



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

18th December 2012

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 in the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers** on **18 December, 2012** commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

- Please note that a Citizenship Ceremony will be held at 9:30am.
- A Christmas Luncheon will be held at the conclusion of the Council Meeting.
- An inspection of the Community Garden will be held after the Christmas Luncheon.

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

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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)*

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## **Close of Meeting**

**3. Apologies**

**4. Welcome to Visitors**

N/A

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

N/A

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

**Minutes of Council meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Recommendation:**

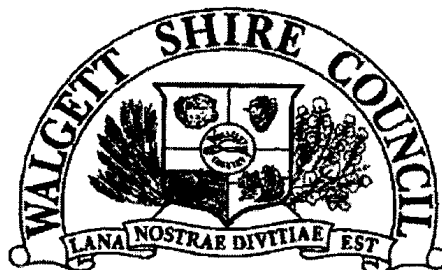
That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the Ordinary meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of these meetings.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment :**

Council Committee Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Council Committee Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012



## **MINUTES FOR EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**8<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers** on **8th November, 2012** commencing at 9:13 am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

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#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012 AT 9:13AM

##### PRESENT

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr Cooper  
Clr Taylor  
Clr I Woodcock  
Clr D Lane  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Fred Coralde (Director Urban & Infrastructure Services)  
Yasmin Jones (Minute Secretary)

##### Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

##### Apologies

11/2012/1 APOLOGIES – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012

##### Resolved:

That apologies from Clr Keir, Clr Martinez and Clr Walford be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Cooper

##### CARRIED

##### Public Forum Presentations

Nil

##### Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Lane declared a Pecuniary interest in item 2- Councillor Lane Submission- Draft Walgett LEP 2012 as this submission was made by Clr Lane.

Matthew Goodwin declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2- Councillor Lane Submission - Draft Walgett LEP 2012 due to his wife receiving a cruise as a gift from Clr Lane early 2012.

Matthew Goodwin also declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in item 1- Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 as his wife holds a mineral claim within the proposed SP1 Special Activities Mining zone.



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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### Reports of Officers

#### 11/2012/2 Amendment to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012

##### Resolved

That Council make the following amendment to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 document:

2.9 – Amend the draft LEP with regard to mining camp dwellings in the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone so that:

(1) New mining camps, rebuilding and replacement of existing camps is permitted within Crown Reserve 1024168 for opal mining, exploration and public access by applying option 1A to that area.

(2) Only rebuilding and replacement of existing mining camps is permitted outside of Crown Reserve 1024168 for opal mining, exploration and public access by applying option 1 to that area.

*Reason: Council wants to enable new mining camps in the Crown Reserve while reducing the potential for land use conflict elsewhere in the zone.*

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Woodcock

##### In favour:

Cllr Lane

Cllr Woodcock

Cllr Cooper

Cllr Taylor

Cllr Greenaway

Cllr Murray

##### Opposed:

Nil

Apologies: Cllr Keir, Cllr Martinez & Cllr Walford

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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#### 11/2012/3 Amendment to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012

##### Resolved

That Council make the following amendment to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 document:

##### Additional permitted uses mapping

3.8 – Amend the additional permitted uses map so that all existing mining camp dwellings located outside of Crown Reserve 1024168 and within the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone are added as a permissible use.

*Reason: Council is currently awaiting clarification of the title status of various mining camps visible in 2009 aerial photography from the Mineral Resources and Western Lands units of the NSW Department of Primary Industries. These camps had not been included in the additional permitted uses mapping for the draft LEP because it was not known whether the camps still existed when the draft LEP was publicly exhibited.*

Moved: Cllr Lane

Seconded: Cllr Woodcock

##### Division

##### In favour:

Cllr Lane

Cllr Woodcock

Cllr Cooper

Cllr Taylor

Cllr Greenaway

Cllr Murray

##### Opposed:

Nil

Apologies: Cllr Keir, Cllr Martinez & Cllr Walford

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### 11/2012/4 Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012

#### Resolved:

1. Note and consider the 110 submissions received from the public and government authorities regarding the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP) publicly exhibited from 13 August to 28 September 2012.

2. Make the following amendments to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 document:

#### Miscellaneous Provisions

2.1 - Clause 5.1 Miscellaneous Provisions be amended so that the reference to "Roads and Traffic Authority" is changed to "Roads and Maritime Services".

*Reason: To use the current name for this state government agency.*

#### Flood Planning

2.2 - Clause 6.1 Flood Planning be amended in consultation with the Department of Planning & Infrastructure so that it acknowledges historic flood levels instead of a 1:100 average recurrent interval flood event.

*Reason: Clause 6.1 had not been finalised in the publicly exhibited draft LEP. Amended wording is required because the clause is based on the 1:100 average recurrent interval (ARI), which is not known and cannot be mapped for the Walgett Shire.*

#### Secondary dwellings

2.3 - Sub-clause 5.4(9) of the LEP be amended by deleting 40% and inserting 60% for the area of a secondary dwelling relative to principle dwelling.

*Reason: The amended figure will allow for secondary dwellings to have a floor area 60% of the principle dwelling, or 60 square metres, whichever is the greater. Secondary dwellings are not uncommon within urban areas and the larger figure will facilitate similar development that provides a range of accommodation opportunities.*

#### RU1 Primary Production zone

2.4 - Add flexibility in minimum lot sizes for the RU1 Primary Production zone where development will generate employment, recreation opportunities or funds for local communities.

*Reason: Currently the LEP excludes subdivision with a lot size less than 400 hectares, other than solely for primary production (sub-clause 4.2(3)). More flexibility is required to enable developments that compliment primary production or have significant benefits for the community.*

2.5 - Change clause 6.6 Earthworks and any associated parts of the LEP in consultation with the NSW Department of Primary Industries so that routine agricultural earthworks (field levelling, contour banks, erosion control and farm dams) are permissible without development consent in the RU1 Primary Production zone.

*Reason: There is unlikely to be any significant public or environmental benefit in Council regulating such development which is usually regulated by NSW government agencies.*

2.6 - Amend clause 4.2A so that it applies a requirement for a 400 hectare minimum holding size, instead of 400 hectare minimum lot size, to enable the erection of a dwelling.

*Reason: Most rural properties consist of multiple lots. There is minimal public benefit in forcing landowners to consolidate lots to enable them to have a dwelling entitlement if they have a holding which meets the minimum size requirement.*

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2.7 – Amend sub-clause 4.2A(6) so that the date for determining whether land comprises an existing holding is changed from 20 September 1968 to the date that the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 was placed on public exhibition, being 13 August 2012.

*Reason: Using the earlier date is impractical because the information required is not available in a readily searchable digital format. There is also no significant public benefit likely to arise from using that date.*

#### SP1 Special Activities Mining zone

2.8 – Amend the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone so that roads are permitted as development without consent.

*Reason: The highly disturbed nature of the zone generally does not warrant roads being subject to the development consent process. If roads are permitted without development consent, they will still require agreement from the land owner, Western Lands and assessment by that authority under part 5 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.*

2.10 - Permit "home business" as development without consent in the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone.

*Reason: Enabling the selling of products produced at the site from dwellings is consistent with the objective of allowing small scale tourism land uses in the zone. It will also allow the historic practice of people selling opal from their dwelling to continue.*

2.11 - Permit a "tourist opal mine" as a land use with consent in the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone. This will require:

A clause enabling a "tourist opal mine", worded to the effect of:-

- (1) The objective of this clause is to permit tourist opal mines within the Crown Reserve 1024168 - Lightning Ridge and Surrounding Opal Fields Reserve.
- (2) This clause applies to land within Crown Reserve 1024168 Lightning Ridge and Surrounding Opal Fields Reserve within the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone.
- (3) Despite the provisions of the zoning table, development for the purpose of a tourist mine is permitted in the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone.
- (4) Before granting consent under subclause (3) the consent authority must be satisfied the development will have:
  - (a) Adequate road access and parking for vehicles.
  - (b) A maximum size of above ground structures of 200m<sup>2</sup>.
  - (c) Will not cause significant conflict with adjoining opal mines.

A definition for "tourist opal mine", such as:- A place providing information or education to visitors and the exhibition or display of items which has underground workings and aboveground structures.

*Reason: The SP1 zone is the most appropriate zone for new tourist opal mines. They should be permitted with consent provided that they meet appropriate planning criteria.*

2.12 - Permit lot 57, DP 705026, Woolooroo Rd, Lightning Ridge to be subdivided by adding it to the lot size maps as a lot with a minimum lot size of 2,500 square metres.

*Reason: Two residences have existed on the 1.76 hectare site for more than ten years and it would be unreasonable to not permit the subdivision of the land in this context, especially given the abundance of mining camps in the immediate vicinity.*

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2.13 - Add "industrial training facility" as an additional permitted use for licence application 505387 (within lot 2, DP 803377) within the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone.

*Reason: In response to a letter from the Department of Primary Industries dated 3 September 2012, Walgett Shire Council resolved at a meeting held on 25 September 2012 to seek amendments to the LEP to enable the Grawin Glengarry Sheeppark Opal Fields Men's Shed to be established on the site of licence application 505387 (within lot 2, DP 803377).*

#### Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage

2.14 - In Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage, the name of the "cottage hospital museum" at 7 Morilla St., Lightning Ridge is changed to "Bush Nurse Association Cottage".

*Reason: The improved name reflects the name by which the item is known within the community.*

2.15 - In Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage, the name of "Paddy O'Hara's Hut" at 5 Rainbow St., Lightning Ridge is changed to "Francis Hut (Paddy O'Hara's Hut)".

*Reason: The improved name reflects the name by which the item is known within the community.*

2.16 - In Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage, "Thornleigh Private Hospital", Walgett, be deleted.

*Reason: Council's Heritage Advisor has indicated that the building is in extremely poor condition and recommended that it be deleted from Schedule 5.*

2.17 - In Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage, "Gleneda homestead", Come By Chance, be deleted.

*Reason: Council's Heritage Advisor has indicated that numerous examples of this style of homestead exist across the Walgett Shire and recommended that it be deleted from Schedule 5.*

3. Make the following amendments to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 mapping:

#### Heritage mapping

3.1 - Delete "Thornleigh Private Hospital" from Heritage map HER\_005AA.

*Reason: Council's Heritage Advisor has recommended that the building be deleted.*

3.2 - Delete "Gleneda homestead" from Heritage map HER\_006.

*Reason: Council's Heritage Advisor has recommended that the building be deleted.*

#### Zone mapping

3.3 - In Cumborah:

(1) Change land proposed to be zoned R5 Large Lot Residential to RU5 Village.

(2) Amend the minimum lot size map to be 2,000 square metres for the resulting RU5 Village zone.

*Reason: The Cumborah community appears to be fundamentally opposed to the proposed R5 Large Lot Residential and prefers to have RU5 Village zone similar to the existing zoning.*

3.4 - Change the SP1 Special Activities Mining zone boundary to include all Cretaceous ridges, plus a 100m buffer, where they are located within parts of the 'preserved' opal fields.

*Reason: The intent of the zone is to indicate that opal mining is the dominant land use in areas where historically this has been the case. Note that some parts of lots within preserved opal fields that have negligible mining activity or mining camps have been left out of the zone. The area of the amended zone will be increased by about 9% at Lightning Ridge, 2% at Grawin and 6.5% at Glengarry.*

3.5 - Change the zone name applied to lot 11, DP 851116, which includes the Walgett airport, from "SP2 Air Transport Facility" to "SP2 Air Transport Facility and Depot".

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*Reason: The site currently contains the Walgett airport and the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council depot. It is also expected to be the site of the future Walgett Shire Council depot. The addition of depot to the title is required to accommodate existing and likely future use of the site.*

3.6 – Include all of the Lightning Ridge Pony Club site (lot 49, DP 752756 and part lot 4294 DP 767040) within the RU1 Primary Production zone.

*Reason: The publicly exhibited LEP included part of the land within the proposed IN1 General Industrial zone. In response to a letter from the Department of Primary Industries dated 14 September 2012, Walgett Shire Council resolved at a meeting held on 23 October 2012 to include the pony club site within the RU1 Primary Production zone.*

#### Water supply area mapping

3.7 - The inclusion of a 'water supply area' planning overlay map for Walgett and Collarenebri weirs that prohibits the application of biosolids to land within a 5km radius upstream and upslope of each weir.

*Reason: To reduce risks to drinking water quality from faecal contamination.*

4. Note that the changes to the LEP document and mapping are consistent with the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy dated June 2010 and do not alter the intent of the exhibited LEP. As a result, additional public consultation is not required.

5. As an interim measure to protect public roads, Council write to the Team Leader, Resources & Energy Unit of NSW Trade and Investment, Lightning Ridge to:

- Note that Clause 17 of the Interim Development Order Shire of Walgett 1968 prohibits opal mines in zone "1 Non urban (a)" from being located within 20 metres of the centreline of a road and opal mines within zone "1 Non urban (b)" from being located within 150 metres of the centreline of a road.
- Upon gazettal of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012, Walgett Shire Council requests that the Resources & Energy Unit adopt a policy of not issuing mining titles which enable opal mining or exploration in the areas previously protected by the provisions of clause 17 of the Interim Development Order Shire of Walgett 1968.

*Reason: It is impractical to zone roads as SP2 Infrastructure until they are all located within a road corridor delineated by cadastral boundaries. Nevertheless it is important to protect public roads from development likely to compromise their integrity, such as opal mining.*

6. Submit the amended draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 to the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in accordance with section 68 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and request that the plan be made.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Greenaway

#### **Division**

##### In favour:

Cllr Lane  
Cllr Woodcock  
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##### Opposed:

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Stephen Holland left the meeting at 9:45am  
Stephen Holland returned to the meeting at 9:49am  
Raju Ranjit left the meeting at 9:53am  
Raju Ranjit returned to the meeting at 10:01am  
Matthew Goodwin left the meeting at 9:50am  
Matthew Goodwin returned to the meeting at 9:45am  
Don Ramsland left the meeting at 9:56am  
Don Ramsland returned to the meeting at 9:58  
The meeting adjourned at 10:35am for morning tea and resumed at 11:06am with all Councillors previously in attendance again present  
Clr Greenaway left the meeting at 11:30am  
Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting at 11:33am

Clr Lane declared a Pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 11:50

#### **11/2012/5 Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 – Submission by Clr Lane**

##### **Resolved:**

1. Note and consider the submission received from the Councillor Lane regarding the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP), in conjunction with the public exhibition period from 13 August to 28 September 2012.
2. Make no change to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 document as a result of the submission.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Cooper

##### **Division**

##### In favour

Clr Cooper  
Clr Woodcock  
Clr Greenaway  
Clr Murray

##### Opposed

Clr Taylor

##### Interest

Clr Lane

**Apologies:** Clr Keir, Clr Martinez & Clr Walford

Clr Lane returned to the meeting at 11:58

### **Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00pm.

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Mayor

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General Manager



## **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

**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 in the **Burren Junction RSL** on **27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012** commencing at 10:01am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### 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, partner 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 or 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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# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012 AT 10:01AM

#### PRESENT

Cir B Murray (Mayor)  
Cir R Greenaway  
Cir J Keir  
Cir D Lane  
Cir D Cooper  
Cir M Taylor  
Cir M Martinez  
Cir L Walford  
Cir I Woodcock  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Andrew Wilson (Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Fred Coralde (Director Urban & Infrastructure Services)  
Yasmin Jones (Minute Secretary)

#### Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

Presentation by Gary Mottau Director Hill Rogers Spencer Steer Chartered Accountants of the Auditor Report on Council's 2011/2012 Financial Statements. The presentation made by Mr Mottau is attached to minutes.

#### Public Forum Presentations

##### Mr Philip Powell

Mr Powell addressed Council regarding a proposal to upgrade the Tareela Lane to become an all-weather access road, the reason provided by Mr Powell supporting this proposal are as follows;

- The lane not only supports 11 properties but is also used by residents further west to access Burren Junction.
- The road has remained unchanged for the past 40 years and is overdue to become an all-weather surface road.
- It was noted at the Community Consultation meeting in Burren held the 25/5/11 that there is little to no budget allocated for unsurfaced roads and a significant budget allocated to urban roads in the Shire.
- It is estimated that \$90,000.00 has been collected from residents annually however only a small fraction has been spent on maintaining the main access road (Tareela Lane)
- An all-weather road would ensure access to essential services such as ambulances, children able to attend school, residents being able to attend work etc would be able to continue through the wet periods.

##### Mr Richard Slack-Smith

Mr Slack-Smith addressed Council supporting Mr Powell's address.

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 37- Monthly Flood works report from Director Engineering Services as her family is currently operating contract plant.

Clr Greenaway declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in item 35- Review on Policy: Gates and Grids on Public Roads as he has grids on the property he owns.

Clr Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 36 & 37 Monthly RMCC Works Report and Monthly Flood works and from Director Engineering Services as his family is currently operating contract plant.

### Confirmation of Minutes

#### **11/2012/1 Minutes of Council meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**

##### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### Matters Arising

Nil

### Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

#### **11/2012/2 Collarenebri Mulga Mudlarks – Crown Reserve R82811**

##### **Resolved:**

1. That a licence be issued to the Mulga Mudlarks Incorporated for use of Lot 57 DP752673 for use as a Mud Trials area.
2. That the rent fee be \$447 per annum (Inc. GST) with a rent rebate of \$347 per annum (net \$100 p.a) for 3 years duration.
3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/3 Collarenebri Earl Park (R78775) Reserve Trust

**Resolved:**

1. That Council endorse action to match the funding of \$2000 offered from Recreational Fishing Trusts, to be allocated from the Parks and Reserves Ledger Account on a dollar for dollar basis.
2. That Council notify Councillors and the community of Collarenebri of the date and time of the proposed release of fish into the Barwon River.

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/4 Lightning Ridge Arts & Craft Centre – Crown Reserve R230055

**Resolved:**

That the issue of a licence to the Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council Inc. be deferred until they conduct their next Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Cllr Martinez

Seconded: Cllr Walford

### Mayoral Minutes

#### 11/2012/5 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: Cllr Greenaway

Seconded: Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

### Motions of which Notice has been given

Nil

### Presentation of Petitions

N/A

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Councillors Questions From Last Meeting

#### Clr Woodcock

**Question 1:**

What is being done with the illegal water connections in Lightning Ridge?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 2:**

Can an investigation be completed into purchasing a kerb & guttering machine and completing these works in house?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services advised he did not receive any prices during the tender stage and is currently dealing with a supplier.

**Question 3:**

What is the balance of the Lightning Ridge Water fund? Can some of these funds be used to upgrade the footpaths?

**Response:**

The Director of Corporate Services advised the balance is \$2,417,120.00 with an overall water fund balance of \$1,720,639.00. These funds are only to be used for the service of providing water.

#### Clr Keir

**Question 1:**

What is the progress on the sale of the old Medical Building in Wee Waa Street?

**Response:**

The General Manager advises that the sale is subject to a subdivision to allow a separate title to be established for the old toilet block.

**Question 2:**

Are we progressing with the Walgett Industrial and Lightning Ridge residential subdivision proposal?

**Response:**

The General Manager advises that funding for the drafting of subdivision plans is being sourced from other land sales which will be completed shortly.

**Question 3:**

When will the Wangan Bridge RP7716 construction to begin?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering advised that construction began on the 5 November 2012.

**Question 4:**

Clr Keir would like it noted that the Walgett Hospital has not had a Health Service Manager or Unit Manager on a permanent basis in the last two and a half years. A Health Service Manager was appointed 22/10/2012. Can these positions within the Walgett Hospital be monitored to ensure they are filled on permanent basis?

**Response:**

The General Manager is monitoring the situation a new permanent Health Services Manager Mr Stephen Joyce commenced duties on 22/10/2012.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### Clr Greenway

**Question 1:**

Is Shire road 5 going to be sealed – if not why?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering has advised up to five kilometre of this road is to be sealed and that works on this have been completed.

**Question 2:**

Can an investigation be conducted on the whereabouts of the new tables which were in the Town Hall Collarenebri?

**Response:**

The Director of Corporate Services has advised this matter is currently being investigated.

**Question 3:**

Instead of the graveling at Mercandool Road being completed can the Shire road 5 be sealed?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering has advised SR5 is in the Barwon Roads Project.

**Question 4:**

The signs on RR329 where there is flood damage near Merrywinebone and the turn off for Rowena have been removed. Can signs be replaced?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services has advised action is currently being undertaken to rectify this matter.

#### Clr Cooper

**Question 1:**

Can the Dick O'Brien bridge area be tidied up and the cleanliness of the area monitored as recently a bin was left upturned for two weeks. Also this area requires slashing.

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure has advised the matter has been referred to Engineering Services for action.

**Question 2:**

Can the fence on the corner of Peel and Warana Street be investigated as it has blown over and is on the nature strip?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services has advised a Notice of Intention has been issued and the fence placed back on the land concerned.

**Question 3:**

Can the Bin outside of Walgett IGA be investigated as offensive odours have been coming from the bin?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure has advised this bin will be emptied daily in conjunction with the Wong's Fish and Chip Shop bin.

**Question 4:**

Concerns have been raised regarding the new access to the RMS Depot in Fox Street, is Council confident that traffic for Fox Street will not be interrupted?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure has advised this access will only be utilised by limited RMS vehicles therefore no interruptions should be experienced.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### Clr Martinez

**Question 1:**

Can the remaining paving in the Ridge be measured to establish the cost to complete the job?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services has advised this will be included in the beautification program.

**Question 2:**

Due to the housing shortage can Council look at building/purchasing a home for senior staff in Lightning Ridge?

**Response:**

The General Manager advises that it is proposed to construct two new homes for senior staff in Lightning Ridge in the new Council subdivision as a method of promoting the new subdivision. In the meantime an additional premise is being rented. Once the new homes are constructed, the Council residence in Gem Street will be sold.

#### Clr Walford

**Question 1:**

Has the tip road been dealt with?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering has advised the tip road has been completed.

**Question 2:**

Can a Police committee within Council be established?

**Response:**

The General Manager advises senior Local Police are prepared to meet with Council on a regular basis. Rather than a "Police Committee", a community safety type committee may be a better option of addressing any community concerns.

#### Clr Taylor

**Question 1:**

Can the Dementia Centre at Lightning Ridge be investigated to ensure all furniture and equipment is account for as I have seen individuals in the building even though the centre has not been opened as of yet.

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services has advised inventory on the premises has been completed.

**Question 2:**

Has a new Waste Service area been decided upon and is this public knowledge?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services has advised a Waste Service area has not been decided upon at this stage.

**Question 3:**

Can a leash free area for dogs in Lightning Ridge be established? The unused Tennis Courts in Lightning Ridge is the suggested site.

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services has advised a report will be provided to Council for a leash free area for dogs.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

**Question 4:**

Can Council organise funding for improvements to the Lightning Ridge Race Club for improvements to the bar area, new stone ovens and upgrade the existing cool room?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate Services has advised this matter has been referred to the MANEX group for further investigation.

**Question 5:**

Can Council ensure it is being helpful with its assistance to the Grawin Club in the Scrub committee with regard their request to update the sanitation requirements of the club.

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services has advised no action at this stage is required.

**Question 6:**

Can Council approach Western Lands for funding for grading of non-Council roads linking the tourist sites in the Shire? i.e. Western Lands / Parks & Wildlife own the Lightning Ridge Caravan park and this action would benefit their clients and visitors.

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services advised a letter will be sent to the Western Lands Commission regarding this matter.

**Question 7:**

Can the Shire ensure a letter of appreciation be sent to the Lightning Ridge Men's Shed for completing the Street numbering in Lightning Ridge?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services this is scheduled to be done once the Shire Urban Addressing Project has been completed.

**Question 8:**

Can the Council provide more shade trees for the Shire's towns and villages ( Jacaranda & Ficus trees)?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services has advised investigations into the requirements for each area are being conducted.

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1:**

Can maintenance be carried out on the northern side of Pine Creek Bridge on SR5 be fixed?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering has advised this work is currently in progress.



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Reports of Delegates and Representatives

#### **11/2012/6 Minutes of Collarenebri Precinct Meeting**

##### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Collarenebri Precinct Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 be received and noted and the following comments forwarded to the committee

##### 1. Main Street Paving / Fencing

Will be the subject of a programme being developed to upgrade and beautify the Main Streets in the three larger towns in the Shire. This process will include appropriate community consultation.

##### 2. Primitive Camping Ground issues / improvements

The issues raised will be investigated in conjunction with the 2013/2014 budget and revised ten year Community Strategic Plan.

##### 3. Collarenebri Agency / Residence

Council has pledged to consult the local community prior to taking any action in regard to these functions / facilities. Council has prepared a cost estimate to bring the residence up to a reasonable condition. The operation of the Agency continues to be monitored but it is premature to make any decision as to how it may operate in the future.

