



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

## AGENDA

23 February 2010

**RAY KENT**  
*General Manager*



15<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2832

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ordinary Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers commencing at 10.00am.**

**NOTE** That the Council bus will depart for an inspection of the Showgrounds at **8.45am**

## 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.

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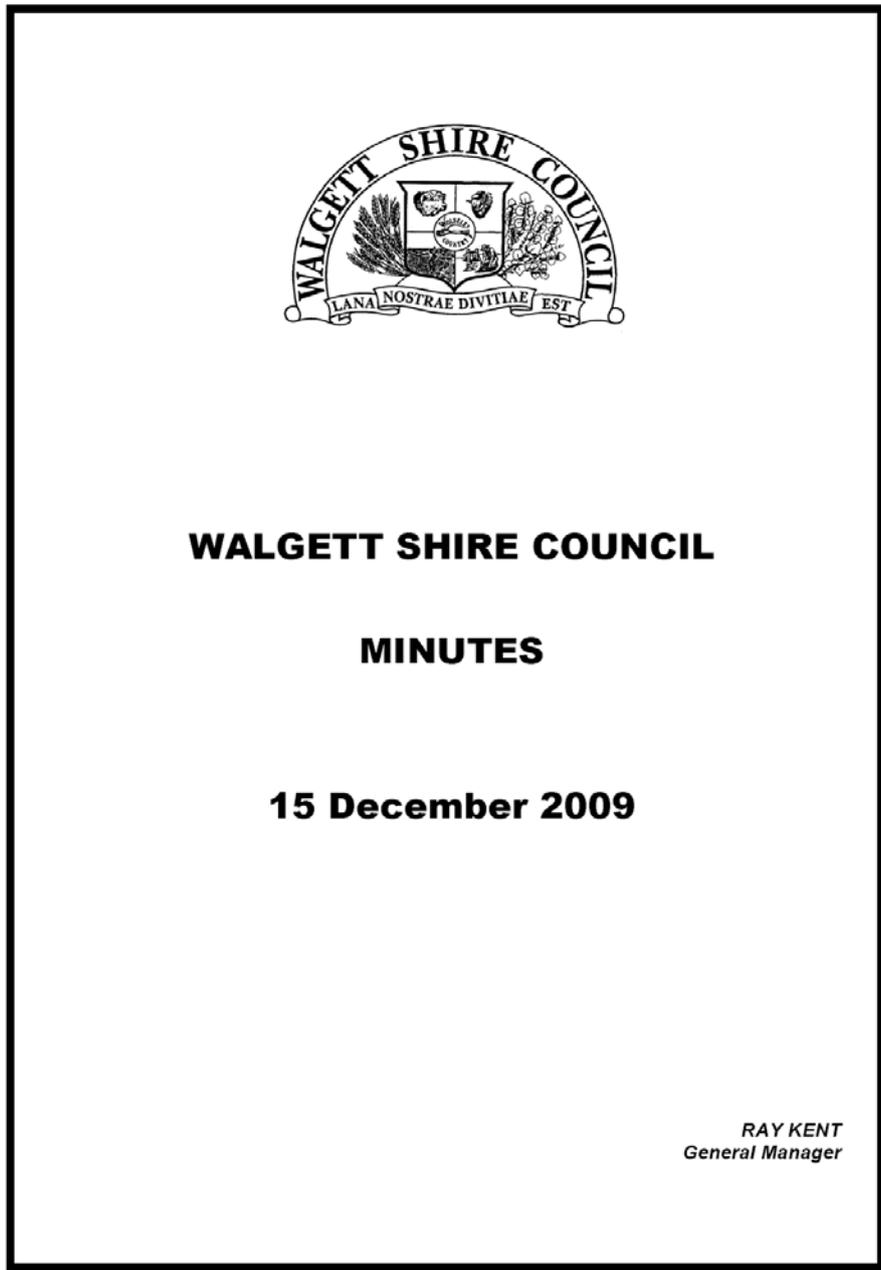
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 10:02AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)  
Clr Colless (Deputy Mayor)  
Clr Martinez  
Clr K Smith  
Clr L Walford  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr D Lane  
Clr J Keir  
Clr G Murray  
Ray Kent (General Manager)  
Ms C Medcalf (Director Corporate & Community Services)  
Mr I Taylor (Director, Rural Infrastructure & Support Services)  
Mr F Coralde (Director, Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Mr M Goodwin (Director, Planning and Regulatory Services)  
Mrs J Campbell (Minute Secretary)

**Apologies**

Nil

**Welcome to Visitors**

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

**Public Forum Presentations**

**Cameron Rowntree – President Walgett Show Society**

Mr Rowntree spoke on the following issues with the Showground at Walgett:

- Need to upgrade the facility
- Wool, sheep and cattle pavilions need repair
- Water Hydrant
- PA System needs replacing
- Toilets need upkeep and repair

383/09	Walgett Showground Report
<b>Motion:</b>  That a report on the Walgett Showground and funding options for upgrading be provided at the next Council Meeting.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Murray <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir  <b>CARRIED</b>	

**Rod White – Valuations for rating purposes**  
Spoke on issues regarding property valuations in the Walgett Shire.

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

Clr Keir declared a Non Pecuniary interest in item 11 – 2009/2010 Local Heritage Fund Applications

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

384/09	Confirmation of Minutes
<b>Motion:</b>  That the Minutes of Council meeting held 24 November 2009 be confirmed.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Greenaway <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Lane  <b>CARRIED</b>	

### **Reserve Trust Management Committee Report**

Nil

### **Mayoral Minutes**

385/09	Mayoral Minute – Deputation from the Walgett and District Ratepayers Association
<b>Recommendation:</b>  That Council receive a deputation from the Walgett and District Ratepayers Association at the February meeting.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Greenaway <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Murray  <b>CARRIED</b>	

**Motions of which Notice has been given**

**Councillor Murray**

<b>386/09</b>	<b>Program for eradication of Feral Dogs</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That the Walgett Shire Council write to the North West Livestock Health Protection Authority requesting that they run an eradication program for feral dogs, adjoining the townships of Lightning Ridge, Walgett and the Opal Fields and that Walgett Shire Council will provide support via its Regulatory officer.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Murray <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Lane  <b>CARRIED</b>	

<b>387/09</b>	<b>Water Restrictions</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That commercial premises and non-automated sprinklers in Public Parks, Sports Fields, Schools & Hospital Grounds water between 7am to Midday.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Murray <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Lane  <b>CARRIED</b>	

**Councillor Greenaway**

<b>388/09</b>	<b>Request for Attorney General to visit Walgett</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That:  1. The General Manager write to the Attorney General's office & request that the Attorney General visit Walgett to explain the lenient sentences given to the persons, especially juveniles, convicted of crimes.  2. If the Attorney General visits Walgett, he be asked to attend a public meeting.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Greenaway <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Martinez  <b>CARRIED</b>	

**Presentation of Petitions**

Nil

**Councillors Questions with Notice**

**Councillor Murray**

**Question 1:**

Carinda Tip - Has any remediation work been done recently?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that Walgett landfill operator has been asked to clean up the area, but until now he has not been available. The Director expected work to commence shortly. He further advised that we are seeking a service provider who might be available to do minor remediation.

**Question 2:**

Is there to be a Christmas Party for the staff this year?

**Response:**

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that there is a "Christmas Party" type function scheduled for Rural & Urban Infrastructure Staff from 1pm-4pm on Thursday 17 December 2009 at the Walgett Works Depot. (This being the day prior to many staff taking annual leave).

The Director Corporate and Community Services further advised that the Indoor staff have organised a breakfast from 7.00am - 8.30am on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Question 3:**

What did the two Shade Cloths at the Burren Bore Baths cost?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the shelters cost \$6163.64

**Question 4:**

When is the Interagency Workshop/Conference being held next year?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the next Interagency Meeting is on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 10.00 in the Council Chambers. The agenda will be circulated to Councillors as soon as it is received.

**Question 5:**

How is the Watering co-ordinated in the Parks, Ovals & Cemeteries in Walgett? Is there an overall Plan?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure advised that there is an overall plan available for viewing.

**Reports of Delegates and Representatives**

**389/09      Camps on Claims Working Group**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1.      Note the draft minutes of the Camps on Claims Working Group meeting held on 25 November 2009.

**Moved:**      Clr Walford

**Seconded:**      Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**390/09      Namoi Local Government Group Minutes of Meeting**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1.      Note the draft minutes of the Namoi Local Government Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 4 December 2008.

**Moved:**      Clr Keir

**Seconded:**      Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

**Reports of Officers**

391/09	Code of Conduct Committee
<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Write to the following people and ask if they will accept re-appointment as Code of Conduct Reviewers:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Mr Don Olney</li><li>* Ms Catherine Bott</li><li>* Mr Trent Swinton</li><li>* Ms Coleen Edgar.</li></ul><p>The appointment to take effect from Council's meeting dated 15 December 2009 for a 12 month period.</p></li><li>2. Ensure Code of Conduct training is provided at the earliest opportunity to all Reviewers unfamiliar with Council's Code of Conduct.</li><li>3. That the Mayor write to Mrs Shirley Mitchell and thank her for her contribution to Walgett community life over so many years.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	

392/09	Draft Tendering Procedures
<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Note the Tendering Procedure with the following amendments to the Threshold requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Goods and services between \$3000 - \$150,000 must be publicly advertised.</li><li>* Infrastructure between \$3000 - \$150,000 must be publicly advertised.</li></ul></li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Martinez <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	

**Clr Greenaway**

What was the cost of the trees that were planted at Rowena and what is happening with the leftover money not expended?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that she will be having a discussions with Murdi Paaki and the Rowena Community about what happened with the trees.

<b>393/09    Infrastructure design and quoting process</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That with any future infrastructure money the community groups be involved in the design and quoting process for each of those projects.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Martinez  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>394/09    Tenders for Public Works</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That the Council investigate the use of an external person or Company to oversee & critically examine Tenders and quotes given to the Shire for Public Works.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Murray  <b>Motion Withdrawn</b>
<b>395/09    Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 30 November 2009</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:  1.        Receive the cash on hand and Investment report as at 30 November 2009.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Murray <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Lane  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>396/09    Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</b>
<b>Motion:</b>  That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:  1.        Note the report on the commencement of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.  <b>Moved:</b> Clr Lane <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir  <b>CARRIED</b>

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**397/09 Community Based Heritage Study Corrections**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to

1. Correct the Report of the Community Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire as shown in the table below.

PAGE	ITEM No.	ISSUE	CORRECTION
82	26	Property description	Modify to lot 22
84	29	Property description	Modify to lot B, DP 399615
98	37	Property description	Modify to lot 2, DP 215257
108	44	Property description	Modify to lot 1, DP 1083221
145	68	House demolished	Add notation house demolished Sept. 2009 after storm damage.
200	107	Bakery burnt down	Add notation that bakery building burnt down April 2009
283	N/A	Error in Map 1, Rural areas	Delete item 94 from map as it was not included in report
285	N/A	Errors in Map 3, Walgett	Delete items 103 & 60 from map as they were not included in report  Delete incorrect items 29 & 134
288	N/A	Error in Map 6, Come-by-Chance	Modify to show correct location for item 37

2. Endorse the amended report of the Report of the Community Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire, dated November 2009, excluding:

- (a) The following items in Recommendation 1 (section 6) which were proposed to listed in the heritage schedule of a Local Environmental Plan (LEP):

- \* Item 58, lot 45 DP 546693, Walgett. Reason: Report dated 25 November 2009 by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, recommends that the item not be included as a heritage item within an LEP.
- \* Item 68, lot 25 DP 15645, Burren Junction. Reason: Building damaged by storm late in 2008 and has since been demolished.
- \* Item 75, unknown lot and DP, near Come-By-Chance. Reason: The property description has not been determined and the statutory requirements for listing cannot be met.
- \* Item 76, various lots and DPs, Walgett. Reason: The provisions of Division 7 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 override the effect of listing this as a local heritage item within an LEP.
- \* Item 107, lot 3 section 4 DP 769262, Collarenebri. Reason: Walgett Shire Council resolved on 28 July 2009 to remove the item from the draft (LEP) heritage schedule, as per a recommendation by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison.

- (b) Recommendation 2 (section 6), proposing that a heritage conservation area be established over the 'preserved' opal fields at Lightning Ridge, Coocoran, Grawin, Carter's, Sheeppyard and Glengarry areas.

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**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**398/09 Objection to Proposed Heritage Listing**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the letter dated 29/9/08 from Barry McKenzie objecting to the proposed heritage listing of the former blacksmith's shop.
2. Note the report dated 25 November 2009 on the former blacksmith's shop from Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison.
3. Remove the 'former blacksmith's shop' located on lot 45, DP 546693, Warrena St, Walgett from the draft local heritage schedule for a Walgett Shire Local Environmental Plan, in accordance with the recommendation of Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor.
4. Write to Barry McKenzie and advise him of Council's resolution.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

**399/09 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during October 2009.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

11.56am Clr Keir left the meeting

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400/09	2009/2010 Local Heritage Fund Applications
<b>Motion:</b>	
That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:	
1. Delegate authority to the General Manager to approve the allocation of funds from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2009-2010, after considering the advice received from Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Clr Lane
<b>Seconded:</b>	Clr Greenaway
<b>CARRIED</b>	

11.57am Clr Keir returned to the Meeting

401/09	Additional Water Expenditure Proposals 2009/2010
<b>Motion:</b>	
That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:	
1. Approve the procurement and installation of water meters at Carinda, to be funded from the Walgett Water Fund Reserve.	
2. Approve the telemetry procurement and installation of standpipes at Walgett and Cumborah, to be funded from the Walgett Water Fund Reserve.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Clr Walford
<b>Seconded:</b>	Clr Greenaway
<b>CARRIED</b>	

12.02pm Clr Walford left the meeting.  
12:06pm Clr Walford returned to the meeting

402/09	Strategic Plant Replacement Program 2010-2024
<b>Motion:</b>	
That Council:	
1. Adopt the Strategic Plan Replacement Program 2010 -2024	
2. Approve the procurement of plant identified to be replaced in accordance with council's procurement policy and procedures; and	
3. Review the plan by June 2010.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Clr Keir
<b>Seconded:</b>	Clr Colless
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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### Questions without Notice

#### Clr Murray

##### **Question 1:**

Economic Development Officer – Does anyone cover that position?

##### **Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that this position was advertised 18 months ago and Council was not able to attract a suitable applicant. She further advised that the position was not seen to be important at the time, so was not readvertised. The responsibility is currently shared across a few other positions.

#### Clr Keir

Clr Keir represented Council at the Barwon group medical scholarship. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Walgett Shire Council.

Clr Keir advised that she recently attended an Outback Arts Meeting. There were some issues raised regarding communication and visits to Walgett and Outback Arts have decided to make a few changes. They have recently appointed a new Regional Art Development Officer.

#### Clr Greenaway

##### **Question:**

What job is Emma Darcy doing for council at the moment?

##### **Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Mrs Darcy is currently completing Council's procedures and in the New Year she will commence on Council's Land Register.

##### **Question:**

Are we going to continue to employ her in one job after another?

##### **Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that if Mrs Darcy has the capacity to meet the statutory requirements and if no other staff member has the capacity to do so, then she will be asked to complete other jobs required.

##### **Question:**

What is happening with the selling of the council housing and the units?

##### **Response:**

The General Manager advised that the strata titles are being prepared and that it is still some time before we will have the titles.

##### **Question:**

Walgett is 150 years old. Is the Council going to do anything?

##### **Response:**

The General Manager advised that October was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the town being surveyed. A display to celebrate the occasion was mounted by the Historical Society.

12:35pm      Clr Greenaway left the meeting  
12:37pm      Clr Greenaway returned to the Meeting

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**Clr Colless**

**Question:**

In relation to Coolibah kids, there was a report or discussion to be brought back to this meeting. What is happening with this?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Council is yet to consult with Coolibah kids in relation to this matter and it is not expected to occur until next year.

