45,000.

The issue of service delivery, duplication and squandering of funds had been raised again and the government said they were looking for a new approach, and an effective business model. This could only be done if the organisations offering the services banded together for more employment, less duplication, strategic planning and measurable outcomes in a one stop shop approach. A lot of the government agencies were happy to see change.

In the discussion on different models, the Government indicated there was little support for the Rural Council local government model and Mr Ramsland said he understood this was off the table in the Fit for the Future changes.

Mr Ramsland said a Government Western regional paper would be delivered in April/ May, a Far West Summit for all stakeholders would be held in July and an options paper would be delivered in October.

There was some discussion about the role of the Western Division in providing government services and how this would work.

Cr Bob Sinclair said he thought Western Division should come up with a strong business case and ask for ongoing funding to provide the services.

Cr Peter Laird said Local Government was different and he didn't think the Department of Premier and Cabinet saw LG as part of that delivery. He said the western councils would have to try and develop the best business model to defend them.

Don Ramsland said there may be a way of developing an adaptable model, not across all of the Far West but aligning in three groups, Bourke, Walgett and Brewarrina, Central Darling and Broken Hill, Balranald, Wentworth, Carrathool with the ability for other councils to opt in and out of the program delivery. He suggested GMs work on a model and request funding.

Ross Earl said he believed the Government's Rural Council model was off the table and it would be interesting to see how a model could be developed with a Joint Organisation of Councils woven over the top.

The group agreed that there had to be a long term commitment for government funding to deliver the agency services, the model would focus on the Western Division Councils and they would all remain autonomous.

#### **President of Local Government NSW Keith Rhoades, AFSM**

Mr Rhoades said LGNSW had released their priorities for the State election and these can be found on the LGNSW website <http://www.lgnsw.org.au>

The core themes were:

1. Greater autonomy in governance
2. Autonomy in council revenue raising
3. Fair funding for shared infrastructure and service responsibilities
4. Agreed pathways on voluntary structural reform
5. Mutual positioning on social policy priorities
6. Improved environmental legislation and settings
7. Balanced land use planning

He urged all Councils to fill out their Fit for the Future template and to fight for independence. He also warned Councils not to use the changes as a reason for a restructure.

Internally he said LGNSW was undergoing a major restructure and this would be released soon. The organisation was in a sustainable financial situation. As promised a Rural Summit would be held with the Board and Senior Executive team to hear rural issues at the end of the year.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President, Councillor John Medcalf called the proceedings to order for the commencement of the 2015 Annual Conference.

**FORMAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS:**

**STANDING ORDERS:**

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| <b>MOTION:</b> That the standing orders as printed in the business paper be adopted.<br><b>Moved Carrathool, Seconded Balranald</b> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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**APOLOGIES:**

As listed with additions from Cr Paul Phillips, Cr Peter Nunan Wentworth, Tracey Kings Cobar and Jeff Manning

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| <b>MOTION:</b> That the apologies be accepted.<br><b>Moved Brewarrina, Seconded Cobar</b> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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Nominations for the Executive Positions of the Western Division Councils of NSW opened.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**2014 Annual Conference**

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| <b>MOTION:</b> That the minutes of the 2014 Annual Conference held at Hillston on March 2-3, as distributed, be adopted.<br><b>Moved Carrathool, Seconded Balranald</b> | <b>Carried</b> |
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**Member Resignations**

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| <b>Motion:</b> That the resignation letters from Hay Shire Council and Bogan Shire Council be accepted with regret.<br><b>Moved: Cobar, Seconded Walgett</b> | <b>Carried</b> |
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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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| <b>MOTION:</b> That the President's Report be adopted as presented.<br><b>Moved Lachlan, Seconded Cobar</b> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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**Executive Officers Report:**

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| <b>MOTION:</b> That the Executive Officer's Report, be adopted.<br><b>Moved: Moved Carrathool, Seconded Cobar</b> | <b>Carried</b> |
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**Matters arising –Mid Term Meeting**

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| <b>Motion:</b> That a Mid Term Meeting be held in Cobar on Monday, June, 2015<br><b>Moved Cobar, seconded Brewarrina</b> | <b>Carried</b> |
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## Sydney Seminar

**Motion:** That a Seminar be held at Parliament House in Sydney on a date to be decided but coinciding with the Local Government NSW Conference which is being held at Rosehill from October 11, 2015

**Moved Cobar, Seconded Wentworth**

**Carried**

## Conference 2016

**Motion:** That the 2016 Conference be held in Walgett.

**Moved: Walgett, Seconded Bourke**

**Carried**

## Sharon Hawke- Assistant Western Lands Commissioner

Crown Land in the Western Division is managed by the Far West Area of Crown Lands, which sits under the Department of Land and Natural Resources, under the Department of Primary Industries in the Government's Trade and Investment Portfolio. It covers 33 million hectares which is 42 % of the state and worth \$11 billion dollars.

The land is used for Economic benefit, Community, Recreation, Preservation of Heritage and Environment.

The Far West Region has 27 staff, 19 in Dubbo, 8 in Broken Hill, Buronga, Bourke, Cobar, Condobolin and Walgett.

Ms Hawke explained that Crown Lands have a wide range of administration responsibilities including transfer of leases, subdivisions, conversions, alteration of lease purposes, compliance and monitoring, granting of leases, access and fencing disputes.

There are over 2,697 Reserves, 767 managed by Councils and Community Trusts and 1,930 have no appointed Trust Manager.

The land is very diverse and includes: showgrounds, racecourses, cemeteries, halls, caravan parks, commons and riverine land.

The NSW Government has undertaken to provide a legal road network in the Western Division to allow for development and conversion to freehold land and to provide certainty of public access, remove liability concerns, reduce trespassers and validate private access arrangements.

There is 20,000 kms to be captured. The Unincorporated Area, Central Darling, Cobar & Bourke have been completed.

Crown lands also inspects annually the 140 Western Land grazing properties to assess land condition, establish photopoints and estimate available forage

The Tibooburra Aerodrome is a responsibility of Crown Lands. It is mainly used by RFDS, SES, Police, and Plague Locust Commission. Crown Land has a budget \$15K annually and it is reliant on external funds.

The Public reserves Management fund provides annual funding for Reserve Trusts for pest and weed control and other infrastructure projects on Crown Reserves.

In 2014/2015 – \$213K was allocated in the Far West Area.

The office has been working on developing an MOU for emergency road repairs across the Division. The MOU will allow Councils access to gravel on Crown land in lieu of a licence.

**Statewide Mutual – Executive Officer Naamon Eurell** explained why Statewide Mutual was established in 1993 to provide insurance exclusively for local government.

This had spread the risk between the 146 Members which gave them protection and contained costs.

The Mutual held long term reinsurance treaties had more consistent claim outcomes and premium stability.

Liability in the Mutual had only increased by 3.967% since 2008 and Property Mutual and Fidelity Guarantee rates unchanged since 2009 and 2006 and there had been an 80% positive response in the recent customer survey.

The Mutual provided encouragement and financial incentives for Local Government to improve their risk management which had helped all members.

**Phil Standen Regional Manager Western Roads and Maritime Services** said there were 7,413 kms of Regional Roads of which Councils maintained 6,925km (93%) and RMS maintained 506km (7%). Local Roads of 2,446km were also maintained by RMS and the total length was 16,191km.

He thanked the Councils for the great working relationships with RMS and said the challenges were the **Ageing Network**, flood events, HPV access limited funding for maintenance and maintenance efficiency.

The good news was that the NSW State Maintenance Budget had increased by \$40 million or 24% since 12/13

There are a number of major projects underway in the western division including the \$22.4 million upgrade of the Newell Highway.

Eight overtaking Lanes had been completed and four OT lanes were under construction in the ongoing program.

Under the Western Freight Productivity Program \$30M was allocated to the Silver City Highway which was 60km of seal extension, three major causeway upgrades, a new bridge over Packsaddle Creek and on-road airstrip at Shannons Creek.

\$10 million was being spent on the Cobb Highway with a 23km seal extension and \$4 million was being spent on widening the Kidman Way south of Cobar.

The fixing \$42.5 million Country Roads Program joint funded with Councils targeted freight connectivity and was being spent on 77 projects across Council owned roads including one in Balranald, two in Cobar, one in Moree Plains and two in Walgett

The Bridges for the Bush program replacing wooden bridges was continuing to improve freight connectivity and the NSW Government announced its Infrastructure Strategy in November last year which included a reserve of \$2 billion for the Regional Road Freight Corridor Program (Golden, NE, GWH, Newell).