##### 4. Council's Website

Is maintained within the limit of available resources. It now forms part of the functions of Council's new Information Services Co-ordinator.

##### 5. Correspondence

Council procedures are currently under review to ensure appropriate action is taken promptly in respect of all incoming correspondence and verbal enquiries.

##### 6. Collarenebri School

Council is not in a position to comment on the activities of the Government Agencies.

##### 7. Driveway Entrances

Some work has already been done to improve stormwater drainage and driveway entrances. There are limited funds available for these improvements and if the committee provides a list of individual owners contact Council we will endeavour to undertake improvements in order of priority.

##### 8. Notice Board

Relocation of this notice board is being investigated.

##### 9. Flood Damage- Maitland Street

Council has a twelve month program for flood repairs across the Shire with high priority works receiving preference.

##### 10. Collarenebri Newsletter

Council is prepared to photocopy the proposed newsletter once the costs of producing it are available. Someone will have to be prepared to take responsibility for any editorial comment. It is proposed \$500 be allocated for each Precinct Committee's incidental expenses.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez

**CARRIED**

*Stephen Holland left the meeting at 10:25am and returned at 10:30am.*

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### **11/2012/7 Minutes of OROC Meeting**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the OROC Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

#### **Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

#### **Reports of Officers**

#### **11/2012/8 Council Decisions Action Report – October 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for October 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/9 Circulars Received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 42-45 from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/10 Circular Received From The Division Of Local Government November 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-38 to 12-41 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### 11/2012/11 Monthly Calendar – November 2012 – January 2013

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period November 2012 to January 2013.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

### 11/2012/12 2013 Australia Day Celebrations

**Resolved:**

That:

1. The Mayor and the following Councillors be members of the 2013 Australia Day Awards Judging panel Cllr Cooper and Cllr Taylor.
2. The Mayor be the chairperson of the Judging panel.
3. The Mayor and Councillors on the Panel be authorised to determine community members of the Panel and to invite community members to join the Panel.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 11/2012/13 Review of Policy and WSC Procedures – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors

**Resolved:**

That in accordance with the requirements of Sections 361, 362 and 363 of the Local Act 1993 as amended Council adopt the draft "Policy – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors Policy".

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper

**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### 11/2012/14 Reporting on Disclosure Returns

#### Resolved:

Pursuant to Section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager tabled disclosure returns completed and executed pursuant to Section 449 of the Act by following designated persons.

#### Councillors

Clr Bill Murray  
Clr Robert Greenaway  
Clr Jane Keir  
Clr David Lane  
Clr Manuel Martinez  
Clr Lawrence Walford  
Clr Ian Woodcock  
Clr Michael Taylor  
Clr Darryl Cooper

#### Designated Staff

Don Ramsland  
Raju Ranjt  
Siegfredo Coralde  
Matthew Goodwin  
Stephen Holland  
Mark Ward  
Edward Picker  
Gregory Leersen  
Ramesh Sharma  
Susie Jones  
Roy White  
Clarence Chape  
Shane Roberts  
Andrew Wilson  
George McCormick  
Matthew Clarkson  
Bhaskar Shresma  
Barry Maher  
Sylvester Otieno  
Douglas McLennan

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/15 Review on Council's Precinct Committee Concept

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following revised Precinct Committee guidelines.

- (i) Committees only to be established if five or more members of the community from different family groups within the area of the Committee express an interest in establishing, and becoming members of the Committee and are not residents of Walgett or Lightning Ridge.
- (ii) Committees must elect a Chairperson and Secretary annually
- (iii) Councillors should not be members of Committees
- (iv) Must be an Annual General Meeting of the Committee when all residents within the area invited to attend
- (v) Any residents of an area is entitled to attend any meeting of the Committee for the area
- (vi) Committees should meet a minimum six times a year and generally each meeting should be held in a different month
- (vii) Committees are responsible for advising residents of meetings
- (viii) A quorum for any meeting of the Committee is half the number of members plus one
- (ix) There must be an Agenda for each meeting and the Minutes for each meeting must be forwarded to Council
- (x) Council will provide Committees with: Agendas and Minutes of all Council Meetings; publicly exhibited documents; press release
- (xi) Council will provide each Committee with an annual grant of \$500 to cover the cost of convening and conducting meetings, photocopying, postage, telephone and related

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/16 Closedown of Administration over Festive Season

**Resolved:**

1. Council operations close from COB Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to COB Monday 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.
2. The closedown be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.
3. Note the Outdoor Staff shutdown period from Friday 21 December, 2012 to Monday 14 January 2013.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

*The following Presentations started at 11:15am:*

*Presentation by Mrs Amanda Cheal for the Healthy Communities Initiative*

*Presentation by Mr George McCormick for the Community Strategic Plan Review*

*Presentation by Mr Glenn Inglis from the Independent Local Review Panel*

*Mr Glenn Inglis presentation was adjourned at 12:30pm for Lunch*

*The Meeting returned for Mr Glen Inglis's presentation at 1:07pm with everyone being present at the meeting as before the lunch break except Cllr Martinez. Cllr Martinez gave an apology for the remainder of the Council Meeting.*

*The Presentation by Mr Glenn Inglis concluded at 2:05pm. the Meeting resumed at this time with the Reports of Officers.*

#### **11/2012/17 Matter For Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/18 Cash On Hand and Investment Report As At 31 October 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 October 2012 be received.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/19 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter ended 30 September 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter to 30 September be received and noted.

That the proposed variations included within the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter to 30 September be adopted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### **11/2012/20 356 Donations to Local Churches and Other Organisations**

**Resolved:**

1. That the applications from eligible non-profit organisations as per the attached list be approved and the rebates on rates and charges as detailed therein be granted.
2. That a policy and program criteria for the provision of rebates of rates and charges to non-profit organisation be developed for consideration by the council.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir

**Seconded:** Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/21 Fee for Slashing Private Urban Land Blocks**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the fee of \$130 per hour or part hour plus GST (subject to a minimum charge of half an hour) for the slashing of urban allotments.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/22 Delegation of Responsibility to accept best Quote for Financial Loans**

**Resolved:**

That the Walgett Shire Council resolves to delegate to the General Manager the authority to accept the best quotes for the \$1m loan to be taken out in respect to the Wangan Bridge project and the \$1m loan to be taken out in respect to the Walgett Aerodrome Upgrade project.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/23 Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme Loan Subsidy Agreement**

**Resolved:**

That authorisation be allocated to the Mayor and General Manager to sign and affix the Council seal to two copies of the two Funding Agreements for the 4% interest subsidy under the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS), as well as completing any other documentation associated with the funding agreement.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/24 Report on Information & Aboriginal Affairs August – October 2012

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report on Aboriginal Affairs and Information, August – October 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/25 Policy - National Quality Framework for Children Services

**Resolved:**

That in accordance with the requirements of Sections 361, 362 and 363 of the Local Act 1993 as amended Council adopt the "Policy – National Quality Framework for Children's services".

**Moved:** Cllr Keir

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/26 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Corporate Services – June 2012

**Resolved:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
2. That Mr Andrew Fletcher and Mr David Honner be confirmed as members of the Walgett Shire Council Audit and Risk Management Committee and that the Mayor Cr G Murray be appointed as Alternate Delegate.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### 11/2012/27 Development Application – Change of Use

#### Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Refuse Development Application 2012/025 by Parthiv Mehta for a dwelling on lot 20 DP 662667 on the basis that:
  - (a) Would be likely to have a significant adverse impact on the commercial streetscape.
  - (b) Is inconsistent with the objective to *"conserve and enhance the unique sense of place of business centre precincts"* for the "B2 Local centre" within the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012.
  - (c) The site is inappropriate in a context where there is inadequate legal vehicular access.
  - (d) The site is inappropriate in a context where there is no provision for off street parking.
  - (e) Is not in the public interest to approve such a development when there are urban sites available which are more suitable for such residential development.

Moved: Cllr Greenaway

Seconded: Cllr Walford

#### CARRIED

#### Division - in favour

Cllr B Murray (Mayor)  
Cllr R Greenaway  
Cllr J Keir  
Cllr D Lane  
Cllr D Cooper  
Cllr M Taylor  
Cllr L Walford  
Cllr I Woodcock

#### Against

Nil

#### Absent

Cllr M Martinez

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/28 2011-2012 State of the Environment Report

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Adopt and endorse the draft Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2011-2012.
2. Submit the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2011-2012 to the Division of Local Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet as a component of Council's Annual Report by 30 November 2012.
3. Publish the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2011-2012 on Council's website.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

Division -in favour

Cllr B Murray (Mayor)

Cllr R Greenaway

Cllr J Keir

Cllr D Lane

Cllr D Cooper

Cllr M Taylor

Cllr L Walford

Cllr I Woodcock

Against

Nil

Absent

Cllr M Martinez

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/29 Draft Development Control Plan Public Exhibition

##### Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Publicly exhibit the draft Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2012 for a minimum of six weeks.
2. Undertake public exhibition consultation via:
  - (a) Advertising in Council's newspaper column within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.
  - (b) Notification letters to Council's precinct committees and community working parties.
  - (c) Making digital (PDF) copies of the document available via Council's web site.
  - (d) Making hard copies of the document available at the Council office at Walgett, Council office at Collarenebri and the Library at Lightning Ridge.
  - (e) Holding public information sessions at Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

Moved: Cllr Lane

Seconded: Cllr Keir

##### CARRIED

##### Division - in favour

Cllr B Murray (Mayor)

Cllr R Greenaway

Cllr J Keir

Cllr D Lane

Cllr D Cooper

Cllr M Taylor

Cllr L Walford

Cllr I Woodcock

##### Against

Nil

##### Absent

Cllr M Martinez

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/30 Submission- Proposed changes to Codes SEPP

**Resolved:**

Note and endorse the submission dated 2 November 2012 by Council's Director of Planning and Regulatory Services regarding proposed changes to State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

Division -in favour

Cllr B Murray (Mayor)

Cllr R Greenaway

Cllr J Keir

Cllr D Lane

Cllr D Cooper

Cllr M Taylor

Cllr L Walford

Cllr I Woodcock

Against

Nil

Absent

Cllr M Martinez

#### 11/2012/31 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

**Resolved:**

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority during October 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/32 REVIEW OF WATER METER POLICY

**Resolved:**

1. That Council approve the amended Water Meter Policy Rev. 2 effective 26 November 2012.
2. The Water Meter Policy Rev2 be placed on exhibition for 28 days.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/33 NAMOI-PEEL CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Resolved:**

1. Council note the Namoi–Peel Customer Services Committee Minutes of Meeting held at State Water Conference Room, Keepit Dam on 05 September 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/34 Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route - Walgett town – November 2012

**Resolved:**

1. That Council endorse the option of using the Wimbledon Road and constructing an additional route along the Levee Bank to service north / south traffic as the proposed alternative Heavy Vehicle route for Walgett and
2. This issue be included for discussion in Councils review of the Ten Year Community Strategic Plan.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/35 Review on Policy – Gates & Grids on Public Roads- November 2012

**Resolved:**

**That:**

1. Council adopt the revised Policy – Gates and Grids on Public Roads- (November 2012).
2. Council acknowledge receipt of the submission from the public.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/36 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering Services – November 2012

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for November 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper

**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

*Cir Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest with the following item and left the Meeting at 2:55pm*

#### **11/2012/37 Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for November 2012 and endorse action taken to endeavour to secure additional funds to maintain safe access to the Grawin / Glengarry Opal Fields via the Kurrajong road and access road across Western Lands Leases.

**Moved:** Cir Lane  
**Seconded:** Cir Walford

**CARRIED**

*Cir Keir returned to the Meeting at 3:08pm*

#### **11/2012/38 Stabilisation and material improvement with Polycom on clay route on school route near Rowena Area**

**Resolved:**

- 1) That Council agrees to the use of "Polycom" on a suitable black soil local road after / and / or verifying validity of product effectiveness.
- 2) Sets aside \$30,000 from the Shire road maintenance budget to cover the costs of the trial.

**Moved:** Cir Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cir Lane

**CARRIED**

### **Questions for the next Meeting**

#### **Cir Walford**

**Question 1**

When will the Lightning Ridge netball courts be finalised?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services is to investigate.

#### **Cir Taylor**

**Question 1**

Can a second rubbish bin be placed at the Dick O'brien Bridge (one for each end of the stop)?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services is to investigate.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### **Question 2**

Can Council investigate the current cost of electricity for the street lighting in the towns within the Shire and complete a cost comparison of the current street lighting to solar or LED.

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services is to investigate.

#### **Clr Lane**

#### **Question 1**

Can Council investigate the use of ipads for the distribution of the Council Business Paper?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager will investigate.

#### **Clr Woodcock**

#### **Question 1**

Can the Lightning Ridge subdivision be expedited?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager will investigate.

#### **Clr Keir**

#### **Question 1**

Has any discussion taken place with the street sweeper in regards to his services provided?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager will investigate.

#### **Question 2**

Has the Carinda Cemetery re-gravelling commenced?

#### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services to advise.

#### **Question 3**

When will the Burren Junction Bore Baths be closed?

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to advise.

#### **Question 4**

Have we decided on the format the Dick Colless scholarship will take?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager to advise.

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting

#### **11/2012/39 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 3:10PM**

##### **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:

- (c) 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)
- (d) 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: Clr Lane  
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/40 Engagement of IMF (Australia) Ltd to act on behalf of Council to lodge a claim against Lehman Brothers (Asia) Ltd**

##### **Resolved:**

That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in the engagement of IMF (Australia) Ltd to act on behalf of Walgett Shire Council in relation to the action against Lehman Brothers (Asia) Ltd as per this report.

Moved: Clr Lane  
Seconded: Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### **11/2012/41 Proposed Sale of Residential Lots 40 and 58 DP 837866**

##### **Resolved:**

That Council:

- 1) Endorses the General Manager's action in accepting the offer of \$26,000 each including GST for Lot 40 & Lot 58 DP837866
- 2) Instruct solicitors Booth, Brown, Samuels and Olney to draw up the Contracts of Sale for Lots 40 and 58 DP 837866 at Lightning Ridge at \$26,000 each including GST.
- 3) That the Contracts be executed under the Common Seal of Council.
- 4) Income from the Land Sale be used to fund the development of the proposed new residential subdivision at Lightning Ridge.

Moved: Clr Cooper  
Seconded: Clr Lane

**CARRIED**



## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 11/2012/42 RFT12/010- Replacement of Collarenebri Boat Ramp at Barwon River

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender for RFT12/010 from Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting Pty. Ltd. in the sum of \$48,235.00 being the lowest tender received.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/43 Walgett Levee Refurbishment and Rehabilitation

**Resolved:**

That the Council accept the submitted variation cost from Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd in the sum of \$493,000 (inc GST) as a variation to the contract entered into for stage one as per the NSW Public Works Procurement plan and report dated 22/11/2012 and further that it be noted that sourcing all of the material for the further works from Borrow Area 5 would involved an additional variation of \$63,140

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

#### 11/2012/44 Walgett Levee Refurbishment and Rehabilitation Stage Three Funding Proposal

**Resolved:**

That Council advise the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage that it will provide additional funding of \$166,166 in the 2012 / 2013 Budget for its proportion of the project funding should funding of \$1m be made available by the NSW Office of Environment for the Walgett Levee Refurbishment and Rehabilitation Project.

That the General Manager be delegated the authority to accept a funding offer should one be received.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

#### **8/2012/45 Return To Open Session at 3:58pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

#### **8/2012/46 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

Engagement of IMF (Australia) Ltd to act on behalf of Council to lodge a claim against  
Lehman Brothers (Asia) Ltd  
Proposed Sale of Residential Lots 40 and 58 DP837866  
RFT12/010 – Replacement of Collarenebri Boat Ramp at Barwon River  
Walgett Levee Refurbishment and Rehabilitation  
Walgett Levee Refurbishment and Rehabilitation Stage Three Funding Proposal

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor

**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 4.01pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 18 December 2012.

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Mayor

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General Manager

**8. Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

Nil

**9. Mayoral Minutes**

Mayoral Activities – November / December 2012 (Report to be circulated at the Council Meeting)

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

Nil

**11. Presentation of Petitions**

N/A

## **12. Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

### **Clr Walford**

#### **Question 1**

When will the Lightning Ridge netball courts be finalised?

#### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised this has been postponed until 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 due to recent rain.

### **Clr Taylor**

#### **Question 1**

Can a second rubbish bin be placed at the Dick O'Brien Bridge (one for each end of the stop)?

#### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has issued an instruction to install a second bin.

#### **Question 2**

Can Council investigate the current cost of electricity for the street lighting in the towns within the Shire and complete a cost comparison of the current street lighting to solar or LED.

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services has advised investigation are currently being undertaken.

### **Clr Lane**

#### **Question 1**

Can Council investigate the use of ipads for the distribution of the Council Business Paper?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager has issued an instruction for the cost and use of ipads to be the subject of a report to the February 2013 meeting.

### **Clr Woodcock**

#### **Question 1**

Can the Lightning Ridge subdivision be expedited?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager has commenced negotiations with Western Lands for the acquisition of the land and is also obtaining quotations for survey and design works.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1**

Has any discussion taken place with the street sweeper in regards to his services provided?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that the matter will be listed for consideration at the next Plant Committee and prior to that meeting discussions will be held with the current operator / contractor.

**Question 2**

Has the Carinda Cemetery re-gravelling commenced?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised work has not commenced as of yet due to water in the local gravel pit preventing access. If at all possible the work will be completed prior to Christmas.

**Question 3**

When will the Burren Junction Bore Baths be closed?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services has advised the Bore Baths closed on the 07/12/2012.

**Question 4**

Have we decided on the format the Dick Colless Memorial scholarship will take?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that applications for the Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship will be called early in January, 2013. A copy of the application form will be tabled at the December Council Meeting.

13.1

**Walgett Local Traffic Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Walgett Local Traffic Facilities Committee Meeting held 18 October 2012, be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**MINUTES OF THE WALGETT LOCAL TRAFFIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 18th October 2012**

**Opening of the Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 9:30am

**Present:**

Raju Ranjit, Director Engineering Services, Walgett Shire Council, Chairman (RR)

David VANT, Road Safety & Traffic, Western Region, RTA NSW (DV)

Don Ramsland, Walgett Shire Council (GM)

Inspector Jason Baker, NSW Police (CT)

Sam Rose Administrative Service Coordinator, Walgett Shire Council(SR)

**Apologies:**

Ian Woodcock, Local (State) Member's Representative (IW)

Councillor Jane Keir (Walgett Shire Council) (CLR)

Councillor Manual Martinez (Walgett Shire Council) (CLR)

**1.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES from 7th June 2012 (Attachment 1)  
and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 (Attachment 2)**

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**2. Incoming Correspondence:**

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| <p><b>1. Sam Hegney Solicitors, Heavy Vehicle Traffic in Walgett CBD<br/>Attachment 1</b></p> |
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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** A Report to be done and sent to RMS (David Vant) for their Comment.

**2. New Item: Proposal to install 40kms School Signs & Crossing lines in Lightning Ridge Attachment 2**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Need to put Traffic counters on to see traffic flow  
Also need to look at Giveaway signs and paint the lines on the road.

**3. New Item: Proposal Location for Rest stop on Castlereagh highway Near Narren River, Angledool (Highway 18) Attachment 3**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Report to be done from Engineering Department at Walgett Shire Council and Sent to RMS (David Vant)

**4. General Business**

- Update on where we are up to with the Carinda 600 Cross Country
- Need to do a TCP for White Ribbon day in Walgett NSW on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (RR)

**5. Next Meeting**

TBD

**Meeting Closed: 11:00AM**



13.2

**Walgett Shire Local Emergency Committee Meeting**

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Walgett Shire Local Emergency Committee Meeting held 10 December 2012, be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA



## WALGETT SHIRE LOCAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

Monday 10 October 2012

Commencing at 10.37am

Held at Walgett Police Station, Wee Waa Street, WALGETT

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| <b>Present:</b>   | Bill Murray                             | Mayor Walgett - Shire Council                           |
|                   | Don Ramsland                            | General Manager – LEMO                                  |
|                   | Supt. Bob Noble                         | REOCON NSW Police Force                                 |
|                   | Stuart Davies                           | REMO – NSW Police Force                                 |
|                   | John Cook                               | NSW Rural Fire Service North West Zone & Bogan District |
|                   | Phil Lalor                              | Macquarie Region SES                                    |
|                   | Chris Taylor                            | NSW Police Force                                        |
|                   | Braden Hamilton                         | Ambulance Service NSW                                   |
|                   | Stephen Joyce                           | Walgett Health Service                                  |
|                   | Gary Barber                             | Fire Rescue NSW                                         |
|                   | Alice Thorne                            | Collarenebri SES                                        |
|                   | James Abel                              | Lightning Ridge SES                                     |
|                   | Suzanne Mahoney                         | Collarenebri Health Service                             |
|                   | Yasmin Jones                            | Walgett Shire Council – Minute Secretary                |
| <b>Apologies:</b> | Greg Lewis, Peter Smith & Greg Markwick |                                                         |

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#### 1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Don Ramsland welcomed all the participants to the meeting. Introductions by all attendees were conducted around the table.

#### 2.0 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 26 March 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting held 12 March 2012.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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| 3.0 | PRESENTATION OF REVISED DRAFT WALGETT SHIRE DISPLAN | ACTION |
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The Draft Walgett Shire DISPLAN was reviewed and the following motion passed.

**Resolved:**

That once the changes agreed to at the meeting held 10 December 2012 are completed the updated draft be resent to all Committee Members and Committee Members be given 14 days to review and advise of any further changes. If further changes are received the REMO and LEMO would consider the requested amendments and approve where required.

The final draft copy would be issued to all Committee Members and a copy forwarded to the Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting in February 2013 for adoption.

**Moved:** Alice Thorn

**Seconded:** Chris Taylor

**CARRIED**

Important: The contact details included in the DISPLAN are for use by Committee members only, and are not for Public distribution.

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| 4.0 | GENERAL BUSINESS | ACTION |
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Stuart Davis

Stuart Davis advised recent changes meant that the General Manager would be the Chair person at LEMC meeting or he could appoint a delegate, also the DEOCON & DEMO is now REOCON & REMO.

Recent contact with ABC's Peter Riley resulted in his direct contact number being provided, Mr Riley has advised an emergency media release can be directed to him.

Stuart Davis addressed the items provided in his report- Please see attachment.

James Abel

James Abel suggested an interagency training exercise could be conducted.

Stuart Davis advised that within the Region funding for twenty exercises had been applied for, however only two training exercises had been approved for funding. Mr Davis advised although funding had not been allocated for training it could still be conducted.

Philip Lalor

Philip Lalor advised the Walgett Flood Plan is in the process of being updated. The Walgett Flood Plan will be emailed to Committee Members to ensure the plan is up to date.

John Cook

John Cook advised he was currently working with Roy White from Walgett Shire Council to ensure all neighbourhoods safe places signage was in place.

The details of all the neighbourhood safe places are being logged to ensure the website in particular the place of last interest is updated.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

John Cook advised his was hoping to have his position filled in January / February 2013.

Stuart Davis requested a calendar of meeting dates for 2013, Don Ramsland advised he would be in contact with Stuart Davis to organise the most suitable dates, trying to work the dates in conjunction with Coonamble's meetings.

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| <b>6.0</b> | <b>NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 2013</b> |
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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:05pm**

**DEMO Report to LEMCs – Walgett LEMC December 2012:**  
**[Prepared by DEMO Stuart Davies – Dated 02/12/2012]**

**# Local DISPLAN review project – Update:**

DEMC has endorsed project for DEMO to review all Local DISPLANs before 30/06/2012.  
 DEMO work order priority list for Displan review is:

| Priority Order | DISPLAN / LGA | Notes                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1              | NARROMINE     | Draft Plan circulated to LEMC members for review / comment; Plan to be endorsed at LEMC meeting 15/11/2012.                              |
| 2              | GILGANDRA     | DEMO review Plan with LGA admin staff on 10/10/2012                                                                                      |
| 3              | WALGETT       | Plan reviewed by work group – draft produced 08-09/08/2012; LEMO to distribute Plan to LEMC members. LEMC to discuss at next meeting.    |
| 4              | COONAMBLE     | DEMO review Plan with LGA admin staff on 13/08/2012; LEMO to distribute Plan to LEMC members.                                            |
| 5              | WARREN        | DEMO meeting with LEMO on 09/10/2012.                                                                                                    |
| 6              | MID WESTERN   | DEMO meeting with LEMO on 11/12/2012                                                                                                     |
| 7              | DUBBO CITY    |                                                                                                                                          |
| 8              | WARRUMBUNGLE  | DEMO meeting with LEMO on 11/12/2012                                                                                                     |
| 9              | WELLINGTON    | Plan reviewed by working group on 14/09/2012, circulated to LEMC members for review / comment – Plan endorsed at LEMC meeting 09/10/2012 |

**# LEOCON Policy:**

NSW Police Force / Deputy SEOCON have undertaken the annual review of LEOCON appointments inline with the NSWPF policy.