**Question:**

Can Council still offer Coolibah Kids the house?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Council will wait until next year when a report will be presented to Council.

**Question:**

What has happened with the Amenities block at the Walgett tip?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he is still looking into this matter.

**Question:**

There was an incident involving staff of the Lightning Ridge Caravan Park.

**Response:**

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that she will speak with the Councillor after the meeting in relation to this matter.

**Question:**

What is happening with the beautification of the main street?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the consultants were in town last week and presented their findings at a public meeting. There were a few negative discussions but overall the feedback received was good. She further advised that the consultants will now go back and prepare a discussion paper which should be available this week or early next week and will be available until January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Question:**

Are we outlaying anymore money for these consultants?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised no it is all included in the fee.

**Question:**

Is Coolibah Kids holding a license at this stage?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that as far as she knows yes

**Clr Smith**

**Question:**

Are we having an opening for the airstrip?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised yes, it will be held in the New Year and will involve representatives of Federal Government, Royal Flying Doctor's Service and Air Ambulance. He further advised that the Director Urban Infrastructure Services will be organising this.

**Question:**

At the orientation there were questions asked about Uniforms?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that Council has a uniform policy and clothes vary in colour.

12:52pm adjourned for lunch

2:07pm returned from Lunch

**403/09 Move into Closed Session**

**Motion:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10 A (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**404/09 Proposed Tenders for Walgett and Collarenebri Swimming Pools**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Approve the term of the tender for the operational management of Walgett and Collarenebri Swimming Pools for a period of three years.
2. In principle approve training staff and/or local interested residents in AQF level certificates for aquatic management as part of a long-term strategic plan of managing swimming pools.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

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**405/09 Contracts for the Supply and Delivery of Bulk Chemicals – Regional Procurement Tender T20910OROC**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Award the relevant supplier for each Schedule (as listed in the Regional Procurement Tender Assessment) the tender as the single source supplier to participating OROC member councils for the period 1st October 2009 to 30th September 2011
2. Make provision for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take this tender through to 2012.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**406/09 Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Reservoir Cleaning and Maintenance – Regional Procurement Tender T10910OROC**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Award all tenders as a Panel source from 1st December 2009 to 31st December 2011 as per recommendation of the Orana Region of Councils Regional Procurement evaluation report for Tender T10910OROC.
2. Make provision for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take this tender through to 2012.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**407/09 Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report.
2. Consider funding Walgett Sewerage Treatment Plant and Walgett Water Treatment Plant refurbishments in 2010-11 budget.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**408/09 Contract E09001 – Replacement of Six Bridges – ICOM Pty Ltd**

**Motion:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the Icom Pty Ltd's withdrawal from Contract E09001 Replacement of Six Bridges in Walgett Shire.
2. Readvertise the tenders for the contract.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

A minute was provided to Councillors regarding the status of three Tenders:

- Proposed Diving Pool Heating – Lightning Ridge
- Proposed Toilet Block Construction - Lightning Ridge
- Proposed Water Tower Construction – Rowena Village

**409/09 Rowena Village Water Tower Construction Tender**

**Motion:**

1. The Tender submitted for the proposed water tower construction – Rowena Village be accepted.
2. The budget for the Water Tower Construction be increased by \$9,650.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

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### 410/09 Move into open Session

**Motion:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 3.12pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

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Mayor

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General Manager

15 December 2009

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### Confirmation of Minutes – 15 December 2009

**Recommendation:**

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 be confirmed.



**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

**19 JANUARY 2010**

*RAY KENT*  
*General Manager*

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2010  
COMMENCING AT 12:20PM**

**PRESENT**

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)  
Clr Martinez  
Clr L Walford  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr D Lane  
Clr G Murray  
Ray Kent (General Manager)  
Fred Coralde Director Urban Infrastructure Services

**Apologies**

01/10	Apologies
<b>Resolution:</b>	
1. That apologies be accepted from Clr Keir, Clr Colless and Clr Smith and leave of absence granted.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Clr Greenaway
<b>Seconded:</b>	Clr Walford
<b>CARRIED</b>	

**Welcome to Visitors**

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

**Public Forum Presentations**

Nil

02/10	Exclude the public from the Meeting
<b>Resolution:</b>	
1. That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the matter to be addressed involves information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting or proposes to conduct business and commercial information of a confidential nature.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Clr Murray
<b>Seconded:</b>	Clr Lane

CARRIED

**03/10 Lightning Ridge Diving Pool Heating Tender**

**Recommendation:**

1. The tender of TWS in the amount of \$408,443.63 (excluding GST and 15% contingency) be accepted.
2. Council approve release of \$469,711 (GST excluded/contingency included) from the Lightning Ridge Water Fund.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

CARRIED

**04/10 Return to Open Session**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council return to open session

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1:15pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

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Mayor

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General Manager

**Confirmation of Minutes – 19 January 2010**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be confirmed.

## **8. Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

### **1. LIGHTNING RIDGE (R230055) RESERVE TRUST**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Urban Infrastructure Services  
**AUTHOR:** Susan Hillier – Finance Lands Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1128

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#### **Summary:**

This report recommends that a licence for 3 years duration be issued to the Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council for the use of part of the reserve as an Arts and Craft Centre.

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

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve (R230055) containing the Arts and Craft Centre and the library.

A licence must be issued to the Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council Inc which currently uses a portion of the building occupied by the Lightning Ridge Library.

The Land and Property Management Authority have stipulated that the current minimum rent for licences is \$406 per annum. Given that the Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council are a not for profit organisation a commercial rent is not recommended.

#### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Gazettal Notice

#### **Stakeholders:**

Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA)  
Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council Incorporated  
Community of Lightning Ridge and district

#### **Financial Implications:**

The rent received will be placed in the Lightning Ridge (R230055) Trust Account to be reinvested back into the reserve. An estimated \$1230 added revenue over a 3 year period.

**Lightning Ridge (R230055) Reserve Trust**

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. A licence for 3 years be issued to the Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council Incorporated for use of part of Lot 8 DP1123745 (previously gazetted as Lot 166 DP820444) as an Arts and Craft Centre.
2. The rent fee be \$410 per annum.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence.

## **2. COLLARENERBI (R82811) RESERVE TRUST – COLLARENEBRI GOLF COURSE INCORPORATED**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Urban Infrastructure Services  
**AUTHOR:** Susan Hillier – Finance Lands Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1128

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that a licence for 3yrs duration be issued to the Collarenebri Golf Course Incorporated for the use of part of the reserve as a Golf Course.

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

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve (R82811) containing the Collarenebri Golf Course and Mulga Mudlarks Inc.

A licence must be issued to the Collarenebri Golf Course Incorporated.

The Land and Property Management Authority have stipulated that the current minimum rent for licences is \$406 pa. Given that the Collarenebri Golf Course Incorporated is a not for profit organisation a commercial rent is not recommended.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Gazettal Notice

### **Stakeholders:**

Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA)  
Collarenebri Golf Course Incorporated  
Community of Collarenebri and district

### **Financial Implications:**

The rent received will be placed in the Collarenebri (R82811) Trust Account to be reinvested back into the reserve. An estimated \$1230 added revenue over a 3 year period.

**Collarenebri (R82811) Reserve Trust - Collarenebri Golf Course Incorporated**

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. A licence be issued to the Collarenebri Golf Course Incorporated for use of part Lot 57 DP752673 as a Golf Course.
2. The rent fee be \$410 per annum.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the license.

### **3. COLLARENEBRI (R82811) RESERVE TRUST – MULGA MUDLARKS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Urban Infrastructure  
**AUTHOR:** Susan Hillier – Finance Lands Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1128

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#### **Summary:**

This report recommends that a licence for 3 years duration be issued to the Mulga Mudlarks for the use of the reserve as a Mud Trials area.

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

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve (R82811) containing the Mulga Mudlarks and Collarenebri Golf Club.

A licence must be issued to the Mulga Mudlarks Inc.

The Land and Property Management Authority have stipulated that the current minimum rent for licences is \$406 per annum. Given that the Mulga Mudlarks are a not for profit organisation a commercial rent is not recommended.

#### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Gazettal Notice

#### **Stakeholders:**

Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA)  
Mulga Mudlarks Incorporated  
Community of Collarenebri and district

#### **Financial Implications:**

The rent received will be placed in the Collarenebri (R82811) Trust Account to be reinvested back into the reserve. An estimated \$1230 added revenue over a 3 year period.

**Collarenebri (R82811) Reserve Trust – Mulga Mudlarks**

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. A licence for 3 years be issued to the Mulga Mudlarks Incorporated for use of part Lot 57 DP752673 as a Mud Trials area.
2. The rent fee be \$410 per annum.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence.

#### **4. WALGETT RACECOURSE & SHOWGROUND (D520009) RESERVE TRUST REPORT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Urban Infrastructure Services  
**AUTHOR:** Siegfredo O Coralde – Director of Urban Infrastructure Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/802

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##### **Summary:**

Council, in response to a public presentation by Mr. Cameron Rowntree, President of Walgett Show Society, 15 December 2009 Council Ordinary Meeting, resolved to report on the Walgett Showground and funding options available for this facility.

This report is to provide Council with a picture of the Walgett Showground's current situation and to seek funding in the 2010-11 budgets for upgrading of its existing facilities.

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

The Walgett Showground complex caters for a variety of functions from horse races, annual show, pony club camp, Bushman's Carnival (Rodeo) parties and receptions, balls and numerous cultural events.

The showground complex is old and no regime of successive repairs and maintenance up-grades were done in years. While showgrounds and racecourses generate good income from donors and events in larger towns and cities, the Walgett Showground does not. However, it is an integral part of country life and without it, Council may struggle in providing important recreational opportunities to its constituents. Council therefore needs to continually support financially its existence.

General Asset Condition. An Occupational Health and Safety Inspection were carried out on 29 September 2009. The report highlighted issues in a number of areas but no major rehabilitation requirements were identified except for a medium priority repair of roller door under the Ed Colless Grandstand. A follow-up inspection of the showground complex last month by the Asset Officer showed the following defects:

- Missing and rusty iron sheets, rusted gutters and loose iron sheets at Sheep pavilion
- Loose and missing roofing iron on the horse stables
- Broken louvre window at Jockey's room
- Defective roof iron, rotting timber structure, broken timber slat seating, ripped as well as missing tar paper at Colless Grandstand
- Painting and up-grading requirements at men's shower and toilet facility.
- General painting work of the whole showground complex

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Income and Expenditure. Council receives a varying income based on licence agreements with its current 21 registered users. These users pay varying charges based on service requirements like, using kitchen, microphones, and flood lights to Council. The estimated balance income for the current year is \$1,726.39. The following is a table of annual income for the last three years:

Description	Financial Years		
	2007-08	2008-09	Current year to date
Annual Income	\$ 2,725.44	\$ 3,776.86	\$1,726.39

Council allocates a budget of \$200,000 each year for ground maintenance, emergency plumbing and electrical repairs for the 6 sporting fields around the Shire. There is no fixed allocation shared amongst these sporting facilities. In Walgett Showground, the running operational expense for the current year is \$22,448.04 which is approximately 27.75% of the total budget allocation. The following is a table of operational expenses for the last three years:

Description	Financial Years		
	2007-08	2008-09	Current year to date
Annual Expense	\$58,756.93	\$52,259.24	\$22,448.04

Funding availability: Obtaining grants for non-income generating assets such as showgrounds is becoming difficult. The Department of Lands, the primary grant funding body for show grounds, basically has no money and is mostly only handling out loans instead.

The following table shows the history of previous grants for the Walgett Showground:

Applicant/Donor	Funding Organisation	Amount of Grant	Allocated Work	Comments
Walgett Shire Council	Walgett Shire Council	\$ 25,000	Individual contributions towards construction and fit-out of kitchen	Completed on September 2009.
Walgett Shire Council	Dept. of Lands	\$ 2,000		
Showground Users	Showground Users	\$ 11,000		
Walgett Shire Council	Department of Infrastructure Transport Regional Development of Local Government	\$ 37,152		
<b>Total Amount Spent (ex-GST)</b>		<b>\$ 75,152</b>		

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The following table shows the status of current grants for the Walgett Showground as at this report:

Applicant	Funding Organisation	Amount of Grant	Allocated Work	Comments
Walgett Shire Council	Dept. of Lands	\$ 6,000	Electrical up-grades. Council is obtaining quotes for this work.	Grant approved and received.
		\$ 14,000		A 7- year Loan approved and received.
Walgett Show Society	<b>FRRR</b> (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal)	\$ 5,000	Wool Pavilion – cement slab construction	Grant received.
Walgett Show Society	NSW Community Building Partnership	\$ 20,000	Wool, Sheep and Cattle Pavilions – repairs and maintenance	Grant received.
Walgett Show Society	NSW Sport and Recreation	\$ 40,000	PA system improvement. Council is obtaining quotes for this work.	Grant application in progress. Closing Date of application on 16 February 2010.
<b>Sub-total Received Grants</b>		<b>\$ 45,000</b>		
<b>Sub- Total Grant Application</b>		<b>\$ 40,000</b>		
<b>Grand Total of Expected Grants</b>		<b>\$ 85,000</b>		

A total grant of \$45,000 from various funding organizations is ready for implementation. Council staff are currently busy obtaining quotes to carry out works as required.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Grant and Loans – Dept of Lands  
 Grant – FRRR  
 Grant – NSW Community Building Partnership  
 Grant – NSW Sport and Recreation  
 Ledger Financial Reports for FY 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10  
 Grant Approval – Regional Partnership Programme from Hon. Mark Vaile, MP

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
 Business and Civic Organisations  
 Walgett Community

**Community Implications:**

Every town needs a showground being an integral part of country life. It is unique and the place where the community celebrates its traditional functions and shows. Council needs to advise the public and users regarding the future of the showground.

**Financial Implications:**

To develop and implement its annual maintenance and up-grade program in stages, Council needs to start allocating funds for the Crown Reserves in 2010-11 budgets. Implementation of annual up-grade programs will not guarantee annual income returns to Council.

**Summary:**

Current budget allocation. Council is basically only providing caretaker funding and has no specific funding for continuous rehabilitation of Walgett Showground.

A maintenance regime. The Walgett Showground requires a continuous maintenance (up-grade) program over the next five years.

Funding Options. Council may initiate the following initiatives:

- 'partnership agreements or programs' with several civil organisations such as current showground users for annual funding contributions
- Increase the 'user-pay' fees and temporary licences
- Vigorously seek more grants from various providers
- Council to set aside rehabilitation funding each year for the next five years to up-grade the facility

**Walgett Racecourse & Showground (D520009) Reserve Trust Report**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council consider providing a \$50,000 annual budget for upgrading the Walgett Showgrounds as a new expenditure proposal at the time of formulation of the 2010/11 budget.

**Attachments:**

Walgett Showground Asset Inspection Report  
Walgett Showground Defective Pictorial Reports



## Occupational Health & Safety Asset Inspection Report

**Asset Name.** Walgett Showground and Race Course

**Location.** Walgett

**Date Inspected.** 29<sup>th</sup> Sept '09

**Urgent Attention Required.** Nil urgent but attention is required in a number of areas.

**Description.** Accompanied by Garry Molloy, Parks and Gardens Team Leader.

**Sheep Enclosure.**

Large open, under cover pavilion that is set out with a series of races designed for displaying sheep. Extra gates, poles, flags etc are stored under the cover on an open trailer. It looks a little messy but there are no obvious risks associated with this area when it is not in use. During showing times the races would be full of sheep and the area would be policed by those showing and judging. No problems here.

**Wool Hall.**

The fascia is missing/broken. Looks to be the result of storm damage. Does not pose any real threat, just looks unsightly. The hall is ok apart from being dirty. The concrete floor is uneven and not level.