This means \$500M for the Newell Highway including: additional overtaking lanes, heavy duty pavement construction between Narrabri and Boggabilla, a Parkes bypass and widening from Coonabarabran to Narrabri plus additional \$500M for the Fixing Country Roads Program and \$200M for the Bridges for the Bush Program

**General Manager Balranald Council Aaron Drenovski** gave a presentation on the revitalisation of the Balranald Visitor Information Centre into the community Discovery Centre

**Ben Barlow, Board Member Western Local Lands Service** said the new Board had inherited a new region cobbled together that included parts of 3 CMA's, 2 LHPA regions and elements of DPI. It was a silo organisation where technology and culture were not aligned or working together toward a common strategy and purpose.

The staff ratios over the region had been inequitable with 26 staff in the Cobar region, six in Broken Hill, six in Balranald and 16 staff in head office.

The Board resolved to bring different cultures together around the landholder, provide a better balance of services across the region, more staff facing the customer and less in Head Office and put the landholder front and centre of the organisation.

There had been a restructure of the organisation resulting in a General Manager, Business Manager and Communications Officer in the three main offices and an increase of staff to 9 in Broken Hill, 14 in Balranald and a reduction of 4 from Cobar to 22.

A Local Community Manager in each region will be responsible for all operations:

- Broken Hill, Tibooburra and Wilcannia
- Cobar, Bourke, Brewarrina and Wanaaring
- Balranald, Wentworth, Hillston and Ivanhoe

Each area will have a local advisory group and an aboriginal advisory group.

The Board wanted to invest in the service delivery and has increased the Land Care partnership roles in each of the three areas creating one new job.

Increased partnerships with traditional owners through Aboriginal Liaison Officers creating one new position employed four new agri business officers in self funded positions, five new bio security officers' positions to bring the number to 11.

Mr Barlow said the Board had made the tough decisions over 12 months and was now ready to fine tune the organisation and push it to its full potential.

#### **Sarah Hopkins, Chair Just Reinvest NSW**

She is solicitor with the Aboriginal Legal Service and Chair of the Executive Committee of Just Reinvest NSW which is running a pilot program for young aboriginal offenders in Bourke.

The program aims to shift the spending from juveniles in jail, which costs \$650 a day to spending on prevention in the community. There is strong community involvement and a need for a whole of government approach.

Ms Hopkins said thousands of dollars was spent each year on government programs which had failed to make communities safer and keep juveniles out of jail.

Just Reinvest NSW aimed to co-ordinate these services for a better outcome.

She said the organisation was calling on the NSW government to:

- Formally engage with Just Reinvest NSW to develop a statewide strategy for a justice reinvestment policy that applies a collective impact framework
- Commit to trialing and evaluating justice reinvestment in selected metropolitan and regional communities and to support the Bourke Justice Reinvestment Project

A detailed report on this program is available on the [www.westerndivisioncouncilsofnsw.com.au](http://www.westerndivisioncouncilsofnsw.com.au) website

#### **Motions discussed –separate document**

#### **Declaration of Office Bearers for 2015**

As there were only four nominations there was no requirement for an election.

President Cr John Medcalf, Deputy Mayor Lachlan Shire Council

Vice President Cr Dave Gallagher- Broken Hill City Council

Executive- Cr Lilliane Brady Mayor Cobar Shire Council

Executive – Cr Peter Nunan, Wentworth Shire Council

President Medcalf thanked outgoing Vice President Peter Laird and Executive Member Darriea Turley for their past involvement and welcomed the new members to the team.

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**An Apology was received from the NSW Cross Border Commissioner James McTavish.**

**Prime Minister's letter**

The Prime Minister apologized for his inability to attend the Conference but sent a letter (attached) to be read out.

**Presentation by Acting Executive Director of NSW Office of Local Government Steve Orr**

He outlined the Government's Fit For the Future response and the packages available for local government

The eight Far West Councils identified in the report were not required to make a FFF proposal but could do so if they wished by assessing the scale and capacity and making a proposal.

Template One was for those Councils proposing a merger, Template Two for those making assessment and Template 3 for Rural Councils.

All proposals are due by June 30 and will be reviewed by an expert panel in October before the government makes a decision.

Mr Orr said that the Independent Panel had proposed legislating for a Rural Council model which would have reduced responsibilities, fewer Councillors and meetings, shared administration, simpler reporting and compliance requirements.

Following meetings with stakeholders and discussion about the model there had been very little enthusiasm for Rural Councils to be included in the new Local Government Act.

He said he thought this model would not be part of the ongoing reform packages, but this had to be discussed further and may result in a model which required less compliance and regulatory reporting for smaller Councils.

If Councils wished to fill out the Rural Council Template 3, then that would be a legitimate proposal. The template required less reporting and fewer benchmarks.

Mr Orr said it was important that proposals included the current position of the Council and if it didn't meet the benchmarks explain why and have a plan or strategy in place to improve that position.

He outlined the timeline for reform: the Department of Premier and Cabinet had met with the Far West Councils and last week with the NSW Regional Government leaders in Dubbo to discuss service delivery.

They would now hold discussions with Federal Government Agencies to get them involved in the reform process.

An Issues Paper would be out in July and a Far West Summit would be held in October where an Options paper would be developed.

The Expert Panel would then make their recommendations and Councils would begin implementation early next year before the new act commenced operating in September 2016.

Mr Orr answered questions from the floor about the Fit for the Future review and particularly the Rural Council Model.

**FINANCIAL REPORT for 2014 was tabled as at 31/12/13**

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| Balance B/forward | \$ 36,701.28      |
| Income            | \$ 13,834.10      |
| Expenditure       | \$43,839.98       |
| <b>Balance</b>    | <b>\$6,695.40</b> |

**Budget 2015**

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| <b>Estimated balance as at 1 January 2015</b>   |                        |             | <b>\$6,695.40</b>         |
| <b>Income:</b>                                  | Members Fees 2014      | 11 @ \$1975 | \$21,725.00               |
|                                                 | Members Fees 2015      | 11 @ \$2034 | \$22,374.00               |
|                                                 | Mini Conference Charge | 35 @ \$55   | \$1,925.00                |
|                                                 |                        |             | <u><b>\$46,024.00</b></u> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                |                        |             | <u><b>\$31,928.00</b></u> |
| <b>Estimated surplus for 2015</b>               |                        |             | <u><b>\$14,096.00</b></u> |
| <b>Estimated Balance as at 31 December 2015</b> |                        |             | <u><b>\$20,791.40</b></u> |

Note: Members Fees and Executive Officer Consultation Fee increased by 3%.

**MOTION:** That the Financial Report and Budget be adopted

**Moved: Lachlan Seconded Cobar**

**CARRIED**

**MOTIONS were put to the meeting (attached)**

**. Motion 20/15 WESTERN DIVISION AND WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL  
DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MODEL(S)**

*MOTION: That this Western Division Group of Councils form a General Managers' Advisory Committee (GMAC) comprising the General Managers of all member Councils to devise a model(s) of Local Government based around the existing Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation, and in particular the Community Strategic Planning concept, with a view to identifying and establishing place based solutions supporting the ongoing sustainability of Western Division Communities linked to specific State and Federal Agency programs with a particular emphasis on addressing the following points:*

1. That Local Governments within the Western Division remain as autonomous stand alone Councils
2. Cost shifting of services onto local government
3. Elimination of service duplication/overlap and realignment of any savings achieved locally
4. Filling of service gaps
5. Establishing innovative economic development projects and concepts
6. Establishing regional/sub-regional committees to define and co-ordinate
  - a. Roles and responsibilities of such committees
  - b. Strategic planning
  - c. Major infrastructure projects
  - d. Adequate grant funding commitments for an extended period of at least five (5) years

- e. Establishing co-ordinated service delivery
- f. Government agency and indigenous representation
- g. Advocacy for Western Council initiatives
- h. Ensuring there are no forced amalgamations of local government
- i. Such other issues as may be identified as part of the ongoing local government reform process

**BACKGROUND**

The formation of a Far Western Joint Organisation of Councils, coupled with a new council model(s) centred around the integrated planning and reform legislation would seem to meet current and proposed legislative requirements in this regard and enable each of the Western Division Councils to commence considering their "Fit For The Future" obligations.