DEOCON submitted Western Region Report to Deputy SEOCON, all appointments reviewed and endorsed.

Under the policy, all LEOCON and Deputy LEOCONs have to submit an individual report. These reports will be used by NSWPF as part of a Training Needs Analysis for LEOCONs / Deputy LEOCONs emergency management training.

Walgett LEOCON: Supt. Bob Noble

Walgett Deputy LEOCON: Chief Inspector Chris Taylor

**# EOC Policy - Audit Reports:**

LGAs / LEOCONs have outstanding reports. The 'Audit Report' is based on the NSWPF – Emergency Management Unit provided Template.

Report has been received from C/Insp. Taylor for Walgett LEOC.

**# RFS - Evacuation Policy:**

DEOCON has requested that all LEMCs meet between the period now to mid November 2012 to discuss the new RFS policy.

RFS to brief LEMCs on areas they have identified in the "Bushfire Management Committee" process as having specific needs for Evacuation Plans.

The RFS identified areas to be adequately addressed with an appropriate planning process by the LEMC.

The RFS policy states that "The decision to undertake planned evacuations during a bush fire is to be made by the Incident Controller in consultation with the NSW Police Force".

**# SRB Rescue Exercise Funding 2012-2013:**

SRB advised the DEOCON / DEMOs of reduced funding for Exercises this year. Central West District received funding for 2 out of 12 Exercises submitted. These are both "Vertical Rescue - Grain Silo" based Exercises. These exercises to be undertaken in co-operation with the company, Graincorp. Central West received no funds for Airport Exercises. Airport funding was sought for Airport Exercises at:

- Coonamble / Mudgee / Bathurst / Orange / Parkes.

**# SEMC Report - Review of Flood Operations:**

The DEOCON has received a copy of State level report on the recent Flood Operations in NSW. Report tabled to SEMC at meeting 06/09/2012. Report contained information following a 'review' of the recent flood operations. No specific issues identified in report applicable to Flood Operations in this EM District

**# Emergency Risk Management (ERM):**

NSW has completed the "NSW State Natural Disaster Risk Assessment 2011 Report".

NSW State Government has signed-off on the report, late December 2011.

MPES staff currently reviewing all previous completed ERM Project reports undertaken by LEMCs for LGA areas.

It is envisaged that ERM work will soon flow back to the District & Local levels of the EM structure in-line with agreed strategies contained in the State Report.

**# Warren Cotton Gin Fire:**

On Wednesday, 05/09/2012 a large fire occurred in cotton bales / modules in Queensland Cotton storage yard, the cotton was awaiting processing in Cotton Gin facility. Company advised that over \$6 million of cotton destroyed by fire. The fire operations were under the control of Fire & Rescue NSW - Incident Management team, with both fire services involved in fire operations. An Operational Debrief will be held at Warren on 09/10/2012. The Cotton industry is reviewing the incident and fire behaviour / impacts on "Bales" and "Modules".

**# Impact Assessment Reports / SITREP:**

MPES are currently reviewing and developing a "Guidelines" document for "IMPACT ASSESSMENTS".

Once finalised the guideline document will be distributed to LEOCONs and LEMCs.

**# SERM Act review / changes:**

Amendment Bill has passed through parliament.

One major change in SERM Act is that the LGA – General Manager will now be the Chair of the LEMC.

Under Local Government Act the General Manager can delegate this role.

## **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA**

### **# Visit by MPES Director – Response & Recovery:**

M/s Rachel Nibbs, recently appointed Director at MPES – Homebush visited several LGA areas in the District (and Far West EM District) in October. This visit includes a meeting with the DEOCON; and available DEMC members at Dubbo on 11/10/2012. The trip included meeting LEOCON and Walgett Shire GM at Walgett and visit to Goodooga to talk to community on Flood / Recovery and Welfare issues.

### **# DEMO Conference / Professional Development:**

NSWPF – Emergency Management Unit / Deputy SEOCON conducted activity at Police Professional Development Centre – Richmond on 15-16-17/10/2012.

### **# Fire & Rescue NSW "000" / Fire Centre:**

The centre that was located at Katoomba, that serviced the western areas of NSW, is no longer operational. It is now closed. All "000" calls for western NSW are now handled by Fire Centres located in Sydney and Newcastle.

### **# VRA State Wide CALL CENTRE located at Goonellabah:**

The NSW VRA has a dedicated emergency / squad activation phone number. This Centre / phone number is used to activate all NSW VRA Squads in NSW. Phone number for emergency call – activation: **1300 872 000**

**END**

**Stuart Davies**

**District Emergency Management Officer**

**Central West EM District (Northern Zone)**

**14. Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

**15. Reports of Officers**



## **15.1 COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT –November 2012**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland

**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 and includes any action from previous meetings still outstanding.

### **Background:**

Attached is the Resolution Register which summaries outstanding action in respect of all resolutions as well as any other matters raised at the last Meeting which required action. The Resolution Register also lists any matters from previous meetings (as of July 2011) that have not been finalised.

### **Current Position:**

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

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

Resolution Register 27 November 2012

### **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 DECISIONS ACTION REPORT – November 2012**

**Recommendation:**

That the Resolution Register for November 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Resolution Register for – November 2012

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| 22 May 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the Honour Board in the Council Chambers be updated the last time it was updated was back in 1999<br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | General Manager | Costs being obtained 16/07/2012 Boards to be relocated and expanded.                                                                          | General Manager |  |
| 22 May 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council look into the beautification of the main street in Lightning Ridge as I have noticed that bitumen is being used. The bitumen is not a good look, could something be done between the gutters and the footpath, can this be put on a program for Lightning Ridge?<br><b>Clr Martinez</b> | Governance      | 16/7/2012 - Report deferred to August meeting<br>15/10/2012 Programme for Lightning Ridge street beautification to be prepared for 2012/2013. | General Manager |  |

### Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 26 June 2012

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| 26 June 2012 | 6/2012/12 | That Council establish a small working party, comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and MANEX to review the Plan and report on how best to contribute to the 5 key strategic directions identified in the Destination 2036 Action Plan<br><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                | General Manager               | 02/07/2012 First meeting planned for late July 2012<br>02/08/2012 Awaiting outcome of I.R.P meeting in August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | General Manager                          |  |
| 26 June 2012 | 6/2012/30 | That the matters listed by the Director Urban Infrastructure Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted.<br><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Smith</b><br>That Representative of NSW Office of Water (Mr Bill Ho) be invited to attend the July meeting of Council to discuss operational issues surrounding the Collarenebri Water Filtration Plant<br><b>Moved: Clr Smith Seconded: Clr Walford</b> | Urban Infrastructure Services | Invited Mr Bill Ho to attend July meeting but he declined.<br><br>No further action required.<br><br>Mr Bill Ho is now being invited to November Meeting<br><br>Mr Bill Ho is not prepared to give an audience to Council.<br><br>Mr. Bill Ho finally advised that he will not attend future Council meetings.<br><br>Discussed that the quality of water issue has been addressed by de-commissioning the outside chlorine tank. Treatment now is carried out inside | Director Urban & Infrastructure Services |  |

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|              |                                |                                                                                                                                                                       |                               | <p>the plant.</p> <p>Council to introduce the 'gas chlorine system' by the first quarter of 2013.</p> <p>The augmentation of the aging plant is a long-term issue for Council. Options to consider are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- installation of a new clarifier</li> <li>- renewing the plant to increase the current water supply capacity.</li> </ul> <p>No further action is required.</p> <p>Completed.</p> |                                          |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council look into connecting 3 phase power to the Lightning Ridge Bore pump to reduce the electricity costs? Would also need to change over the pump switch board | Urban Infrastructure Services | <p>Investigation in progress -13/7/2012<br/>19/07/2012 Site investigation completed, progressing, developing specifications.</p> <p>Further clarification is necessary.</p> <p>The estimated cost to do this connection is not more than \$190,000. Net recovery costs for this up-grade would be in longer term and may not be sustainable. Looking for an alternative to introduce a variable type of operations</p>                             | Director Urban & Infrastructure Services |  |

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|              |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               | similar to the current bore operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                          |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council advise what happened to the RFDS airport lighting at Lightning Ridge which is needed especially during foggy conditions                                                                                                                                       | General Manager               | <p>16/7/2012 – Matter being investigated</p> <p>30/07/2012 GPS tracking system required- Cost being investigated.</p> <p>The General Manager is currently investigating this matter further.</p> <p>07/12/2012 Still under investigation.</p> | Director Urban Infrastructure Services.  |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The town truck at Lightning Ridge needs to be inspected and repaired. When the boys start the truck there seems to be a litre of oil on the roof of the truck and when they recently completed the town run you could see hydraulic oil left on the road all around town. | General Manager               | <p>16/7/2012 – Matter being referred to Plant Committee</p> <p>15/07/2012 Planned for replacement 2012/2013</p>                                                                                                                               | Director Engineering Services            |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The road to Namoi Village needs to be inspected and repaired. Apparently the school bus lost a wheel due to the poor state of the road.                                                                                                                                   | Engineering Services          | <p>Council portion has been completed except sealing. Community's road portion is in investigation.</p> <p>Estimation has been submitted to Land Council on 26/07/2012</p>                                                                    | Director Engineering Services            |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The house boat in the Barwon River at Collarenebri has resurfaced and is located in the area where water sports activities occur it needs to be removed to prevent any accidents.                                                                                         | General Manager               | <p>16/7/2012 – Matter discussed with SES. RMS to be approached to remove obstacle from Waterways</p> <p>12/08/2012 Request to RMS drafted.</p>                                                                                                | General Manager                          |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council investigate and repair the drainage issues within the Collarenebri township. Need to look into properly laser levelling the ground installing culvert pipes and/or white gravel.                                                                              | Urban Infrastructure Services | <p>13/7/2012 - Investigation in progress.</p> <p>15/10/2012 Object located downstream of Bridge, to be removed when water</p>                                                                                                                 | Director Urban & Infrastructure Services |  |

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|              |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                 | <p>level falls.</p> <p>Levelling Programmed organised for 31/08/2012</p> <p>Removal of the object at the Bridge downstream in progress – To be completed of November 2012.</p> <p>Barwon Street drainage &amp; Driveway completed as part of the levelling program.</p> <p>A global stormwater physical survey assessment is necessary and would be scheduled in the first quarter of 2013. This includes Barwon Street.</p> <p>Object located downstream of bridge – removed.</p> <p>Completed activity.</p> |                 |  |
| 26 June 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Clr Murray advised that he has received a letter from Mr Mark Evans requesting Council support trying to improve the mobile telephone service to the south of Walgett by utilising the tower 30kms south of Walgett | General Manager | <p>13/7/2012 – Letters sent to Federal Member &amp; Complainant 1/08/2012 Similar response to later letters received.</p> <p>15/10/2012 Further letter sent to Federal Member, awaiting response.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | General Manager |  |

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012

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| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/13 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council receive and note the report in relation to RV Friendly Town Schemes within Walgett Shire.</li> <li>2. That Council endorse all 5 applications including Burren Junction, Collarenebri, Carinda, Rowena, Lightning Ridge and Walgett and supports the establishment of signage once Walgett Shire Council has received approval from CMCA from existing budget allocations.</li> <li>3. That Council advise the CMCA of the proposals and seek approval to establish appropriate signage</li> <li>4. That Council identify suitable areas on dedicated public roads to designate as "caravan parking" areas which could be used for "short term" parking</li> <li>5. That an approach be made to the RMS for the erection of appropriate signage at the roadside rest area on the Castlereagh Highway near Lightning Ridge</li> <li>6. Council respond appropriately to each of the submissions received.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p> | General Manager | <p>18/08/2012 Proposal being negotiated with CMCA</p> <p>5. Highway signage inspected with WLC representative.</p> <p>15/10/2012 Applications for membership and dump point subsidies lodged.</p> | General Manager |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/14 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council give notice of its intention to adopt the Draft Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors, in accordance with Section 253 of the Local Government Act.</li> <li>2. Consider updating the various expenditure limits</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager | <p>18/09/2012 Policy being advertised.</p> <p>Report required for November meeting.</p>                                                                                                           | General Manager |  |

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|              |           | <p>3. And that the Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors policy then be placed on public exhibition and public submissions invited.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Lane</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Maritnez</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |                                                                                                                                        |                                            |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/16 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the letter dated 12 June 2012 from the Department of Planning &amp; Infrastructure conditionally certifying the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 for public exhibition under section 65 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.</li> <li>Note the letter dated 18 July 2012 from the Department of Planning &amp; Infrastructure regarding large lot living opportunities and the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012.</li> <li>Note and endorse the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 document and mapping dated June 2012.</li> <li>Place the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 on public exhibition for a minimum period of six weeks.</li> <li>Request the General Manager to arrange community information sessions regarding the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 at Carinda, Collarenebri, Cumborah, Grawin, Lightning Ridge and Walgett early in the public exhibition period.</li> <li>Request the General Manager to prepare a Planning Proposal for large lot living rezoning proposal for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.</li> <li>Request the General Manager to pursue funding and engage a consultant to facilitate early finalisation of</li> </ol> | Director of Planning & Regulatory services | <p>No 1, 2 &amp; 3 No Action required.</p> <p>No 4 &amp; 5 Completed.</p> <p>No 6 &amp; 7 to commence as LEP &amp; DCP progresses.</p> | Director of Planning & Regulatory services |  |



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|              |                                | the large lot living areas rezoning proposal.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Lane</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                     |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/17                      | That Council receive and note the General Manager's report and endorse the action being taken with regards undertaking the Cumborah Hall Extensions Project.<br><b>Moved: Clr Greenaway</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Maritnez</b>  | General Manager                                     | 1/08/2012 Plans being drafted with specifications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | General Manager                                     |  |
| 24 July 2012 | Questions for the next meeting | In regards to Council supplied equipment (Laptop & Filing Cabinet) to the current councillors – Do we need to return these at the end of office.                                                                              | General Manager                                     | 20/08/2012 Memo to Councillors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | General Manager                                     |  |
| 24 July 2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council look into the Plant hire for the Street sweeper – It would be best practice for Council to seek tenders or alternatively look at purchasing its own street sweeper in the review of the Plant Replacement Program | General Manager/<br>Director Urban & Infrastructure | 20/08/2012 Report to August meeting.<br><br>15/10/2012 Referred to Audit Committee.<br><br>07/12/2012 Still with the Audit Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager/<br>Director Urban & Infrastructure |  |
| 24 July 2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council investigate the drainage problem within Rowena next to the School                                                                                                                                                 | Director Urban & Infrastructure                     | Site visited<br>09/08/2012.<br>16/08/2012<br>Electrician has fixed the sump pump.<br>Trying to organise a Grader.<br>Pump fix has been completed.<br>A grader is still required to clean the drain- to be scheduled<br>Rural Infrastructure Services.<br><br>07/12/2012 Sump pump fixed – completed.<br><br>Definition of side drains still to be undertaken/scheduled by Rural Infrastructure Services. | Director Urban & Infrastructure                     |  |

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| 24 July 2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council investigate a house at Carinda which has partially lost its roof and the remaining Iron is a potential hazard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Planning & Regulations | Quotes for demolition being sought. Regulatory staff are chasing quotations and waiting for tender period to end being 14 December. | Director Planning & Regulations |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/38                      | <p>That Council endorse the following changes proposed to the Organisational Structure:</p> <p>Creation of a new position of Workshop Foreman to replace the existing one of Leading Hand Mechanic</p> <p>Upgrading of Two (2) Diesel Mechanic positions to a senior level</p> <p>Renaming the role of Support Services Coordinator to Plant Superintendant</p> <p>Transfer the responsibility of the Stores function to the Corporate Services Division</p> <p>Creation of a part time Economic Development Officer (21 hours per week) within the Executive Division</p> <p>These changes will be negotiated through the relevant Award processes prior to implementation.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford</p> | General Manager                 | 26/07/2012 Action being taken to follow award consultation process.                                                                 | General Manager                 |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/39                      | <p>Industrial Land Subdivision proposal for Walgett- For Council's consideration.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Keir</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | General Manager                 | 26/07/2012 Land sales to fund project being facilitated.                                                                            | General Manager                 |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/40                      | <p>Residential Land Subdivision for Lightning Ridge- For Council's consideration.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Martinez</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | General Manager                 | 26/07/2012 Land sales to fund project being facilitated.                                                                            | General Manager                 |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/41                      | <p>That Council accept the offer of \$250,000 by Thiyama-Li Family Violence Service Inc for the purchase of lot 25 DP 539526 Wee Waa Street Walgett known as the (Old Medical Centre building) in accordance with the right of first refusal contained in the current lease agreement for the premises, the existing toilet block be subdivided off the existing title and the necessary planning and legal documentation be prepared and executed under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Martinez</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        | General Manager                 | 26/07/2012 Letter drafted for Purchaser regarding the Subdivision for Toilets.                                                      | General Manager                 |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/42                      | <p>1. Council note the Invoice of \$8,096.00 including GST sent by Booth Brown, Samuels &amp; Olney on 31 May 2012.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | General Manager                 | 26/07/2012 Land sales being investigated. And copies of contracts obtained.                                                         | General Manager                 |  |

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|              |           | <p>2. Council pay the outstanding Invoice of \$8,096.00 inclusive of GST to Booth Brown Samuels &amp; Olney for costs and disbursements in relation to 38 unsold properties prepared under instruction from Walgett Shire Council.</p> <p>3. Council resolve to offer this land for Sale</p> <p>1. A further report be prepared detailing the most appropriate arrangements with regards Sale.</p> <p>2. That Council's Solicitors be requested to provide copies of the draft contracts of Sale prior to Council making payment of the invoice now received.</p> <p><b>Moved: Clr Lane</b><br/><b>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</b></p> |                                  |                                                                                                                                              |                                  |  |
| 24 July 2012 | 7/2012/45 | <p>1. That Council receive and note tenders for the RFT 12/006 and not accept any tender-Walgett Aerodrome resealing</p> <p>2. That Council negotiate with the two lowest tenders with a view to reducing the tendered prices and, if not successful, that the scope of works be reduce and fresh tenders be called.</p> <p><b>Moved: Clr Martinez</b><br/><b>Seconded: Clr Lane</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director of Engineering Services | <p>Negotiations in progress, revised plans and specifications are in progress.</p> <p>Site meeting on 23/11/202 for further negotiation.</p> | Director of Engineering Services |  |

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## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012

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| 28 August 2012 | 8/2012/3  | That the Resolution Register for July 2012 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Greenaway<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager                        | Outstanding issues being followed-up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | General Manager               |  |
| 28 August 2012 | 8/2012/11 | The Rates Outstanding to 30th June 2012 report detailing outstanding rates, being a total amount of \$1,395,089.40 to 30 June 2012 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Woodcock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Director Corporate Services            | Debt recovery procedures to be implemented to reduce level of outstanding rates.<br><br>Section 713 sale proposed for March 2013.<br>First reminder letters sent.<br><br>Rate recovery ongoing Sec 713 properties to be presented to the December Meeting.<br><br>11/12/2012 Sec 713 Sale of Land for overdue rates report to December Meeting. | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 28 August 2012 | 8/2012/26 | 1. That Council note the Cemetery Road Entrance Report.<br>2. That Council staff take action to carry out minimal gravelling work from the various maintenance votes to enable limited vehicle access during wet weather as soon as possible.<br>3. That Council gravel the Carinda Cemetery access and re-sheet the Collarenebri Cemetery road access.<br>4. The General Manager report back to Council advising the costs involved.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Greenaway<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | Engineering Services to carry out the works. 18/09/2012 Report for September Meeting.<br><br>Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri cemetery access work has been awarded to contractor.<br><br>Trying to find feasible Quarry for Carinda cemetery access gravel work.                                                                               | Director Engineering services |  |

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| 28 August 2012 | 8/2012/27                      | <p>That Council receive and note the monthly July 2012 flood restoration works report.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Greenaway<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Lane</p> <p>That Council investigate the upgrade of alternative access (all weather road) via Kurrajong road to Brewarrina road (SH29W) and also from Kurrajong road into the Grawin.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p> | <p>Director Engineering Services</p> <p>General Manager</p> | <p>The estimated cost for Kurrajong Road to Brewarrina Road (SH29W) is \$1.10 million (for 51.80km * 8m * 0.20m) Graveling for Kurrajong rd to turnoff (18.90km * 8 * .20) \$400000.00</p>                                                  | <p>Director Engineering Services</p> <p>General Manager</p> |  |
| 28 August 2012 | 8/2012/32                      | <p>That the proposal to consider the acquisition of a street sweeper be referred to Council's Plant committee for further investigation and report.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Director Urban Infrastructure Services</p>               | <p>Further investigation is being carried out. A Report will be submitted at the October Meeting.</p> <p>Already referred to the Plant Committee for further investigation.</p> <p>07/12/2012<br/>Refer to 24 July 2012 response above.</p> | <p>Director Urban Infrastructure Services</p>               |  |
| 28 August 2012 | 8/2012/35                      | <p>1 That Council receive revised policy AFM- Gates and Grids on Public roads.<br/>2. Note the gates and grids on public roads procedures.<br/>3. Place draft revised Policy on Public exhibition for 28 days and invite comment from the Community prior to considering formal adoption.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p>                                                  | <p>Director Engineering Services</p>                        | <p>Will be in Newspapers on 20/09/2012.</p> <p>Public Exhibition submission.</p> <p>Submitting a report with Public submission on 27/11/2012 Council Meeting.</p>                                                                           | <p>Director Engineering Services</p>                        |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>Cllr Greenaway has requested that an inspection be carried out on the causeway on SR 5, between SR 123 and SR 16, has this been done?</p> <p><b>Cllr Greenaway</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Director Engineering Services</p>                        | <p>Has been programmed. Starts from 24/09/2012.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p>                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Director Engineering Services</p>                        |  |

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| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Are the rates being paid on the property "Eurool"; Between Walgett and Collarenebri?<br><b>Clr Greenaway</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Corporate Services             | Property is currently non-rateable.<br><br>Letter written to Indigenous Land Corporation.<br><br>Awaiting response from Indigenous Land Corporation.<br><br>11/12/2012 Phoned I.C.C who advised that property is to be leased to Local Indigenous Group from 1/01/2013.<br>Advice by letter expected prior to Christmas. | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Noted that Gosford City Council valued our sister city relationship and would like to ensure that this relationship is fostered, ensuring we communicate regularly to ensure both Councils are aware of upcoming events. Gosford Council also noted that they would have been interested in sharing their Engineers for the Floods at the beginning of the year.<br><b>Clr Lane</b> | General Manager                         | 18/09/2012<br>To be followed up with Gosford City Council after elections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | General Manager                         |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | What is the current progress of Shirley Wilson's application for water connection?<br><b>Clr Smith</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | Letter sent on 07/09/2012 to Ms Wilson requesting her to finalise application.<br><br>Application has been made by Kenneth Allan (new owner) who Andrew Wilson spoke to on 6/12/2012 who advised that land owners consent was in the post to formalise activity application.                                             | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The signs at the service station at Collarenebri need to be investigated as they are not big enough to be noticed and therefore are causing a potential hazard.<br><b>Clr Smith</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Director Urban & Infrastructure         | Referred to Traffic Management Committee for information and discussion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Director Engineering Services           |  |

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|                |                                |                                                                                                              |                                                                                | Joint investigation with both departments carried out on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the bank house at Collarenebri be fixed ASAP?<br><b>Clr Smith</b>                                        | Director Planning & Regulatory Services<br><br>Director Urban & Infrastructure | 13/09/2012. Scope of works being finalised for tender purposes. Approximate cost to repair is \$90,000. Too costly and recommended by Health Surveyor to sell the property.<br><br>No further action required by Planning and Regulatory Services.                                                                                                                                                              | Director Planning & Regulatory Services<br><br>Director Urban & Infrastructure |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can there be sign put up at the Rowena camping site?<br><b>Clr Smith</b>                                     | Director Urban & Infrastructure                                                | There is no camping site in Rowena, therefore, no sign is required.<br><br>Completed activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Director Urban & Infrastructure                                                |  |
| 28 August 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The George Street house yard in Collarenebri is overgrown can this please be dealt with?<br><b>Clr Smith</b> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services                                        | Ongoing observation will be conducted by the Regulatory Officer to notify of any overgrown properties.<br><br>Letters to be sent once Council has determined a mowing charge, see report to 27/11/2012 Council Meeting.<br><br>Council ranger confirming lots are still overgrown and any additional lots that need to be added to list.<br><br>Letters to be sent ASAP being the 2nd and 3rd weeks of December | Director Planning & Regulatory Services                                        |  |