**Cattle Pavilion.**

As is in the wool hall, the place is dirty and the floor is rough. Apart from that there are no obvious risks. Out side the building, some work is required to replace/repair the guttering which is damaged.

**Gordon Pavillion.**

Wooden floors, wooden walls, dusty. Typical of an old country hall. Fire extinguishers have been checked, May '09. Entry is via a set of solid steps with a handrail. No problems here.

**Leonard's Pavillion.**

A little more modern building, steel framework, like a big tin shed. Nothing obvious that presents as a danger. There is a relatively new kitchen attached to this pavilion. It is large and well laid out. Only issue here is that the electrical appliances need to be tag tested.

**Toilets, near Leonard's pavilion.**

All taps and toilets working properly. Easy access for elderly. Lights need replacing.

**Race Callers Box**

A second handrail has been installed since last inspection. Steps are ok. Old, but no problems

**Edward Colless Grandstand.**

Downstairs – the roller door style window – the roller door comes out of its tracks and hangs dangerously. It was off its tracks at the time of the inspection and apparently this was due to the recent high winds.

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The underneath area of the grandstand is not used for anything as the small kitchen has been condemned.

The outside of the structure is showing signs of age and is in need of maintenance. A section of the roof on the southern end of the structure is missing sections of roof. The guttering needs repairs/replacement.

The public seating area of the structure is a mess. There is tar paper that is ripped/ missing. There are slats missing from a number of the seats. The entire public seating area of the grandstand is in a state of disrepair and currently presents with a number of trip hazard concerns, safety around the top of the seating area, step distance/height concerns and is just plain old ugly.

A relatively new toilet block is located towards the southern end of the complex and this has no major issues apart from dirty. To be expected considering the recent windy weather.

There is a number of horse stalls located around the complex. These all appear to be as you would expect horse stalls to be with no obvious areas of concern.

The bar area.

The bar appears to be of solid construction. The concrete floor around the bar has a few cracks and a couple of raised areas that could contribute to a trip. A large roof area minimises the suns harmful effects to drinkers.

Conclusion.

The majority of the buildings located at the show ground are relatively old and most need some form of maintenance. The stock showing areas are mostly large open areas with a roof over them, dirt floors and structures designed to control the animals.

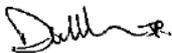
The pavilions, like the showing areas, are old and are basically large halls with very little in them until show time.

The stables are located in such a way that the general public can wander nearby and look at the animals without getting in the way of the animal handlers.

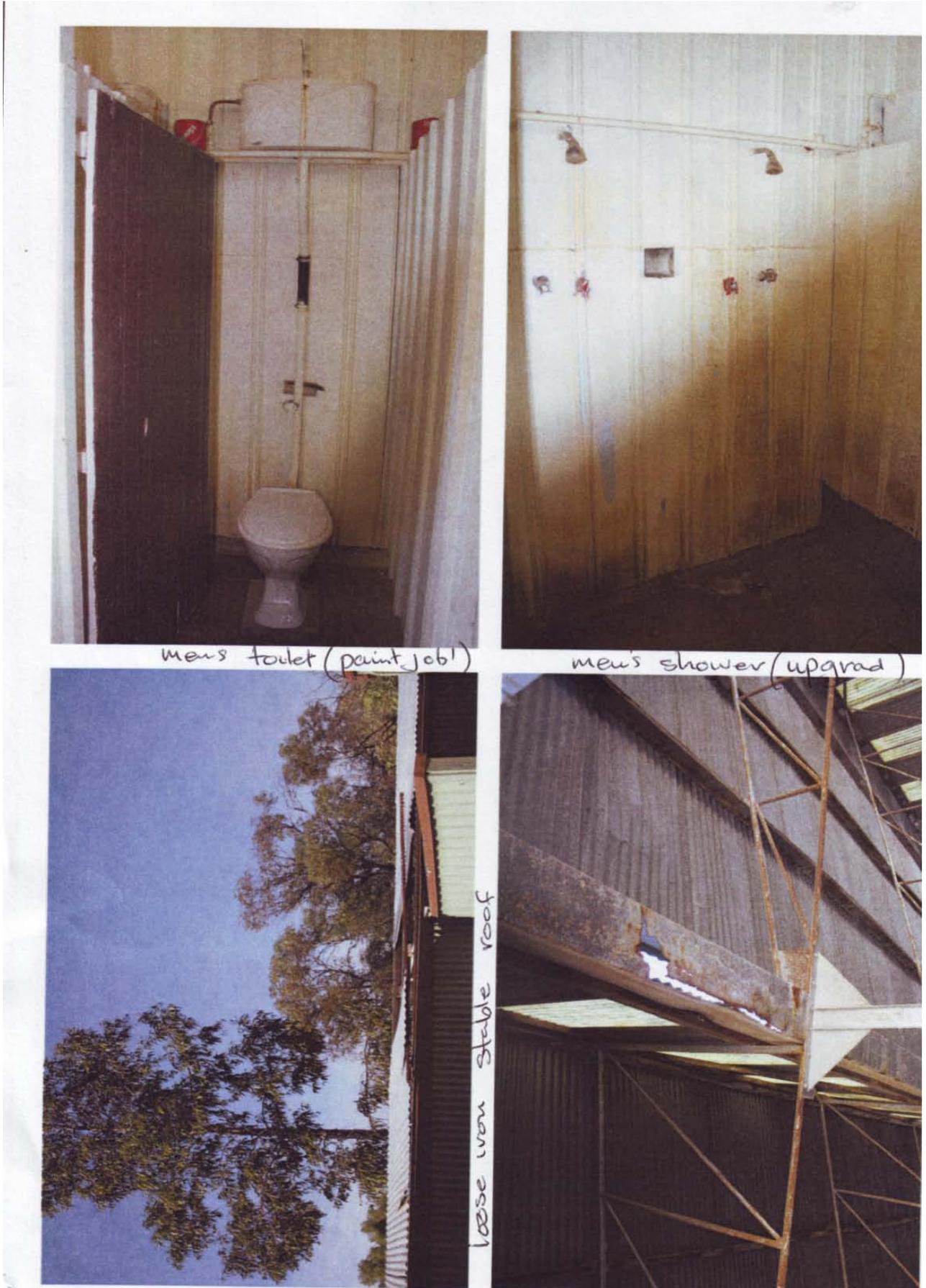
There are ample grassy areas and trees to offer shade and of course the bar area.

In general, consideration needs to be given to developing a maintenance program to manage repairs and replacement to the entire complex.

Respectfully,



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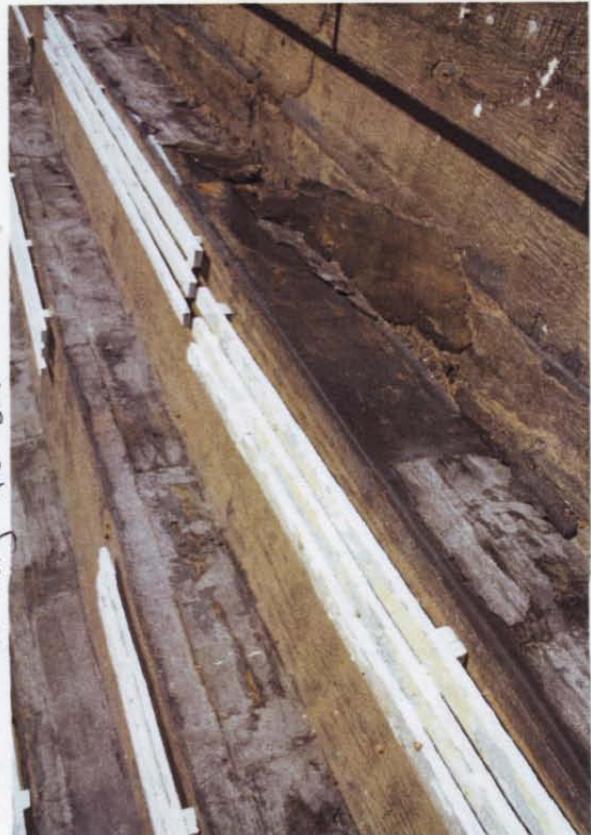
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broken window (jockey)



rotting timber



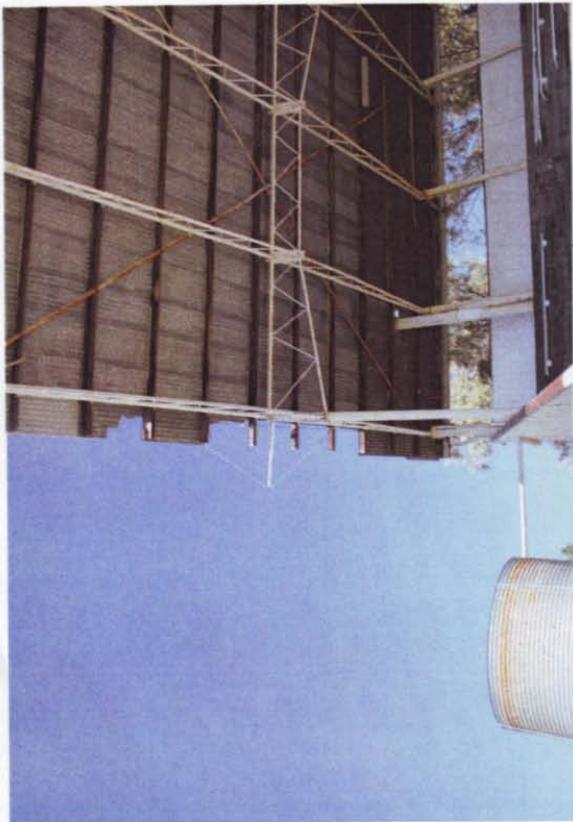
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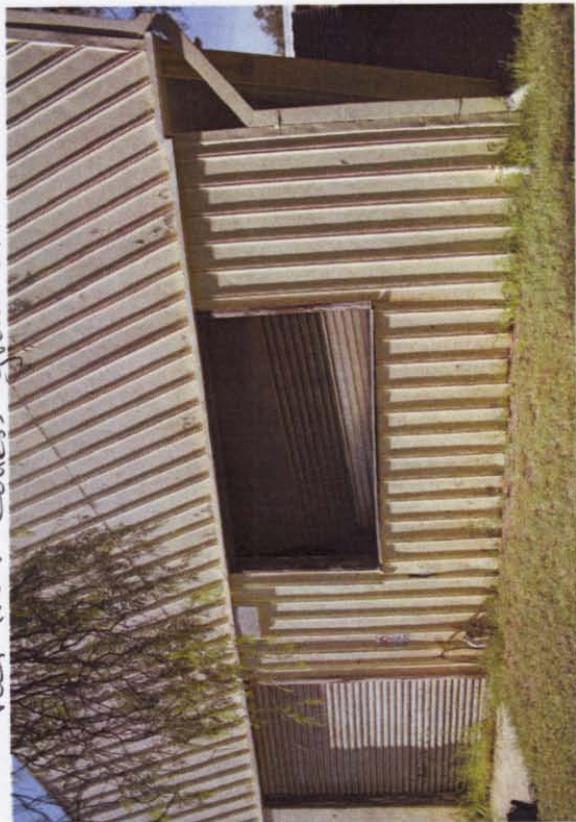
ripped tap paper - seating



missing or broken slat seating



roof iron Colless ground stand



roller window (-not used)



sheep pens - assembly



rusted guttering

## 9. Mayoral Minutes

## 10. Motions of which Notice has been given

### Notice of Motion – Walgett Levee – truck bypass route

**Recommendation:**

1. That the council investigate the possibility of including a truck by-pass route with the upgrading of the Walgett levee bank.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:**

## 11. Presentation of Petitions

## 12. Councillors Questions with Notice

### Clr Murray

**Question 1:**

Has the Carinda tip remediation been completed?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advises that the cleanup of the tip has been completed.

**Question 2:**

When is the fence being installed around the Skate Park and is there any action in place to paint over the Graffiti?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advises that applications for funding assistance to fence the skatepark have gone in and we are waiting results. Walgett work is about to commence in the next 2 weeks (approximately) on the basketball/netball courts next to the skatepark. We are trying to have the courts completed prior to the fencing being installed. In addition, we are waiting for delivery of water bubblers that will be installed at each of the skateparks.

She further advises that graffiti is an ongoing issue. Parks and Gardens staff are generally responsible for graffiti removal, youth services staffs do some when they're up there.

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1:**

Does the Shire contribute financially towards Namoi House Inc. & if not why is Council involved in running Namoi House Inc.?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate and Community Services advises that Council does not contribute financially to Namoi House Inc. Councillors were provided with a detailed report in the Closed Session of the November meeting regarding this matter.

## 13. Reports of Delegates and Representatives

### 5. *COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MINUTES*

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Ray Kent – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/58

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**Summary:**

Minutes of meetings of the Castlereagh Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee are placed before Council for information and discussion.

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

Minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 are attached.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett residents

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

#### Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Minutes be received and noted.

**Attachments:**

Minutes of meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010

**MINUTES OF THE CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The following are minutes of the Castlereagh Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 December 2009 in the Walgett Shire Council Chambers, commencing at 5.40 pm.

**1. PRESENT**

Acting Superintendent Bob Noble (Chairperson)	Castlereagh Local Area Command
Inspector Tony Mureau	Castlereagh Local Area Command
Natalie Dunstan (Minute Secretary)	Castlereagh Local Area Command
Carole Medcalf	Walgett Shire Council
John McGovern	Walgett Community Promotions / Ratepayer
Barry Wright	Ratepayer
Helen Wright	Ratepayer
Margaret Bow	Country Women's Association
Robert Greenaway	Councillor Walgett Shire Council
Ron Fuller	Centrelink

**2. APOLOGIES**

Kevin Humphries	Member for Barwon
Gavin and Linda Schmetzer	Walgett Newsagency
Jacinda Scutt and Joe Barry	The Gate Video Store, Walgett
Phillip and Narelle Andrews	PS and NI Andrew's Meat Service, Walgett

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Acting Superintendent Noble welcomed all to the meeting.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 16 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Minutes of the Community Safety Precinct Meeting held on 16 September 2009 were distributed to those attendees at the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

**It was resolved, Moved Inspector Mureau, Seconded Acting Superintendent Noble that the Minutes of the Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2009 be confirmed with the following amendment:-**

**Item 7.2      Liquor Accord at Collarenebri**

**Minutes to reflect that a Staff Member from Walgett Shire Council attended the meeting at Collarenebri, not Ms Medcalf as recorded in the Draft Minutes**

**Carried.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD 16 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**5.1 Abandoned BAC (Barwon Aboriginal Community Hall) Building**

At the previous meeting discussions were held regarding the vacant Barwon Aboriginal Community Hall located in Fox Street, Walgett and that it was an unsafe area that attracted youth. Ms Medcalf had informed the meeting that representations were being made by Council to ascertain ownership.

Further advice received at this meeting was that the Barwon Aboriginal Community Hall was currently being addressed by the Walgett Lands Council who were trying to reach an agreement with the community regarding the future of the building.

The two options that were being considered were to source funding to renovate the building or to demolish the building and rebuild. It was noted that this matter is ongoing.

**5.2 Whole of Government Approach**

At the previous meeting some discussions were held regarding a "whole of government approach" to ensure that all agencies were working in the one direction and focusing on achieving positive outcomes to address areas of concern across the communities. It was noted that the Interagency Meetings had not been convened for some time and discussions were currently being held with Premier and Cabinet who are ultimately responsible for the convening of such meetings.

Ms Medcalf advised that an Interagency Meeting had been held on Tuesday, 1 December 2009 in Walgett and that a further meeting had been scheduled to be held on 5 January 2010, commencing at 10.00 am at the Walgett Shire Council Chambers.

Acting Superintendent Noble noted that he had not been advised of the Interagency meeting that was held on 1 December 2009 and that if further meetings were going to be convened then it was important for all agencies and government bodies to be advised of meeting dates.