Moved Walgett/ seconded Cobar

Carried Unanimously

**Motion 21/15 WESTERN DIVISION AND WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL  
FORMATION OF A FAR WESTERN JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS**

*Motion: That this Western Division Group of Councils investigate the formation of a Western Joint Organisation of Councils and that the current group executive, with power to co-opt, be authorised to develop a draft proposal for distribution to member Councils for further input, comment and consideration, with a view to adopting an agreed model at the Mid-Term meeting of the group to be held on 1 June, 2015 at Cobar.*

**BACKGROUND**

Looking forward, this organisation needs to be considering how it will operate in the future having regard to the anticipated need for Councils to have an umbrella organisation under which consideration can be given to regional and sub-regional issues.

The formation of a Far Western Joint Organisation of Councils would seem to meet current and proposed legislative requirements in this regard.

Moved Walgett/ Seconded Cobar

Carried

**Motion 22/15 Fit for the Future Assessment Panel Walgett**

*Motion: That Western Division writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that:*

1. *That the Fit For the Future assessment panel be comprised of a majority of people with extensive experience as elected members and senior local Government Management Level.*
2. *That the Minister release criteria for panel members immediately and seek expressions of interest from the Local Government industry.*
3. *That the Panel meets with each council prior to making a determination as to whether a Council is Fit for the Future.*

Moved Walgett, Seconded Bourke

Carried unanimously

**23/15 FUNDING**

*Motion: That Western Division makes an application for funding to the FFF Innovation fund when the guidelines are available.*

Moved Walgett seconded Bourke

Carried

**CLOSE OF CONFERENCE – 12 pm**



## 2015 Conference Motions

### **1/15 Outcome of Crown Lands Management Review – Wentworth Shire Council**

*Motion : That the Western Division Group of Council resolves to write to the State Government immediately requesting the status of the Crown Lands Management Review and the outcomes of the review and, further, that the Division request a response from the State at least two weeks prior to the State Election March 2015.*

**Moved Wentworth Bourke**

**Carried**

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### **2/15 Relocation of Government positions- Bourke Shire Council**

*Motion: That the Western Division requests the State government to consider the economic and social impacts of any decision to relocate permanent positions from rural and remote communities.*

**Moved Bourke seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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### **3/15 Increase Public Libraries Funding – Wentworth Shire Council**

*Motion: That the Western Division Group of Council resolves to write to the State Government and candidates for the upcoming State Election (in the Western Division area), seeking urgent action to improve funding to NSW Public Libraries and, further, that the Western Division requests a response from the State and State candidates from the Western Division area at least two weeks prior to the State Election March 2015.*

**Moved Wentworth/ seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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### **4/15 National Park Rates- Brewarrina Shire Council**

*Motion: That Western Division requests the State Government land, acquired by the NSW National Parks and ILC, is required to pay rates as per the charges levied on other landholders in Local Government areas."*

**Moved Brewarrina, seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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### **5/15 Rural Counseling Service –Bourke Shire Council**

*Motion: That The Federal Minister for Agriculture Hon. Barnaby Joyce M.P. be asked to ensure that the Rural Financial Counseling Service continues to be under the control of Local Boards and that the staff of the Rural Financial Counseling Service continue to be based in rural and remote areas.*

**Moved: Bourke/ seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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**6/15 Drought Definition – Bourke Shire Council**

*Motion: That the State be again asked to develop in conjunction with their new drought policy a mechanism for clearly defining an area to be "in drought" so that assistance measures can be instituted immediately thus affording the opportunity for land owners to access available assistance when it is of greatest benefit.*

***Moved Bourke/ seconded Cobar***

***Carried***

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**7/15 Container Deposit Scheme- Bourke Shire Council**

*Motion: That the Western Division strongly endorses the proposed introduction of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) be implemented by July 1, 2015 and seek an assurance that those communities with small volumes will not be disadvantaged*

***Moved Bourke/ Seconded Broken Hill***

***Carried***

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**8/15 Cloud Seeding – Cobar Shire Council**

*Motion: That the Western Division Councils of NSW formally lobby the Government of New South Wales and the Federal Government to reintroduce cloud seeding in the worst affected drought areas.*

***Moved Cobar/ seconded Bourke***

***Carried***

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**9/15 Disaster Recovery Trigger Point Legislative Change – Wentworth Shire Council**

*Motion: That the Western Division Group of Council resolves to write to the State Government, Federal Government and candidates for the upcoming State Election (in the Western Division area), and the LGNSW, immediately, seeking urgent action to review current legislation regarding disaster recovery relief with a view to changing the trigger levels for cash grants, allowing the flexibility for different circumstances particularly in remote and sparsely populated areas and to develop a range of criteria to trigger assistance within days of a disaster event, and not to rely heavily on essential uninsured community infrastructure damage as current legislation does and, further, that the Western Division requests a response from the State and State candidates from the Western Division area at least two weeks prior to the State Election March 2015.*

***Moved Wentworth /seconded Bourke***

***Carried***

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**10/15 Mobile Phone Coverage – Bourke Shire Council**

*Motion: That Western Division seeks an update from the Federal Government in relation to the outcome of the applications lodged in respect of the \$100 million funding promised to improve Mobile Phone Coverage in Australia.*

***Moved Bourke/seconded Cobar***

***Carried***

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**11/15 Mobile Telephone Services -Bourke Shire Council**

*Motion: That Western Division asks the Federal Government what action is currently under consideration to improve mobile coverage in those areas within the Western Division that are at this point in time are without coverage or with poor coverage.*

**Moved Bourke/ seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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**Motion 12/15 Local Courts future in the Western Division**

*Motion: That the Western Division Councils of NSW lobby all relevant Local Members, the Attorney General on an assurance that the Department of Justice will retain and improve all services provided by Local Courts in the Western Division and that all Court Houses remain with no reduction in present services.*

**Moved Cobar / Seconded Broken Hill**

**Carried**

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**Motion 13/15 Prisoner transport and effects on local police**

*Motion: That the Western Division Councils of NSW lobby all relevant Local Members and relevant Ministers to ensure that the system changes so that Police in the Western Areas are not responsible for the transport of prisoners/ juveniles to and from Court appearances with this being the responsibility of Corrective Services/Juvenile Justice to ensure that the Local Police Services are able to undertake their normal duties and remain as a high visibility police force.*

**Moved Cobar/ seconded Broken Hill**

**Carried**

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**Motion 14/15 Community rights Hospital transportation**

*Motion: That the Western Division Councils of NSW lobby the Minister for Health to allow Members of the Western Division Communities the rights to decide what Hospital location they can be transported too according to their medical need.*

**Moved Cobar/ seconded Wentworth**

**Carried**

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**RFDS Suggested as Conference speaker****Motion 15/15 Weather stations**

*Motion: That the Western Division Support the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) in seeking the establishment of radar stations to service the Western area of the state.*

**Moved Bourke / seconded Walgett**

**Carried**

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**Motion 16/15 Postal Voting**

*Motion: That the Western Division write to the NSW Government to request that Councils be given the option to conduct postal voting for the 2016 Council Elections and that legislation for non residential voters be changed, prior to the 2016 Council Elections, to allow them to automatically have the right to vote and further that the Division request a response on these matters from the State at least two weeks prior to the state election in March 2015*

Moved: Wentworth/ seconded Walgett

Carried

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**Motion 17/15 Menindee Lakes**

*Motion: That the Western Division write to the state government objecting to the State management of the Menindee Lake system, including decisions taken that has lead to the likely need to transport water to towns such as Pooncarrie and the recent decision of farmers who worked the land in the Pooncarrie area to revert to dry land farming and further that the Division requests a response from the Government at least two weeks prior to the State Election as to how the system will be managed into the future and whether an inquiry will be held.*

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**Moved Wentworth seconded Walgett****Carried**

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**Motion 18/15 Government Services**

*Motion: That the Western Division resolve to write to the State Government immediately to request that services delivered by the NSW State Govt and associated decision makers, such as planning, Local Land Services and western lands functions be funded appropriately and delivered at the local level rather than at the current regional level which can be up to eight hours away by road and further that the Division requests a response from the State at least two weeks prior to the State Election March 2015*

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**Moved Wentworth, Seconded Walgett****Carried**

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**Motion 19/15 Waste Facilities**

*Motion: That Western Division write to the Environmental Protection Authority asking them to reconsider the waste policy for rural Councils, which requires the closure of village town waste facilities because of the cost of compliance.*

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**Moved Lachlan, Seconded Bourke****Carried**

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**Motion 20/15 Western Division development of local government models**