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## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012

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| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2012 | 9/2012/   | That the minutes of the North West Slopes and Plains Co-operative Library service held on the 3rd September 2012 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | General Manager               | MTG of GM's to be arranged.<br>15/10/2012<br>Meeting arranged for 25/10/2012                                                                                           | General Manager               |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2012 | 9/2012/7  | That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 34-37 from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | General Manager               | Action being taken as required.                                                                                                                                        | General Manager               |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2012 | 9/2012/8  | That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-30 TO 12-34 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circular to Councils 12-30 – September 2012 Local Government Elections- Answers to commonly asked questions about pre-election requirements</li> <li>• Circular to Councils 12-31 – End of Year Financial reporting 2012</li> <li>• Circulars to Council 12-32 – Modernisation of Local Government Legislation</li> <li>• Circulars to Council 12-33 – 2012 Councillor Workshop</li> <li>• Circulars to Council 12-34 – 2012 Local Government Elections – Survey of Candidates and Councillors</li> </ul> <b>Moved:</b> Cllr Greenaway<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Keir | General Manager               | Action being taken as required.<br><br>12/30 No further Action<br><br>12/31 No further Action<br><br>12/32 No further Action<br><br>12/33 Pending<br><br>12/34 Pending | General Manager               |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2012 | 9/2012/22 | That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Greenaway<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Woodcock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Engineering Services | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2012 | 9/2012/23 | Lightning Ridge \$2640 (from cemetery maintenance vote)<br>Carinda \$32,260 (from unsealed roads maintenance vote)<br>Collarenebri \$10,000 (from unsealed roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services | Action being taken as required.<br><br>Work in progress.                                                                                                               | Director Engineering Services |  |



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|                     |                                | <p>maintenance vote)<br/>And Burren Junction be deferred until the next financial year.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Greenaway</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Keir</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                               |  |
| 25th September 2012 | 9/2012/24                      | <p>That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Walford</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Engineering Services | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | 9/2012/27                      | <p>That Council accepts tenders for RFT12/009 – Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting Pty. Ltd in the sum of \$665, 468.10 for the construction of a Pre-Cast Concrete Box Culvert to replace the Wangan Bridge.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Keir</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Lane</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services | <p>Tender acceptance letter has been sent out.</p> <p>Work commenced on 05/11/2012</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | 9/2012/28                      | <p>1. That Council accepts tenders for RFT12/003 – P W Concrete and Gravel in the sum of \$694, 260.60 for the replacement of the Grawin Creek Boc Culvert noting that although this tender is 1.5% higher than the lowest tender it provides for a "cast in situ" option.</p> <p>2. Seek confirmation from RMS that the cost of replacement will be fully funded under the 2012 Flood Damage Program.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Woodcock</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Greenaway</b></p> | Director Engineering Services | <p>Tender acceptance letter has been sent out.</p> <p>Negotiation is in progress.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>When will the new boat ramp be installed on the river at Collarenebri?<br/><b>Cllr Greenaway</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services | <p>This will be installed in November 2012. Submitting a report on 27/11/2012 Council Meeting for approval.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>When will the toilet be installed at the Collarenebri Tennis Club House as money has been placed in reserves?<br/><b>Cllr Greenaway</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Urban Infrastructure | <p>There is no money placed in reserves as it was left out of last year's budget to enable court improvement to be done.</p> <p>Still there is \$7,000 in the reserve budget. A new line budget is to be formulated in 2012/13 to accommodate the new construction.</p> <p>07/12/2012<br/>Completed task.</p> | Director Urban Infrastructure |  |

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| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | When will the pavers be installed on the eastern side of Collarenebri Main street, also are there enough pavers to complete the whole street?<br><b>Clr Greenaway</b> | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  | The Kerb and Guttering replacement needs to be completed first; the corner Herbert & Walgett Streets (L side going to Moree) before paving can be started.<br>There is not enough funds for the construction of the Kerb & Guttering. A new line budget is to be formulated in 2012/13 to accommodate the new construction. Once completed pavers will be installed.<br><br>07/12/2012<br>Completed task. | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | When will patching and flood works repairs be carried out on SR67 Mission Road Collarenebri?<br><b>Clr Greenaway</b>                                                  | Director Engineering Services           | This has been programmed for February 2013                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Director Engineering Services           |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | What is going to be done about the illegal water connections in Lightning Ridge?<br><b>Clr Woodcock</b>                                                               | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | DPRS & DUIS to prepare a report for Council's consideration. Report will consider; members of connection's ( authorised & unauthorised) cost of upgrading main to maintain flow at airport etc<br><br>Director Urban Infrastructure Services investigating illegal connections as of 6/12/12 ongoing                                                                                                      | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the footpath in front of the pizza shop in Lightning Ridge be investigated- as it is dangerous?<br><b>Clr Woodcock</b>                                            | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  | Discussed the issue with the owners of the Pizza shop twice. A letter was sent to submit appropriate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  |  |

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|                     |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                        | <p>plan for consideration and be prepared for the removal and/or rectification of works completed. Still in negotiations with the pizza owners.</p> <p>07/12/2012<br/>Investigation completed. Remedial repairs is scheduled in January 2013.</p>                                                                                                             |                                        |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>Can the attitude displayed by some staff to the community be changed to one which is more positive and helpful rather one which is regulatory and enforced based?</p> <p><b>Clr Woodcock</b></p> | General Manager                        | <p>Issue raised with staff, customer service provision being reviewed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                        |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>Can the footpaths at Lightning Ridge be investigated and the beatification of the main street investigated?</p> <p><b>Clr Martinez</b></p>                                                       | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | <p>A footpath valuation report was produced in 2010 where footpaths at Lightning Ridge were identified. A brief is to be prepared for beatification of the Main Street that would include Footpaths, Seats, Gardens, Kerb and Guttering and storm water systems. In progress.</p>                                                                             | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>Can the beatification of CBD in Lightning Ridge be investigated in particular gardens, seats, flags or coloured lights?</p> <p><b>Clr Walford</b></p>                                            | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | <p>Please refer to the above response regarding the beautification. Discussed with Clr Walford the installation of coloured lights and flags similar to Walgett's Main Street. Clr Walford to determine the type of flags he requires. Clr Walford already determined the type of flag he requires. This will be included in the brief.</p> <p>07/12/2012</p> | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |

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|                     |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        | Beautification Program and consultation to commence in the first quarter of 2013. Completed task.                                                                                                                                     |                                        |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can play equipment be put in the park on the corner of Opal Street and Butterfly Avenue?<br><b>Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                                                  | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | Not required, however trees with tree guards will be planted. To schedule the tree planting.<br><br>07/12/2012 Refer to the answer provided to Clr. Martinez above. Completed task.                                                   | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can a 40km zone and crossing be placed near the Lightning Ridge Preschool?<br><b>Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                                                                | Director Urban Infrastructure          | Request has been forwarded to the Director Engineering Services to discuss at the Traffic Committee meeting. Waiting for the decision from the Traffic Committee. 07/12/2012 Still waiting for the decision of the Traffic Committee. | Director Urban Infrastructure          |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can we upgrade the first 200 metres of Bugilbone road from the end of the bitumen at the Namoi River towards Burren Junction? This is the spot where the road is the worst and holds up traffic after rain.<br><b>Clr Lane</b>                                  | Director Engineering Services          | Estimated cost is \$28,000 and will be done under maintenance budget.<br><br>Work in progress.                                                                                                                                        | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | On the Lorne Road SR98 why was the first 300 meters of the road not graded when the rest of the roads was graded? The rest of the road is in excellent condition; it is only the first section at the Lightning Ridge end which is terrible.<br><b>Clr Lane</b> | Director Engineering Services          | Inspected and scheduled under maintenance budget.<br><br>Has been awarded to contractor.                                                                                                                                              | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the light which shines on the corner of Pandora Street and Opal Street (from Khan's Store) be investigated as it is shining in drivers eyes at night.<br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                                  | Director Urban Infrastructure          | Investigated. Will discuss with Country Energy for re-adjustment.<br><br>07/12/2012 Discussion still in progress.                                                                                                                     | Director Urban Infrastructure          |  |

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| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the Grawin Road be upgraded?<br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                    | Director Engineering Services | Estimates for work are in progress.<br><br>Meeting with RMS in progress.                                                                                                                                                      | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the Burren Junction Bore Sewage dump point be fast tracked?<br><b>Clr Murray</b>                                     | Director Urban Infrastructure | Activity application approved received quotes to undertake the job; Expected completion early November.<br>To be completed before the Council Meeting in Burren Junction this month.<br><br>07/12/2012<br>Completed activity. | Director Urban Infrastructure |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the old banners in the Walgett Shire Council be removed and replaced?<br><b>Clr Murray</b>                           | General Manager               | 15/10/2012 New banners to be designed, old banner to be removed.                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager               |  |
| 25th September 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the SR 64 Road be investigated as it requires gravelling from Wimbledon Road to Gingie Reserve?<br><b>Clr Murray</b> | Director Engineering Services | Need further discussions with Management.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Engineering Services |  |

### Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/4 | That the Resolution Register for September 2012 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> <b>Clr Walford</b><br><b>Seconded:</b> <b>Clr Keir</b> | General Manager | Outstanding issues being followed up. | General Manager |  |
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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/5  | That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 38-41 from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Walford<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager               | Action being taken as required.                         | General Manager               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/6  | That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-35 to 12-36 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.<br><br>Circulars 12-35 – Councillor Handbook (Formerly Councillor Guide)<br>Circular 12-36 – Update to the; <i>Notice of Intention to Declare a Dog a restricted Dog</i> <i>Approved Form</i><br>Circular 12-37 – Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme – Round Two<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Cooper<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Taylor | General Manager               | Action being taken as required.                         | General Manager               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/8  | That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted;<br>- Western Council leaders to appear at NSW Government Inquiry<br>- Letter from Mark Coulton MP Federal Member for Parkes<br>- Murray Darling National Conference and AGM<br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Cooper<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager               | Action being taken as required.                         | General Manager               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/17 | That Council adopt the Community Engagement Strategy for the Review of the Ten Year Community Strategic Plan as presented.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Corporate Services   | Planning for engagement material and events continuing. | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/24 | That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for October, 2012.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Cooper<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Woodcock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services | Ongoing                                                 | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | 10/2012/25 | That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for October 2012.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Engineering Services | Ongoing                                                 | Director Engineering Services |  |

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | What is being done with the illegal water connections in Lightning Ridge?<br><b>Clr Woodcock</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                                                                                                                           |                               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can an investigation be completed into purchasing a kerb & guttering machine and completing these works in house?<br><b>Clr Woodcock</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services          | Did not receive any prices during the Tender Stage and currently dealing with supplier.                                   | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | What is the progress on the sale of the old Medical Building in Wee Waa Street?<br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager                        | The sale is subject to a subdivision to allow a general title to be established for the old toilet block.                 | General Manager               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Are we progressing with the Walgett Industrial and Lightning Ridge residential subdivision proposal?<br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager                        | Funding for the drafting of subdivision plans is being sourced from other land sales which will be completed shortly.     | General Manager               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | When will the Wangan Bridge RP7716 construction to begin?<br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Engineering Services          | Commenced from 05/11/2012                                                                                                 | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Clr Keir would like it noted that the Walgett Hospital has not had a Health Service Manager or Unit Manager on a permanent basis in the last two and a half years. A Health Service Manager was appointed 22/10/2012. Can these positions within the Walgett Hospital be monitored to ensure they are filled on permanent basis?<br><b>Clr Keir</b> | General Manager                        | The new permanent Health Services Manager Mr Stephen Joyce commenced duties on 22/10/2012. Situation will be monitored.   | General Manager               |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can an investigation be conducted on the whereabouts of the new tables which were in the Town Hall Collarenebri?<br><b>Clr Greenaway</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Corporate Services            | Matter in progress.<br><br>11/12/2012 Matter investigated. Advised no new tables missing, some old damaged tables dumped. | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Instead of the graveling at Mercantile road being completed can the Shire road 5 be sealed?<br><b>Clr Greenaway</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Director Engineering Services          | SR5 is in Barwon Road Project.                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services |  |

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The signs on RR329 where there is flood damage near Merrywinebone and the turn off for Rowena have been removed. Can signs be replaced?<br><br><b>Clr Greenaway</b>                                   | Director Engineering Services          | Action being taken.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the Dick O'Brien bridge area be tidied up and the cleanliness of the area monitored as recently a bin was left upturned for two weeks. Also this area requires slashing.<br><br><b>Clr Cooper</b> | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | This need to be referred to Rural Infrastructure Services.<br><br>Referred already to Director Engineering Services for action.<br><br>07/12/2012 An instruction has been issued to have a second bin installed at the stop. | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the fence on the corner of Peel and Warrena Street be investigated as it has blown over and is on the nature strip?<br><br><b>Clr Cooper</b>                                                      | Director Engineering Services          | Investigated notice of attention has been issued.                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Concerns have been raised regarding the new access to the R.T.A Depot in Fox Street, is Council confident that traffic for Fox Street will not be interrupted?<br><br><b>Clr Cooper</b>               | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | Limited RTA vehicles will be using the new access therefore no interruptions should be experienced.                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the remaining paving in the Ridge be measured to establish the cost to complete the job?<br><br><b>Clr Martinez</b>                                                                               | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | Noted. To be included in the beautification program.<br><br>07/12/2012 Beautification Program and consultation to commence in the first quarter of 2013. Completed task.                                                     | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Due to the housing shortage can Council look at building/purchasing a home for senior staff in Lightning Ridge?<br><br><b>Clr Martinez</b>                                                            | General Manager                        | The General Manager advises that it is proposed to construct two new homes for senior staff in Lightning Ridge in the new Council subdivision as a method of promoting                                                       | General Manager                        |  |



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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can a Police committee within Council be established?<br><b>Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | General Manager                         | The General Manager advised senior Local Police are prepared to meet with Council on a regular basis. Rather than a "Police Committee", a community safety committee may be a better option of addressing any community concerns. | General Manager                         |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can a leash free area for dogs in Lightning Ridge be established? The unused Tennis Courts in Lightning Ridge is the suggested site.<br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                                                                         | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | To be subject of future Council report.<br><br>Report completed and sent to the General Managers Assistant to be included in the December agenda.                                                                                 | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council organise funding for improvements to the Lightning Ridge Race Club for improvements to the bar area, new stone ovens and upgrade the existing cool room?<br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                                         | Director Corporate Services             | Matter referred to MANEX group for further investigation.<br><br>Matter still to be determined at MANEX.                                                                                                                          | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council ensure it is being helpful with its assistance to the Grawin Club in the Scrub committee with regard their request to update the sanitation requirements of the club.<br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                            | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | Noted. No action required at this time.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can Council approach Western Lands for funding for grading of non-Council roads linking the tourist sites in the Shire? i.e. Western Lands / Parks & Wildlife own the Lightning Ridge Caravan park and this action would benefit their clients and visitors.<br><b>Clr Taylor</b> | Director Engineering Services           | Letter will be sent out regarding this matter.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services           |  |

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## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/6 | <p>That the minutes of the Collarenebri Precinct Meeting held on the 23rd October 2012 be received and noted and the following comments forwarded to the committee.</p> <p>1. Main Street Paving / Fencing</p> <p>Will be the subject of a programme being developed to upgrade and beautify the Main Streets in the three larger towns in the Shire. This process will include appropriate community consultation.</p> <p>2. Primitive Camping Ground issues / improvements</p> <p>The issues raised will be investigated in conjunction with the 2013/2014 budget and revised ten year Community Strategic Plan.</p> <p>3. Collarenebri Agency / Residence</p> <p>Council has pledged to consult the local community prior to taking any action in regard to these functions / facilities. Council has prepared a cost estimate to bring the residence up to a reasonable condition. The operation of the Agency continues to be monitored but it is premature to make any decision as to how it may operate in the future.</p> <p>4. Council's Website</p> <p>Is maintained within the limit of available resources. It now forms part of the functions of Council's new Information Services Co-ordinator.</p> <p>5. Correspondence</p> <p>Council procedures are currently under review to ensure appropriate action is taken promptly in respect of all incoming correspondence and verbal enquiries.</p> <p>6. Collarenebri School</p> <p>Council is not in a position to comment on the activities of the Government Agencies.</p> <p>7. Driveway Entrances</p> | General Manager | Letter sent to Collarenebri Precinct Committee | General Manager |  |
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|                                      |            | <p>Some work has already been done to improve stormwater drainage and driveway entrances. There are limited funds available for these improvements and if the committee provides a list or individual owners contact Council we will endeavour to undertake improvements in order of priority.</p> <p>8. Notice Board</p> <p>Relocation of this notice board is being investigated.</p> <p>9. Flood Damage- Maitland Street</p> <p>Council has a twelve month program for flood repairs across the Shire with high priority works receiving preference.</p> <p>10. Collarenebri Newsletter</p> <p>Council is prepared to photocopy the proposed newsletter once the costs of producing it are available. Someone will have to be prepared to take responsibility for any editorial comment.</p> <p>It is proposed \$500 be allocated for each Precinct Committee's incidental expenses.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Greenaway<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Martinez</p> |                 |                                                         |                 |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/12 | <p>That:</p> <p>1. The Mayor and the following Councillors be members of the 2013 Australia Day Awards Judging panel Cllr Cooper and Cllr Taylor.</p> <p>2. The Mayor be the chairperson of the Judging panel.</p> <p>3. The Mayor and Councillors on the Panel be authorised to determine community members of the Panel and to invite community members to join the Panel.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Greenaway<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager | Arrangements being made.                                | General Manager |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/13 | <p>That in accordance with the requirements of Sections 361, 362 and 363 of the Local Act 1993 as amended Council adopt the draft "Policy – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors Policy".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Cooper<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | General Manager | The Department will be notified of the Policy adoption. | General Manager |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/15 | <p>That Council consider the adoption of the revised Precinct Committee guidelines.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Greenaway<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | General Manager | Letters to be drafted for Precinct Committees.          | General Manager |  |

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| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/16 | <p>1. Council operations close from Friday 21st to Monday 31st inclusive and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.</p> <p>2. The closedown be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.</p> <p>3. Note the Outdoor Staff shutdown period from Friday 21 December, 2012 to Monday 14 January 2013.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager             | The closedown periods will be advertised in the local newspapers the week commencing the 10 <sup>th</sup> December. | General Manager             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/17 | <p>That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013 National General Assembly (NGA)</li> <li>Registration for roundtable – IPART's Local Government Compliance &amp; Enforcement Red review</li> <li>Announcement of Rural Health Advisory Committee</li> <li>ABC Television- Series on renovation and preservation of our Australia Heritage.</li> <li>ANZAC Day Commemorations, 25 April 2015 – Gallipoli Peninsula Turkey.</li> <li>Carols by Candlelight - Walgett Shire Council</li> <li>National Local Roads and Transport Congress</li> <li>Motions for 2013 "C" Division and Western Division Conferences</li> <li>Additional Flood Damage Grant</li> <li>Regional Development Australia Fund Grants – Round 3</li> <li>IPART Rate increase Submission</li> <li>Plant Committee Meeting</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Greenaway</p> | General Manager             | Action being taken as appropriate.                                                                                  | General Manager             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/19 | <p>That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter to 30 September be received and noted.</p> <p>That the proposed variations included within the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter to 30 September be adopted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Corporate Services | 11/12/2012 Finance Manager advised.                                                                                 | Director Corporate Services |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/20 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the applications from eligible non-profit organisations as per the attached list be approved and the rebates on rates and charges as detailed therein be granted.</li> <li>That a policy and program criteria for the provision of rebates of rates and charges to non-profit organisation be developed for consideration by the council.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Corporate Services | 11/12/2012 Finance Manager advised.                                                                                 | Director Corporate Services |  |

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|                                      |            | <b>Moved:</b> Clr Keir<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                         |                                                                                                                                            |                                         |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/21 | <p>That Council adopt the fee of \$130 per hour or part hour plus GST (subject to a minimum charge of half an hour) for the slashing of urban allotments.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Greenaway<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                | Director Corporate Services             | 11/12/2012 Fees & charges updated.                                                                                                         | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/22 | <p>That the Walgett Shire Council resolves to delegate to the General Manager the authority to accept the best quotes for the \$1m loan to be taken out in respect to the Wangan Bridge project and the \$1m loan to be taken out in respect to the Walgett Aerodrome Upgrade project.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford</p>                                                   | Director Corporate Services             | 11/12/2012 Finance Manager advised.                                                                                                        | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/23 | <p>That authorisation be allocated to the Mayor and General Manager to sign and affix the Council seal to two copies of the two Funding Agreements for the 4% interest subsidy under the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS), as well as completing any other documentation associated with the funding agreement.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir</p>      | Director Corporate Services             | 11/12/2012 Finance Manager advised                                                                                                         | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/25 | <p>That in accordance with the requirements of Sections 361, 362 and 363 of the Local Act 1993 as amended Council adopt the "Policy – National Quality Framework for Children's services".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Keir<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                    | Director Corporate Services             | 11/12/2012 Policies implemented in Youth Centres.                                                                                          | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/26 | <p>1. That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.</p> <p>2. That Mr Andrew Fletcher and Mr David Honner be confirmed as members of the Walgett Shire Council Audit and Risk Management Committee and that the Mayor Cr G Murray be appointed as Alternate Delegate.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Greenaway</p> | Director Corporate Services             | 11/12/2012 Advise to be included on next A & RM Agenda.                                                                                    | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/29 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <p>1. Publicly exhibit the draft Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2012 for a minimum of six weeks.</p> <p>2. Undertake public exhibition consultation via:<br/>           (a) Advertising in Council's newspaper column within the</p>                                                                                                                       | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | Was placed on public exhibit on 28 November 2012 and information sessions will be undertaken in Walgett and Lightning Ridge in the week of | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |

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|                                      |            | <p>Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.<br/> (b) Notification letters to Council's precinct committees and community working parties.<br/> (c) Making digital (PDF) copies of the document available via Council's web site.<br/> (d) Making hard copies of the document available at the Council office at Walgett, Council office at Collarenebri and the Library at Lightning Ridge.<br/> (e) Holding public information sessions at Walgett and Lightning Ridge.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Keir</p> |                                        | 10- 14 December.<br>Ongoing.         |                                        |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/33 | <p>1. Council note the Namoi-Peel Customer Services Committee Minutes of Meeting held at State Water Conference Room, Keepit Dam on 05 September 2012.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                                      | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/34 | <p>1. That Council endorse the option of using the Wimbledon Road and constructing an additional route along the Levee Bank to service north / south traffic as the proposed alternative Heavy Vehicle route for Walgett and<br/> 2. This issue be included for discussion in Councils review of the Ten Year Community Strategic Plan.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                 | Director Engineering Services          | Searching for funding is in progress | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/35 | <p>1. Council adopt the revised Policy – Gates and Grids on Public Roads- (November 2012).<br/> 2. Council acknowledge receipt of the submission from the public.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services          | Upload to web site is in progress.   | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/36 | <p>That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for November 2012.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Cooper<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services          | On going                             | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/37 | <p>That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for November 2012 and endorse action taken to endeavour to secure additional funds to maintain safe access to the Grawin / Glengarry Opal Fields via the Kurrajong road and access road across Western Lands Leases.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Lane<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services          | Additional work is in progress       | Director Engineering Services          |  |

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| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/38                     | 1) That Council agrees to the use of "Polycom" on a suitable black soil local road after / and / or verifying validity of product effectiveness.<br>2) Sets aside \$30,000 from the Shire road maintenance budget to cover the costs of the trial.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Lane</b> | Director Engineering Services          | Has been programmed for SR 123 – west of railway track in Rowena                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | When will the Lightning Ridge netball courts be finalised?<br><br><b>Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Director Engineering Services          | Has been postponed to 8/12/2012 due to the last rain.                                                                                                                                     | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can a second rubbish bin be placed at the Dick O'brien Bridge (one for each end of the stop)?<br><br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services          | 7/12/2012 – An instruction to install a second bin has been issued.                                                                                                                       | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council investigate the current cost of electricity for the street lighting in the towns within the Shire and complete a cost comparison of the current street lightning to solar or LED.<br><br><b>Clr Taylor</b>                                                                                            | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 07/12/2012 In progress.                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council investigate the use of ipads for the distribution of the Council Business Paper?<br><br><b>Clr Lane</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | General Manager                        | 11/12/2012 The cost and use of ipads will be the subject of a report to the February 2013 Meeting.                                                                                        | General Manager                        |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Can the Lightning Ridge subdivision be expedited?<br><br><b>Clr Woodcock</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | General Manager                        | 11/12/2012 Negotiations have commenced with Western Lands for the acquisition of the land and also obtaining quotations for survey and design works.                                      | General Manager                        |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Has any discussion taken place with the street sweeper in regards to his services provided?<br><br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | General Manager                        | 11/12/2012 The matter will be listed for consideration at the next meeting Plant Committee meeting. Prior to the meeting discussions will be held with the current operator / contractor. | General Manager                        |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions for the next meeting | Has the Carinda Cemetery re-gravelling commenced?<br><br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services          | Local gravel pit has been full of water and waiting for receding of water.                                                                                                                | Director Engineering Services          |  |