**5.3 Lighting**

At the previous meeting the lack of lighting across the township of Walgett was discussed. It was noted that Walgett Shire Council were engaged in a lighting improvement program with Country Energy which was scheduled to commence in September 2009.

Enquiries were made as to the status of this project. Ms Medcalf informed the meeting that there were two major projects that were to be completed by Country Energy, one has been completed, however the Peel Street and CBD area in Walgett has not been completed.

Ms Medcalf advised that she had tried to make contact with the Country Energy Representative to determine where this project was up to, however there has been no response as yet from Country Energy.

Community members in attendance expressed dissatisfaction about Country Energy not attending to general routine maintenance of lights in the township of Walgett and that these matters needed to be addressed as a priority.

Acting Superintendent Noble sought comment from the meeting as to whether it would be beneficial if he was to forward a letter to Country Energy expressing concern that this project had not been completed as scheduled and in particular highlighting the concerns of poor lighting in relation to incidents of crime within the township of Walgett.

**ACTION:**

**That Acting Superintendent Noble forwards a letter from the Police to Country Energy expressing concern with the delay in implementing lighting improvements in Peel Street and CBD areas of Walgett Township as agreed to with Walgett Shire Council.**

**5.3 Lighting - continued**

It was also noted that the Walgett Main Street Beautification Proposal would be discussed at a meeting to be held at the Walgett Shire Council on Wednesday, 9 December 2009, commencing at 6.00 pm and that this proposal would more than likely include the matter of lighting.

**5.4 Pushbikes and Footballs**

It was agreed at the previous meeting that Acting Superintendent Noble would convey to Police the community grievances regarding pushbikes/scooters/footballs etc and the action of some youth and young adults particularly in the vicinity of Fox and Wee Waa Streets, Walgett and request a stronger focus to be placed on these matters.

It was noted that Acting Superintendent Noble forwarded a memorandum to Officers at Walgett requesting that Police reinforce the boundaries for young people when they are in public and particularly relating to the pushbikes, footballs etc (copy of this memorandum was included with the minutes that were circulated).

The meeting noted that the matter of footballs had improved slightly however the bikes still needed to be addressed. Of particular concern was the level crossing located on the corner of Fox and Warrena Streets where children congregate and often step out without warning when cars are entering this area. They tend to play "chicken" with the vehicles and there is concern that this is going to end in someone being seriously hurt.

Acting Superintendent Noble advised that he will remind Officer's of the need to be more stringent in addressing these particular matters.

**5.5 Northern Territory COAG Trial**

At the previous meeting, Mr Ron Fuller discussed the Northern Territory COAG Trial.

Mr Fuller distributed at this meeting a document outlining a Federal Government Proposal which is looking to allocate 50% of social security payments across the Board in a card format that would allow the purchase of food and basic services, ie the payment of utility accounts etc.

**5.6 Liquor Accord at Collarenebri**

At the previous meeting discussions were held regarding the introduction of a Liquor Accord Agreement in Collarenebri similar to that recently introduced in Walgett.

Acting Superintendent Noble informed the meeting that there had been a lot of angst among the licensee's and community members regarding the introduction of the Liquor Accord Agreement in Walgett, resulting in the Agreement being removed.

Acting Superintendent Noble advised the meeting that the Police were still trying to have the Liquor Accord Matters addressed as there is strong evidence to support that alcohol is contributing significantly to the assaults / domestic violence incidents that are occurring across the Command.

Acting Superintendent Noble noted that it would be beneficial if there was a consensus regarding the introduction of a Liquor Accord Agreement and that Police would prefer not to have the Agreement enforced upon licensees, however the matter needed to be addressed as a priority.

Once an Agreement is established in Walgett then it would be looked at to roll out in Collarenebri. It was noted that Coonamble and Lightning Ridge were presently working through a proposal at this time.

Mr Greenaway asked whether consideration could be given to addressing the "out-of-town" patrons who came to town from their properties and purchased alcohol in the mornings.

**5.6 Liquor Accord at Collarenebri - continued**

After discussions regarding the introduction of a Liquor Accord Agreement and the best way to accommodate everyone, it was agreed that it would be prudent for all Licensee's from across the Command to come together so the one Liquor Accord Agreement could be agreed upon and introduced right across the Local Area Command.

**6. CRIME STATISTICS FOR CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND**

Inspector Mureau provided a presentation on Crime Statistics across the Castlereagh Local Area Command which displayed statistical information from November 2006 through to October 2009.

- Statistical information relating to the following categories was discussed:-

- Assaults
- Break and Enter
- Malicious Damage
- Stealing
- Stolen Motor Vehicles
- Move On's
- Person Search

**7. OPEN FORUM – COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**7.1 Media Coverage**

Mr McGovern suggested that Walgett Police should be more proactive with media coverage to the community as this way people would be informed of what is happening and would hear more regularly that good work is occurring in the community.

It was agreed that too often the community feel that matters are not being addressed by Police, however if there was more coverage by informing people of matters that Police have addressed then this would help alleviate the perceived thoughts that nothing is occurring.

Acting Superintendent Noble informed the meeting that he had requested that a media strategy be introduced for the Command and in particular Walgett, as he believed that the Command was missing opportunities to engage in media coverage.

**ACTION:**

**That Acting Superintendent Noble forwards the comments of the Precinct Committee to Senior Management and that the Media Strategy for the Command is introduced as soon as possible.**

**7.2 Police Vehicles**

Barry Wright and Acting Superintendent Noble both agreed there would be benefit in using vehicles other than the Toyota Landcruiser as the youth all know its distinctive sound.

**7.3 Break and Enters – Information Regarding Alarm System Installations**

Mr Wright enquired whether there were any statistics that showed what homes that have been the victim of break and enters had alarm systems installed.

Acting Superintendent Noble responded by advising that at this point that information could not be provided, however he would make enquiries whether this information could be retrieved.

**ACTION:**

**That Acting Superintendent Noble enquire whether information could be retrieved to show what houses that have been the victim of break and enters have had alarm systems installed.**

**7.4 Walgett Police Station – 24 Hour**

Mr Wright enquired whether the Walgett Police Station was a 24 Hour Station.

Acting Superintendent Noble responded by advising that Walgett Police Station is not legislated, not staffed or not funded as a 24 Hour Police Station, however since October 2008 the Walgett Police Station has been operating 24 hours.

The Management Team agreed that for the best possible coverage, the Station needed to operate as a 24 Hour Station and this is being managed to provide the necessary coverage.

**7.5 Fingerprinting Jobs**

Mr Fuller asked the status of fingerprinting jobs being completed as someone who he was aware of had been waiting for some time for the fingerprinting to be completed at their home.

Acting Superintendent Noble and Inspector Mureau informed the meeting that the newly appointed Scene of Crimes Officer (SOCO) for Walgett had only commenced work on Tuesday, 1 December 2009 which should now assist in jobs being attended to earlier than what has been experienced.

Inspector Mureau advised Mr Fuller that he would note the information relating to this particular matter outside of the meeting and check on Thursday morning regarding the status of this job.

**Note: Mr McGovern, Mr Greenaway and Mrs Bow departed the meeting at 6.45 pm**

**7.6 Commander to Attend Walgett Shire Council Meeting**

Ms Medcalf advised Acting Superintendent Noble that at the last Council Meeting it was resolved that an invitation be extended to Acting Superintendent Noble to attend the next Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 15 December 2009.

Acting Superintendent Noble acknowledged the invitation and advised that he was engaged in Police Traineeship Interviews on this date, however requested that Ms Medcalf forwards the invitation to him regarding times etc so that he could address the request.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24 March 2010  
commencing at 5.45 pm in the Walgett Police Station Meeting Room**

## 6. **WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**FILE NUMBER:** 09/62

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that Council note and adopts the recommendations of the recent meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee.

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

The minutes of the recent meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee in December 2009 are attached for consideration. The recommendations of these minutes may be noted and adopted by Council.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

09/62-02/030 Minutes of the LATM meeting of 17 December 2009

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Road Users in Walgett Shire

### **Financial Implications:**

Recommended works will be completed subject to available funding allocations.

### **Walgett Local Traffic Committee**

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That Council note and adopts the recommendations of the meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee on 17 December 2009 as follows:
  - a. Bus Zone – Rowena: Relocation to the north of the current location; and
  - b. Taxi Zone – Fox Street Walgett (southbound): Relocation from angle parking to parallel to kerb outside Gateway Hotel.

### **Attachments:**

Minutes of the LATM meeting of 17 December 2009



WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>MINUTES</b>	
Thursday 17 December 2009 Commencing at: 10.00 AM	
Walgett Shire Council Administration Office, 77 Fox Street Walgett	
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ian Taylor, Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services, Walgett Shire Council, Chairman (IT) David Vant, Road Safety & Traffic Officer, Western Region, RTA NSW (DV) Inspector Chris Taylor, NSW Police Councillor Geoffrey Colless (Walgett Shire Council)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Nil, Ian Taylor to confirm appointment of Local Member's representative.

1.0	CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	ACTION
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1.1	Moved David Vant, seconded Ian Taylor that the minutes of the Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting of 15 October 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. CARRIED	
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2.0	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS	ACTION
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2.1	Moved David Vant, seconded Ian Taylor that the Committee note Walgett Shire Council Resolution 317/09. CARRIED	DV
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3.0	CONFIRMATION OF INTERIM BUSINESS	ACTION
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3.1	Nil	
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4.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	ACTION
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4.1	<b>Speed – Pandora Street Service Road Lightning Ridge</b> Moved David Vant, seconded Ian Taylor that the Committee note (1) the traffic classifier data at two locations on the Pandora Street Service Road at Lightning Ridge and (2) that the data does not give rise to any issues of concern. CARRIED	
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4.2	<b>GrainCorp Silo Walgett – Safety</b> Moved Ian Taylor, seconded David Vant that the Committee note Ian Taylor's verbal report of the management of the hazards surrounding the above development on HW18 Castlereagh Highway during the recent harvest, and request advice to the next meeting in regard to whether a DA has been submitted yet for an expansion of the site. CARRIED	IT
4.3	<b>Bus Zone – Rowena School</b> Moved David Vant, seconded Ian Taylor that the Committee endorses the proposed relocation of the Bus Zone to the north of its current position outside Rowena School. CARRIED	IT

5.0	INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE	ACTION
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5.1	<b>Taxi Zone Safety Issue – Fox Street (HW18) Walgett (southbound)</b> Moved David Vant, seconded Ian Taylor that the Committee resolve that the Taxi Zone adjacent to the Gateway Hotel driveway in Fox Street Walgett be relocated south, to the position between the exit from the Gateway Motel and the Wee Waa Street roundabout, and that the Zone be implemented parallel to the kerb. CARRIED	IT
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6.0	RESTRICTED ACCESS VEHICLE ROUTES	ACTION
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6.1	Nil	
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7.0	INFORMAL BUSINESS	ACTION
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7.1	<b>Pedestrian Refuge – Waterloo Street Burren Junction, at Alma Street Intersection</b> Ongoing delays noted. Not to be completed prior to Fox Street (HW18) Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade at Arthur Street Intersection	IT
7.2	<b>Inquest into the death of Benjamin David Walford – MR426 Bill O'Brien Way Lightning Ridge</b> Implementation of recommendation on hold awaiting advice from RTA	DV



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7.3	<b>Walgett Community College Safety Issues – Warrena Street Walgett</b> Awaiting development of revised plan by WSC in consultation with RTA. RTA advised Bus Zone to be reduced to distance between last driveway and Peel Street.	IT
7.4	<b>GrainCorp Silo Burren Junction – HW29 Kamilaroi Highway Burren Junction</b> Awaiting reply from GrainCorp including a copy of their Traffic Management Plan and what other action they plan to implement to mitigate hazards associated with their Burren Junction Development. Proposals for a realignment of the road to eliminate the hazard would need to be addressed to the Regional Manager of RTA. WSC to follow up with GrainCorp.	IT
7.5	<b>Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade – Fox Street (HW18) Walgett at intersection of Arthur Street</b> WSC to implement these works without delay. WSC to confirm arrangements ASAP.	IT
7.6	<b>School Bus Pick-up Areas on MR7716 &amp; HW18</b> The school bus pick-up areas on HW18 between HW12 and Walgett, and on the sealed section of MR7716 be referred to the next meeting with details of their location and the number of residences served at each site for a review of their wet weather safety.  A single wet weather bus pick-up point has been proposed for MR7716 near the entrance to the irrigation block of the property “Crossdale” – pending further information from council.	IT
7.7	<b>School Zone Signs – Burren Junction</b> Missing signs to be reinstated by WSC. If new signs are required they can be ordered through Sharon Grierson (RTA)	IT
7.8	<b>No Standing Signs</b> (1) any remaining “No Standing” signs will operate as “No Stopping” signs as of 1 December 2008 and to avoid confusion Council should expedite their replacement with R5-400 “No Stopping” signs or R5-40 “No Parking” signs as appropriate and (2) all parking regulatory signage zones must be closed across intersections (not around side street kerbs) for them to be enforceable. Ongoing.	IT
7.9	<b>Line Marking – Intersection Pandora Street / Nettleton Drive Lightning Ridge</b> Awaiting design by Council.	IT



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7.10	<b>Directional Signage – HW29 &amp; HW18 Through Walgett</b> Signs are on order and arriving at WSC. Works Proposal for installation will be submitted under the RMCC.	IT
7.11	<b>Walgett Main Street Redevelopment – Draft Concept for comment</b> Current proposal for a one-way section of Wee Waa Street would require a Traffic Study to determine design parameters and allow it to be assessed. Proposed pedestrian crossings would need consideration of warrants.	IT
7.12	<b>Speed Limit Report – HW18 Castlereagh Highway</b> A report from NSW Police requesting changes to this speed limit to assist in conducting various operations in the area was referred to the RTA as this committee has no delegation in relation to the matter. The RTA advised that it is in the process of updating signage at the weigh station bays on this section of highway, and that the new signs can be made available to Police to assist them in their operations.	
7.13	<b>Give Way Signs – HW29 Kilaroi Highway at intersection with MR329 Merrywinebone Road Burren Junction</b> Safety concerns recently raised at WSC meetings were brought to the attention of the RTA for monitoring.	DV
7.14	<b>Pedestrian Crossing and Pedestrian Crossing ahead signs on State Highways</b> Upgrade of the above to current standard (green signs) can be funded through RTA – send quote to DV for agreement.	IT

8.0	NEXT MEETING	ACTION
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8.1	Note: Scheduled for 10.00 AM Thursday 18 February 2010 unless advised otherwise. David Vant (RTA) apology due to secondment.	IT
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## **7. WALGETT LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**FILE NUMBER:** 09/50

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### **Summary:**

Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee is instituted under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989. This report provides Council with the minutes of the January 2010 meeting convened to consider the need for a Recovery Committee after the December 2009 Flood Event.

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

Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee is instituted under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989. It is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring preparedness for and coordinating the response to emergencies at the local level.

New emergency management arrangements dictated the requirement for formal consideration of the need for a Recovery Committee to be established after the December 2009 Flood event.

During this event the Local Emergency Management Controller (LEOCON) did NOT activate the Local Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). All response was managed at the agency level.