*MOTION: That this Western Division Group of Councils form a General Managers' Advisory Committee (GMAC) comprising the General Managers of all member Councils to devise a model(s) of Local Government based around the existing Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation, and in particular the Community Strategic Planning concept, with a view to identifying and establishing place based solutions supporting the ongoing sustainability of Western Division Communities linked to specific State and Federal Agency program with a particular emphasis on addressing the following points:*

1. That Local Governments within the Western Division remain as autonomous stand alone Councils
2. Cost shifting of services onto local government
3. Elimination of service duplication/overlap and realignment of any savings achieved locally
4. Filling of service gaps
5. Establishing innovative economic development projects and concepts
6. Establishing regional/sub-regional committees to define and co-ordinate
  - a. Roles and responsibilities of such committees
  - b. Strategic planning

- c. Major infrastructure projects
- d. Adequate grant funding commitments for an extended period of at least five (5) years
- e. Establishing co-ordinated service delivery
- f. Government agency and indigenous representation
- g. Advocacy for Western Council initiatives
- h. Ensuring there are no forced amalgamations of local government
- i. Such other issues as may be identified as part of the ongoing local government reform process

**Moved Walgett/ seconded Cobar**

**Carried unanimously**

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**FORMATION OF A FAR WESTERN JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS**

*Motion: That this Western Division Group of Councils investigate the formation of a Western Joint Organisation of Councils and that the current group executive, with power to co-opt, be authorised to develop a draft proposal for distribution to member Councils for further input, comment and consideration, with a view to adopting an agreed model at the Mid-Term meeting of the group to be held on 1 June, 2015 at Cobar.*

**Moved Walgett/ Seconded Cobar**

**Carried**

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**Motion 22/15 Fit for the Future Assessment Panel**

*Motion: That Western Division writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that:*

1. *That the Fit For the Future assessment panel be comprised of a majority of people with extensive experience as elected members and senior local Government Management Level.*
2. *That the Minister release criteria for panel members immediately and seek expressions of interest from the Local Government industry.*
3. *That the Panel meets with each council prior to making a determination as to whether a Council is Fit for the Future.*

**Moved Walgett, Seconded Bourke**

**Carried unanimously**

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**23/15 FUNDING**

*Motion: That Western Division makes an application for funding to the FFF Innovation fund when the guidelines are available.*

**Moved Walgett seconded Bourke**

**Carried**

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**24/15 Reintroduction of fire trailers in western NSW**

*Motion: That the RFS reintroduce the uses of fire trailers in the more isolated western areas of NSW to provide a more effective level of fire protection*

**Moved Walgett seconded Lachlan**

**Carried**

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**25/15 Establishment of interagency Committees**

*Motion: That the NSW State Government establish interagency committees with representation from all the relevant state agencies and local government in each local government area in the Western Division and also provide the chairperson and appropriate level of administrative support for each committee. Each local Community Working Party is to be entitled to have a representative on the LGA Interagency Committee.*

**Moved Walgett, Seconded Brewarrina**

**Carried**

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**26/15 Amalgamation of Emergency Services**

*That the NSW Government gives consideration to amalgamating the SFS, RFS, VRA and Fire and Rescue NSW in the Western Division local governments where multiple units are operating*

**Moved Walgett, Seconded Bourke**

**Carried**

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**27/15 Impact of Cost Shifting on FFF Reforms**

*Motion: That the NSW State Government takes into consideration cost shifting by higher tiers of government when determining the long term sustainability of local government.*

**Moved Walgett, seconded Bourke**

**Carried**

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**28/15 Freeway across the Blue Mountains**

*Motion: That the Western Division continues to push for a definite timeframe for the construction of a freeway across the Blue Mountains serving western NSW.*

**Moved Walgett, seconded Cobar**

**Carried**



PRIME MINISTER

**WESTERN DIVISION COUNCILS OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

I am pleased to provide this message for the Western Division Councils of New South Wales' 2015 Annual Conference.

You represent the rural heartland of New South Wales. The state's west was forged by a pioneering spirit to "have a go".

This year's conference is an opportunity to celebrate the strength of your region and to focus on the many opportunities for economic development.

It has been a dry few years – and it is clear that many Australians are suffering. I saw this firsthand during my visits to Broken Hill and Bourke last year.

The Government has provided support through the \$320 million drought support package, Farm Finance Concessional loans and the recently announced Drought Recovery Loans Scheme, which will help farmers sustain and rebuild their businesses. I am determined that the Government will stand beside our regional communities.

Regional Australia is at the heart of this government and we are working to make it even stronger. The carbon tax is gone; the mining tax is gone; and after 10 years of talk, free trade agreements with China, Japan and Korea have been finalised – with better markets for Australian farmers and lower prices for Australian consumers.

The Government is continuing its work building stronger communities in western NSW.

We are investing nearly \$120 million in regional NSW for new road upgrades through the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme, and more than \$28 million to improve local road bridges.

The Government is also delivering on our commitment to put in place better scrutiny and reporting of foreign purchases of agricultural land. We welcome investment, but the community must have confidence that investment is coming in on our terms and for our nation's benefit.

In 2015, the Government's priority will continue to be to create more jobs, ease the pressure on families, to build roads, strengthen national security and create more opportunity for all.

Of course, your greatest need is rain. While I cannot bring more rain, I can work to ensure that western NSW goes from strength to strength.

I congratulate you all for your leadership in western New South Wales, and I send my best wishes for a successful conference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott'.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

# Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

Ref: 15INV061/mm  
(in reply please quote)



Ms Ruth Fagan  
Executive Officer  
Western Division Councils of NSW  
PO Box 526  
COWRA NSW 2794

Dear Ruth

Thank you for the invitation to the Western Divisions Councils of NSW Annual Conference at Condobolin from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February.

I wish that I could be in two places at once but unfortunately due to my diary commitments and the impending election I am unable to make it on this occasion.

I wish the Western Division Councils of NSW all the best for a successful conference. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you in the not too distant future to discuss the challenges facing communities in the west of the State.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Hodgkinson'.

**Hon KATRINA HODGKINSON MP**  
Member for Burrinjuck  
Minister for Primary Industries

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**THE NATIONALS** for Regional NSW



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**Councils consulted on Far West initiative**

Far West councils are taking to the Office of Local Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet about a new approach to governance and service delivery in their region.

Minister Toole invited councils and key sector organisations to a Local Government Forum in Cobar last year to kick off these discussions. A Summary of Outcomes is now available on the [Fit for the Future website](#).

State and Commonwealth agencies met in Dubbo recently to give their perspective on the challenges and opportunities of delivering services in the Far West.

Local and State Government will meet later this year to discuss the issues that have been identified and start to develop some options for the Far West.



Picture: Participants at the Dubbo Far West Workshop.

**Regional Visit Workshops - Template 3**

OLG staff visited Dubbo, Wagga Wagga and Sydney recently for a series of workshops on Template 3 (Rural Council Process).

<http://olg.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/zzzz54f67e8f2de60566Pzzzz540e5bdfe6f68046/p...> 9/03/2015

Councils were offered practical guidance on the Fit for the Future process including the characteristics and options for rural councils as they relate to Template 3. The OLG also explained that in response to sector feedback, a statutory Rural Council model creating a different type of council was not appropriate and a specific model is no longer being pursued. Instead councils filling out Template 3 are asked to choose the options for improvement that are most appropriate for their council.



Council Self-Assessment. Templates and Guidance materials can be [downloaded here](#). Presentations and FAQs from the workshops will be made available soon.

Picture: Steve Orr, Acting Chief Executive, presenting to participants at the Wagga Wagga workshop.

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### Seizing the JO opportunity

State agency representatives from across the entire Western NSW Region met for a Joint Regional Leadership Group meeting in Dubbo recently. The Office of Local Government with Eton Consulting facilitated a session on local government reform, planning frameworks in local government and Joint Organisations (JOs).

The session gave State agency representatives a chance to workshop opportunities for the State Government to work effectively with Joint Organisations and begin to map potential opportunities for improved engagement.

Executive Officers from three Pilot JOs that sit within the DPC Western Region were involved.

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**The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP**  
Minister for Primary Industries

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Mr John Medcalf  
President  
Western Division Councils of NSW  
PO Box 526  
COWRA NSW 2794

Dear Mr Medcalf 

I write to provide you an update on the NSW Government's response to drought conditions in NSW.