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| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | Questions<br>for the next<br>meeting | Have we decided on the format the Dick Colless Memorial scholarship will take?<br><br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager               | 11/12/2012<br>Applications of the Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship will be called early in January, 2013. A copy of the application form will be tabled at the December Council Meeting. | General Manager               |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/40                           | That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in the engagement of IMF (Australia) Ltd to act on behalf of Walgett Shire Council in relation to the action against Lehman Brothers (Asia) Ltd as per this report.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Lane</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Corporate Services   | 11/12/2012 Matter Progressing.                                                                                                                                                            | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/41                           | 1) Endorses the General Manager's action in accepting the offer of \$26,000 each including GST for Lot 40 & Lot 58 DP837866<br>2) Instruct solicitors Booth, Brown, Samuels and Olney to draw up the Contracts of Sale for Lots 40 and 58 DP 837866 at Lightning Ridge at \$26,000 each including GST.<br>3) That the Contracts be executed under the Common Seal of Council.<br>4) Income from the Land Sale be used to fund the development of the proposed new residential subdivision at Lightning Ridge.<br><b>Moved: Clr Cooper</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Lane</b> | General Manager               | 28/11/2012<br>Instructions issued.<br>6/12/2012 Land acquisition being negotiated.                                                                                                        | General Manager               |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/42                           | That Council accepts the tender for RFT12/010 from Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting Pty. Ltd. in the sum of \$48,235.00 being the lowest tender received.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Greenaway</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Walford</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services | Contract has been awarded.                                                                                                                                                                | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2012 | 11/2012/44                           | That Council advise the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage that it will provide additional funding of \$166,166 in the 2012 / 2013 Budget for its proportion of the project funding should funding of \$1m be made available by the NSW Office of Environment for the Walgett Levee Refurbishment and Rehabilitation Project.<br><br>That the General Manager be delegated the authority to accept a funding offer should one be received.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Lane</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Taylor</b>                                                            | Director Corporate Services   | 11/12/2012 Matter Progressing.                                                                                                                                                            | Director Corporate Services   |  |

## **15.2 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012**

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

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### **Summary:**

Copies of weekly circulars number 46-48 received from the Local Government and Shires Association since the October 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 46**

Item 4 – State your case – Tourism  
Item 6 – Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program 2013/14

#### **Issue 47**

Item 4 - Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Joint Select Committee – call for submissions  
Item 5 – The Case for Sustainable Change  
Item 10 – Proposed new Local Land Services boundaries  
Item 11 – Roadside Vegetation Grants  
Item 12 – Senior Executive Staff Remuneration  
Item 18 – Recent amendments to the EP&A Act  
Item 21 – ALGA National State of the Assets Report 2012  
Item 22 – Draft NSW Freight and Ports Strategy

#### **Issue 48**

Item 5 – Emergency Legislation Amendment Bill 2012  
Item 8 – IPART – Rate Peg Determination 2013/14  
Item 9 – Local Government Workforce and Employment Census  
Item 16 – Murray Darling Basin Plan – Final Plan  
Item 17 – Review of Urban Water Regulation in NSW – Discussion Paper

### **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.

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### 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 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW

#### Recommendation:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 46-48 from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

#### Moved:

#### Seconded:

### Attachments:

Nil

**15.3 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET – NOVEMBER  
/DECEMBER 2012**

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

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**Summary:**

Copies of circulars received 12-42 to 12-43 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 12/42 – Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils  
Circular 12/43 – Swimming Pool Safety Campaign 2012

All circulars have been emailed to Councillors prior to Council meeting.

**Current Position**

Circular 12/42 – Council Report on Draft Policy  
Circular 12/43 – Council Report on Local Action

**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

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### **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.

### **CIRCULAR RECEIVED FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – December 2012**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-42 to 12-43 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

Circulars received 12-42 to 12-43 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet



Premier & Cabinet  
Division of Local Government

## Circular to Councils

Circular No. 12-42  
Date 26 November 2012  
Doc ID. A306155

Contact Innovation  
(02) 4428 4100

### MODEL ASBESTOS POLICY FOR NSW COUNCILS

#### Purpose

To release the Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils.

#### Issue

- The Model Asbestos Policy, with a supporting Guide, has been developed by the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities (HACA), as part of the NSW Government's response to the NSW Ombudsman Report, *Responding to the asbestos problem: The need for significant reform in NSW*. The Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils and the accompanying Guide, *Developing Your Council's Asbestos Policy: A Guide to the Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils* has been prepared by the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA).
- The Model Asbestos Policy and the supporting Guide are available on the Division's website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au). They are also available on the LGSA and HACA websites.
- The LGSA have been funded to assist councils develop local asbestos policies using the Model Policy. Further information is available on the LGSA website or by contacting Ms Amy Lovesey, Project Manager - Asbestos Policy, Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, Telephone: (02) 9242 4128 or Email: [amy.lovesey@lgsa.org.au](mailto:amy.lovesey@lgsa.org.au).

#### Action

- Councils are expected to formally adopt an asbestos policy to enable them to fulfil their legislative obligations relating to asbestos management. In developing this policy councils should consider the Model Asbestos Policy and Guide.
- Councils that already have an asbestos policy are strongly encouraged to review the policy and amend it as necessary to ensure the policy is consistent with the Model Policy, in particular, that it is up to date and comprehensive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Woodward'.

Ross Woodward  
Chief Executive, Local Government  
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet



Premier & Cabinet  
Division of Local Government

## Circular to Councils

Circular No. 12-43  
Date 3 December 2012  
Doc ID. A296610

Contact Grant Astill  
Principal Policy Officer  
Development Team

### SWIMMING POOL SAFETY CAMPAIGN 2012

#### Purpose

To ask all NSW councils to undertake a swimming pool safety education campaign as part of the 2012/2013 swimming season.

#### Issue

- The swimming season commenced on 1 October 2012.
- The NSW Government is committed to reducing the incidence of young children drowning and near drowning in pools and spas.
- The most effective way to prevent drowning or near-drowning is for children to be adequately supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. Properly installed and maintained barrier fencing also assists in reducing the incidence of drowning in backyard pools.
- The *Swimming Pools Act 1992* requires councils to promote awareness of pool and spa safety within their local government areas and the Division has developed a number of resources to assist councils.
- A limited supply of the Division's Swimming Pool Laws Brochure and Home Swimming Pool Safety Checklist can be obtained by contacting Salmat on telephone 02 9311 9899 or fax 02 9311 1076. There is no cost to councils for these existing stocks.
- The brochure, checklist and other important information relating to backyard swimming pools can be found on the Division's website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au). The brochure and checklist are also available in 15 community languages.
- In addition, NSW Fair Trading has a spa pools safety guide available on its website ([www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)).

#### Action

Councils are strongly encouraged to deliver a locally-based campaign that draws attention to the critical importance of supervision and of swimming pool barriers meeting the requirements of the Swimming Pools Act and Regulation.

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## **15.4 MONTHLY CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2012**

**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 December 2012 to February 2013 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



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

Not applicable

### **Conclusion:**

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

### **MONTHLY CALENDAR – December 2012 – February 2013**

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period December 2012 to February 2013.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

Calendar for December 2012 to February 2013

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**December 2012**

| Date of Meeting | Time                | What                                                                                                | Who                                                                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 1 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sun 2 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Mon 3 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Tues 4 Dec      | 9:00 am<br>11:00am  | Local Government Task Force Meeting Dubbo<br>Rural Fire Service Walgett Shire Council               | Mayor & General Manager<br>Clr Keir, Director Engineering Service & Director Corporate Services |
| Wed 5 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Thurs 6 Dec     | 10:30 am            | Northwest Slopes and Plains Cooperative Library Service – Moree<br><i>Rescheduled to early 2013</i> | Clr Cooper, Clr Keir & General Manager                                                          |
| Fri 7 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sat 8 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sun 9 Dec       |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Mon 10 Dec      | 10:30 am<br>3:00 pm | Local Emergency Management Committee<br>Australian Day Awards Judging Commences                     | Mayor & General Manager                                                                         |
| Tue 11 Dec      | 11:30 am            | ARMC                                                                                                | Clr Woodcock, General Manager & Director Corporate Services                                     |
| Wed 12 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Thurs 13 Dec    | 3:30pm              | Walgett HACC Meeting<br>OBA Bourke                                                                  | Clr Keir<br>Clr Keir                                                                            |
| Fri 14 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sat 15 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sun 16 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Mon 17 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Tues 18 Dec     | 10:00 am            | Council Meeting - Walgett                                                                           | All Councillors and Senior Management Staff                                                     |
| Wed 19 Dec      | 9:00 am             | CMCC Meeting (Gillandra)                                                                            | Clr Woodcock &<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                 |
| Thurs 20 Dec    | 10:00 am            | Traffic Committee Meeting                                                                           | Clr Martinez & Clr Keir                                                                         |
| Fri 21 Dec      | 4:00 pm             | Outdoor Staff Shutdown until Monday 14 January 2013                                                 | Outdoor Staff                                                                                   |
| Sat 22 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sun 23 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Mon 24 Dec      |                     | Customer Services Centre Closed                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Tue 25 Dec      |                     | Christmas Day                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| Wed 26 Dec      |                     | Boxing Day                                                                                          |                                                                                                 |
| Thurs 27 Dec    |                     | Customer Services Centre Closed                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Fri 28 Dec      |                     | Customer Services Centre Closed                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sat 29 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Sun 30 Dec      |                     |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Mon 31 Dec      |                     | Customer Services Centre Closed                                                                     |                                                                                                 |

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January 2013

| Date of Meeting     | Time           | What                                         | Who                                        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tue 1 Jan</b>    |                | <b>Customer Services Centre Closed</b>       |                                            |
| Wed 2 Jan           |                |                                              |                                            |
| Thurs 3 Jan         |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Fri 4 Jan</b>    |                |                                              |                                            |
| Sat 5 Jan           |                |                                              |                                            |
| Sun 6 Jan           |                |                                              |                                            |
| Mon 7 Jan           |                |                                              |                                            |
| Tues 8 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Wed 9 Jan           |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Thurs 10 Jan</b> | <b>3.30pm</b>  | <b>Walgett HACC Meeting</b>                  | <b>Clr Keir</b>                            |
| Fri 11 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Sat 12 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Sun 13 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Mon 14 Jan</b>   |                | <b>Outdoor Staff return to Work</b>          |                                            |
| Tues 15 Jan         |                |                                              |                                            |
| Wed 16 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Thurs 17 Jan        |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Fri 18 Jan</b>   |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Sat 19 Jan</b>   |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Sun 20 Jan</b>   |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Mon 21 Jan</b>   |                |                                              |                                            |
| Tues 22 Jan         |                |                                              |                                            |
| Wed 23 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Thurs 24 Jan        |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Fri 25 Jan</b>   |                |                                              |                                            |
| <b>Sat 26 Jan</b>   | <b>8:00 am</b> | <b>Australia Day Ceremony - Collarenebri</b> | <b>All Councillors and General Manager</b> |
| <b>Sun 27 Jan</b>   |                |                                              |                                            |
| Mon 28 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Tues 29 Jan         |                |                                              |                                            |
| Wed 30 Jan          |                |                                              |                                            |
| Thurs 31 Jan        |                |                                              |                                            |

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**February 2013**

| Date of Meeting     | Time           | What                                        | Who                                                |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 1 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Sat 2 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Sun 3 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Mon 4 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Tues 5 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Wed 6 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Thurs 7 Feb         |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Fri 8 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Sat 9 Feb           |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Sun 10 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Mon 11 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| <b>Tues 12 Feb</b>  | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>Council Meeting - Walgett</b>            | <b>All Councillors and Senior Management Staff</b> |
| Wed 13 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| <b>Thurs 14 Feb</b> | <b>3:30pm</b>  | <b>Walgett HACC Meeting</b>                 |                                                    |
| <b>Fri 15 Feb</b>   | <b>9:00am</b>  | <b>OROC Meeting Coonamble</b>               | <b>General Manager</b>                             |
| Sat 16 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Sun 17 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Mon 18 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Tues 19 Feb         |                |                                             |                                                    |
| <b>Wed 20 Feb</b>   | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>CMCC Meeting (Warren)</b>                | <b>Clr Woodcock &amp; Clr Greenaway</b>            |
| Thurs 21 Feb        |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Fri 22 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Sat 23 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| <b>Sun 24 Feb</b>   |                | <b>Western Division Conference - Nyngan</b> | <b>Mayor &amp; General Manager</b>                 |
| <b>Mon 25 Feb</b>   |                | <b>Western Division Conference - Nyngan</b> | <b>Mayor &amp; General Manager</b>                 |
| <b>Tues 26 Feb</b>  |                | <b>Western Division Conference - Nyngan</b> | <b>Mayor &amp; General Manager</b>                 |
| Wed 27 Feb          |                |                                             |                                                    |
| Thurs 28 Feb        |                |                                             |                                                    |

## **15.5 MOTIONS FOR NSW SHIRES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE – WESTERN DIVISION AND “C” DIVISION**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/112

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### **Summary:**

To consider matters/motions for consideration at NSW Shires Association's Annual Conference.

### **Background:**

May, 2013 will mark the last occasion that the NSW Shires Association's Annual Conference will be held in Sydney prior to the amalgamation of both the Shires Association and The Local Government Association to form the new one association *“Local Government NSW.”*

For motions to be considered at the annual conference they must have first been vetted by one of the various Divisional Committees. In our case we are represented by both “C” Division and Western Division and usually send any motions to both Committees.

It is no longer possible to submit motions without the required Divisional approval.

### **Current Position:**

A call for motions for consideration and/or matters to be the subject of such motions was issued at the November Council meeting. However, to date I have had no response.

Issues that I have flagged for consideration are as follows:

1. The follow up of funding for “betterment” improvements following natural disasters
2. Changes to Natural Disaster Funding at a Commonwealth level that will see the Commonwealth withdraw from joint funding arrangements for repairs to important community assets including sporting and recreational facilities under Category B grants.
3. The need for relief funding under Category C to be tightened to ensure only those in need of support are recognised as quickly as can be arranged after an emergency situation arises.
4. The State government's decision to reduce the level of funding available for Local Emergency Management Committees to run appropriate training exercises.

Motions addressing the above issue are in the course of preparation and will be circulated prior to the meeting.

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

NSW Shires Association Standing Orders

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### **Governance issues:**

Council must follow due process in submitting motions for consideration so as to ensure that they are of importance to local government generally and are not simply parochial issues.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Local Residents and Ratepayers

### **Financial Implications:**

Any costs are provided for in the current budget.

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

Not submit any motions and miss the opportunity to raise and discuss matter of key importance to local government generally

### **Conclusion:**

Council should not pass up this opportunity to raise relevant issues

### **Motions for Consideration at NSW Shires Association's Annual Conference**

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council determine whether or not to submit motions for consideration at the forth coming Division Committee meetings in February / March 2013.

#### **Moved:**

#### **Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

Draft motions are being circulated under separate cover.

## **15.6 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA FUND – ROUND 3 EOI – MAINSTREET MAKEOVERS**

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

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### **Summary:**

To enable Council to endorse action taken to lodge an Expression of Interest for Round 3 of RDAF grants.

### **Background:**

Expression of Interest in Rounds 3 and 4 of RDAF grants were called on 26 October, 2012 and closed on Thursday 6 December, 2013

Round 3 is targeted specifically at smaller projects, particularly those put forward by Local Government. Grants range in value from \$50,000 to \$500,000 and only towns with a population of under 30,000 are eligible.

Round 4 caters for grants between \$500,000 and \$15M for eligible applicants. The funding pool is \$175M. However, EOIs and grant applications for this round are much more complicated and require considerable expenditure upfront in EOI/grant preparation

For this reason, and based on past experience, it was decided to only lodge an application for Round 3 funding.

### **Current Position:**

The following case study explains the logic behind Council's application.

#### **CASE STUDY - WALGETT SHIRE - MAINSTREET MAKEOVERS**

Walgett Shire Council wishes to simultaneously undertake major "main street" upgrade programmes in its three main towns of Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett. All three towns have been impacted in recent years by the withdrawal of government services which has in turn contributed to diminished employment prospects, a substantial loss in population and gradual downsizing of the local commercial sectors in each location.

At the same time social problems as a result of poor literacy and numeracy levels, unemployment and drug and alcohol dependence have contributed to social problems and a general loss of amenity within each "town centre." This, in turn, further impacts on the viability and sustainability of local business and the local economy in each town.

### **WHO:**

Walgett is one of only two towns in NSW being funded under the Federal Government's Remote Service Delivery Programme (RSD) for indigenous communities. The effectiveness of that programme is diminished by the lack of complimentary programmes for the broader community that contribute to increased amenity and community wellbeing.

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Although Walgett is receiving funding under RSD, the two other towns in Walgett Shire – Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge – that also have relatively high indigenous communities have no access to the Federal Remote Service Delivery Programme funding. The ability to undertake main street upgrade programmes with the assistance of RDAF funding would assist in giving these communities a greater focus and amenity.

Council wishes to implement a programme to simultaneously upgrade the appearance of the main streets in each of the three centres as this has been identified by each of the communities as one of the most effective, ongoing ways of addressing a range of economic and community in each centre in both the short and longer term.

Council is currently working with a number of State and Federal Agencies through NSW Premier and Cabinet and RSD to better co-ordinate and target services to the objectives and strategies identified in Council's ten year Community Strategic Plan.

At the same time, Council has enlisted the support and active involvement by a range of local organisations including Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Community Working Parties, service organisations coupled with leading local identities and business houses.

### WHAT:

The project involves the laying of pavers in the main CBD of each town, coupled with extensive landscaping/beautification through the replacement of existing flower beds and poor stormwater drainage with more suitable garden beds, kerb and gutters, safety bollards, storm water drainage, underground irrigation and more appropriate and hardy native street trees.

At the same time, an extensive makeover of main street commercial premises involving replacement of existing bars on windows and doors with modern more effective and efficient security screening, an upgrade of the existing CCTV in Walgett and painting of premises in appropriate heritage colours would be undertaken through a partnership with property owners, a leading paint company and security/insurance service providers.

A more inviting atmosphere would be created for passing tourists by the erection of a series of banner poles at the main entrances to each CBD and the provision of permanent banner brackets along the entire length of each CBD to hold flags and promotional banners advertising local events and attractions which would be changed at regular intervals throughout the year.

### HOW:

By initiating a raft of town beautification, economic development, employment generation and tourism strategies as part of an overall "Main Street Makeover Project" over a three year timeframe local employment and business prospects will be considerably enhanced.

As an example, this would involve Walgett Shire establishing a construction/maintenance team of three people in each of the three towns. Nine new full-time equivalent jobs would be created to undertake paving, landscaping, irrigation and other town beautification projects.

It is envisaged that approximately 30% of these positions would be targeted at local youth who would be encouraged to take up training opportunities by way of apprenticeships and traineeships. At the same time, other small business and employment opportunities would be created in the commercial sector to undertake ongoing building upgrades including new security measures encouraging "taking down the bars," provision of modern security screening, painting and building maintenance.

Local businesses, which would also be supported during the construction process by the purchase of materials and equipment, would be encouraged to also provide employment opportunities for local youth.

Council estimates that during the construction phase some \$150,000 will be injected into the local economy of each town and this will translate to an ongoing amount of \$50,000 annually.

### WHY:

Like most smaller, more isolated centres the major population centres in Walgett Shire of Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett are all experiencing ongoing financial hardship as a result of the gradual withdrawal of State and Federal Government Services over the last ten to



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twenty years which has seen the population of each centre also diminishing impacting directly on the economic viability of each town.

Providing attractive commercial business districts in each town will boost the economic sustainability of existing small business operators reducing the likelihood of any further closures and also provide new stimulus for the further development of the developing tourism sector which will be the lifeblood of such centres in the years ahead.

Each centre also has a large Aboriginal population. There is a need to focus on alleviating ongoing disadvantage and social issues through increased local amenity by developing and expanding business, enhanced employment prospects for our diverse communities in each town.

Federal Remote Service Delivery (RSD) funding is available for Walgett township only and Council believes that there is a need to simultaneously address the economic viability and sustainability in the three towns identified. However, as a smaller, more remote local government authority Walgett Shire does not have the financial resources to achieve this outcome alone. It is intended that RDAF will be matched where appropriate by Council's own funds or those of other agencies to fast track the Communities identified objectives in the Community Strategic Plan for the town centres in each town to be improved.

### **WHEN:**

The project consists of a three year programme commencing 1 July, 2013 to be completed by 30 June 2016. Milestones are to be identified for each financial year with paving, kerb and gutter and irrigation elements being targeted for completion by 31 May 2014. Landscaping would be completed by 30 September 2014 and tree planting finalised by September 2015.

Provision of banner poles and brackets, coupled with upgraded CCTV infrastructure would be completed by 31 May 2016.

Local business houses would be encouraged to improved building security in year 1 with a start to "taking down the bars" being made by 31 December 2013. Repainting of premises would also be undertaken on an "opportunity basis" commencing in the first year of the project.

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

RDAF Guidelines – Round 3

### **Governance issues:**

There is always some conjecture as to whether or not Expressions of Interest should be lodged for major infrastructure grants without proper planning and the identification of whole of life and recurrent maintenance costs. However, in this instance it is believed these costs are entirely manageable within Council's existing budget allocations or with some minor fine tuning of existing allocations.

### **Environmental issues:**

Any environmental issues will be fully developed if and when the project goes to the full grant application stage

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Communities of Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri and Walgett

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### Financial Implications:

The application makes provision for a grant of \$350,000 for a total project of \$700,000. Council's contribution would be \$270,000 in cash and \$50,000 in kind. Contributions of \$30,000 would be sought from the commercial sector and other government agencies. This breakdown of in kind/agency support could increase offsetting Council's contribution at the formal grant stage. The project period would run from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2016 should Council's EOI and then formal application be approved.

### Alternative Solutions/Options:

Not apply and fund this concept from Council's own funds over a longer period

### Conclusion:

The opportunity has been taken to prepare and Expression of Interest which will involve a number of elements in relation to the upgrade of the main streets in our three main towns of Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett. It is recommended that the action taken in preparing and submitting the Expression of Interest be endorsed.

### **RDAF Round 3 – Expression of Interest – MainStreet Makeovers**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the action taken by the General Manager in preparing and submitting the Expression of Interest for Round 3 RDAF grant – "MainStreet Makeovers" be endorsed.

#### **Moved:**

#### **Seconded:**

### Attachments:

Nil

## **15.7 WALGETT LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF WALGETT SHIRE DISASTER PLAN**

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

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### **Summary:**

To consider the adoption of the revised Walgett Shire Disaster Plan (DisPlan).

### **Background:**

The Walgett Shire Disaster Plan was last reviewed and adopted in October 2002 and would normally be reviewed every five years or so.

### **Current Position:**

Although sections of the Walgett Shire Disaster Plan have been updated to incorporate legislative changes in recent years it of long overdue for a full review.

During flooding emergencies over the last two years a number of weaknesses in the Plan have been identified.

Higher priority issues following periods of flood emergencies prevented a full review until August, 2012. There have also been recent changes to State Emergency Services legislation and consideration of the adoption of the revised Plan was deferred to allow these changes to be incorporated in the new document as well.

These most recent changes include the transfer of responsibility for chairing the Local LEMC to the Local Authority General Manager as well as changes to roles at a regional and local level for the District Emergency Management Officer (DEMO) and Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) and both of these positions are now to be defined at a regional/local level rather than being enshrined in legislation.

More importantly, the updating of various sub-plans by relevant State agencies is yet to be completed. As an example, the NSW SES is yet to update the Walgett Shire Flood Sub-Plan where many references to local flood conditions date back to floods in the 1970s and are well out of date, particularly when changes to land use, built structures and flood mitigation measures are taken into account.