During the event the Alternate Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) was on-call in Walgett and the LEMO was monitoring the situation and on standby to return to Walgett if an EOC was activated.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Walgett local Emergency Management Committee Minutes, 12 January 2010

### **Stakeholders:**

All emergency response agencies  
All persons in Walgett Shire

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

<b>Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>That Council note the minutes of the Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held 12 January 2010.</li></ol>

**WESTERN SLOPES EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**WALGETT**

**RECOVERY CONSIDERATION  
TEMPLATE / CHECKSHEET  
REPORT**

**(FORM: Version No. 1 - Current January 2010)**

**LEMC MEETING DETAILS**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**VENUE: Walgett Police Station – Training Room**

**Meeting Commenced: 1210 hrs**

**Meeting closed: 1330 hrs**

**AGENCIES ATTENDED:**

- NSW Police Force / LEOCON
- LGA – Walgett Shire Council / LEMO
- State Emergency Service
- Department of Community Service
- Australian Rail & Track Corporation (ARTC)
- Rural Fire Service
- Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water (DECCW)
- Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS)

TOTAL: 8 (Eight) agency members

**NOTE:**

Observers – DEMO Stuart Davies

<b>RECOMMENDATION: Establishment of LOCAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>AGENCY / AUTHORITY</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
COMBAT AGENCY: SES	NO	Agency recommendation is that there is NO need for a Local Recovery Committee
LEOCON	NO	There is NO need for a Local Recovery Committee
LGA	NO	There is NO need for a Local Recovery Committee
<b>LEMC: Committee Motion:</b>		
A. The Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee recommends to the DEOCON and the State Emergency Recovery Controller (SERCon) that a Local Emergency Recovery Committee is required to be established for this emergency event.		
or		
<b><i>B. The Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee recommends to the DEOCON and the State Emergency Recovery Controller (SERCon) that a Local Emergency Recovery Committee is <u>not</u> required for this emergency event.</i></b>		
<b>VOTE RESULT:</b>	"B"	Eight votes FOR / NIL against - CARRIED

**SUMMARY:**

There is NO identified need for a Local Recovery Committee to be established.

**CONSIDERATION POINTS FOR HANDOVER – RESPONSE TO RECOVERY:**

**A.** SES (Combat Agency) to advise if any “Specialist Resource” / Equipment remains under contract or Hire Agreements that will become part of Recovery Operations.

Comment	Status
SES advised: Ongoing aerial support operating in LGA. Aircraft are being tasked from airbase at Cobar, with aircraft based at Bourke Airport. Approx. 5 Helicopters being used.	Ongoing and being managed by SES.

**B.** Role of SES Public Information Centre – Community Information to be rolled back to local level.

Comment	Status
N/A. NIL established for this event in the LGA.	

**C.** SES Call Centre – 132500 number to be advised of RECOVERY CENTRE contact numbers.

Comment	Status
SES advised: 132500 number now operating as normal with calls back to Local Unit contacts.	

**D.** Consideration of “1800” Information lines to be established.

Comment	Status
N/A	

- E.** Contact numbers (or Local Council Administration Centres, if 'employed to coordinate Community Information publications.

Comment	Status
Health Service (GWAHS) public health based information is being distributed by LGA. Health to review material to address risk factors associated with "community made' mosquito repellent.	Health to distribute relevant information through LGA and Aboriginal community networks.

- F.** Need for Department of Commerce to source and supply venues for Recovery Centres.

Comment	Status
N/A	

- G.** Public Liability insurance protection for workers and stakeholders working in leased "Recovery Centres".

Comment	Status
N/A	

- H.** Should Local Governments to be 'employed' as being responsible for the formation and distribution of COMMUNITY INFORMATION packages / Newsletters.

Comment	Status
LGA is doing role and managing with internal council resources. No identified requirement for assistance at this stage.	LGA to monitor.

- I. SES & DOCS to provide location and numbers of any residents that may still be housed in temporary accommodation.

Comment	Status
N/A	

- J. Confirmation / Check that SES have formal arrangements with Local Government Authorities for clean-up costs and resources to manage the collection of debris and waste materials.

Comment	Status
No issue. Road debris only. LGA are managing.	

- K. SES to continue operations and confirm completion date of resupply operations to isolated communities and properties.

Comment	Status
SES advised: a small number of rural properties are being monitored by SES. SES will coordinate aerial support if necessary from Air Support Base at Cobar.	SES monitoring.

- L. Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to continue operations and confirm completion date of fodder resupply for isolated stock.

Comment	Status
DPI are currently doing fodder drops to isolated stock on rural properties. SES and DPI are managing. No identified shortage of fodder at this stage.	DPI and SES ongoing.

- M. Local Government Authorities to report of shortfall or problems in obtaining equipment / heavy plant etc for completion of road; bridge and culvert repairs.

Comment	Status
LGA reports no envisaged or current problems. Waiting for water to recede to gauge full extent of damage. LGA resources will be adequate for repairs.	LGA unable to fully assess complete damage and areas of damage / repairs at this point in time.

- N. Local Government to continue reporting to RTA – Traffic Management Centre on road closures and road re-opening information, and distribute information to local communities using established “local communication networks”.

Comment	Status
LGA are updating Road information on council website each day. Being managed locally. No information being forwarded to RTA at present.	

- O. HEALTH – Greater Western Area Health Service to report regularly on the requirement for; deployment of; and any shortfall in resources for Mental Health programs.

Comment	Status
NIL reported.	GWAHS are monitoring situation.

**RECOVERY ENVIRONMENTS:**

In line with NSW Recovery Operations the RECOVERY PROGRAM is broken-down into four (4) operational environments, with predetermined sub-sets within each environment. These being:

<b>Social environment</b>	Safety and well-being Health Welfare
<b>Built environment</b>	Residential housing Commercial/industrial property Public buildings and infrastructure assets Rural farmland and assets Lifeline utilities
<b>Economic environment</b>	Individuals Businesses Infrastructure Government (refer below)
	GOVERNMENT: Emergency management Continuity of Government Public information Service delivery
<b>Natural environment</b>	Natural resources Waste pollution, including debris management Amenity values Biodiversity and ecosystems

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Issue	Effect	Notes	Responsible Agency/Functional Area
<b>SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT: Personal/Community Recovery</b>			
<b>Schools, Childcare Centres Unavailable</b>	Disruption to parents going to work	School holiday period. No issues reported.	
<b>Disruption of community networks</b>	Loss of community support, psychological stress	Some rural property owners are still isolated and remain on property.	
<b>Individual and Family Immediate Assistance</b>	Spoilt food, damaged furniture, clothing and personal assets	N/A	
	Unexpected out of pocket expenses	N/A	
	Loss off income due to Dislocation	N/A	

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Issue	Effect	Notes	Responsible Agency/Functional Area
<b>Health</b>	Spoiled food: In homes, supermarkets, on production line (from flood and power outage)	N/A	
	Contaminated areas: From waste or chemicals in water	N/A – nil reports.	
	Sewage in water: From flooding and power failure	As per Impact Assessment Report No. 2: LGA have requested Country Energy to test the line between the Walgett River Pump Station and Water Filtration Plant due to power “trip-outs”.	LGA Country Energy
	Injuries	NIL	
	Heating, hygiene	Mosquitoes. GWAHS advised: Public Health have commenced a program to trap mosquitoes and sent to Lab in Westmead Hospital to source any diseases being carried. There will be no eradication program. Public Health Public Health Program has commenced for	Health (GWAHS) - Public Health

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		mosquito issues and will be reviewed to cater for the possible use by community members of "non-commercial" repellents.	
<b>Fatalities / Injuries</b>	NIL		

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Issue	Effect	Notes	Responsible Agency/Functional Area
<b>Human Resources</b>	ES volunteer and staff burnout	Fine – no issues	
	Worker access to workplace	Walgett Health Service (GWAHS) have 2-3 staff isolated from workplace on rural properties. GWAHS are fine at moment by are monitoring situation. GWAHS advised that SES air support may be available to transport the staff to Walgett – but the resource would NOT be available for daily ferry service.	GWAHS. SES
	Employee workers protection	N/A	
	Staff availability / Rostering	N/A	
	OH&S	N/A	
<b>Security</b>	Short term evacuations or long term if uninhabitable	N/A	

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<b>BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Infrastructure (Public, Private and Environmental) Recovery</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Responsible Agency/Functional Area</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY</b>	Repairs / Clean-up required	No houses in town. Some rural properties may be effected due to damage to farm levees. SES not aware of any reported matters.	
	Reconstruction required	N/A	
	Relocation required	N/A	
<b>Power Outage</b>	Essential services – hospitals, emergency services, rail, telecommunications, food manufacturing, sewage treatment plants	Loss of telephone landlines in the Carinda – Walgett (Castlereagh River) road area. Reports received that landline services had been lost in and around the Cryon village area. This had placed extra traffic on mobile services.  LGA reported: Country Energy requested to test supply line to Water Supply pump and Water Filtration plant due to number of “trip-outs” being experienced in	Telstra  LGA Country Energy

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		electricity supply.	
	Intensive agriculture (eg: dairies, poultry farms)	N/A	
	Homes	N/A	
	Industry, business	N/A	
<b>Waste disposal</b>	Animal carcasses	N/A	
	Flood and storm debris	Limited debris – can be adequately managed by LGA managed waste disposal facilities.	
	Hazardous materials: chemicals containers in flood waters Chemicals in damaged premises Business; private sheds and garages	NIL reports.	
<b>Infrastructure/Essential Services</b>	Repair of sewage treatment plants	LGA have requested Country Energy to test supply line. "Trip-outs being experienced.	LGA Country Energy
	Potable water	Ample supply available. But water not as tasty as pre-flooding times. LGA have requested Country Energy to test supply line. "Trip-outs being experienced.	LGA

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	Gas:	N/A	
	Roads and Bridges	As per previous Impact Assessment reports. Major issues on Walgett to Carinda Road and Come-by-Chance to Pilliga Roads. Unfolding situation as council staff access areas and undertake inspections.	LGA
<b>Road closures/transport disruptions</b>	Economic factors: Access to home, work, schools, services	No major consequences. Schools remain closed due to annual holiday period. Some farmers and family are isolated on rural properties.	
	Distribution of food, supplies, personnel, stock and equipment	Some primary producers have loss access to markets for stock sales due to road closures and continuing isolation. Isolation expected for up to 1 more week in most areas.	
<b>Future Risk</b>	Landslips, levees, dams, etc, weakened during storm and flood.	Walgett Town Levee has suffered water / storm damage. No flood waters have impacted upon the levee to-date. LGA preparing reports.  Community report: A property in the Bungle Gully area (Bill Bucannan) has a dam	LGA  LGA and LGA to further

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		<p>constructed across the "Baradine Creek", restricting water flowing into the Namoi River. Questions were asked on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If dam break it would cause isolation to other property owners in the area.</li><li>• Has the constructed dam been built with proper consent and authority.</li></ul>	<p>investigate and advise SES.</p>
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<b>ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT: Economic Recovery</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Responsible Agency/Functional Area</b>
<b>Businesses</b>	Property Damage	Numerous Farm Fencing damage.  Community report that one property had suffered \$100K worth of damage. (Unconfirmed report)	DPI  DOCS and LGA to make further inquiries and obtain the name of the property and access situation.
	Mud and debris in business premises	N/A	
	Financial loss: especially PRIMARY INDUSTRY Sector	Some stock loss.  Some primary producers may have lost "on-farm" stored grain (wheat).  Some primary producers have loss access to stock markets.  Some reported damage to summer crops.	DPI
	Reduced service delivery:	N/A – all major resupply routes are open and operational.	

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<b>Economic Loss</b>	Damage / Closure of Highway	Kamaroi Highway (Brewarrina to Walgett) wash-outs with major damage. Road closure is impacting on tourism. Route is used in association with Kidman Way traffic to attract tourists to Walgett & Lightning Ridge.	RTA LGA
	Rural properties – crops, livestock	Reports of Summer crop loss in some areas of LGA. Water-logged paddocks, flooded plants. Some stock loss.	DPI
	Closure of freight line to trains	ARTC report NO washouts or damage on the Walgett – Narrabri line. The line is only a grain freight line. Trains are currently using the line.	
	Tourism	Kamaroi Highway (Brewarrina to Walgett) required to be repaired ASAP. Impacting on access to area for tourists. Especially in the busy School Holiday period.	RTA / LGA – Road Repair. Tourism NSW LGA Community Tourism Associations
	Small Business downturn	N/A	
	Insurance	There will be rural property based claims – no reported issues at this stage.	

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<b>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Responsible Agency/Functional Area</b>
<b>Environment</b>	Recovery of riverbanks and wetlands	N/A	
	Damage to Heritage / Historical significant Areas	N/A	
<b>Waste Management / Disposal of contaminated / damaged goods / items</b>	Identify adequacy of Disposal sites.	All operational	
	Identify specialist storage / disposal sites: HAZMAT based materials	Nil identified	
<b>Ecosystems - Riverine</b>	Possible contamination in rivers. Possible oxidisation of water issues: fish loss.	N/A	

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<b>Other Recovery Issues</b>	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Department Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW)	EPA – Advised council to review Bore Holes; monitoring equipment at Waste Disposal facilities; sewerage system equipment; monitoring equipment at weirs; fencing around waster disposal / transfer stations and land-fill facilities, especially at the Satellite villages to ensure that no damage has been incurred. If damage is evident LGA needs to report issues to EPA and discuss funding under NDRF arrangements.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Walgett Town Levee	<p>LGA – Engineering Section provided a briefing on the status of the levee. In response to questioning from LEOCON.</p> <p>Council estimate is that this event has resulted in damage of approx. \$136K. This is for “cosmetic repairs” only. The levee has major issues, as previously reported in the initial Impact Assessment report.</p> <p>LGA have concerns in relation to future MAJOR Floods at Walgett.</p> <p>LGA is waiting on final design works for the construction of a new levee to be completed. The estimated cost of a new levee is around \$7 million.</p> <p>The Level of the levee relates to 14.73M on the river height gauge. There are major reasons for concern when the river height reaches around the 1M freeboard level.</p> <p>Issues were highlighted by LGA; SES and LEOCON on when evacuations should commenced because of levee construction; levee height inconsistencies and compaction problems.</p> <p>Council to conduct further inquiries and investigation of their records and report to SES and the LEOCON.</p>

**END OF REPORT.**

**8. NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE NORTH WEST ZONE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/57

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**Summary:**

Rural Fire Service in Walgett Shire is managed by the North West Zone under a service level agreement (SLA). This report provides Council with the draft minutes of the December 2009 SLA meeting.

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

The SLA meeting occurs quarterly and the minutes of its December 2009 meeting are attached.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

North West Zone Service Level Agreement Meeting Draft Minutes

**Stakeholders:**

NSW Rural Fire Service - Walgett Brigades  
Residents

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**NSW Rural Fire Service North West Zone Service Level Agreement Committee Meeting**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council note the draft minutes of the North West Zone NSW Rural Fire Service meeting held in accordance with the Service Level Agreement with its constituent councils December 2009.

All communications to be addressed to:

North West Zone / Bogan District  
NSW Rural Fire Service  
PO Box 370  
COONAMBLE NSW 2829

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North West Zone / Bogan District  
NSW Rural Fire Service  
3 Buckley Dr  
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Facsimile: (02) 6822 4203



All NWZ SLA Members

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2 February 2010

All,

Please find attached a draft copy of the minutes of the NWZ SLA meeting held on 10 December 2009 for your information.

Regards

T Place  
Zone Manager

◆ Rural Fire Service Advisory Council

◆ Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee

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North West Zone SLA Committee Meeting  
10 December 2009

J Kennedy to contact Council representatives- re HR works completed and recorded. Unfunded works are currently not recorded. J Kennedy to check with RFS Head Office and see if they want the data recorded.

Council representatives were asked to check with their Shires if they want more money, as this will affect the business plan.

RFS had asked the property owner adjacent to Gumin to do some HR works- the owner needed to have a T/T on site. Meeting was advised the work had been carried out via a slasher on rocky ground.

**Agenda Item 6; Review- Schedule 3**

Have not been able to update the report due to ongoing software problems.

Moved that the report be accepted as is.

Moved A Weilinga

Second; H Kennedy

Carried

**Agenda Item 7; Schedule 5 Review.**

Nothing has changed.

Warren Council waste management facility is run very well with proactive works carried out regularly. It was recommended that Council revise the management of their tips, as they are Councils responsibility. Gate keys also need to be provided to the HQ brigades for after hour's access in emergencies. Many village tips and Walgett need attention- contractors are to look into and address.