On 3 February 2015, the NSW Government announced an extensive suite of innovative drought preparedness measures for NSW primary producers. Valued at \$327.5 million, the NSW Drought Strategy is being rolled out across NSW, putting in place a long-term, fully funded strategy which helps support farmers, now and in the future.

The NSW Drought Strategy supports farmers in NSW becoming more resilient and better prepared for future droughts, helps improve business models and reduce risks by delivering a more transparent and targeted system of drought support.

This builds on more than \$60 million in direct financial assistance to farmers provided by the NSW Government in the last 18 months and a further \$20 million for the extension of the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate that was announced in January 2015.

The NSW Drought Strategy delivers a range of new measures under three key areas:

**Supporting farmers to prepare for and manage drought**

- \$250 million over five years to continue the popular Farm Innovation Fund. This is for low-interest loans of up to \$250,000 per project and up to \$500,000 per property of 2.5 per cent over a 20-year period that can be accessed at any time regardless of seasonal conditions to install or improve infrastructure to assist with drought preparedness.
- \$45 million over five years for vocational training and farm business planning. This can also be used to develop business plans necessary for those wishing to access multi-peril insurance. We will also be inviting international insurers to provide them with the opportunity to develop new multi-peril insurance packages suitable for farmers in NSW.

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- \$2.5 million to work with the Bureau of meteorology to develop an enhanced network of weather stations across the State – giving NSW the best weather technology anywhere in Australia.
- \$5 million over five years to provide transport assistance for animal welfare and donated fodder within NSW.
- Ongoing investment in research and development programs through the NSW Department of Primary Industries – building on breakthroughs in drought resistant crops and water efficiency.

#### **Committing to a transparent and accountable system of drought assistance**

- NSW drought assistance measures will be regularly reviewed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal in five years' time.
- The NSW Government will develop a structured framework of triggers and guiding principles to coordinate whole-of-government drought response measures in consultation with industry. These will be published for transparency.

#### **Helping our primary producers and regional communities build resilience**

- An additional \$5 million over five years has been allocated to reinstate the Rural Support Worker Program around NSW on an as-needed basis, and we are continuing the permanent Rural Resilience Program.

For further information on the strategy and eligibility criteria, I encourage you to visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries website at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au) or the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) website at [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au). Alternatively you can contact the RAA on 1800 678 593.

Yours sincerely



**Katrina Hodgkinson MP**  
**Minister for Primary Industries**

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## Minutes of OROC Meeting 20/02/2015

**Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting**  
held at  
Dubbo City Council  
Central Conference Room  
On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
at 9.30 am

### 1. Meeting Open and apologies

The meeting was opened at 9.30 am by OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally.

**Present:** Clr Rod Buhr, Mayor Wellington Council; Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Steve Loane, General Manager Warrumbungle Shire; Dan Simmons, General Manager Brewarrina Shire; Don Ramsland, General Manager Walgett Shire; Clr David Lane, Mayor Walgett Shire; Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Clr Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire; Neil Alchin, Director Corporate and Business Services, Gilgandra Shire; Clr Bill McAnally, Mayor Narromine Shire; Greg Lamont, General Manager Narromine Shire; Clr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor Dubbo City; Mark Riley, General Manager Dubbo City; Clr Rex Wilson, Mayor Warren Shire Council; Ashley Wielinga, General Manager Warren Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Clr Andrew Lewis, Mayor Bourke Shire; Clr Al Karanouh, Mayor Coonamble Shire; Rick Warren, General Manager Coonamble Shire; and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

**Apologies:** Paul Mann, General Manager, Gilgandra Shire; Gary Woodman, General Manager, Cobar Shire; Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Clr Angelo Pippas, Brewarrina Shire; Karen Roberts, Acting General Manager, Wellington Council.

**Motion:** *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Clr Andrew Lewis

**Seconded:** Clr Peter Shinton

**CARRIED**

### 2.1 Impact of Methamphetamine on OROC communities - NSW Police Force, Commander Orana Local Area Command Supt David Simmons and Detective Sergeant Adrian Tighe and NSW Mental Health, Team Leader Drug and Alcohol, Terry Buckerfield.

A discussion led by the OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally acknowledged that the correlation of an ice epidemic and increases to crime and social issues is prominent across the communities of the OROC region.

NSW Detectives certainly are making an effort to intervene dealers and suppliers of methamphetamine to the region; however it is increasingly difficult to obtain search warrants for suspect dealers.

NSW Police Force, NSW Ambulance and Health Services resources are stretched in many small rural communities as there is an increase of people under the influence of drugs and in particular methamphetamine. It was acknowledged that the 'ice' prevalence is costing the entire community.

**Motion:** *That OROC Members express their concern to respective State Members in regard to the need for greater powers, being granted to the NSW Police to obtain search warrants for searches of drug dealers' properties.*

**Moved:** Clr Doug Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Andrew Lewis

**CARRIED**

At this juncture Supt David Simmons, Detective Sergeant Adrian Tighe and Terry Buckerfield left the meeting.

## **2.2 NSW Premier and Cabinet, Senior Regional Coordinator, Alison Morgan**

### Far Western Initiative update

- The Far Western Initiative is the preferred model by NSW Cabinet - there is not a lot of support for the concept of a Far Western Authority.
- Far Western Councils do not have to submit a proposal to 'Fit for the Future' by June 2015.
- A Joint Organisation will allow councils outside the prescribed regional JO boundary to participate as associate members, therefore OROC members should not be concerned that Far Western Councils will not be able to participate in the Orana JO, especially with the strong links that already exist, such as Lower Macquarie Water Utilities and natural communities of interest.
- The Far Western Initiative Forum held in December 2014 in Cobar was an opportunity to gather evidence from local government.
- By July 2015 an Issues Paper will be released with a Summit planned for August and an Options Paper for the Far Western Initiative to be released by November 2015.
- A Regional Leadership Network meeting was held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February in Dubbo with over 70 state government, federal government and local government representatives. A report on the outcomes of the meeting will be distributed to OROC members in coming weeks by the Department of NSW Premier and Cabinet.

At this juncture Alison Morgan left the meeting.

## **3. Minutes of previous OROC Board Meetings**

**Motion:** *That the Minutes of the OROC meeting held in Dubbo on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** *Clr Doug Batten*

**Seconded:** *Mark Riley*

**CARRIED**

## **Minutes of previous GMAC Meetings**

**Motion:** *That the Minutes of the GMAC meeting held in Dubbo on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** *Mark Riley*

**Seconded:** *Greg Lamont*

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** *That the 8 recommendations contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** *Clr Al Kananouh*

**Seconded:** *Don Ramsland*

**CARRIED**

### **Recommendations:**

- 1: That it be noted that NSW Planning and Infrastructure, Regional Director, Ashley Albury will correspond formally with OROC to formalise its offer to work with OROC to prepare a Regional Growth Plan for ORANA councils, noting that Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar and Walgett Shires will be included in a separate Far West Plan.
- 2: That OROC conceptually agree to accept the offer from NSW Planning and Infrastructure to work with the ROC to prepare a Regional Growth Plan.
- 3: That OROC responds with a letter to Australian Energy Regulator (AER) in respect to Essential Energy's revised proposal about pricing and level of service to Essential Energy customers (2014-2019 regulatory period).

- 4: That GMAC acknowledges the existing Shared Services arrangements throughout the OROC region and that given current demands in applying 'Fit for the Future' proposals by individual councils, OROC not pursue a Shared Services Study at this point in time.
- 5: That individual councils make approaches and undertake negotiations with neighbouring and / or relevant councils in respect to 'Fit for the Future' (if necessary).
- 6: That Member Councils be encouraged to include current OROC Shared Service arrangements in their councils' proposals to 'Fit for the Future'.
- 7: That the OROC Executive Officer be requested to commence a review of the current OROC Strategic Plan (2015-2020) and OROC Business Plan (2015-2017), noting that there will be some various gaps in the draft to Fit for the Future unknowns.
- 8: That Warren Shire Council General Manager and OROC Executive Officer be requested to prepare a response to NSW Attorney General, The Hon Brad Hazzard in respect to the consultation and review period of Court House services in the OROC region that is currently being undertaken by NSW Department of Justice.