Council has been advised that the review of the Walgett Shire Flood Sub-Plan is now an SES priority and will be completed within twelve months.

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

Revised Walgett Shire Disaster Plan, December, 2012.  
State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, 1989

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### **Governance issues:**

The updating of the DisPlan will address various changes in legislation which impact on governance issues.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Local residents and ratepayers  
Various state agencies

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

### **Legal Issues:**

Nil

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

Nil

### **Conclusion:**

It is now appropriate for Council to adopt the revised Walgett Shire Disaster Plan and for the revised Plan to be forwarded to the District Emergency Management Committee for endorsement.

### **Walgett Shire Local Emergency Management Committee – DisPlan Review Report**

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the revised Walgett Shire Disaster Plan, December 2012 and for the revised Plan to be forwarded to the District Emergency Management Committee for endorsement.

#### **Moved:**

#### **Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

Revised DisPlan to be tabled at meeting

## 15.8 RATE PEGGING LEGISLATION – IPART APPLICATION

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

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### **Summary:**

To make provision for Council to lodge an application with IPART for a Special Rate Levy increase. In 2013 and beyond.

### **Background:**

For Council to be granted approval to increase general rates and charges beyond the statutory rate pegging limit set by the State Government each, Council must make an application to IPART.

### **Current Position:**

Council must indicate to IPART whether or not it is considering a special rate increase by 14 December 2012. It then has until 31 March to lodge the formal application. Preliminary notice has now been given to IPART as required.

At this point in time it seems likely that, as a result of the current review of the Community Strategic Plan, one option for Council to bridge the gap between scarce resources and identified community wants may be to increase rates beyond the 2013 rate pegging limit which has now been set at 3.4%.

Council will also have to consider providing additional funds to bridge growing gap between adequate management of existing assets and the actual revenue being allocated for this purpose.

The IPART application is a detailed and complicated process and it may be that staff won't have time to prepare the detailed submission before the cut-off date for the 2013 application, but it is vital that at the very least Council commence preparations for a similar application in 2014.

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

NSW Rate Pegging Legislation

### **Governance issues:**

Council must follow due process.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

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### Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire  
Local Residents and Ratepayers

### Financial Implications:

To unnecessarily delay an application to IPART will severely test Council's financial resources and impact on Council's financial viability and sustainability well into the future.

### Legal Issues:

Local Government Act 1993

### Alternative Solutions/Options:

Do nothing

### Conclusion:

Leaving Council's options open for a Subsequent application to IPART for a rate increase above the rate pegging limit in 2013 and beyond is considered to be a prudent decision.

### Rate Pegging Legislation – IPART Application

#### Recommendation:

That Council endorse the action taken in indicating to IPART that Council may consider lodging an application for a rate increase above the rate pegging limit in 2013 and that a further report be prepared for Council's February 2013 meeting in this regard.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### Attachments:

Nil

## **15.9 WILCOX REPORT – REVIEW OF STATE GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS – COUNCIL SUBMISSION**

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

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### **Summary:**

To consider lodging a submission addressing the State Government's Recommendations with regards the Wilcox Report into Opal Mining at lightning Ridge.

### **Background:**

The former NSW State Government commissioned the Wilcox Report into Opal Mining at Lightning Ridge in late 2010. The Report was completed in July 2011 but has not been released by the State Government until November 2011. On 27 November 2012 the new State Government released its response to the report.

### **Current Position:**

On Wednesday/Thursday 5/6 December 2012 the State Government held a series of consultative briefings at Lightning Ridge for key stakeholders.

Council was represented at the briefing for Walgett Shire on 5 December 2012 by Councillors Murray, Keir, Woodcock, Lane and Walford together with various senior management staff.

Councillor Murray, the General Manager, Director of Corporate Services and Town Planner also attended two further briefings for local miner and landholders as did Councillors Woodcock, Walford and Lane because of their interest from a mining perspective.

The following comments/observations are made in respect of the various issues either detailed in the State Government's recommendations or raised by various stakeholders during the various briefing sessions:

1. Although reference is made in the Government's response to having "commenced consultation with Walgett Shire on the establishment of an opal mining and rehabilitation and compensation fund managed by the Council" it is desired to refute this claim as the only contact made with Council, Councillors or Council staff was by way of informal telephone contact making arrangements leading up to the briefing sessions conducted on 5/6 December, 2013.
2. Council's preferred option is for any rehabilitation or compensation fund to be managed by the appropriate State Government agency.
3. Council should be compensated for any additional dog controlling functions to be introduced on a "do and charge" basis.
4. Following the abolition of the Mining Warden's position, the Department of Mineral Resources and its successors has been unable to adequately discharge functions relating

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to the issuing of mining titles, collection application and compensation fees, collection of security deposits and distribution of compensation.

5. The various issues raised by both miners and landholders alike have many common threads which should be able to be resolved through full and frank discussions between all parties, although there are other contentious issues that would best be resolved through legislation.
6. The miners' expectations with regards the cost of managing mining administration issues, road access and the like are unrealistic. Application fees need to cover cost involved and, rather than being set at \$40/\$100 pa, these need to more in the order of \$600/\$1000 pa.
7. To avoid ongoing conflict the various fees, charges and compensation amounts should be set by an independent body such as IPART.
8. There needs to be more detailed discussions before consideration is given to any changes in existing planning legislation.

Now the process has been commenced, it should be brought to a satisfactory outcome at the earliest possible opportunity.

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

Wilcox Report, July 2011

NSW State Government Response to the Wilcox Report into Lightning Ridge Opal Mining, November 2012.

### **Governance issues:**

The State Government Recommendations could have major impacts on Council operations and ongoing viability and sustainability

### **Environmental issues:**

The State Government recommendations, if adopted, could have major impacts on the ongoing management of the local environment

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Opal Miners  
Landholders  
Government agencies  
Lightning Ridge residents and ratepayers

### **Financial Implications:**

It is believed that the State Government recommendations, if adopted could have serious impacts on Council's future financial viability and sustainability.

### **Legal Issues:**

Many and varied



**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing  
Prepared a detailed submission by 3 February 2013.

**Conclusion:**

It is imperative that Council make a detailed submission by 3 February 2013 to protect the interests of Council and local residents and ratepayers.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wilcox Report – Consideration of State Government Recommendations</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council make a detailed submission by 3 February 2013 to protect the interests of Walgett Shire and local residents and ratepayers.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Nil

## **15.10 MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY REPORT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1455

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### **Summary:**

To advise Council of the following matters/issues which are for brief mention or information only.

#### **1. 2012 National Awards for Local Government- applications opened 3 December 2012**

For over 26 years the National Awards for Local Government have provided an avenue for local government to celebrate and highlight the extraordinary effort of individuals within Councils. By submitting an awards entry, your council has the opportunity to showcase and promote the success of their project, while sharing valuable information with Councils and Commonwealth Departments. Entries for the 2013 National Awards for Local Government will open on 3 December 2012 and will include many of the categories offered in the 2012 program as well as a number of new categories.

For further information contact the Awards Team via email at [awards@regional.gov.au](mailto:awards@regional.gov.au) or visit [www.regional.gov.au/local/awards](http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards)

#### **2. Letter from Shires Association of NSW**

A letter from Cr Ray Donald President of Shires Association of NSW regarding the resolution from 2012 Shires Association Conference in relation to the Establishment of "Betterment" Funding Program for Flood Damaged Roads;

***74 – Establishment of "Betterment" Funding Program for Flood Damaged Roads***  
*That the NSW State Government combine with the Federal Government to establish a specific "betterment" funding program for flood damaged local roads maintained by Western NSW Local Government Authorities. "Betterment" is the sleeping giant of achieving disaster resilience for the smaller and more isolated communities in Western NSW.*

Representation was made following the Conference, the following response was received. The Minister for Roads and Ports responded on 4 October 2012 noting that "the federal government provides financial assistance to Councils to improve the disaster resilience of essential public asset. Eligibility requires NSW Government agreement that the asset is an integral and necessary part of State Infrastructure and/or the loss of the assets would disrupt normal functioning of the community. The Council must also demonstrate that the increased disaster resilience of the assets is worth the cost.

**3. Submission on draft Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources**

The letter on behalf of Lyndal Betteridge, Manager Water Planning Water Management Division thanks Walgett for Council's submission for the draft Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon – Darling Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources. Each of the issues raised in individual submissions were considered and as a result, the draft Plan was refined prior to the final Plan being submitted for approval to commence.

The major changes to the water sharing rules as a result of the public exhibition include; recognising historical "notwithstanding" access, cap management, individual daily extraction limits, licensed stock access to the low and no low flow class, access rules, rules for granting access licences, dealing rules and rules for granting access licences.

For further information regarding these changes please refer to the attached letter.

**4. LGSA Tourism Conference Port Stephens 11-13 March 2012**

The LGSA Conference will be hosted by Port Stephens Council from Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 March 2013. The main conference venue is the Shoal Bay Resort. The theme of the conference next year is "Leadership and Innovation in Tourism" and it is presented in conjunction with Destination New South Wales, the Tourism Industry Council, their industry partners and sponsors.

The topic streams are; being event savvy, the role of Visitor Information Centre and Destination Management and Marketing. The invited special guest speakers will be the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing and the Arts, Hon George Souris MP and Ms Sandra Chipchase, CEO Destination NSW amongst other to discuss the very real issue of the future or RTO's including the Visitor Economy Taskforce planning for NSW.

Registration forms will be sent to all Councils late 2012, but if you are interested in participating in the program, please contact the Associations Manager Events and Protocol, Meg Fisher, on 9242 4044 or [meg.fisher@lgsa.org.au](mailto:meg.fisher@lgsa.org.au)

**5. Update on the progress of constitutional recognition**

A letter received from Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis President, Australian Local Government Association in relation to seeking Council's support in their campaign to achieve constitutional recognition.

A Joint Parliamentary Committee has been established by Federal Parliament to look at the report of the Expert Panel into the constitutional recognition of local government, the level of support for the proposal by the States and Territories, and the potential consequences for Local Government and the States and Territories, and the potential consequences for Local Government and the States and Territories of such an amendment. Last year, the Expert Panel recommended to the government that a referendum on financial recognition of local government was a viable option.

Submissions from Councils are critically important in convincing the Committee of the level of support within local government, and to counter negative comments.

Please refer to the attached letter from Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis President, Australian Local Government Association.

**6. Review of Community Strategic Plan – “Speak Up” Campaign**

Council's “Speak Up” campaign – driving force for the review of Council's ten year Community Strategic Plan is slowing cranking up and will be a full pace early in the new year.

A public awareness programme is being development and will be distributed shortly. A roster is being drawn up so as to share the workload between all Councillors and senior staff as it is important to get the message out to the general public that everyone should be sharing ownership of the plan and doing whatever they can to ensure it properly reflects community goals, objectives and aspirations for the future.

The question often crops up as to what is “community,” what makes it cohesive, caring and strong. What can be done to distinguish our community from those others which appear to be in danger of failing. Is it the number of commercial premises, the size of the local tourist industry or the quality of the State, regional and local road network.? Whilst each of these are important elements they don't define “community” as such.

What I believe does define a community is the extent of the “local human/social fabric” and how that relates to local service provision. Not only what the quality of the road network is, the level and quality of essential services such as water and sewerage, power and communications, what the local business houses have on offer but also how we care for our human cargo – what services we provide to nurture our youth, what services we provide to care for our elderly and how we sustain a local quality of life for people during their working lives.

These are the reasons why through our community strategic plan we should be aiming to stress the need for efficient management of community assets, have open, transparent and well publicised decision making processes which link back and relate to the whole community.

Most importantly, whilst we need to be able to recognise the fact that specific individuals may have special talents or special needs, we need to also be able to recognise the fact that we are one community and that it is from this cohesiveness that our strength will come and continue to grow.

A lack of appreciation of this by all sections and levels within our community will see us emerge as one of those communities in danger of failing.

**7. Independent Local Government Review Panel - new publication**

The Panel has now released a further publication – “Options to Enhance Regional Collaboration amongst Councils in NSW: the Role of Regional Organisations of Councils” which has been prepared for the Panel by Gooding Davies Consultancy Pty Ltd. A copy has been circulated to all Councillors under separate cover.

**8. Season's Greetings**

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to take this opportunity to extend the compliments of the season to all Councillors, senior staff and their families. I would also like to extend my appreciation for the ongoing help, assistance and guidance that I have received from all concerned. 2012 started out with a flood emergency and the year has seen a series of challenges and triumphs.

I look forward your continued support in tackling the challenges of the future in the years ahead.

Don Ramsland

**MATTER FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Recommendation**

That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Letter on behalf of Lyndal Betteridge, Manager Water Planning  
letter from Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis President, Australian Local Government Association.



Department of  
Primary Industries  
Office of Water

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Subject: Submission on draft Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources**

Thank you for your submission regarding the draft Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources (the draft Plan).

Each of the issues raised in individual submissions were considered and as a result, the draft Plan was refined prior to the final Plan (the Plan) being submitted for approval to commence. Please find following a list of the major changes to water sharing rules as a result of public exhibition. Further details of these changes and their reasoning have been thoroughly documented in the Background Document to the Plan which is available through the Office of Water webpage. Copies of the Background Document can be printed from the Dubbo office on request.

**Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source**

**1. Recognising historical 'notwithstanding' access**

The Plan now permits limited access below the relevant cease-to-pump height for A and B class licences in situations when a flow event is imminent and for the survival watering of permanent plantings.

An amending provision has also been added to allow additional rules for access below the relevant cease-to-pump to be established for any purpose where written approval had been historically given under *Water Act 1912* conditions. Note that any amendment to the Plan must be approved by the Minister for Primary Industries with concurrence from the Minister for the Environment and must also undergo consultation with relevant Government agencies and stakeholders.

**2. Cap management**

The Plan now includes the ability for the Minister to implement an individual take limit equal to 300% of share component, which applies over 3 consecutive water years as a reactive short-term Cap management response, should the MDBA determine that the Barwon-Darling sub-valley is in breach of Cap under schedule E of the MDB Agreement. Note that both the draft Plan proposals of an individual take limit equal to 450% of Cap share applying over three consecutive water years from commencement of the Plan and the Minister's ability to reduce AWDs for A,B and C class licences as a short-term Cap management response, have now been removed from the Plan.

**3. Individual Daily Extraction Limits**

The Plan now includes rules that allow Individual Daily Extraction Limits to be established and amended for A, B and C class licences equal to the maximum known capacity of works (pump size and type) authorised at the commencement of the Plan.

#### 4. Licensed stock access to the low and no low flow class

The Plan now includes that licensed stock access to the:

- low flow class is limited to a maximum rate of 0.6 ML/d, and
- no low flow class is restricted to pipe and trough reticulation systems and limited to a maximum rate of 0.6 ML/d, for the first 5 yrs of the Plan after which it ceases.

An amending provision has also been added to the Plan to allow the licensed stock exemption to the no low flow class to extend beyond year 5.

#### 5. Access rules

An amending provision has been added to allow changes to be made to the cease-to-pump rules if the current rules are shown to be adversely affecting the Lower Darling Endangered Ecological Community or any threatened species of native fish within it. Note also that it is a requirement of the Plan that changes to access rules do not significantly reduce the long-term diversions under A, B and C class licences.

#### 6. Rules for Granting Access Licences

The Plan now allows for the granting of supplementary (Aboriginal environmental) access licences (up to 2,000 ML) to Aboriginal people. These licences are intended to assist Aboriginal people to 'water' culturally significant floodplain wetlands for the purpose of helping to restore their Aboriginal cultural values. Up to 500 ML will be made available annually among these licences following an expression of interest and prioritisation process designed to equitably share access among different holders of these licences. Water use by this category of licence will be accounted for as non-consumptive use outside the Long-Term Average Annual Extraction Limit (LTAAEL) established by the Plan.

#### 7. Dealing Rules

The Plan now includes that

- conversions between licences in different licence categories (concessional conversions) are permitted for the first 5 yrs of the Plan,
- allocation assignments (account water) between licences within a licence class in different river sections or to a higher class (i.e. B to C class) are permitted, and
- rights assignments (share component) from a C class licence to a C class licence with a lower cease-to-pump condition are permitted, if the existing C class licence has a concessional conversion limit with the lower cease-to-pump condition has a concessional conversion limit which is not exceeded as a result of the assignment.

#### Upper Darling Alluvial Groundwater Source

#### 8. Rules for Granting Access Licences

A new licence category of licence for water table and salinity management has been included and the Plan now allows for granting new licences in this category. These licences are to be granted for the sole purpose of reducing or preventing an increase in salinity levels in this and connected water sources.

The Plan has now been approved by the Minister for Primary Industries with concurrence from the Minister for the Environment. The Plan commenced on 4 October 2012 and will be in effect for ten years.

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You may be contacted again by the NSW Office of Water to finalise licensing arrangements for transition from the *Water Act 1912* to the *Water Management Act 2000*.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of  
Lyndal Betteridge  
Manager Water Planning  
Water Management Division  
22 October 2012



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL  
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9 November 2012

Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Mayor, Councillors and CEO

## Update on the progress of constitutional recognition

I am writing to inform you of recent developments in our campaign to achieve constitutional recognition and to seek your support. It is vitally important that every council is behind the constitutional campaign and reinforces the key points supporting constitutional recognition.

### Establishment of a joint parliamentary committee into constitutional recognition of local government

- ◆ A Joint Parliamentary Committee has been established by Federal Parliament to look at the report of the Expert Panel into the constitutional recognition of local government, the level of support for the proposal by the States and Territories, and the potential consequences for Local Government and the States and Territories of such an amendment. Last year, the Expert Panel recommended to the government that a referendum on financial recognition of local government was a viable option.
- ◆ Establishment of a joint parliamentary committee will allow the Commonwealth Parliament examine the local government question. A parliamentary committee can test the level of bipartisan support at the State/Territory level as well as test public opinion through submissions. It can then make recommendations about the best way to proceed.
- ◆ This will be a fairly short and sharp inquiry, with the Parliament asking the Committee to report its initial findings by the end of this year and a final report by February/March 2013. This time frame is necessary if the option of a referendum held in conjunction with a Federal Election in 2013 is to remain open to consideration.
- ◆ One of the Committee's roles will be to assess the level of support for a referendum and whether the referendum is likely to be successful. It is vitally important that the Committee receives a large number of submissions supporting the financial recognition of local government. It needs to be convinced that the referendum has broad support.
- ◆ Submissions from councils are critically important in convincing the Committee of the level of support within local government, and to counter negative comments. Recent experience with the Expert Panel, which received a majority of submissions against the proposal (most of which were very short and possibly part of a campaign), means that every council must lodge a submission to the Committee.
- ◆ We expect the Committee to call for submissions immediately after it is established in early November, with a deadline of around the end of November. In any event, councils can make submissions without waiting for such a call.

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## Making a submission - some key points

Submissions need not be an arduous task, but they do need to contain key points. Some guidance on these key points is provided below. We ask your council to:

- ◆ Reinforce that your council supports financial recognition. Most councils have already passed resolutions supporting financial recognition. You could refer to the date that this resolution was passed by council (a new council resolution is not necessary and submissions should be lodged quickly to meet the Committee's timeframe);
- ◆ Reinforce that your council supports the Federal Government having the power to be able to provide funding directly to local government where this is in the national interest;
- ◆ Reinforce that your council needs certainty of funding so that programs like Roads to Recovery can continue;
- ◆ Reinforce that your council supports an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or local government body formed by or under a law of a state or territory";
- ◆ Reinforce that bi-partisan support is an essential precondition if a referendum is to have the best chance of success;
- ◆ Reinforce that your council supports the referendum being held at a time which maximises its chance of success;
- ◆ Reinforce that your council supports a publicly funded national education and awareness campaign to inform the public about the Constitution, how to change it, and about the question being asked before the referendum. An informed voter is more likely to cast an informed vote, which is based on facts rather than misinformation.


Once you've made a submission let your community know through mayoral columns and speaking with your local media.

ALGA has produced a document outlining the case for changing the Constitution to include local government, called *The Case for Change*, which you can use to add to your submission. It will be available on the ALGA website shortly and copies will be sent out to councils, to promote the need for change in your communities.

Another important resource, our weekly electronic newsletter *ALGA News*, features regular stories and my President's column on progress and developments on constitutional recognition. I urge all councils to subscribe to *ALGA News* via the website at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au). Subscription is free and will ensure you stay right up to date with committee developments and news on the constitutional recognition campaign.

I ask each council to make a submission and show their support to the parliamentary committee. I will continue to keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely



Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis  
President

**15.11 CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT REPORT**

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

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**Summary:**

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 30 November 2012.

**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 30 November 2012 the operational bank account's balance was \$725,896.98. The reconciliation of this balance is:

**Operational Account Bank Reconciliation  
 As at 30 November 2012**

|                                                                 |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                 | \$                    |
| <b>Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 1 November 2012</b>     | <b>1,595,885.32</b>   |
| Add: Receipts                                                   | 5,635,792.77          |
| Add: Recalled Investments                                       | 500,000.00            |
| Less: New Investments                                           | (2,500,000.00)        |
| Less: Payments                                                  | (4,474,958.93)        |
| <b>Closing Ledger Balance as at 30 November 2012</b>            | <b>756,719.16</b>     |
| <br><b>Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 November 2012</b> | <br><b>725,896.98</b> |
| Add: Receipts not banked                                        | 47,623.67             |
| Less: Payments not presented                                    | (16,801.49)           |
| <b>Closing Balance of Bank Account</b>                          | <b>756,719.16</b>     |

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1 Term Deposit was recalled to the value of \$500,000.00  
5 new Term Deposits were made to the value of \$2,500,000.00.  
1 transfer was made from the 24hour online account to the value of \$500,000.00.  
2 transfers were made to the 24hour online account to the value of \$1,000,000.00.  
As at 30 November 2012 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$11,750,982.61. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

|                                                    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Term Deposits                                      | \$11,750,000.00 |
| Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) | \$ 982.61       |

The values disclosed for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values as at 31 October 2012 and were supplied by the ANZ Group.

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 24 Hour Online Account Balance | \$ 507,365.57 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|

### Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

|                  |                                                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 09/1772/0031     | November 2012 bank reconciliation ledger 11.5010 |
| 09/1460-02/00026 | Investments Report To Council 2012-2013          |

### 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 30 November 2012 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$13,015,067.34 represented by:

|                                        |                        |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Reconciled Operational Account Balance | \$ 756,719.16          |
| Investments                            | \$11,750,982.61        |
| 24 Hour Online Saver Account           | \$ 507,365.57          |
|                                        | <u>\$13,015,067.34</u> |

**CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2012**

**Recommendation:**

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 30 November 2012 be received.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**


**Investments Table**

| <u>Investment Institution</u>                               | <u>Type of Investment</u> | <u>Term (days)</u> | <u>Rate %</u> | <u>Ref</u> | <u>Reset Date</u> | <u>Maturity Date</u>        |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Term Deposits</b>                                        |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                             |                 |
| Credit Union Australia                                      | Term Deposit              | 329                | 5.83          | 754/12     |                   | 05-Dec-12                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Credit Union Australia                                      | Term Deposit              | 322                | 5.95          | 763/12     |                   | 09-Jan-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit              | 322                | 5.80          | 764/12     |                   | 09-Jan-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Credit Union Australia                                      | Term Deposit              | 343                | 6.05          | 769/12     |                   | 13-Feb-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Bankwest                                                    | Term Deposit              | 161                | 4.90          | 782/13     |                   | 12-Dec-12                   | \$250,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank                                     | Term Deposit              | 195                | 5.17          | 785/13     |                   | 16-Jan-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit              | 161                | 5.15          | 788/13     |                   | 19-Dec-12                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit              | 195                | 5.20          | 787/13     |                   | 23-Jan-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit              | 189                | 5.02          | 791/13     |                   | 20-Feb-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit              | 182                | 5.15          | 793/13     |                   | 27-Feb-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit              | 188                | 5.15          | 794/13     |                   | 06-Mar-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit              | 196                | 5.15          | 796/13     |                   | 13-Mar-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit              | 96                 | 5.10          | 797/13     |                   | 05-Dec-12                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit              | 182                | 5.15          | 798/13     |                   | 06-Mar-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit              | 97                 | 4.95          | 800/13     |                   | 12-Dec-12                   | \$500,000.00    |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit              | 146                | 4.90          | 801/13     |                   | 30-Jan-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit              | 189                | 4.80          | 802/13     |                   | 20-Mar-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit              | 182                | 4.80          | 803/13     |                   | 27-Mar-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Credit Union Australia                                      | Term Deposit              | 210                | 5.96          | 804/13     |                   | 28-Aug-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit              | 189                | 5.60          | 805/13     |                   | 10-Apr-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit              | 91                 | 4.34          | 806/13     |                   | 30-Jan-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| Bankwest                                                    | Term Deposit              | 70                 | 4.50          | 807/13     |                   | 23-Jan-13                   | \$250,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank                                     | Term Deposit              | 182                | 4.65          | 808/13     |                   | 22-May-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank                                     | Term Deposit              | 189                | 4.65          | 809/13     |                   | 29-May-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank                                     | Term Deposit              | 195                | 4.65          | 810/13     |                   | 05-Jun-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit              | 153                | 4.80          | 811/13     |                   | 24-Apr-13                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Bankwest                                                    | Term Deposit              | 69                 | 4.46          | 812/13     |                   | 29-Nov-12                   | \$500,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit              | 90                 | 4.50          | 813/13     |                   | 29-Nov-12                   | \$500,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank                                     |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                             | \$500,000.00    |
|                                                             |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                             | \$11,750,000.00 |
| <b>Floating Rates Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO)</b> |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                             |                 |
| Zircon Finance Ltd                                          | Floating Rate CDO         |                    | 0.00          |            |                   | 20-Sep-14                   | \$0.00          |
| Morgan Stanley Aces SP                                      | Floating Rate CDO         | 91                 | 6.95          |            | 20-Mar-12         | 20-Jun-15                   | \$982.61        |
| Helium Capital Ltd                                          | Floating Rate CDO         |                    | 0.00          |            |                   | 23-Jun-14                   | \$0.00          |
|                                                             |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                             | \$982.61        |
|                                                             |                           |                    |               |            |                   | Term Deposit Ledger Balance | \$11,750,982.61 |
|                                                             |                           |                    |               |            |                   | 24 hour Online Bank Account | \$507,386.57    |
|                                                             |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                             | \$12,258,369.18 |

Note that this is a separate interest bearing account linked with the Main Bank Account  
Investment Report as at 30 November 2012

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

Susie Jones  
Finance Manager

 3/12/12

Prepared and Reconciled by Julie McKeown  
Finance Officer

 3/12/12

## **15.12 PROPOSED OFF-LEASH AREA FOR DOGS IN LIGHTNING RIDGE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Andrew Wilson – Acting Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1524

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### **Summary:**

This report provides information only on a proposed off-leash area for dogs in Lightning Ridge.