**Agenda Item 6; 10/11 Budget**

Have bid for one Cat 4 grasslands single cab for each District in the Zone, the HQ brigade trucks will also be replaced with newer units. Other vehicles listed are additional units and not replacements- extra units.

Group vehicle at Lightning Ridge is to be replaced- cost approx \$53000 for a complete unit fitted out.

Second hand trucks book price is provided from Head office and is dependent upon the age of the vehicle and is set by Head Office. Book value for insurance when recorded by Council will be what is bid, and then Council allows for depreciation after the vehicle is received.

New Operations Officer is to advise Councils when vehicles are received and add them to the RFS Red Fleet database.

RFS vehicles are covered by Councils insurance except when on the fire ground- then they are covered by the RFS insurance- State Government insurance.

Shortage of vehicles- i.e. 0-5 years- only two vehicles are available statewide.

**North West Zone SLA Committee Meeting  
10 December 2009**

Transportable shed- these can be removed if need be and must be built to the RFS set standard.

The budget is a reflection of the 10-year business plan- however the total figure doesn't include staff salaries.

Other equipment includes PPE and fire fighting equipment.

Budget priorities are determined by the RFS.

Motion;

That the Zone's Councils adopt the 10/11 budget as submitted for sign off to the Councils.

Moved; A Weilinga

Second; I Taylor

Carried

**Agenda Item 7; General Business**

Hazard reduction proposals- RFS has a greater push for HR works to be done and funding is available for works. Councils need to look at what they need to bid for next year prior to March for approval and ranking by the BFMC committee. Proposals need to be in draft form to J Kennedy by the December SLA meeting so they can be submitted to the March BFMC meeting for ranking.

Second hand tankers are coming through slowly. Cannamble HQ replacement is due in January and Warren HQ replacement in Feb/March.

10 year Business Plan has been signed off by all Councils and Bogan and will now go the RFS Regional Office for sign off. Copies of the plan are to go to the Councils for their records. The plan is flexible and a guide only on what can be planned for. Draft plans need to be removed from the Councils. Copies are to be done as a PDF file for Councils.

Catastrophic fire days- LEMO's and Councils etc are to be advised of these days. LEMO's are meant to come into the RFS FCC and be advised of any planning for any potential incidents. A Weilinga has email from Stuart Davies re catastrophic days- to be forwarded to the RFS.

Warning system is a national system- based on the Victorian disaster- information to be supplied to the public faster in regard to any fire danger. ABC radio at Dubbo to be advised of any catastrophic days via media releases- contact Stuart Davies at District Emergency Management Committee.

Councils need an alternative contact if their LEMO is away.

RFS cannot ask public to stop working on catastrophic days- i.e. harvesting etc. Can only recommend that work be stopped, it has been suggested that property owners insurance may be affected if they can a fire on a catastrophic day that causes damage to equipment- i.e. burning a header whilst harvesting on a catastrophic day.

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Warren Council workers have been advised to use naked flame outside of sheds on a TOBAN day.

Need to bring to Councils attention the RFS Act and provisions of using naked flame on TOBAN days. ZM to follow up. Reminder to be sent to Councils of their responsibilities under the TOBAN – ZM to follow up. S44 can be revoked within a day- request to revoke can be declined by RFS HO at anytime.

Burren Junction shed opening is being held on 18 December 2009.

Pagers- won't be used for communications due to cost, distance and lack of infrastructure - cost prohibitive due to the need to build additional repeaters.

Council plant available over Xmas/New Year;  
Warren; will have grader and plant on standby.  
Walgett; will have a grader in Walgett, Collarenebri, on site at Carinda, Rowena, and a water cart in the yard at Walgett if required.

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

North West Zone SLA Committee Meeting  
10 December 2009

**OUTSTANDING TASKS REGISTER:**

*Add any new tasks or keep any tasks that are still outstanding.*

*The Tasks Register is distributed to the Team Members prior to the following meeting for updating. The updated Register then forms part of the agenda from the following meeting.*

*When a task is completed it is reported at the next meeting and then drops off the Register at subsequent meetings)*

Task Description	Current Details (including status, outstanding issues and planned actions):	Allocated to:	Due Date
RFS to contact Council representatives- re HR works completed and recorded. Unfunded works are currently not recorded. RFS to check with RFS Head Office and see if they want the data recorded.		J Kennedy	
Need to bring to Councils attention the RFS Act and provisions of using naked flame on TOBAN days. ZM to follow up. Reminder to be sent to Councils of their responsibilities under the TOBAN – ZM to follow up.		T Place	

DRAFT

## 14. Reservation of items for Debate

## 15. Reports of Officers

### 9. *FUNDING REQUEST – AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE*

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Ray Kent – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1149

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#### **Summary:**

The Australian Opal Centre has written requesting that Council grant the organisation \$60,000 in the current Financial Year.

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

A letter from the President of the Australian Opal Centre is attached. The Centre requests a grant of \$40,000 from Council so that it can match \$ for \$ a grant of \$40,000 that it received from the Federal Government "In late 2009". The Centre advises that if Council financial support is not forthcoming "LROFC will have no choice but to decline the offer of funding".

The Centre also requests an operational grant for 2010/2011 but requests that it be paid out of the current budget. The Centre advises that it failed in its application to Arts NSW for operational funding in 2009/2010 with the "primary reason for failure of the funding application being the lack of financial commitment from Walgett Shire Council in the 2009/2010 financial year."

The December Quarter Budget Review, reported elsewhere on the Agenda, indicates that the operating deficit in the General Fund (from which any grants would be sourced) will deteriorate by \$16,852 as a consequence of December Quarter variations. Further, Council is both holding proposals for new projects received from other community organisations and will shortly invite further submissions for new expenditure proposals for 2010/11. As a matter of principle, Council should consider all new expenditure proposals at the same time and with the knowledge of what funds are likely to be available in 2010/11.

#### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

2009/10 Management Plan and Budget.

#### **Stakeholders:**

Community organisations and ratepayers generally.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Nil at this stage.

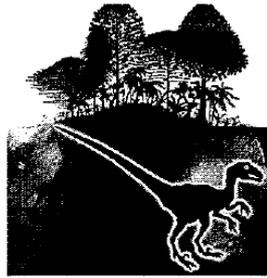
**Funding Request – Australian Opal Centre**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the funding requests from the Australian Opal Centre be considered as new expenditure proposals at the time of formulation of the 2010/11 budget.

**Attachment:**

letter from the President of the Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre Incorporated.



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Dear Mr Woodcock,

### **Financial Support for Australian Opal Centre**

We are seeking the urgent financial support of the Walgett Shire Council in order to progress this nationally significant project in 2010/2011.

#### **Background**

In late 2009 the Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre Inc (LROFC) obtained \$40,000 funding through the Federal Government TQUAL grants program, administered through AusIndustry, to develop conceptual drawings and a professional investment proposal for use in seeking further government, philanthropic and corporate support for the construction of the Australian Opal Centre at Lightning Ridge.

The offer of this grant is the first commitment the Federal Government has made to the project and is considered to be a 'show of good faith' in the Australian Opal Centre project and its future. The TQUAL project will provide LROFC Inc with the tools it needs to attract massive investment into Walgett Shire via the Australian Opal Centre.

This grant requires a matched contribution from LROFC.

However, recently LROFC was informed that its application to Arts NSW for 2010 operational and management funding has been denied, with a primary reason for failure of the funding application being the lack of financial commitment from Walgett Shire Council in the 2009/2010 financial year. Previous applications to Arts NSW from LROFC Inc, in which local government contributions were shown, were successful; and Arts NSW representatives have indicated that future applications are more likely to succeed if local government support is forthcoming.

It is unlikely that LROFC Inc will be able to raise all required operational funding (a shortfall of \$20,000 is currently projected for 2010) as well as to find \$40,000 to match the TQUAL grant in the short period of time available (6 months).

If financial assistance is not forthcoming, LROFC will have no choice but to decline the offer of funding from AusIndustry, losing the opportunity offered by the TQUAL program as well as potentially damaging the relationship with the funding body.

#### **Request**

For the reasons outlined above, LROFC Inc seek the support of Walgett Shire Council – to provide a financial allocation to the LROFC in the 2010/2011 financial year, with payment to be made in the 2009/2010 year.

We seek your support in the following two ways:

1. \$40,000 cash to match the Federal Government TQUAL Grant
2. \$20,000 cash to use as a matching contribution for operational funding in 2010/2011 when applying for the NSW Ministry for the Arts grant

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We trust you will consider our request for support.

Yours sincerely,



David Lane  
President  
Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre Incorporated  
*Proudly building the Australian Opal Centre*

**10. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO RE-JOIN THE MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC IN 2010/11**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Ray Kent – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1330

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**Summary:**

Council was a member of the Association until 2004. The General Manager of the Association has requested that Council give consideration to rejoining in 2010/11.

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

The Association was founded in 1944. It is an association of Councils from NSW, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria, along with other interested groups and individuals. The Associations Mission is:

“to provide a strong focus for Local Government and community participation in the major natural resource management issues of the Murray Darling Basin”

Attached are the Association’s Charter along with a schedule identifying current membership.

The Association’s membership is organised into 12 Regions and the Chairperson of each Region is a member of the National Board. Walgett would be a member of Region 11 along with the Councils of: Inglewood; Goondiwindi; Moree Plains; Brewarrina; Stanthorpe; Tenterfield and Waggamba.

Annual membership fees are based on population with a maximum cap. The fee for a new member is phased in over 3 years. In Walgett’s case the fee in 2010/11 would be \$460 rising to \$1,400 in 2012/13.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Annual report of the Association 2008/09

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett community

**Financial Implications:**

Annual membership fees as described

**Request for Council to join the Murray Darling Association Inc in 2010/11**

**Recommendation:**

1. That membership of the Murray Darling Association be considered as a new expenditure proposal at the time of formulation of the 2010/2011 Budget.

**Attachments:**

Charter and membership of the Association along with a map of the Association's Regions.

## **THE MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Murray Darling Association was founded in August 1944 as the Murray Valley Development League. It is an association of Local Government municipalities in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria, as well as community groups, businesses, individuals and agencies with an interest in ensuring that the Murray-Darling Basin continues as a viable and valuable asset for all Australians.

The Association has a growing network of individuals and groups, and provides a link between this community and Local, State and Commonwealth governments as well as their agencies.

### **MISSION**

The Murray Darling Association's mission is to provide a strong focus for Local Government and community participation in the major natural resource management issues of the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Association also provides natural resource management information, facilitates debate, identifies needs and priorities, undertakes projects and education initiatives, promotes research, and aims to influence natural resource management policies of government as they relate to the Murray-Darling Basin.

### **CHARTER**

The Murray Darling Association is a grass roots, community-based organisation, able to interact with communities, governments and authorities on behalf of, and for the benefit of, the community of the Murray-Darling Basin.

### **THE ASSOCIATION**

- seeks to ensure that the environmental integrity of the Murray-Darling Basin is conserved and protected,
- believes that Local Government is central to the orderly management of the Basin,
- encourages responsible development within the Murray-Darling Basin while ensuring that the environment is protected,
- fosters the involvement of Local Government in natural resource management and decision-making processes within the Basin,
- supports integrated catchment management,
- provides leadership and helps to resolve conflict,
- facilitates, and provides a forum for, community participation in the decision-making processes that affect the Murray-Darling Basin,
- is committed to best practice in management, community involvement and representation, service delivery and accountability.

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### **HONORARY PATRON**

Mr E Noel Fitzpatrick, M Sc (Agric), AM, FAIS FAIM.

Accepted January 1995

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**MEMBER COUNCILS  
OF THE MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION  
AT 30 JUNE 2009**

<p><b>Region One:</b> City of Albury City of Wodonga Greater Hume Shire Council Indigo Shire Council Rural City of Wangaratta Shire of Corowa Shire of Towong Shire of Tumbarumba Shire of Urana</p> <p><b>Region Two:</b> Deniliquin Council Jerilderie Shire Council Murray Shire Council Shire of Berrigan Shire of Campaspe Shire of Conargo Shire of Moira</p> <p><b>Region Three:</b> Swan Hill Rural City Shire of Balranald Shire of Gannawarra Shire of Wakool</p> <p><b>Region Four:</b> City of Broken Hill Mildura Rural City Council Shire of Central Darling Shire of Wentworth</p> <p><b>Region Five:</b> District Council of Berri Barmera District Council of Loxton Waikerie District Council of Renmark Paringa</p> <p><b>Region Six:</b> Alexandrina Council City of Victor Harbor Coorong District Council District Council of Karoonda East Murray District Council of Southern Mallee Mid Murray Council Rural City of Murray Bridge Tatiara Council</p>	<p><b>Region Seven:</b> City of Adelaide City of Burnside City of Campbelltown City of Holdfast Bay City of Marion City of Mitcham City of Norwood, Payneham &amp; St Peters City of Onkaparinga City of Playford City of Port Adelaide Enfield City of Prospect City of Tea Tree Gully City of West Torrens Town of Walkerville</p> <p><b>Region 8</b> Barossa Council City of Port Augusta City of Whyalla Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council District Council of Barunga West District Council of the Copper Coast District Council of Mallala District Council of Mount Remarkable District Council of Ororoo Carrieton District Council of Yorke Peninsula Light Regional Council Port Pirie Regional Council Regional Council of Goyder Wakefield Regional Council</p> <p><b>Murrumbidgee Region (9)</b> Wagga Wagga City Council Coolamon Shire Council Griffith City Council Gundagai Shire Council Leeton Shire Council Lockhart Shire Council Murrumbidgee Shire Council Narrandera Shire Council Carrathool Shire Council Hay Shire Council Tumut Council</p> <p><b>Region Ten:</b> Bathurst Regional Council Bogan Shire Council Lachlan Shire Shire of Bourke Shire of Cobar Dubbo City Council Forbes Shire Council Narromine Shire Council Warren Shire Council Wellington Shire Council</p>
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<p><b>Region 11</b>                  Inglewood Shire Council                  Goondiwindi regional Council                  Moree Plains Shire Council                  Shire of Brewarrina                  Stanthorpe Shire Council                  Tenterfield Shire Council                  Waggamba Shire Council</p>	<p><b>Region 12</b>                  Balonne Shire Council                  Dalby Regional Council                  Southern Downs regional Council (name change)                  Toowoomba Regional Council (name change)                  Warroo Shire Council                  Tara Shire Council                  Wambo Shire Council                  Warwick Shire Council</p>
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## PATRONS, SPONSORS AND SMALL BUSINESS MEMBERS AT JUNE 2009

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and appreciates the support of the following:

**Corporate Sponsor**

BlueScope Water – Wollongong NSW  
 SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board – Murray Bridge SA

**Patrons:**

ACTEW Corporation - Canberra ACT  
 Cotton Australia Ltd - Surrey Hills NSW  
 Country Energy - NSW  
 Irrigation Water Technologies – Sydney NSW  
 Lower Murray Water - Mildura VIC  
 MasterFoods Australia - Wodonga VIC  
 Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre - Wodonga VIC  
 Murray Irrigation Ltd - Deniliquin NSW  
 National Foods Milk Limited - Mile End SA  
 OneSteel- Whyalla SA  
 Ecowise Environmental - VIC