**Motion:** *That the 16 determinations contained therein be endorsed by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Mark Riley

**Seconded:** Ross Earl

**CARRIED**

**Determinations:**

- 1: That the apologies be accepted.
- 2: That the information supplied by NSW Planning and Infrastructure be noted.
- 3: That the Minutes of previous GMAC Meeting held 31st October 2014 in Dubbo be adopted.
- 4: That GMAC notes the correspondence received from Essential Energy to OROC in respect to Australian Energy Regulator (AER) draft determination on 2014-19 regulatory period.
- 5: That GMAC notes the information supplied in respect to National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRAA) and further considers this matter on advice from the Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton.
- 6: That GMAC notes the Office of Local Government's Joint Organisations Pilot first interim report (December 2014).
- 7: That the contribution from each OROC member towards the Orana and Far West Infrastructure Study be \$2500 and that the Executive Officer be requested to proceed to invoice member councils and pay RDA Orana.
- 8: That GMAC note the correspondence in respect to OROC raising concerns about the possible closure and retraction of Court Houses and related services across the region.
- 9: That the OROC Correspondence be accepted.
- 10: That the financial report for period ending 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 be accepted.
- 11: That the Executive Officer's report be accepted.



### 3.5 Responsible Pet Ownership Grant

The OROC Board noted that the application for the region-wide (OROC) project proposal to the Office of Local Government's Responsible Pet Ownership grant was unsuccessful.

### 3.6 NSW Planning

The OROC Board noted the information supplied by NSW Planning and Environment in respect to the process of developing the Orana Regional Growth Plan.

### 3.7 NSW Attorney General

The OROC Board noted the potential closures to Court House and retraction of court services to the communities of Cobar, Warren, Bourke, Narromine and Gilgandra.

**Motion:** *That OROC addresses its concerns in writing to the NSW Attorney General noting the lack of consultation between Department of Justice and local government in respect to the closures of Court House and retraction of court services in the OROC region.*

**Moved:** Ashley Wielinga

**Seconded:** Clr Rex Wilson

**CARRIED**

## 4. OROC Correspondence

Local Government NSW (LGNSW)

**Motion:** *i) That OROC extend an invitation to LGNSW President Clr Keith Rhoades and Chief Executive Donna Rygate to attend the next OROC Board Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015.*

*ii) That OROC extends an invitation to LGNSW requesting that LGNSW elected representatives that reside in the OROC region (currently Clr Shields and Clr Matthews of Dubbo City) to attend all OROC Board Meetings.*

**Moved:** Clr Ray Donald

**Seconded:** Clr Rex Wilson

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** *That the OROC correspondence be accepted.*

**Moved:** Clr Mathew Dickerson

**Seconded:** Clr Andrew Lewis

**CARRIED**

## 5. OROC Financial Report

**Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Greg Lamont

**Seconded:** Clr Ray Donald

**CARRIED**

## 6. OROC Executive Officers Report

**Motion:** *That the OROC Executive Officer's Report be accepted by the OROC Board*

**Moved:** Clr Bill McAnally

**Seconded:** Clr Peter Shinton

**CARRIED**

## **7. General Business**

### **7.1 Anzac Day 2015**

The summary of each council's organised events for ANZAC Day 2015 was noted.

### **7.2 Fixing Country Roads funding**

Information regarding the funding announced under the State Government's 'Fixing Country Roads' and successful projects was noted.

### **7.3 Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance**

LMWUA Board met on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in Dubbo to consider a Regional Strategic Business Plan and Strategy.

Following this workshop the LMWUA Project Officer, David Swann developed the following recommendations for consideration by the OROC Board at its meeting.

**Motion:** *i) The status quo remains where the Alliance and OROC retain their separate identities and their separate Boards and Chairs.*

**Motion:** *ii) The Alliance report to the Alliance Board as part of the OROC Board meeting agenda in accordance with the OROC 10 week meeting cycle.*

**Motion:** *iii) The Alliance Board continues to meet biannually but at the same time as the corresponding OROC Board Meeting. The Alliance Board Meeting will be an Agenda item on the OROC business paper for those particular days.*

**Motion:** *iv) No further action be taken with respect to migrating the Alliance to a Joint Organisation (JO) until such time as there is sufficient certainty within the industry as to the form JO's are likely to take.*

**Moved:** *Clr Rex Wilson*

**Seconded:** *Clr Al Karanouh*

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 Macquarie Cudgegong regulated rivers water sources**

Ashley Wielinga provided the latest allocations forecasts for general security licence holders in the Macquarie-Cudgegong for the remainder of the 2014/15 water year. This information be noted by the OROC Board.

### **7.5 RDA Orana update**

RDA Orana Chair John Walkom was congratulated on his re-appointment as Chair. An update of activities included: RDA Orana Infrastructure Study and Research Study of the Workforce Capacity of the Orana region. This information be noted by the OROC Board.

### **7.6 Joint Organisation**

It was noted that OROC should commence to prepare and position itself to transit to a Joint Organisation and reinforce its position (as a region comprising of 12 member councils).

**Motion:** *i) That on the basis of all member councils resolving same, the 12 existing members of OROC consider as to how the region moves forward to transit to a Joint Organisation.*

*ii) That all OROC members be requested to respond in writing, in respect of their position regarding inclusion in an Orana Joint Organisation (OROC) to the Executive Officer by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.*

**Moved:** *Clr Mathew Dickerson*    **Seconded:** *Clr Al Karanouh*

**CARRIED**

**8. Close / Next Meeting**

The next OROC Board Meeting is to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 in Warren.

Meeting closed 12.55 pm.

### Summary of Motions:

1. That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.
2. That OROC Members express their concern to respective State Members in regard to the need for greater powers, being granted to the NSW Police to obtain search warrants for searches of drug dealers' properties.
3. That the Minutes of the OROC meeting held in Dubbo on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
4. That the Minutes of the GMAC meeting held in Dubbo on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
5. That the 8 recommendations contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.
6. That the 16 determinations contained therein be endorsed by the OROC Board.
7.
  - i) That the proposed changes for street lighting supplied by Essential Energy be considered unacceptable for the reason stated in OROC's submission.
  - ii) That innovative approaches to reducing charges be explored as a matter of urgency by Essential Energy addressing the issues of cost and quality of service.
8. That OROC provide a copy of the OROC Weather Radar Study to the Minister for Primary Industries requesting that the commitment of the \$2.5million to be spent on a Doppler radar service for the Cobar region (existing Bureau of Meteorology weather station), given it is the only site in NSW without radar technology.
9. That OROC issue a Media Release welcoming the announcement of funding for a weather radar service in the region.
10. That Steve Loane, General Manager Warrumbungle Shire be requested to raise the concerns of OROC in respect to changes to Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements with The Minister for Agriculture, The Hon Barnaby Joyce.
11. That OROC addresses its concerns in writing to the NSW Attorney General noting the lack of consultation between Department of Justice and local government in respect to the closures of Court House and retraction of court services in the OROC region.
12.
  - i) That OROC extend an invitation to LGNSW President Clr Keith Rhoades and Chief Executive Donna Rygate to attend the next OROC Board Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015.
  - ii) That OROC extends an invitation to LGNSW requesting that LGNSW elected representatives that reside in the OROC region (currently Clr Shields and Clr Matthews of Dubbo City) to attend all OROC Board Meetings.
13. That the OROC correspondence be accepted.
14. That the OROC financial report for the period ending 27th October 2014 be accepted by the OROC Board.
15. That the OROC Executive Officer's Report be accepted by the OROC Board.

16. i) The status quo remains where the Alliance and OROC retain their separate identities and their separate Boards and Chairs.
  - ii) The Alliance report to the Alliance Board as part of the OROC Board meeting agenda in accordance with the OROC 10 week meeting cycle.
  - iii) The Alliance Board continues to meet biannually but at the same time as the corresponding OROC Board Meeting. The Alliance Board Meeting will be an Agenda item on the OROC business paper for those particular days.
  - iv) No further action be taken with respect to migrating the Alliance to a Joint Organisation (JO) until such time as there is sufficient certainty within the industry as to the form JO's are likely to take.
17. i) That on the basis of all member councils resolving same, the 12 existing members of OROC consider as to how the region moves forward to transit to a Joint Organisation.
  - ii) That all OROC members be requested to respond in writing, in respect of their position regarding inclusion in an Orana Joint Organisation (OROC) to the Executive Officer by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

## Removal of Apex Park Walgett fencing – Attachment Document

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The following are minutes of the Walgett Shire Council Health & Safety Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Walgett Council Chambers, meeting room commencing at 2:05 pm.