### **Background:**

Council requested on the 23 October 2012, for Council's Director of Planning and Regulatory to provide a report regarding an off-leash area for dogs in Lightning Ridge. The suggested location was the unused tennis courts.

A review of the tennis courts located off Kaolin Street, Lightning Ridge, showed that they are currently being used by the community and are unsuitable as an off-leash area for dogs.

### **Current position:**

Walgett Shire Council currently appears not to have a declared public place in Lightning Ridge for an off-leash area, the Companion Animals Act 1998 requires that the local authority must at all times have at least one public place as an off-leash area.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

#### **Companion Animals Act 1998.**

### **Governance issues:**

Section 13 (6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 states "A local authority can by order declare a public place to be an off-leash area. Such a declaration can be limited so as to apply during a particular period or periods of the day or to different periods of different days. However, there must at all times be at least one public place in the area of a local authority that is an off-leash area."

Section 14 (1) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 states:

(1) Dogs are prohibited in the following places (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled):

- (a) Children's play areas
- (b) Food preparation/consumption areas
- (c) Recreation areas where dogs are prohibited
- (d) Public bathing areas where dogs are prohibited
- (e) School grounds
- (f) Child care centres
- (g) Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited
- (h) Wildlife protection areas

But does not apply to a police dog, a dog that is an assistance animal being used bona fide by a person with a disability to assist the person and a corrective services dog.

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Section 20 (2) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 states " Proper disposal includes disposal in a rubbish receptacle designated for the purpose by the local authority. It is the duty of a local authority for a place that is commonly used for exercising dogs (including an off-leash area) to provide sufficient rubbish receptacles for the proper disposal of the faeces of dogs that defecate in the place."

### **Environmental issues:**

Potential Environmental issues include:

1. barking dogs
2. dogs' faeces

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, community and neighbours.

### **Financial implications:**

Financial implications would include:

- Purchase and Installation of a sufficient rubbish receptacle for the proper disposal of the faeces from dogs. (estimated at \$2000.00)
- Ongoing collection and replacement of consumable items used in the disposal of the faeces. (labour & consumables estimated \$5000 per year)
- Future fencing of the lot and upgrading of existing seating.

### **Alternative solutions/options:**

Nil

### **Conclusion:**

That Council consider using the Duck Park Reserve located in Butterfly Ave Lightning Ridge, Lot 54 DP 40834, as a potential location. This reserve/park is under the control of Walgett Shire Council as a dedicated reserve suitable for a leash free area for dogs.

#### **Proposed Off Leash Area for Dogs, Lightning Ridge**

##### **Recommendations:**

That Council identify Duck Park Reserve located in Butterfly Ave Lightning Ridge, Lot 54 DP 40834 as a leash free area for dogs in Lightning Ridge and a \$7000.00 budget allocation be considered for inclusion in the 2013-2014 budget.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Attachments**

A – Proposed location off-leash park.





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

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Andrew Wilson – Acting Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1367-02

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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.
- \* State Environmental Planning Policy No 60—Exempt and Complying Development, etc.

### **Governance issues:**

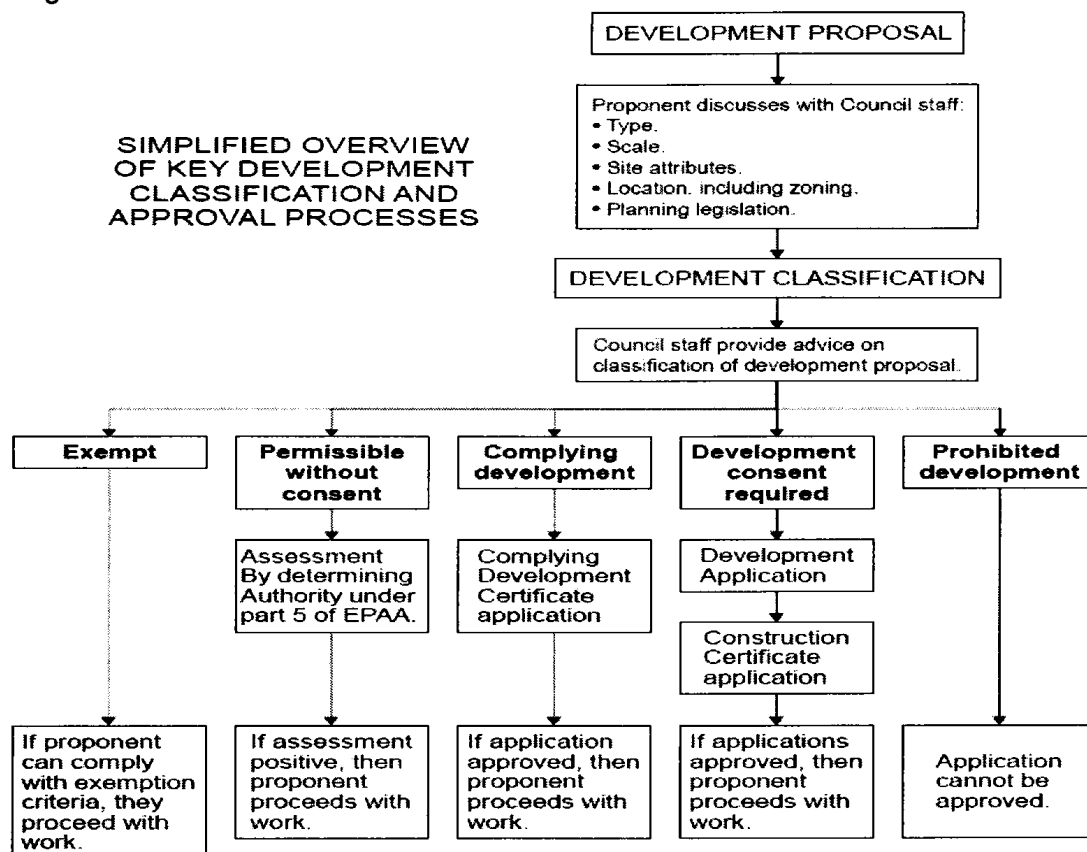
**DAs:** DAs are assessed under against a series of "matters for consideration" specified under section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and any relevant statutory requirements (such as regulations, Interim Development Order No 1 – Shire of Walgett and State Environmental Planning 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

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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.

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| <b>Development &amp; Complying Development Certificate Applications</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority during November 2012.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

A - DAs & CDCs approved November 2012

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## Determined Applications



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 Start Date: 1/11/2012 Officer: ALL  
 End Date: 30/11/2012 Number of Days: 0  
 As At Date: Stop The Clock: Yes

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| 020/2012/00000025/001 | Mr P Metha<br>PO Box 269<br>WALGETT NSW 2832 | 170 Change of Use<br>38 Fox ST WALGETT<br>LOT: 20 DP: 662667<br>Mesdames S Parekh & V Adhikari | Refused - Council | 27/11/2012 | 05/09/2012 |
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| 020/2012/00000034/001 | Ms A Tones<br>PO Box 34<br>LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834 | 170 Change of Use<br>Three Mile RD LIGHTNING RIDGE<br>LOT: 49 DP: 752756 WLL: 12289<br>Lightning Ridge Pony Club | Approved - Staff Delegation | 13/11/2012 | 28/09/2012 |
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| 020/2012/00000035/001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Land & Housing Corporation<br>Locked Bag 4001<br>ASHFIELD BC NSW 1800 | 120 Class 9b - Assembly Building<br>115-121 Pandora ST LIGHTNING RIDGE<br>LOT: 95 DP: 47951 WLL: 14275<br>Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land<br>Council | Approved - Staff Delegation | 16/11/2012 | 25/10/2012 |
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| 020/2012/00000038/001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Taylor Made Buildings Pty Ltd<br>PO Box 989<br>Dubbo NSW 2830         | 10 Class 1a -Single Dwelling/Dual<br>Occupancy<br>11 Houlihan ST BURREN JUNCTION<br>LOT: 25 DP: 15645<br>Mrs L B Parker                                    | Approved - Staff Delegation | 26/11/2012 | 05/11/2012 |
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| <b>Document Type: 24</b><br>024/2012/00000011/001                              | Mrs G Hallman<br>4429 Merrywinbone Road<br>ROWENA NSW 2387                                                        | 152    Class 10b - Swimming Pool<br>4429 Merrywinebone RD ROWENA<br>LOT: 55 DP: 753953<br>Mrs J T McDonnell | Approved - Staff Delegation                                                                                    | 14/11/2012 | 08/11/2012 |
| Officer: Mr A R Wilson<br>Number of Applications: 1                            | Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 7.00<br>Average Calendar Stop Days: 0.00<br>Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 7.00   |                                                                                                             | Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 7.00<br>Total Calendar Stop Days: 0.00<br>Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 7.00      |            |            |
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## 15.14 RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND USE STRATEGY

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning & Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Town Planner, Matt Clarkson & Director Planning & Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/256

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### Summary:

This report recommends that Council seek quotes from suitably qualified planning firms to prepare a 'Rural Residential Strategy for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri'. The strategy will be used to identify land within a 6 kilometre radius of Walgett, Collarenebri, and Lightning Ridge, that is suitable to be rezoned for rural residential use..

### Background:

Walgett Shire Council adopted the November 2010 version of the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy (GMS) at a Council meeting held on 21 December 2010. Rural residential development was considered in sections 7.3.6 and 8.8.3 of the GMS which notes:

Investigations into the provision of 10 to 40 ha lifestyle blocks around Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri, are continuing and the Council has resolved to defer consideration of the *Walgett Shire Rural Residential Study* pending finalisation of the Growth Management Study and Strategy and Walgett Shire LEP. This will be the subject of a planning proposal once the LEP has been made. It is anticipated that the proposal will be submitted to the Department of Planning in 2011. The principles for identifying suitable areas will be based upon those detailed previously in section 7.3.6 Rural Residential Development.

At a meeting held on 24 July 2012 Walgett Shire Council resolved, amongst other things, to:

6. Request the General Manager to prepare a Planning Proposal for large lot living rezoning [of rural land] for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.
7. Request the General Manager to pursue funding and engage a consultant to facilitate early finalisation of the large lot living areas rezoning proposal.

### Current Position:

In recent discussions with staff of the Western Zone office of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure they have advised that Council should proceed in the following manner to address the desire to rezone land for rural residential land use:

1. Prepare a 'rural residential land use strategy' which identifies areas that are suitable for rezoning (ie they are not significantly constrained by flooding, bush fire hazard, environmentally sensitivities, incompatible land uses, etc).
2. Undertake community consultation regarding the 'rural residential land use strategy' and areas identified as suitable for rezoning.
3. Prepare a 'planning proposal' for specific areas to be rezoned with regard to the recommendations in the 'rural residential land use strategy' and feedback from the community.
4. Submit the rezoning 'planning proposal' to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for 'gateway' determination.



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5. If the Department agrees that the planning proposal should proceed, then Council can draft the relevant amendments to the Walgett Local Environmental Plan (LEP). The Department requires that LEP amendments be completed in 12 months or less after a gateway approval has been given.

Preliminary work has been undertaken by Council staff to identify areas of land which are not significantly constrained by environmental or land use factors. This work has indicated that no formal flood studies have been undertaken within the Walgett Shire which could be used to delineate land that is less vulnerable to flooding, hence more suitable for rural residential development.

Previous discussions with NSW Office of Water representatives have indicated that they would be unlikely to co-fund a flood study, given that the low relief of the flood plains (the dominant landform) in the Shire makes it impractical to reliably delineate the extent and magnitude of flooding. This impracticality is exacerbated by the variability of floods in response to timing of peak flows in different watercourses, ground cover vegetation density, soil moisture, variations in surface relief due to man-made structures (levees, roads), etc.

Nevertheless it is highly desirable for Council to consider whether land is adversely affected by flooding when selecting areas for rezoning. At this time it appears that Council, hence any consultant engaged to prepare a 'rural residential land use strategy', has two ways to identify such land:

- (a) Obtain Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) data from the NSW Land and Property Information (LPI) to prepare detailed contour maps of land within a 6 km radius of Walgett, Lightning Ridge, and Collarenebri. It is expected that this data would be of excellent quality and could be used by Council's GIS Coordinator to prepare 0.2 or 0.5m contour maps to accurately delineate land that is less vulnerable to flooding.

LPI have previously advised that they would acquire and supply this data at no cost. However it will be only be supplied after the survey flights have been completed and the raw data processed by a third party. The LPI have declined to provide a firm commitment as to when the data will become available, while previous tentative commitments for dates have not been met. Based on past experience it could be several months before the data becomes available.

This is the preferred option.

- (b) Prepare maps based solely on:
  - Anecdotal evidence supplied by local residents.
  - Interpretation of 50cm resolution aerial photography taken by the Land and property Management Authority in 2009.
  - Interpretation of 2m resolution SPOT satellite imagery taken in 2008.
  - Field observation of features indicative of regular inundation. Examples include landforms (including drainage hollows, swamps, Gilgai structures and oxbow lakes), soils and vegetation (nardoo [*Marsilea drummondii*], yarran [*Acacia homalophylla*], coolabah [*Eucalyptus microtheca*], belah [*Casuarina cristata*], lignum [*Muehlenbeckia florulenta*]).

### Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Relevant documents include:

- A guide to preparing planning proposals, issued July 2009 by Department of Planning.
- Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 (adopted by Council on 8-11-2012).
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

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### 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:

None at this time.

### Stakeholders:

The public, developers, and Walgett Shire Council.

### Financial Implications:

Contact was made with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 30 November 2012 to determine if it was possible to obtain a grant from the Planning Reform Fund to either partially or fully fund preparation of a Rural Residential Strategy. The Western Region Office of the Department advised that no funding was available for such a project at the time or was likely in the foreseeable future.

Approximately \$32,000 of the \$40,000 allocated 2012-2013 budget for Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan development has not been committed at this time.

Initially the \$40,000 budget was required under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Council and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to maintain a dollar for dollar commitment. The MOU was associated with a \$70,000 planning reform fund grant from the Department for the preparation of the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan (total budget of \$140,000). However previously staff time has not been included in expenditure calculations under the MOU, even though this was permitted.

Given that the cost of staff time committed to LEP development by Council's Director of Planning and Regulatory Services and Town Planner has significantly exceeded \$40,000, Council's commitments under the terms of the MOU for the planning reform fund grant have effectively been met.

In the above context there is \$32,000 within the budget for Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan development that can be allocated to the engagement of a planning firm to prepare a rural residential strategy.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing:- This would maintain the current situation where, 5 years after the draft LEP has been made, dwellings cannot be built on rural land unless it has a minimum area of 400 hectares. Also there are no existing rural areas zoned large lot residential.

Prepare Rural Residential Strategy without LIDAR data:- This would enable the preparation of the strategy to commence promptly after the appointment of a consultant. This option has not been recommended because there is a greater possibility that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, or another state government agency, will object to the rezoning of land on the basis that inadequate information regarding flood risk has been provided.

**Conclusion:**

Proceeding with the development of a "Rural Residential Strategy for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri" is necessary to give effect to Council's desire to enable the rezoning of land to enable the creation of rural 'lifestyle' blocks in those areas.

**Rural Residential Land Use Strategy**

**Recommendation:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Request the General Manager to obtain Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) data from the NSW Land and Property Information (LPI) to prepare detailed contour maps of land within a 6 km radius of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri at the earliest opportunity.
2. When the LIDAR data becomes available, obtain quotes from a minimum of three suitably qualified planning firms to prepare a 'Rural Residential Strategy for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri' to identify within the proposed RU1 Primary Production zone and within a 6 kilometre radius of those towns that is suitable for rezoning for rural residential purposes. It is intended that the rezoned land will be able to subdivided to create lots ranging from 10 to 40 hectares.
3. Consider the quotes for a 'Rural Residential Strategy for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri' once they have been obtained.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

## **15.15 WESTERN LANDS LEASE AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matt Clarkson, Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1436

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### **Summary:**

NSW Primary Industries has written to Council seeking its comments on an application to amalgamate three Western Lands Leases into one lease. It is recommended that Council respond by objecting to the proposal based on its established policy for such matters.

### **Background:**

In a letter dated 17 October 2012, NSW Primary Industries sought Council's comments on an application by David Barclay to amalgamate his three adjoining Western Lands Leases into one lease. The three leases, WLLs 14703, 14839 and 14936 are shown on the attached diagram and are located on the 'preserved' opal fields near the Lightning Ridge airport. The current areas of the leases are 2450 m<sup>2</sup>, 2462 m<sup>2</sup>, and 2496 m<sup>2</sup> respectively. A copy of the letter is reproduced below (Attachment A).

### **Current Position:**

Council's existing policy regarding such matters was established at a Council meeting held on 21 September 2006 and reaffirmed at a meeting held on 25 August 2009. An extract from Council's opal mining related policies is included as Attachment B.

Invariably there is no public benefit in agreeing to a larger area for a mining camp title, hence Council has generally maintained a policy that people should have a maximum title area of 2500 square metres. This area is adequate for a mining camp and ancillary structures. Allowing larger areas would create inequities between mining camp holders and reduce the land available for opal mining and prospecting activities.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Minutes from Council meeting held on 21 September 2006.  
Walgett Shire Council Policy "Opal mining related Policies", adopted 25-8-2009, Trim record 09/1409/014

### **Stakeholders:**

The public, opal miners, Walgett Shire Council, Department of Lands, Department of Primary Industries, Western Lands Lease holders and applicants.

### **Financial Implications:**

Reduction in rates received from Mr Barclay.

**Western Lands Lease Amalgamation Proposal**

**Recommendation:**

Walgett Shire Council resolve to write to the Department of Lands and state that:

1. It objects to the application on the basis that the area being sought is larger than 2,500 square metres.
2. Council's policy regarding such matters was established at a Council meeting held on 21 September 2006, and there is no reason to vary from that policy in this case.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments**

- A- Letter dated 17-10-2012 from NSW Primary Industries
- B- Extract from Walgett Shire Council Policy "Opal mining related Policies", adopted 25-8-2009

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Attachment A - Letter dated 17-10-2012 from NSW Primary Industries



**Primary  
Industries**

R... 19 OCT 2012

Reference : WLL 14703

The General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Sir/Madam,

DPI – Crown Lands has received an enquiry from Mr David Barclay regarding the possibility of amalgamating his three adjoining Western Lands Leases into one lease.

The three leases, WLLs 14703, 14839 & 14936 are shown on the attached diagram. The current areas of the leases are 2450 m2, 2462 m2 and 2496 m2 respectively.

Mr Barclay has been advised that the Opal Fields leases are limited to a maximum of 2500 m2, but he has responded that there are many leases larger than that.

Please advise Council's position on Mr Barclay's request to amalgamate the three leases into one holding.

Please also advise whether Mr Barclay is paying three lots of minimum rates, and if so, whether he can request his valuation be combined to reduce the rates payable.

Yours faithfully,

Jody Burgess  
Property Management Project Officer  
West Region, Crown Lands

17 October, 2012

NSW Department of Primary Industries  
45 Wingewarra Street Dubbo NSW 2830  
PO Box 1840 Dubbo NSW 2830  
Tel : (02) 6883 5404 Fax : (02) 6884 2067  
[www.ipma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipma.nsw.gov.au)

**Attachment B - Extract from Council's "Opal mining related Policies", adopted 25-8-2009**

**Residential land use on 'preserved' opal mining fields**

On the 'preserved' opal fields Walgett Shire Council:

6. Only supports the grant of a Western Lands Lease for residential purposes in the following circumstances:
  - a) To formalise residential land title over an existing mining camp, and;  
*Note: Council does not support the establishment of any new land titles for mining camps because they will invariably have an adverse impact on opportunities for opal exploration and mining.*
  - b) The granted lease is no larger than 2,500m<sup>2</sup> in area.
  - c) There is no current Western Lands Lease for grazing over the area.
7. Supports the establishment of new residential buildings, renovations and extensions:
  - a) That comply with the Building Code of Australia, and;
  - b) Are located on a residential Mineral Claim or a Western lands Lease for residential purposes.

## **15.16 DRAFT STORM WATER DRAINAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN –DECEMBER 2012**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1724

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### **Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to place the draft Storm Water Drainage Asset Management Plan on Public Exhibition to enable the plan to be adopted.

### **Background:**

The Department of Local Government has introduced a new planning and reporting framework for NSW Local Government. This framework replaces the former Management Plan and Social Plan with an integrated framework. It also includes a requirement to prepare a long term Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operating Plan.

A Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan enables Council to demonstrate how our storm water drainage asset portfolio supports the service delivery needs of the community into the future.

### **Current Position:**

Council has completed a draft Asset Management Plan

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

Nil

### **Governance issues:**

Department of Local Government

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Shire Residents

### **Financial Implications:**

WSC Management plans



**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

The draft Storm Water Drainage Asset Management Plan outlines Walgett Shire's current storm water drainage asset position and will guide Council in achieving and reporting these improvements against identified action plans

**Storm Water Drainage Asset Management Plan December 2012**

**Recommendation:**

That the draft Storm Water Drainage Asset Management Plan, be placed on public exhibition for the prescribed period.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Draft Walgett Shire Council Storm Water Drainage Asset Management Plan 2012 (Circulated under separate cover)

## **15.17 MONTHLY FLOOD WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – DECEMBER 2012**

**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 of progress relating to the February 2012 flood restoration works in the period since the report was prepared in first week of December 2012.

### **Background:**

In December 2011 and February 2012, Walgett Shire suffered major flood disasters and significantly affected 62 Shire Roads, 7 Regional roads and 3 State Highways. The people of the Walgett, Collarenebri & Lightning Ridge were particularly hard hit and the Shire's infrastructure sustained severe damage.

Roads and Maritime services (RMS) has assessed the flood affected roads and awarded Natural Disaster Assistance (NDA) to the Walgett Shire for the flood damage roads which involves the remediation & reconstruction.

### **Current Position:**

The Bore Head road is still under water and is currently closed, while the water in Rotten Plain (Wilby Wilby Road) has receded and is currently open to light traffic.

Council team and Contractors are working in full swing. Works in following roads are progressing

- Merrywine bone Road – By Council's Team & Newbold
- Come By Chance road – By Council's Team
- Kamilaroi Highway – By Council's Team
- Carrinda Road - By Council's Team
- Gundabloui Road – Ridge Rock Earthmoving
- Bugilbone Road – Evergreen
- Cryon Road – Batterline

Flood restorations works on following roads have been completed.