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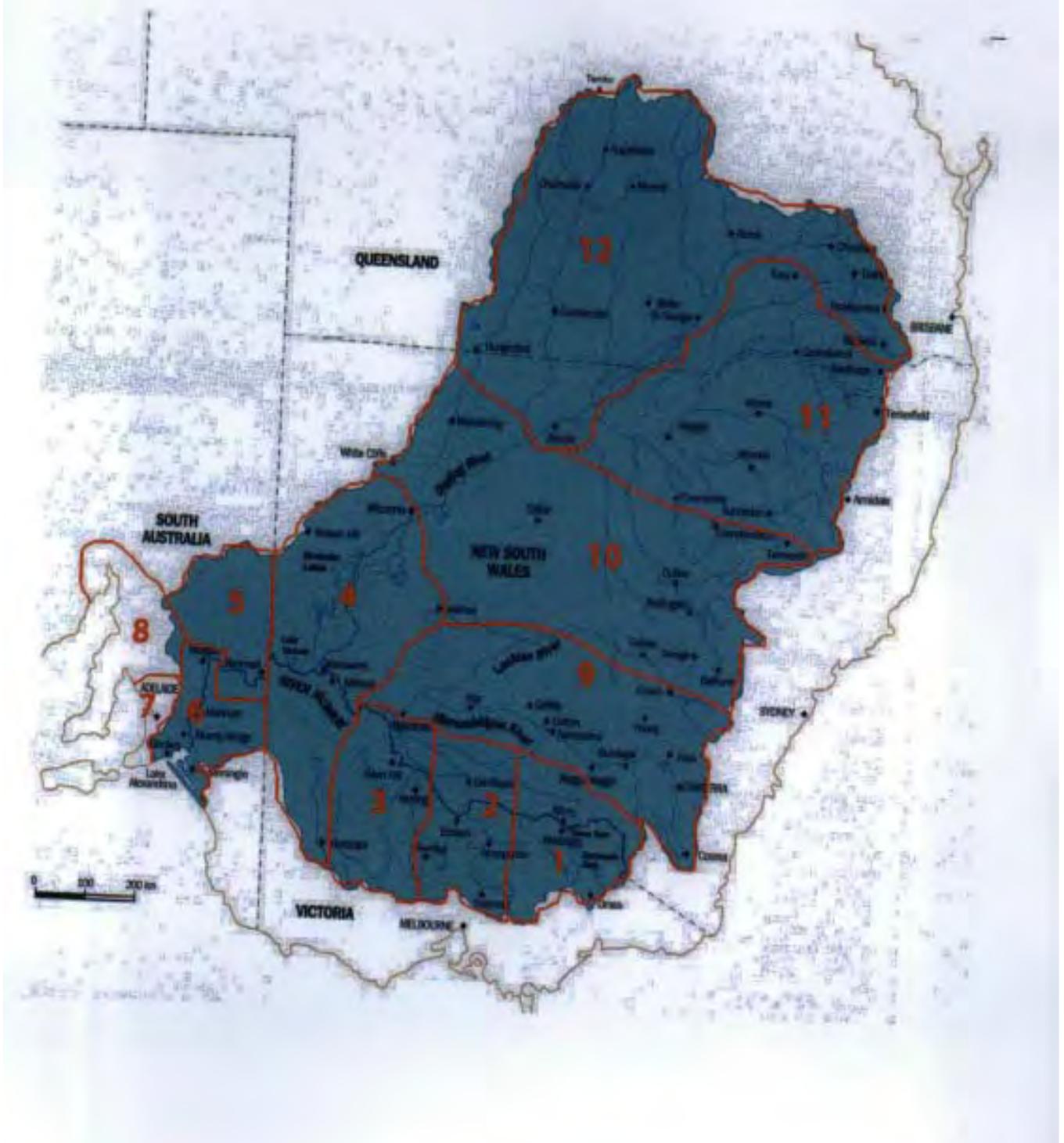
Albury Wodonga Corporation - Albury NSW  
 Barossa Infrastructure - Tanunda SA  
 Local Government Border River Project Group – QLD & NSW  
 Goldenfields Water County Council - NSW  
 Goulburn Valley Region Water Authority - Shepparton VIC  
 Grape Exchange – SA/VIC/NSW/QLD  
 Mulwala Water Ski Club - Mulwala NSW  
 Murrumbidgee Irrigation - Leeton NSW  
 Norske Skog Paper Mills (Australia) Limited - Albury NSW  
 Riverina Water County Council – Wagga Wagga NSW  
 West Corrgan Board of Management - Berrigan NSW  
 Yarrawonga and Border Golf Club- NSW

**Small Business Members:**

Australian Dried Fruits Association  
 Barham & District Services Club - Barham NSW  
 Blain, Richard - Echuca VIC  
 Central Irrigation Trust - Barmera SA  
 Clark Taylor Farms – SA  
 CMV Farms- Langhorne Creek SA  
 Doyle, Mrs JM - Albury NSW  
 Goulburn Murray Water - Tatura VIC  
 Houseboat Hirers Association of South Australia  
 Lucas, Geoff - Wooragee VIC  
 Lyrup Village Association - Lyrup SA  
 North Central Catchment Management Authority - Huntly VIC  
 River Murray Boat Owners Association – SA  
 Tandou Pty Ltd- Mildura (VIC/NSW)  
 Water Industry Alliance Inc - SA

# Regions of the Murray Darling Association

2007 / 2008



## **11. “SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES” – NATIONAL CONFERENCE, NARRABRI**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Ray Kent – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/122

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### **Summary:**

A national conference, sponsored by the Federal Government’s Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, will be held in Narrabri from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

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

Details of the three day Conference are attached. There is no registration fee though all prospective attendees are required to register. The organisers have been advised that Council will provide a group registration. Could councillors wishing to attend please advise the General Manager at the Council meeting. Councillors should also advise whether they wish to have accommodation organised for the Monday and Tuesday evenings.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett community members generally.

### **Financial Implications:**

Travel and accommodation costs for Councillors

<b>“Sustaining Rural Communities” – National Conference, Narrabri</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That all Councillors be authorised to attend the “Sustaining Rural Communities” National Conference to be held in Narrabri in April 2010.</p>

### **Attachments:**

Conference Brochure



National Conference, Narrabri, NSW

April 19-21, 2010

The Murray Darling basin is one of Australia's most important agricultural regions. It contains over 40% of Australia's farms, produces over one third of Australia's food supply and accounts for nearly 40% of Australia's agricultural GDP. In recent years, these largely agricultural communities have been faced with significant challenges including the:

1. Severe ongoing drought;
2. Significant changes in government policy especially those relating to water and carbon; and
3. The mineral resources boom

These issues have the potential to change the face of rural communities forever and so there is a need to understand the current situation (*The Research*), our response (*The Workforce*) and how we can plan for the future (*Building Capacity*).

To address these issues, the "Sustaining Rural Communities" event on the 19th, 20th and 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2010, will be held in Narrabri, NSW. This conference will attract up to 600 delegates from around Australia, including representatives from all agricultural industries, along with a number of delegates from government and industries such as mining, manufacturing, finance, tourism, transport, science, education and health. This key event will provide participants with the opportunity to meet, discuss and act upon the broad range of social research currently being undertaken in regards to rural communities.

All sessions will be opened to the general public and there will be **no conference fee**. Briefly, the programme for the three days will focus on the following three streams:

**The Research:** social research concerning rural communities, and economies, impacts of climate change and global food & fibre security.

**The Workforce:** Responses to creating and sustaining regionally flexible workforces with resilient communities.

**Building Capacity:** Building the capacity of rural people and their communities.

You can register for the conference at the [www.cottoncrc.org.au](http://www.cottoncrc.org.au) website. Or for further details contact Kate Schwager, Community Officer P: (02) 6799 2477, F: (02) 6793 1171 M: 0408 486 667, E: [kate.schwager@cottoncrc.org.au](mailto:kate.schwager@cottoncrc.org.au)



National Conference, Narrabri, NSW  
April 19-21, 2010

*Sustaining Rural Communities*  
**Pencil the date in your diaries**

***Social research for rural communities and all its industries.  
Lets plan and act for our future.***

- Date:** April 19 - 21st, 2010  
**Venue:** The Crossing Theatre, Narrabri (800 delegates)  
**Format:** Morning sessions - presentations. Afternoon sessions - engagement, workshops, planning and networks  
**Registration:** Essential. Details available on request  
**Cost:** No entry cost

Conference Streams

1. 19th April - ***The Research*** (social research concerning rural communities and economies, impacts of climate change, drought, water reforms, resources boom and global food / fibre security)
2. 20th April - ***The Workforces*** (responses to creating and sustaining regionally flexible workforces with resilient communities)
3. 21st April - ***The Capacity*** (the Culture of Learning, building the capacity of rural people and their communities)

For more information: Please contact Kate Schwager on 02 6799 2477  
[www.cottoncrc.org.au](http://www.cottoncrc.org.au)



## **12. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM QUARTERLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2009 TO JANUARY 2010**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Lianne Tasker –Manager Community Development & Tourism  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1763

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### **Summary:**

Community Development and Tourism quarterly progress report.

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

#### Youth

Youth services are progressing in line with the Walgett Shire Youth Development Youth Strategy 2009 – 2014. The Youth Development Officer will provide a progress report to Council, as a separate report, at the March Council meeting.

#### Tourism

- Walgett Visitor Information Centre visitors October – January = 758.
- Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre visitors October – January = 5425.
- Walgett Shire Branding project has been progressed with the consultants, Busy Street, presenting to the February Council meeting.
- The Walgett Visitor Information Centre trial weekend opening hours concluded in December 2009. The trial ran for a period of 6 weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Visitor numbers during the trial totalled 86.

#### Libraries

##### *Preschool literacy*

- Council was invited to present the *Stories on the Floor* early literacy project at the National Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Family & Community Strengths Conference in Newcastle in December 2009. The presentation illustrated Council's innovative approach to engaging children and their families in early literacy development.
- A Christmas party was hosted for participant children and families of the early literacy groups. CDEP were engaged to provide transport to allow residents of Namoi and Gingi to visit the library. This represented the first visit to the library for many of the participants.

##### *Outreach services*

- Visits to Burren Junction, Collarenebri and Carinda deposit stations, as well as Collarenebri and Walgett pre schools, occurred during the reporting period.

*After 3pm Teen Literacy Group*

- This group continues to grow at both libraries. During the reporting period, 692 children visited the library in Walgett. Hands-on activities include sewing, cooking, jewellery making, photography, hair and skin care, Christmas decorations and cards. Each activity has a link to literacy and/or numeracy. Walgett library experiences up to 30 teenagers per afternoon and extra staff have been required to manage this demand.
- Lightning Ridge experiences approximately 8-10 children per afternoon and a participant from BEST Employment is currently placed to assist with these activities.

*Children's Story Time.*

Sessions continue in both libraries. 134 preschool children visited Walgett library over the reporting period.

*Children's Art Classes*

Weekly sessions continue.

*Visitation*

New members

	<b>Last quarter</b>	<b>October- January 2010</b>
Lightning Ridge	47	28
Walgett	80	29

Items borrowed

	<b>Last quarter</b>	<b>October- January 2010</b>
Lightning Ridge	2796	2429
Walgett	1214	1335

General visitation

	<b>Last quarter</b>	<b>October – January 2010</b>
Lightning Ridge	Not recorded	532
Walgett	Not recorded	755

Community Development

- Main Street Beautification project progressed with the draft plan currently available for public comment until the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.
- Draft Community Plan 2010-2014 completed and currently available for public comment until the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.
- Cultural Touring Program progressed with the following planned –  
 Kristina Olsen - Performer- Walgett and Lightning Ridge 16/17<sup>th</sup> April.  
 Sean Choolburra – Comedian- Walgett and Lightning Ridge 4/ 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- Lightning Ridge Crime Safety Plan progressing with active involvement in the Lightning Ridge Crime Safety Committee.
- Support and capacity building –

Lightning Ridge Gym – assistance with service sustainability by sourcing and initiating appropriate training for volunteers.

Collarenebri Community Working Party – assistance with facilitation of community-wide consultation.

- Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan 2007 – 2010 are progressing with 28 of 31 actions completed. Preparation for the development of the 2011 – 2014 Plan will commence shortly.
- 26 of the 30 actions of the Walgett Shire Council Social Plan 2007 – 2010 have been achieved. The remaining 4 actions have been included in the 2010 – 2014 Community Plan as priority actions. The 2010 – 2014 Community Plan will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

Achievements of the 2007 – 2010 Social Plan are outlined in Attachment A.

- Walgett Festival 2010 preparations have begun with an organising group formed consisting of 8 community members and two Council representatives.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Walgett Shire Council Social Plan 2007 – 2010, Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan 2007 – 2010, Walgett Shire Tourism Plan 2009 – 2011, Walgett Shire Youth Development Youth Strategy 2009 - 2014.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire community members, organisations and agencies with an interest in the social outcomes of people residing, working in, and visiting, the Walgett Shire.

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

<b>Community Development and Tourism Quarterly Report – October 200 – January 2010</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the Community Development and Tourism quarterly report (October – January 2010) be received and noted.</p>



**Attachments:**

Achievements of the 2007 – 2010 Social Plan

## Achievements of the 2007 – 2010 Social Plan

Category	Achievements
Children and Young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality youth service delivery in accordance with the Walgett Shire Council Youth Development Strategy 2009- 2014.</li> <li>• Expanded partnerships with community groups. Examples Outback Division of General Practitioners, Murdi Paaki, Youth Off the Streets, McKillop Rural Services, Yawarra Meamei.</li> <li>• Early literacy program implemented – <i>Stories on the Floor</i>. Project presented at the National Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Family and Community Strengths Conference.</li> <li>• Consultation with children and young people carried out.</li> <li>• Playgrounds installed – Walgett and Carinda.</li> <li>• Youth Council established.</li> <li>• Skate Parks installed – Walgett, Lightning Ridge &amp; Collarenebri.</li> <li>• Received Local Government Award - Best Small Council Award Youth Week 2009.</li> <li>• School to Work program sustained.</li> <li>• Youth Development Officer awarded Finalist in Youth Leadership Australian Remote Rural Outback Awards and top three Finalist in the Regional Community Services &amp; Achievement Awards NSW.</li> </ul>
Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Women's Day event facilitated.</li> <li>• Targeted consultation with women conducted. Examples- individual community members, Walgett Domestic Violence Legal Prevention Service support group.</li> <li>• Expanded partnerships and collaboration with women's groups and support organisations. Examples - targeted consultation with Walgett Domestic Violence Legal Prevention Service support group and Yawarra Meamei, library visitation to Barwon Cottage support group.</li> </ul>
Older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded opportunities for older people to participate in social planning directions. This has been achieved by including targeted consultation with aged people in the social planning process.</li> </ul>
People with a Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged in consultation with people with a disability.</li> <li>• Assisted to facilitate International Day of People with a Disability celebration.</li> </ul>
Aboriginal people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered activities in accordance with the Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan 2007-2010.</li> <li>• Developed relationship with Murdi Paaki to enable employment opportunities for local Aboriginal people.</li> <li>• Consistent community engagement through Community Working Party.</li> <li>• Engagement of Aboriginal Liaison Officer.</li> <li>• Supported and sponsored NAIDOC week celebrations.</li> <li>• Managed Community Capability projects.</li> <li>• Conducted Cultural Awareness training for all staff.</li> </ul>
People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed relationship with Lightning Ridge Transcultural Council.</li> <li>• Actively source funding for multi-cultural services and organisations.</li> <li>• Community consultation with people from CALD backgrounds and organisations.</li> </ul>
Additional actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded partnerships with Police in relation to crime prevention and community safety. Examples- worked in collaboration to address crime hot spots, development of crime safety resource kit.</li> <li>• Commenced CBD redevelopment plans for Walgett</li> </ul>

### **13. OUTBACK REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION – SYMPOSIUM**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Lianne Tasker –Manager Community Development & Tourism  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1763

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**Summary:**

Outback Regional Tourism Organisation will host a Symposium at Lightning Ridge 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. Councillor representation is invited.

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

The Outback Regional Tourism Organisation Symposium will take place at Lightning Ridge on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. As a major sponsor, Council has been allocated four (4) tickets to the event.

The Manager Community Development & Tourism, and other appropriate staff, will attend and Councillor representation is invited.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Symposium program.

**Stakeholders:**

Community members, organisations and groups with an interest in tourism development in the Walgett Shire.

**Financial Implications:**

Nil.