#### 1. PRESENT

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Prafulla KC      | Committee Member (Chairperson)        |
| Michael Brayshaw | Committee Member (Deputy Chairperson) |
| Raju Ranjit      | Management Representative             |
| Donna Ruttley    | Committee Member                      |
| Michael Dowell   | Committee Member                      |
| Sylvester Olien  | Committee Member                      |
| James Abel       | Committee Member                      |
| Julie McKeown    | HR Representative                     |
| David Callander  | Secretary                             |

#### 2. APOLOGIES

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Donald Ramsland | Management Representative |
| Rebecca Wilson  | Committee Member          |

#### 3. MINUTES –

The minutes from the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were circulated via email and tabled for endorsement.

The minutes of the Health & Safety Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were confirmed and accepted

Moved: Julie  
Seconded: KC

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

**4.1 Chemicals lockers** David related to the group that a spread sheet has been developed and delivered to a number of sites throughout the shire for staff to fill in and return for collating. The forms are designed to capture all the information that is required to comply under current legislation. The information can also be used with stock takes, creating a manifest for the Fire and Rescue, re-ordering and as a means to determine appropriate size storage containers. David is waiting for the sheets to be returned.

Action: David to continue and report back to the committee on progress.

**4.2 Asbestos issue at Lightning Ridge** KC and David travelled to the Ridge and inspected the asbestos. Removal and transfer to the Walgett Landfill site will be programmed in the near future.

Action: KC to organise the removal of the rubbish when convenient.

**4.3 Skid Steer Proposal** Don was unavailable for this meeting. Don to read through the proposal and report to next meeting.

Action: Don to re-read the proposal and report to next meeting.

**4.4 Harassment & Bullying policy** Julie advised that the next meeting of the Consultative Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and the policy will be presented for endorsement.

Action: No further action required.

**4.5 Rocks inspections** David to inspect the rocks at Len Cram Park in Lightning Ridge in relation to children's safety and proximity to play equipment.

Action: David to conduct an inspection of the rocks and report back to the committee.

**4.6 Recruiting.** Donna thanked for her recruiting efforts which during Donna's time on the committee has resulted in three new members. Well done Donna.

**4.7 Apex park fencing issue.** David presented his report to the committee. Discussion was deferred until General Business.

**4.8 Auditor training E.O.I** David reported that the General Manager asked that WSC indicate that four candidates would be nominated for auditor training. At the moment it is only calling for expressions of interest.

Action: No further action required at this time.

**4.9 Trimming Incident reports.** David reported that all the incident report forms have been Trimmed. Big thank you to Ann-Marie for completing this task.

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

**5.1 Fencing at Apex Park Children's Facility.** David reported that the issue had been spoken of at the Northern Inland Risk Group meeting in Bingara. David spoke with the senior members of the group, using their years of experience. The consensus was that the fence should be removed and supervision via signage be implemented. Discussion moved around the style of signage to be used. David presented an example taken from the Best Practice Manuals by State Wide Mutual. After much discussion, it was agreed that a written recommendation be submitted to the General Manager from the Committee including proper signage, as spoken of, be erected.

Action: David to write the recommendation to the General Manager on behalf of the Committee.

## 6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March '15 commencing at 2pm.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 1440hrs**

I advise that in accordance with my delegated authority, the recommendations of the Health & Safety Committee contained in this report are accepted.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Don Ramsland, General Manager

**Waijett Shire Council Health & Safety Committee**

**Actions listed from minutes**

| Actions carried forward |                                                                                       | Last meeting date: 26th February 2015 |                |                |                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Action No.              | Actions                                                                               | Responsible Person                    | Due Date       | Completed Date | Notes / Comments            |
| 4.1                     | David waiting for info sheets to be returned. To collate and report to the committee. | David                                 | When available |                | a Work in progress.         |
| 4.2                     | KC to organise rubbish removal from LR Depot                                          | KC                                    | When available |                | when staffing levels permit |
| 4.3                     | Don to re-read training proposal, re skid steer operations                            | Don                                   | When available |                |                             |
| 4.4                     | Flocks in the play area to be inspected for safety                                    | David                                 | When available |                |                             |
| 4.5                     | A recommendation to the G.M for the fence removal to proceed at Apex Park             | David                                 | ASAP           |                |                             |
|                         |                                                                                       |                                       |                |                |                             |

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This report is compiled by David Callander,  
Work Health and Safety Officer,  
Walgett Shire Council.

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### Glossary

|      |                                        |
|------|----------------------------------------|
| CC   | Consultative Committee                 |
| DCS  | Director Corporate Services            |
| DES  | Director Engineering Services          |
| DUIS | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |
| EAP  | Employee Assistance Program            |
| HR   | Human Resources                        |
| HRM  | Human Resources Manager                |
| Hwy  | Highway                                |
| GM   | General Manager                        |
| NIRG | Northern Inland Risk Group             |
| Pk   | Park                                   |
| St   | Street                                 |
| WHS  | Work Health and Safety                 |
| WSC  | Walgett Shire Council                  |

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### **Executive summary.**

This report has been compiled utilising advice received from senior members of the Northern Inland Risk Group of which Walgett Shire Council is a member council.

This report outlines the views and opinions of the selected participants in relation to information provided by David Callander, Work Health and Safety Officer, Walgett Shire Council.

This issue has been spoken of at the Walgett Shire Council Work Health and Safety Committee meeting. *(see excerpt from minutes below.)*

Excerpt from minutes of Walgett Shire Council Work Health and Safety Committee held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015;

*'5.1 David raised the issue of the fence around the children's play ground at Apex Pk. The issue is that the fence has to be replaced / repaired on a regular basis due to vandalism / theft. David's proposal is that the fence be removed permanently. David is to take the proposal to the Northern Inland Risk Management Group meeting in Bingara and to report back to the group.'*

*Action: David to speak at the NIRG meeting and report back to the next meeting.*

All information in this report is in relation to current fencing arrangements surrounding the children's playground, located in Apex Park, Walgett.

### **Introduction.**

Walgett Shire Local Government area is located in the far North West of NSW and covers 22,007 square kilometres. Walgett Shire borders with Queensland to the north, Moree Plains and Narrabri Councils to the east, Coonamble to the south and Brewarrina to the west.

Apex Park is located in the northern side of the town of Walgett.

Apex Park is set in a family friendly location with boundaries that include the golf course, swimming pool and bore baths, a historical display cage, tables and chairs, exercise equipment and parklands.

One side is bounded by the Castlereagh Hwy and another by Montkeila St.

The issue of this report is whether the children's playground requires fencing as the history of the playground is such that the existing fence constantly requires repairs or replacement due to vandalism or theft.

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### **The Issue.**

A children's play area designed for 1 -5 yr olds was installed in Apex Pk on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010, including a rubber soft fall. A fence was erected around the complex, as was thought to be appropriate at the time. To my knowledge, a risk assessment for the requirement to fence off the playground was not conducted at the time.

The fence, which is constructed of light weight aluminium tubing, with a gate swung at opposite ends has been the subject of numerous occasions of vandalism and or theft. This can become very expensive for council.

### **Consultation Process.**

Council's WHS Officer raised the issue with colleagues from adjoining councils that attend a regular risk and safety management meeting, with the view to obtaining advice from other member councils. The members consulted were the 'senior' members of the group, those that have been members of the group for several years and possess a great deal of knowledge in the area of risk management and Safety. Walgett Shire Council's WHS Officer and most of the members consulted are also qualified as playground inspectors trained in Australian Standard AS4685. Play Ground Equipment, parts 1- 6.

Consultation group includes:

Ms Ann Blunt – Group Chairperson, WHS Officer at Glenn Innes Severn Shire Council

Mr Mathew de Witt – Group Secretary, Risk Coordinator, Inverell Shire Council

Ms Nicole Griffiths – Risk Insurance Advisor, JLTA

Mr Steve Golding – Executive Manager Corporate &Community Services, Inverell Shire Council

Ms Sally Oslands – Risk Advisor, StateWide Mutual

Mr David Callander – WHS Officer, Walgett Shire Council

### **The site.**

Utilising Councils GIS, approximate measurements of distance from the location of the play equipment to the roads in the general vicinity are as follows: All measurements are taken from the approximate centre of the equipment to the roads.

From equipment to the fence bordering the park and the hwy is approximately 39.6m

From equipment to the fog line of the hwy is approximately 46.6m

From equipment to the edge of Montkeila St is approximately 37.8m

From equipment to swimming pool car park is approximately 33.7m

The direct route from the equipment to any of the above listed areas is partially blocked due to items such as trees, a picnic table and a fence towards the hwy, an open gym / exercising area to Montkeila St, trees to the car park of the pool. The bore is fenced as is the swimming pool and the golf course which is over 100m distance from the play equipment.