- Epping Road
- Colrose road
- Wingadee Road
- Lorne Road
- Springs Road
- Angledool Road
- Koomalah Road

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- Boorooma Creek road
- Wilby Wilby Road (**except rotten plain**)
- Narran lake Road
- Kurrajong Road
- Tungra Road
- Tip Road Walgett
- Hardies Lease Road
- Yarraldool Road
- Wingardee Road

Council is planning to complete all the Flood Affected roads before June 2013.

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

Nil

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourist

### **Financial Implications:**

As at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012, \$ 4,658,878.19 has been spent from a total amount of \$ 11,671,007.11 provided in the 2012/2013 budget.

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

Nil

### **Conclusion:**

Council can monitor progress of monthly flood work program by reviewing the attached spread sheets and noting progress to date.

**Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for December 2012

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Flood restoration works progress summary.

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA**

| Local Roads |    |            |                                     |                                       |                                           |              |                                      |                           |
|-------------|----|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Item No.    |    | Work Order | Description of Works<br>(Road Name) | Amount to be<br>contributed<br>by RTA | Amount to be<br>Contributed<br>by Council | Total        | Total<br>Expenditure to<br>3/12/2012 | Progress in<br>Percentage |
| SR          | 1  | 2284       | Franxton Road                       | \$36,769                              |                                           | \$3,372.73   | \$3,372.73                           | 9.17                      |
| SR          | 2  | 2285       | Belarra Lane                        | \$106,061                             |                                           | \$106,678.60 | \$678.60                             | 0.64                      |
| SR          | 3  | 2286       | Clarkes Lane                        | \$9,885                               |                                           | \$934.05     | \$934.05                             | 9.45                      |
| SR          | 5  | 2287       | Cryon Road                          | \$190,907                             |                                           | \$100,166.86 | \$100,166.86                         | 52.47                     |
| SR          | 12 | 2288       | Millie Road                         | \$143,025                             |                                           | \$5,849.87   | \$5,849.87                           | 4.09                      |
| SR          | 13 | 2289       | Woodvale Road                       | \$111,256                             |                                           | \$2,290.75   | \$2,290.75                           | 2.06                      |
| SR          | 14 | 2290       | Baroona Road                        | \$91,346                              |                                           | \$00         |                                      | 0.00                      |
| SR          | 15 | 2291       | Pokataroo Road                      | \$50,030                              |                                           | \$12,294.51  | \$12,294.51                          | 24.57                     |
| SR          | 16 | 2292       | Mercadool Road                      | \$145,698                             |                                           | \$56,104.11  | \$56,104.11                          | 38.51                     |
| SR          | 19 | 2293       | Springs Road                        | \$3,630                               |                                           | \$000        |                                      | 0.00                      |
| SR          | 21 | 2294       | Meadow Plains Road                  | \$17,000                              |                                           | \$606.17     | \$606.17                             | 3.57                      |
| SR          | 24 | 2295       | Marlbone Road                       | \$20,716                              |                                           | \$4,561.17   | \$4,561.17                           | 22.02                     |
| SR          | 27 | 2296       | Colrose Road                        | \$19,456                              |                                           | \$22,944.48  | \$22,944.48                          | 117.93                    |
| SR          | 28 | 2297       | Wingadee Road                       | \$10,140                              | \$7,925.30                                | \$11,154.00  | \$11,154.00                          | 188.16                    |
| SR          | 31 | 2298       | Gungalman Road                      | \$39,781                              |                                           | \$822.70     | \$822.70                             | 2.07                      |
| SR          | 38 | 2299       | Wanourie Creek Road                 | \$18,120                              |                                           | \$6,982.26   | \$6,982.26                           | 38.53                     |
| SR          | 40 | 2300       | Ginghet Road                        | \$7,061                               | \$3,913.00                                | \$7,767.10   | \$11,680.10                          | 165.42                    |
| SR          | 43 | 2301       | Bushs Road                          | \$9,846                               |                                           | \$0          |                                      | 0.00                      |
| SR          | 45 | 2302       | Borehead Road                       | \$7,914                               |                                           | \$0          |                                      | 0.00                      |
| SR          | 48 | 2303       | Boorooma Creek Road                 | \$25,252                              |                                           | \$17,798.81  | \$17,798.81                          | 70.48                     |
| SR          | 51 | 2304       | Millencowbah Road                   | \$23,400                              |                                           | \$0          |                                      | 0.00                      |
| SR          | 52 | 2305       | Willis Road                         | \$6,570                               |                                           | \$0          |                                      | 0.00                      |
| SR          | 53 | 2306       | Koomalah Road                       | \$124,044                             |                                           | \$47,398.46  | \$47,398.46                          | 38.21                     |
| SR          | 57 | 2307       | Epping Road                         | \$50,889                              |                                           | \$24,755.35  | \$24,755.35                          | 48.65                     |

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| Local Roads |     |      |                           |             |             |              |              |        |
|-------------|-----|------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| SR          | 59  | 2308 | Moomin Road               | \$60,342    |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 60  | 2309 | Marra Creek Road          | \$7,512     |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 61  | 2310 | Cambo Road                | \$34,365    |             | \$98.87      | \$98.87      | 0.29   |
| SR          | 64  | 2311 | Wimbledon Road            | \$26,028    |             | \$18,504.35  | \$18,504.35  | 71.09  |
| SR          | 67  | 2312 | Collarenebri Mission Road | \$13,000    |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 70  | 2313 | Lone Pine Road            | \$13,980    | \$1,718.32  | \$15,378.00  | \$17,096.37  | 122.29 |
| SR          | 71  | 2314 | Rossmore Lane             | \$8,100     |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 72  | 2315 | Middle Route Road         | \$17,496    |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 73  | 2316 | Miralwyn Road             | \$10,554    |             | \$04         |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 77  | 2317 | Nedgera Road              | \$11,009    |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 79  | 2318 | Pagan Creek Road          | \$5,916     |             | \$0          |              | 0.00   |
| SR          | 85  | 2319 | Tungra Road               | \$47,510    | \$11,396.50 | \$52,261.00  | \$63657.50   | 133.99 |
| SR          | 88  | 2320 | Fabians Road              | \$24,990    |             | \$182.72     | \$182.72     | 0.73   |
| SR          | 89  | 2321 | Belaba Road               | \$17,007    |             | \$8,730.00   | \$8,730.00   | 51.33  |
| SR          | 90  | 2322 | Fairview Road             | \$26,436    |             | \$3,580.00   | \$3,580.00   | 13.54  |
| SR          | 95  | 2323 | Banarway Crossing Road    | \$22,360    |             | \$2,161.60   | \$2,161.60   | 9.67   |
| SR          | 98  | 2324 | Lorne Road                | \$72,913    |             | \$31,202.58  | \$31,202.58  | 42.79  |
| SR          | 101 | 2325 | Wilby Wilby Road          | \$1,434,467 |             | \$49,030     | \$49,030     | 3.42   |
| SR          | 102 | 2326 | Angledool Road            | \$244,548   |             | \$105,001.47 | \$105,001.47 | 42.94  |
| SR          | 103 | 2327 | Bugilbone Road            | \$130,824   |             | \$12,969.68  | \$12,969.68  | 9.91   |
| SR          | 110 | 2328 | Kurrajong Road            | \$5,040     |             | \$5,040      | \$5,040      | 100    |
| SR          | 111 | 2329 | Narran Lake Road          | \$20,170    | \$4,046.88  | \$22,187.00  | \$26,233.88  | 130.06 |
| 15804       | 112 | 2330 | Brewon Road               | \$72,024    |             | \$15,817.72  | \$15,817.72  | 21.96  |
| SR          | 113 | 2331 | Binghi Road               | \$13,168    |             | \$845.94     | \$845.94     | 6.42   |
| SR          | 114 | 2332 | Bogewong Road             | \$24,378    |             | \$12,100.00  | \$12,100.00  | 49.63  |
| SR          | 115 | 2333 | Aberfoyle Road            | \$18,266    |             | \$2,002.26   | \$2,002.26   | 10.96  |
| SR          | 116 | 2334 | Goangra Road              | \$185,711   |             | \$76,757.05  | \$76,757.05  | 41.33  |
| SR          | 117 | 2335 | Beanbri Road              | \$499,530   |             | \$1,241.07   | \$1,241.07   | 0.25   |

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| Local Roads  |     |      |                        |                    |                    |                       |                       |              |
|--------------|-----|------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| SR           | 118 | 2336 | Yarraldool Road        | \$140,365          |                    | \$96,356.36           | \$96,356.36           | 68.65        |
| SR           | 121 | 2337 | Pian Creek Road        | \$156,948          |                    | \$329.39              | \$329.39              | 0.21         |
| SR           | 122 | 2338 | Old Burren Road        | \$54,015           |                    | \$8,907.64            | \$8,907.64            | 16.49        |
| SR           | 123 | 2339 | Rowena Road            | \$131,288          |                    | \$1,170.53            | \$1,170.53            | 0.89         |
| SR           | 124 | 2340 | Dundee Road            | \$52,470           |                    | \$0                   |                       | 0.00         |
| SR           | 125 | 2341 | Glen Eden Road         | \$145,997          |                    | \$832.65              | \$832.65              | 0.57         |
| SR           | 127 | 2342 | Boora Road             | \$21,870           |                    | \$319.51              | \$319.51              | 1.46         |
| SR           | 128 | 2343 | Camerons Lane          | \$36,389           |                    | \$1,315.19            | \$1,315.19            | 3.61         |
| SR           | 129 | 2344 | George Sands Way       | \$131,640          |                    | \$115,185.26          | \$115,185.26          | 87.50        |
| SR           | 131 | 2345 | O'Neils Road           | \$59,754           |                    | \$59,337.86           | \$59,337.86           | 99.30        |
|              |     | 2346 | Tip Road               | \$70,200           |                    | \$62,225.15           | \$62,225.15           | 88.64        |
|              |     |      | Emergency Works        | \$476,727          |                    | \$476,727             | \$476,727             | 100.0        |
|              |     |      | Council's Contribution | -\$29,000          |                    |                       |                       |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |     |      |                        | <b>\$5,844,948</b> | <b>\$35,998.76</b> | <b>\$1,587,360.66</b> | <b>\$1,623,359.42</b> | <b>27.77</b> |

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| Regional Roads |           |            |                                     |                                           |                                      |                                      |                           |
|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Item No.       |           | Work Order | Description of Works<br>(Road Name) | Amount to be<br>Contributed<br>by Council | contributed<br>contributed<br>by RTA | Total<br>Expenditure To<br>3/12/2012 | Progress in<br>Percentage |
| 1              | RR329     | 2347       | Merrywine bone road                 |                                           | \$3,822,345                          | \$1,553,840.40                       | 40.65                     |
| 2              | RR333     | 2348       | Carrinda road                       |                                           | \$552,750                            | \$463,729.74                         | 83.90                     |
| 3              | RR402     | 2349       | Gingie/Ilanillo                     |                                           | \$628,763                            | \$580,901.30                         | 92.39                     |
| 4              | RR426     | 2350       | Shermans way                        |                                           |                                      |                                      |                           |
| 5              | RR426     | 2351       | Ridge road                          |                                           | \$24,480                             | \$14,374.62                          | 58.72                     |
| 6              | RR457     | 2352       | Gundabloui road                     |                                           | \$348,161                            | \$166,829.89                         | 47.92                     |
| 7              | RR7716    | 2353       | Come by chance                      |                                           | \$276,086                            | \$81,829.89                          | 29.64                     |
|                | Emergency |            |                                     |                                           | \$173,474.11                         | \$174,474.11                         | 100.58                    |
|                |           |            | <b>TOTAL</b>                        |                                           | <b>\$5,826,059</b>                   | <b>\$3,035,518.77</b>                | <b>52.10</b>              |

| Summary        |                 |                              |                        |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
|                | Total           | Expenditure To<br>30/11/2012 | Progress in Percentage |
| Local Roads    | \$ 5,844,948    | \$ 1,623,359.42              | 27.77                  |
| Regional Roads | \$5,826,059.11  | \$3,035,518.77               | 52.10                  |
| Total          | \$11,671,007.11 | \$4,658,878.19               | 39.91                  |



**15.18 MONTHLY RMCC WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR  
ENGINEERING SERVICES – DECEMBER 2012**

**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 of progress relating to the RMCC works in the period since the report was prepared in November 2012.

**Background:**

RMS has awarded a contract of \$ 8,439,000 for 2012/2013 financial year. The contract consisted of Flood works for February 2012 & December 2010 events and maintenance works

**Current Position:**

At present, there are two contractor's teams and one Council team are working on State highways flood works and two council staff are working on Highway maintenance work under RMCC works. The expenditure over the 5 months period from 1 July, 2012 is \$ 1,892,766.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Nil

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Walgett Residents

**Financial Implications:**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012, \$ 1,892,766 has been spent from a total amount of \$ 8,439,000 now provided in the 2012/2013 budget.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council can monitor progress of RMCC works programmed for 2012/2013 by reviewing the attached spread sheet and noting the progress to date.

**Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering Services – December 2012**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for December 2012.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

RMCC works summary.

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## Background:

The indicative funding allocations for 2012/2013 RMCC works are \$ 8,439,000. The details are as follows.

| Program description                          | HW12      | HW18        | HW29        | Total              | Expenditure up to 30 <sup>th</sup> of September 2012 | Progress in % | Remarks                                      |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Resealing                                    | \$150,000 | \$550,000   | \$500,000   | \$1,200,000        |                                                      |               | Programmed for February 2013                 |
| Heavy patching                               |           | \$426,000   |             | \$426,000          |                                                      |               | Programmed for December 2012 to January 2013 |
| HW29 West Walgett Geotextile Rehab           |           |             | \$1,025,000 | \$1,025,000        |                                                      |               | Programmed for January 2013 to April 2013    |
| HW29 West Walgett widening                   |           |             | \$450,000   | \$450,000          |                                                      |               | Programmed for March 2013                    |
| HW29 East Pian Creek ( stage 1)              |           |             | \$50,000    | \$50,000           |                                                      |               | Programmed for February 2013                 |
| Flood damage restoration ( Dec 2010 event)   |           | \$1,141,000 |             | \$1,141,000        |                                                      |               | Programmed for February 2013                 |
| Flood damage restoration ( Feb 2012 event)   | 580645    | \$1,002,581 | \$1,416,774 | \$3,000,000        | \$1,408,116                                          | 46.94%        | On going                                     |
| Routine works (Pavement, corridor and signs) |           |             |             | \$1,147,000        | \$ 484,650                                           | 42.25%        | Programmed for Sept 2012-May 2013            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 |           |             |             | <b>\$8,439,000</b> | <b>\$1,892,766</b>                                   | <b>22.43%</b> |                                              |

**15.19 NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING -NORTH WEST ZONE SERVICE  
APPROVED BUDGET 2012/2013**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1238-02

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**Summary:**

That Council formally receives approved figures for Council's Contribution to Rural Fire fighting North West Zone funding for 2012/2013

**Background:**

Rural Fire Service in Walgett Shire is managed by the North West Zone. The 2012/2013 budget of the funding for the Rural Fire Service is \$ 3,131,438.00.

**Current Position:**

The Rural Fire Service North West Zone has submitted an approved budget of 3,131,438.00 of which Council's contribution is \$ 366,378.25. The Walgett Council's contribution is 50 % of \$ 366,378.25 which is \$ 183,189.13. The Total contribution for 2011/2012 was \$ 352,186.87 which was 3.87 % higher than current contribution.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

North West Zone Funding budget

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

NSW Rural Fire Service- Walgett Brigades and Residents

**Financial Implications:**

WSC management plan 2012/2013

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

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### Conclusion:

The Council is required to include the contribution amount of \$ 183,189.13 for 2012/2013 budget.

### Rural Fire Fighting North West Zone Service Funding budget 2012/2013

#### Recommendation:

That Council receive and approves the contribution of \$ 183,189.13 to Rural Fire Services fund for 2012/2013.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### Attachments:

RFS approved budget document (circulated under separate document)

**15.20 BUDGET VARIATION FOR FEBRUARY 2012 FLOOD  
RESTORATION WORKS FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
– DECEMBER 2012**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1159

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**Summary:**

This report recommends that Council accepts the revised funding for the February 2012 Flood restoration works.

**Background:**

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has initially approved of an amount of \$ 4,433,043 for the February 2012 Flood restoration works on Local Roads. The Grawin Creek box culvert, Inundated portion of Wilby Wilby Road ,resheeting works on SR 110 ( 19 km ) and 10 km Glengary mining access were not included in the initial budget. The revised funding level is \$ 5,397,221.

**Current Position:**

The revised funding level for the local road flood restoration works is \$ 5,397,221.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

RMS approved email

**Government Issues:**

N/A

**Environmental issues:**

Road safety

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council and users

**Financial Implications:**

WSC Management Plan 2012/2013

**Alternative Solutions / options :**

N/A

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### Conclusion:

Budget for Local Roads under February 2012 Flood restoration works schedule has been increased to \$ 5,397,221 from \$ 4,433,043

### February 2012 Flood restoration works on Local Roads 2012/2013 – December 2012

#### Recommendation:

1. That Council note the revised funding.
2. That Council approves the vote of 5,397,221.00

Moved:

Seconded:

### Attachments:

RMS Approved spread sheet

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## SCHEDULE OF WORKS FOR LOCAL ROADS

Approved under the RMS's Arrangements with Councils for Road Management  
- to accompany RMS's letter dated

**Shire of** WALGETT

**Road No.** LOCAL

**Description of Work or Program**

Restoration of Flood Damage  
Local Roads - Nov. 11- Feb 2012 Event

**Project No.** A/09805/IC

Plan  
No. *Refer to assessment sheets*

| Item No. |    | Description of Works<br>(Road Name) | Amount to be<br>contributed<br>by RTA | Amount to<br>be<br>contributed<br>by Council | Total     |
|----------|----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| SR       | 1  | Franxton Road                       | \$36,769                              |                                              | \$36,769  |
| SR       | 2  | Belarra Lane                        | \$106,061                             |                                              | \$106,061 |
| SR       | 3  | Clarkes Lane                        | \$9,885                               |                                              | \$9,885   |
| SR       | 5  | Cryon Road                          | \$190,907                             |                                              | \$190,907 |
| SR       | 12 | Millie Road                         | \$143,025                             |                                              | \$143,025 |
| SR       | 13 | Woodvale Road                       | \$111,256                             |                                              | \$111,256 |
| SR       | 14 | Baroona Road                        | \$91,346                              |                                              | \$91,346  |
| SR       | 15 | Pokataroo Road                      | \$50,030                              |                                              | \$50,030  |
| SR       | 16 | Mercadool Road                      | \$145,698                             |                                              | \$145,698 |
| SR       | 19 | Springs Road                        | \$3,630                               |                                              | \$3,630   |
| SR       | 21 | Meadow Plains Road                  | \$17,000                              |                                              | \$17,000  |



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| Item No. |    | Description of Works<br>(Road Name) | Amount to be<br>contributed<br>by RTA | Amount to<br>be<br>contributed<br>by Council | Total     |
|----------|----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| SR       | 24 | Marlbone Road                       | \$20,716                              |                                              | \$20,716  |
| SR       | 27 | Colrose Road                        | \$19,456                              |                                              | \$19,456  |
| SR       | 28 | Wingadee Road                       | \$10,140                              |                                              | \$10,140  |
| SR       | 31 | Gungalman Road                      | \$39,781                              |                                              | \$39,781  |
| SR       | 38 | Wanourie Creek Road                 | \$18,120                              |                                              | \$18,120  |
| SR       | 40 | Ginghet Road                        | \$7,061                               |                                              | \$7,061   |
| SR       | 43 | Bushs Road                          | \$9,846                               |                                              | \$9,846   |
| SR       | 45 | Borehead Road                       | \$7,914                               |                                              | \$7,914   |
| SR       | 48 | Boorooma Creek Road                 | \$25,252                              |                                              | \$25,252  |
| SR       | 51 | Millencowbah Road                   | \$23,400                              |                                              | \$23,400  |
| SR       | 52 | Willis Road                         | \$6,570                               |                                              | \$6,570   |
| SR       | 53 | Koomalah Road                       | \$124,044                             |                                              | \$124,044 |
| SR       | 57 | Epping Road                         | \$50,889                              |                                              | \$50,889  |
| SR       | 59 | Moomin Road                         | \$60,342                              |                                              | \$60,342  |
| SR       | 60 | Marra Creek Road                    | \$7,512                               |                                              | \$7,512   |
| SR       | 61 | Cambo Road                          | \$34,365                              |                                              | \$34,365  |
| SR       | 64 | Wimbledon Road                      | \$26,028                              |                                              | \$26,028  |
| SR       | 67 | Collarenebri Mission Road           | \$13,000                              |                                              | \$13,000  |
| SR       | 70 | Lone Pine Road                      | \$13,980                              |                                              | \$13,980  |
| SR       | 71 | Rossmore Lane                       | \$8,100                               |                                              | \$8,100   |
| SR       | 72 | Middle Route Road                   | \$17,496                              |                                              | \$17,496  |
| SR       | 73 | Miralwyn Road                       | \$10,554                              |                                              | \$10,554  |
| SR       | 77 | Nedgera Road                        | \$11,009                              |                                              | \$11,009  |
| SR       | 79 | Pagan Creek Road                    | \$5,916                               |                                              | \$5,916   |
| SR       | 85 | Tungra Road                         | \$47,510                              |                                              | \$47,510  |
| SR       | 88 | Fabians Road                        | \$24,990                              |                                              | \$24,990  |

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|----------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|          |     |                                                           | by RTA                      | by Council                     |             |
| SR       | 89  | Belaba Road                                               | \$17,007                    |                                | \$17,007    |
| SR       | 90  | Fairview Road                                             | \$26,436                    |                                | \$26,436    |
| SR       | 92  | Strathmore Road                                           | \$6,360                     |                                | \$6,360     |
| SR       | 95  | Banarway Crossing Road                                    | \$22,360                    |                                | \$22,360    |
| SR       | 98  | Lorne Road                                                | \$72,913                    |                                | \$72,913    |
| SR       | 101 | Wilby Wilby Road (Refer to SR101 spreadsheet for details) | \$1,434,467                 |                                | \$1,434,467 |
| SR       | 102 | Angledool Road                                            | \$244,548                   |                                | \$244,548   |
| SR       | 103 | Bugilbone Road                                            | \$130,824                   |                                | \$130,824   |
| SR       | 110 | Kurrajong Road                                            | \$5,040                     |                                | \$5,040     |
| SR       | 111 | Narran Lake Road                                          | \$20,170                    |                                | \$20,170    |
| SR       | 112 | Brewon Road                                               | \$72,024                    |                                | \$72,024    |
| SR       | 113 | Binghi Road                                               | \$13,168                    |                                | \$13,168    |
| SR       | 114 | Bogewong Road                                             | \$24,378                    |                                | \$24,378    |
| SR       | 115 | Aberfoyle Road                                            | \$18,266                    |                                | \$18,266    |
| SR       | 116 | Goangra Road                                              | \$185,711                   |                                | \$185,711   |
| SR       | 117 | Beanbri Road                                              | \$499,530                   |                                | \$499,530   |
| SR       | 118 | Yarraldool Road                                           | \$140,365                   |                                | \$140,365   |
| SR       | 121 | Pian Creek Road                                           | \$156,948                   |                                | \$156,948   |
| SR       | 122 | Old Burren Road                                           | \$54,015                    |                                | \$54,015    |
| SR       | 123 | Rowena Road                                               | \$131,288                   |                                | \$131,288   |
| SR       | 124 | Dundee Road                                               | \$52,470                    |                                | \$52,470    |
| SR       | 125 | Glen Eden Road                                            | \$145,997                   |                                | \$145,997   |
| SR       | 126 | Purtles Road                                              | \$53,486                    |                                | \$53,486    |
| SR       | 127 | Boora Road                                                | \$21,870                    |                                | \$21,870    |
| SR       | 128 | Camerons Lane                                             | \$36,389                    |                                | \$36,389    |
| SR       | 129 | George Sands Way                                          | \$131,640                   |                                | \$131,640   |
| SR       | 131 | O'Neils Road                                              | \$59,754                    |                                | \$59,754    |
|          |     | Tip Road                                                  | \$70,200                    |                                | \$70,200    |
|          |     |                                                           |                             |                                |             |

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                 | Emergency Works                             | \$476,727                                      | -                                                      | \$476,727          |
|                 | Council's Contribution                      | -\$29,000                                      | \$29,000                                               |                    |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   |                                             | <b>\$5,844,948</b>                             | <b>\$29,000</b>                                        | <b>\$5,873,948</b> |

**Note:**                      Emergency cost for 2011 Nov. Event                      \$45,699  
(Paid separately under the wbs A/09734/IC)