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### General Consensus.

Discussion amongst the group members centred around the necessity to have a fence around the play equipment. As the play equipment is designed for 1 – 5 yr olds, it is generally considered that the parents are required, or should be required, to take on the responsibility of looking after their own children. Council does not provide a child minding service at this facility and therefore should not be used as such.

Parents / carers need to be advised that the responsibility for the safety of the children is theirs.

Signage is the cheapest and easiest method that council can utilise for supervision as signs are intended to impart information to the general public that would otherwise require the presence of a staff member. Signage should be such that it provides adequate information to the public about entering / using a facility under council control and that it should bring any 'foreseeable risk' to the attention of the person using the facility.

Council has satisfied its duty of care and no liability should be attached if an appropriate sign that indicates any foreseeable risk to the user has been identified.

A risk assessment should be conducted as an aid to determining the contents of signage requirements.

### Recommendations

Based on the contents of this report and a risk assessment of the area, it is recommended that the existing fence be removed and adequate and proper signage be installed.



Apex Park children's play equipment

photo by David Callander

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Northern Inland Risk Group

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Walgett Shire Council WHS Committee minutes

Walgett Shire Council – Trim record keeping system

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### Appendix A.

#### Examples of vandalism.



Softfall rubber vandalised

Photo by David Callander



Fence panel vandalised

Photo by David Callander

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Aluminium easily snapped – vandalism

photo by David Callander

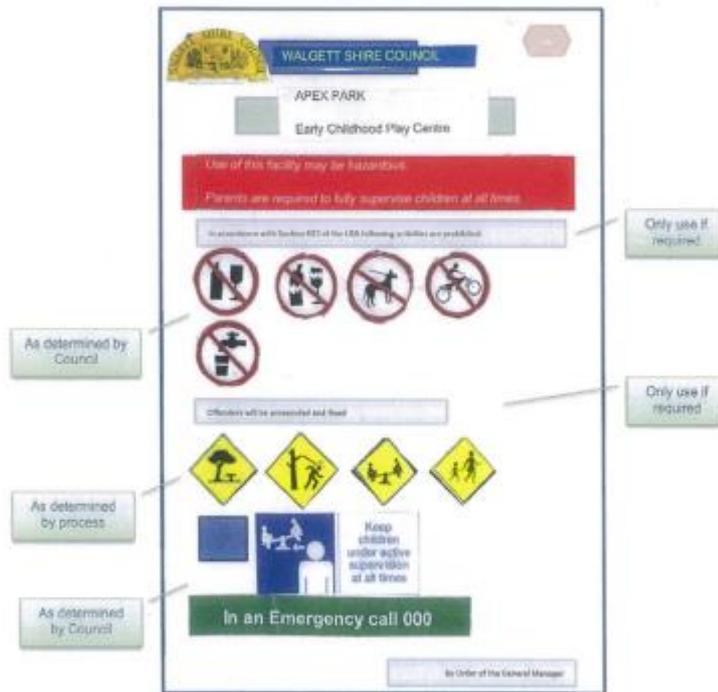
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Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual

Signs as Remote Supervision

## APPENDIX B – SIGN FORMAT TEMPLATE

Council may use this as a simple template to design its own sign structures. Symbols are purely an indication and not to scale.





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| Type of Risk                        |                 | tick box and circle the most appropriate criteria |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environment     | noise, temp, light, radiation, electrical, other  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Fire            | egress, equipment, other                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Chemical        | toxic, flammable, gasses, other                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Personal injury | slips, trips, falls, soft tissue injury, other    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Biological      | infection control                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Psychological   | abuse, stress, other                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Manual handling | ergonomics                                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Security        | access, aggression, theft, property damage        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | House keeping   | waste                                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mechanical      | Plant, traffic, machine                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other           |                                                   |
| Risk Control                        |                 | tick most appropriate box                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Elimination     | get rid of the hazard                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Substitution    | substitute tool, substance or process             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Isolation       | screens, environmental modifications, barriers    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Engineering     | redesign to make safer                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Administration  | training, safe work statements, rosters           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | P,P,E           | gloves, eye shields, overalls, hats, sunscreen    |

**step1 - consider the consequences**  
What are the consequences of this incidence? Consider what could have happened as well as what actually happened. Look at the descriptions and choose the most appropriate consequence.

| Consequence   | Description                |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Major         | death & extensive injuries |
| Moderate      | medical treatment          |
| Minor         | first aid treatment        |
| Insignificant | no treatment               |

**step2 - consider the likelihood**  
What is the likelihood of the consequences in step 1 happening? consider this without new or interim controls in place. Look at the descriptions and choose the most suitable likelihood.

| Likelihood | Description                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| A          | expected to occur in most circumstances |
| B          | could occur at some time                |
| C          | could occur, but only rarely            |
| D          | may occur, but probably never will      |

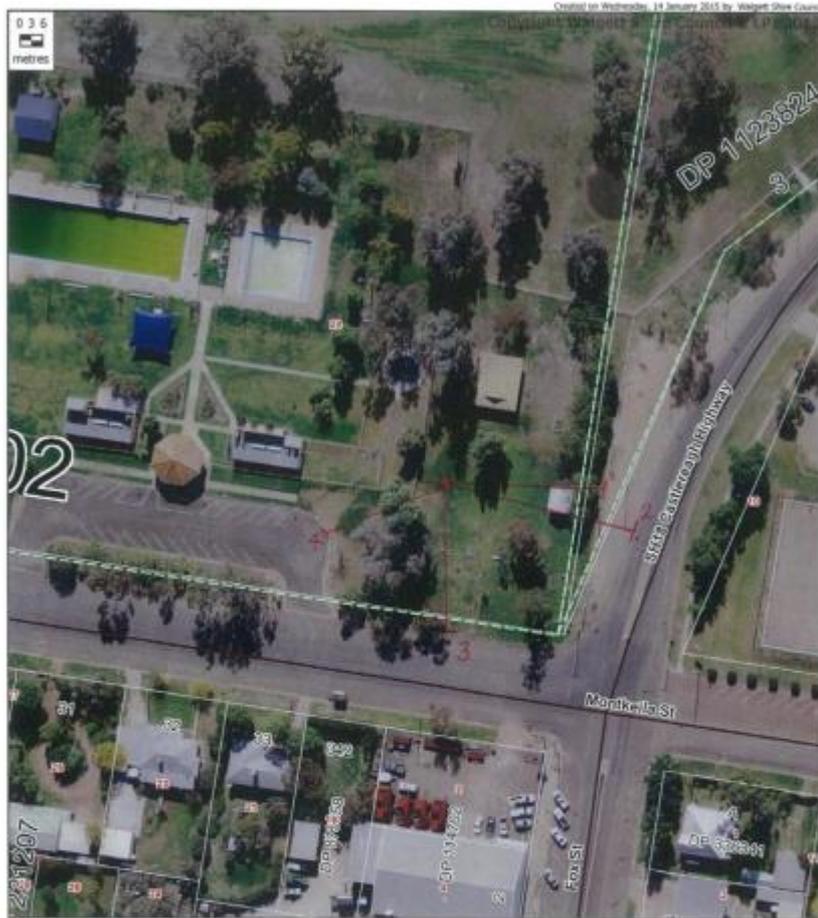
**step 3 - calculate the risk**  
Take step 1 rating & select correct column  
Take step 2 rating & select correct column  
Circle the risk score where the two ratings meet on the matrix.

H = High risk  
M = Medium risk  
L = Low risk

|            |   | Consequence |          |       |               |
|------------|---|-------------|----------|-------|---------------|
|            |   | Major       | Moderate | Minor | Insignificant |
| Likelihood | A | H           | H        | M     | M             |
|            | B | H           | M        | M     | M             |
|            | C | M           | M        | M     | L             |
|            | D | M           | M        | L     | L             |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Project:</b> Apex Park<br/> <b>Date:</b> November 18, January 2015<br/> <b>Produced By:</b> D. Collier<br/> <b>Map Scale:</b> 1:1,074 at A4</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Further information including invoices and photos can be located in Trim:

Trim record number 09/796/0039

Trim record number 09/796/0023

I hereby tender this report for consideration / consultation in relation to the permanent removal of the fence surrounding the children's 1 – 5yr age group play equipment erected in Apex Park, Walgett and have to the best of my knowledge not deliberately excluded any relevant information.

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