<b>Outback Regional Tourism Organisation - Symposium</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That Councillor/s _____ attend the Outback Regional Tourism Organisation Symposium in Lightning Ridge 22- 23 March 2010.</p>



**Attachment:**

Program for the Outback 2010 Tourism Symposium



Lightning Ridge  
Bowling Club  
Monday 22nd &  
Tuesday 23rd  
March 2010

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

**Monday 22nd March 2010**

- 11:00am REGISTRATIONS OPEN
- 11:00am TRADE DISPLAY OPEN
- 12:00pm Lunch
- Sponsored by IBA
- 12:45pm WELCOME
- Master of Ceremonies
- FRANKIE J HOLDEN**
- 1:00pm KEY NOTE SPEAKER
- Sponsored by Department of Industry & Investment
- CATHERINE DE VRYE - Author**
- "7 essential strategies for success"
- 2:00pm Indigenous Business Australia Introduce
- OLGA COLLIS-McANESPIE**
- "Indigenous Tourism - Easier than you think"
- 2:45pm Afternoon Tea
- Sponsored by the CCIA of NSW
- 3:15pm Pending confirmation on speaker
- 4:00pm **GARY O'RIORDAN**
- "International Tourism- Is your product ready"
- 4:30pm **NICOLE BRADEN**
- Tourism NSW
- "How to work with TNSW in international markets"
- 4:45pm International facilitated workshop groups
- 5:15pm Conference Close

**OPTIONAL DINNER**

- 6:30pm Bus pick up at Lightning Ridge Hotel Motel
- 6:45pm Bus pick up at Wallungulla Motel
- 7:00pm Dinner at Lightning Ridge Golf Club
- (NUMBERS LIMITED)
- Cost - \$70.00pp
- Sponsored by Walgett Shire Council and supported by Black Opal Tours
- 10:30pm Return to Motels

**Tuesday 23rd March 2010**

- 8:30am Coffee & Tea
- 9:00am **CAROLYN CHILDS**
- TNS Research
- "Whats happening in Tourism Now"
- 10:00am **RHETT HOOKHAM**
- Mediaspark
- "Internet- most important marketing tool"
- 10:45am Morning Tea
- Sponsored by Cartoscope
- 11:00am CONCURRENT SESSION 1
- Option 1: **ATDW - What is V3?**
- Option 2: **MICHELLE MARTIN**
- ExplorOz
- "E-Marketing - things you need to know"
- 11:45pm CONCURRENT SESSION 2
- Option 1: **BRIAN CATCHPOLE-WALKER**
- Bande-A-Parte research
- Darling River Run Conversion Results
- Option 2: **PETER VALERIO**
- Tourism Solutions
- "Interpreting Statistics- what it all means"
- 12:30pm Sponsored by Department of Industry & Investment
- SIMON MOLESWORTH**
- "Burke and Wills 2010 is the year"
- 1:15pm Plenary Thank You and Conclusion
- Chairperson - Outback NSW Tourism
- 1:30pm Lunch (Take-away for tour goers)

**OPTIONAL TOUR**

- 1:35pm **TOUR OF THE ATTRACTION OF LIGHTNING RIDGE**
- Cost - \$50.00pp



(Thanks to our Lightning Ridge attractions who have generously discounted or provided service so that our members can see why Lightning Ridge is a must see destination for any outback traveller.)

Stay for the 24th March and become an accredited Customer Service Provider with a heavily discounted Aussie Host Training Session - see overleaf for details



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**Lightning Ridge  
Bowling Club**  
22 & 23 March 2010  
plus optional 24 March 2010

**CONFERENCE COSTS**

Members of Outback NSW Tourism

**\$70.00 per person**

Non-Members of Outback NSW Tourism

**\$110.00 per person**

**COST INCLUDES:**

- Conference Satchel
- Speaker's notes
- Monday's Conference, Lunch and Afternoon Tea
- Tuesday's Conference, Coffee/Tea on arrival, Morning Tea and Lunch

**WHAT TO BRING**

The weather in Lightning Ridge for March is approx 26° in the day and approx 19° at night. Casual/smart dress wear for both Symposium and the Dinner and in case of colder nights bring a jacket.

**AUSSIE HOST**

Aussie Host is the customer service training package for anyone dealing direct with the public; restaurants, motels, retailers, clubs, council staff, sales staff and many more. This course is normally offered at \$395 per person, but there is a one time offer at \$200 per person for Lightning Ridge for anyone wanting to stay on after the Symposium and get their Customer Service accreditation.  
Date: 24th March 2010  
Venue: Lightning Ridge Bowling Club  
Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm  
Price: \$200.00 pp



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*\*Please note there is limited space for this conference and optional tour so avoid disappointment register early.*

**ACCOMMODATION**

Lightning Ridge has a variety of accommodation to cater for every style and budget.

Wallangulla Motel	(02) 6829 0542
Chasin' Opal Holiday Cabins	(02) 6829 0448
Black Opal Holiday Units	(02) 6829 0222
Bluey Motel	(02) 6829 0380
Black Opal Motel	(02) 6829 0518
Crocodile Caravan Park	(02) 6829 0437
Fossickers Cottages	(02) 6829 0066
Lightning Ridge Hotel Motel	(02) 6829 0304

Most accommodation is within walking distance to Lightning Ridge Bowling Club, 1 Agate St Lightning Ridge. For more information visit [www.lightningridgeinfo.com.au](http://www.lightningridgeinfo.com.au)

**TRANSPORT**

Outback NSW Tourism are assisting delegates with transport to Lightning Ridge from Dubbo and return. If you require transport from Dubbo, CountryLink have provided an exclusive rate of \$50.00 pp return. Hurry as there is only limited spots at this price.

Email [info@visitoutbacknsw.com.au](mailto:info@visitoutbacknsw.com.au)  
or call 02 9656 1598 to book your seat.



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## **14. LGSA TOURISM CONFERENCE - 2010**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Lianne Tasker –Manager Community Development & Tourism  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/122

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### **Summary:**

The Local Government Shires Association Tourism Conference will take place 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March at Cowra. Councillor representation is invited.

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

The Local Government Shires Association Tourism Conference will take place at Cowra from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The conference provides the opportunity to address tourism issues pertinent to the Shire and Local Government, network with other tourism, marketing and event professionals and talk direct with staff from Tourism NSW.

The Manager Community Development & Tourism will attend and Councillor representation is also recommended.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Conference invitation

### **Stakeholders:**

Community members, organisations and groups with an interest in tourism development in the Walgett Shire

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

### **LGSA Tourism Conference - 2010**

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That Councillor/s \_\_\_\_\_ attend the LGSA Tourism Conference in March 2010.

## **15. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME DONATIONS -2009/2010 BUDGET**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Serena Stubbs – Senior Finance Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1240

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### **Summary:**

This report identifies requests for financial assistance from Council through the Community Assistance Scheme 2009/2010 and under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993

This is the second (of two) rounds of requests for financial assistance for the 2009/2010 financial year.

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

Applications have been received from community organisations for financial assistance under the Community Assistance Scheme. The scheme was advertised shire wide, with applications closing 1 February 2010.

Applicants must be non-profit organisations and based in, or affiliated with, Walgett Shire.

The Community Assistance Scheme objectives being to:

Support charities and community projects, events and activities which occur within the Walgett Shire area, and are a benefit to the community;  
Foster or support new services, initiatives and resources within the Shire;  
Improve awareness and use of community services and resources within the Shire;  
Encourage increased participation in local community events within the Shire.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

WSC Procedures – AFM – Requests for Assistance  
Section 356 Local Government Act 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2009 - 2014

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Various community organisations

### **Financial Implications:**

An amount of \$15,000.00 has been provided for in the 2009/2010 Budget in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. Of the \$15,000, an amount of \$5,315 was allocated in Round 1 of the requests for assistance (see minutes from Aug 2009 Council meeting) and an additional amount of \$364 was utilised for the advertising of the scheme. This leaves \$9,321.00 available for this second round of funding.

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**Community Assistance Scheme Donations – 2009/2010 Budget**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2009/2010 as follows:

	Organisation	Project	Request	Cost of Project / Activity	Recommendation	Stakeholders
1	Walgett & District Pony Club	6 day annual camp - request for donation of showground hire costs (cool room, microphone, floodlights, electricity, kitchen)	\$1,000.00	\$36,800.00	\$1,150.00	Children & local retailers
2	Lightning Ridge Historical Society	2010 Easter Exhibition & reprint of "An Old Chum Remembers" (x 500 books)	\$300.00	\$1,314.00	\$300.00	Community (Historical significance)
3	Carinda Rugby Union Club (for Carinda Community)	Purchase of a Defibrillator for use by the whole Carinda Community	\$1,000.00	\$5,145.00	\$1,500.00	Carinda Community (particularly high risk groups - elderly residents)
4	Barwon Aboriginal Corporation	Rugby League Gala Day (Sep 2010)	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	Local Aboriginal men (with participation from NRL role models) & local retailers (visiting teams)
5	Opal & Gem Festival Inc.	Lightning Ridge Opal Festival - activities/competitions to promote the opal mining culture	\$500.00	\$1,800.00	\$521.00	Community (OH&S emphasis & Tourism)
6	Lightning Ridge Community Radio Inc	13th Birthday Celebrations (Annual "Picnic in the Park")	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	Community (emphasis on bringing different cultures together and bringing visitors into Shire)
7	Lightning Ridge & Region Transcultural Community Council	Annual Picnic in Lions Park as part of "National Volunteer week" to thank all the volunteers in the community	\$600.00	\$1,300.00	\$600.00	Community (volunteers to local services)
8	Lightning Ridge Swimming Club	Children's swimming carnival at Lightning Ridge pool (March 2010)	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	Community - Youth (aimed at all youth across Shire)
9	Lightning Ridge Improvement & Beautification Committee	"Kidz Jamboree" (a Family Event held the Saturday following Goat Races) - assist funding of competitions and activities	\$600.00	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	Community - Youth (aged to 18) & Families
10	Lightning Ridge Gymnastics Club Inc	Purchase of a photocopier	\$500.00	not specified	\$500.00	Community (Youth)
11	Ridge Ukulele Group	Attendance at a Cairns Ukulele festival in Cairns for Group Teacher/Coordinator	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$ nil	Ukelele Groups in Walgett & Lightning Ridge
12	Yawarra Meamei Women's Group Inc	Entry fee to pool & lunch for "Summer House Holiday Pool Day Activity" 2011	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	Disadvantaged single parents, carers, & their children
13	Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (Yinaar Gaayili - Midwifery Program)	Purchase of resources & educational material for midwifery program (Program aims to increase birth weights, breastfeeding rates, improve parenting skills, & encourage fathers to be more active in parenting)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Community (Health/Babies/Parenting)
		<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$9,321.00</b>	

Total 2009/2010 Budget	\$15,000
Allocated Round 1	\$5,315
Advertising expense	\$364
<b>Remaining available for Round 2</b>	<b>\$9,321</b>

**16. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/38

**Summary:**

This report presents to Council the quarterly budget review for the period ending 31 December 2009

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

The quarterly review is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Part 9, Division 3, Section 203 and is an essential aspect of Council's financial management. A budget review is to be prepared and submitted to Council not later than two months after the end of each quarter.

At the Council meeting on 23 June 2009, Council adopted the 2009-2014 Management Plan, which incorporated the 2009/2010 budget.

The adopted budget provides for an operating surplus of \$282,959.00 and a capital deficit of \$15,110,280.00. The original operating budget was distributed to the funds as follows:

General Fund	\$149,557.00	Surplus
Water Fund	\$ 12,220.00	Surplus
Sewer Fund	\$121,479.00	Surplus
Waste Fund	\$ 277.00	Deficit

The August 2009 Council meeting adopted variations to the original budget, including carried forward incomplete projects from June 2009 and receipt of \$1,087,446.00 in federal assistance grant funds in June 2009. This movement of cost and income across financial years resulted in the operational budget for 2009-2010 moving from a surplus to a deficit.

The recommended changes to the 2009-2010 budget would increase operating income by \$589,380.00 and expenditure by \$606,232.00 and will result in a budgeted operating deficit of \$1,204,149.00. The recommended reduction in capital income of \$1,170,000.00 capital expenditure of \$2,346,700.00 will result in a budgeted capital deficit of \$14,458,432.00.

The proposed operating budget would be distributed to the funds as follows:

General Fund	\$1,100,068.00	Deficit
Water Fund	\$ 188,637.00	Deficit
Sewer Fund	\$ 72,699.00	Surplus
Waste Fund	\$ 11,857.00	Surplus

Operating revenue and expenditure relates to supply of services, maintenance and repairs. Capital revenue and expenditure relates to additions and improvements to assets. All budget variations are disclosed on the basis of "materiality". Materiality is defined by accounting codes and Council's auditors, Spencer Steer, as a ten percent variance. Walgett Shire Council's budget has approximately 800 separate ledger items. Council needs to be aware that for example, 800 non-material variances of \$1,000 per ledger can impact on the final result for the financial year, but not require budget variations.

## GENERAL FUND

### **Increase in operating expenditure/ Decrease in operating revenue:**

- Only 50% of the Aboriginal Heritage grant is expected to be received this financial year reducing income by \$7,500.00
- The Mayoral vehicle has travelled more kilometres than originally budgeted resulting in an underestimate of \$5,000.00 for the financial year.
- Requests for donations by local churches to cover water, sewer and garbage fees and charges was \$3,000.00 higher than expected.
- Councillor office expenses were underestimated and will require an additional \$3,200.00 to cover internet costs etc for the balance of this financial year.
- A function to acknowledge long serving staff will require an increase of \$3,000.00 to the civic receptions and functions budget.
- Due to cash flow requirements and the completion of several large projects investment income will be \$100,000.00 lower than originally estimated. Nearly \$8,000,000.00 in capital road projects has been expended in the first six months of this financial year, which impacts on the level of interest earned on money invested.
- Effluent liability insurance experienced a significant increase of \$33,000.00.
- Additional IT licences for asset management systems will cost a further \$4,000.00.
- More ratepayers than expected took advantage of early payment discounts costing an additional \$6,500.00.
- A net increase of \$880.00 in youth services programs will be provided for by additional income.
- An additional \$3,000.00 will complete the tourism branding project.
- Higher plant utilization will increase plant fuel expenses by \$610,000.00 which will be offset by plant hire charges to individual projects.
- Reallocation of nine local roads tasks will cost an additional \$28,044.00.
- Reallocation of eight regional road tasks will cost an additional \$6,940.00
- Cost of \$9,000.00 associated with additional rural private works will be incurred.
- Rates on council owned property was under budgeted by \$8,500.00
- Gross pollutant trap maintenance was under budgeted by \$20,000.00
- Sealed roads sweeping was under budgeted by \$25,000.00
- Cesspit cleaning was under budgeted by \$10,000.00
- Burren bore baths operational costs were under budgeted by \$12,000.00
- Executive vehicle running costs are higher than budgeted and will require an additional \$10,000.00 for the balance of this financial year.
- An additional \$8,000.00 will be required for the balance of this financial years IT managed service expenses due to the need to pay the previous supplier for services and transitional costs in July and August.
- Tourism grant income of \$15,000.00 is not expected to be received this financial year.
- \$25,000.00 is required to revalue storm water asset to comply with Department of Local Government Requirement.

### **Decrease in operating expenditure/ Increase in operating revenue:**

- With no expected or planned demolishing works for the balance of this financial year, the demolition fund will save \$15,000.00
- Until the LEP is gazetted, the aerial photography project can't proceed, saving \$18,000.00 expenditure this financial year.
- The Development Control Plan will not be created this year enabling \$40,000.00 to be moved from expenditure back to externally restricted reserves, to finance the plan at a later date.
- Limited LEP work is expected for the next 6 months, reducing the budget by \$10,000.00.

- Only three precinct committees requested the \$250.00 contribution to cover costs at a saving of \$750.00
- Additional employment subsidies of \$20,000.00 have been received.
- Additional sundry income of \$2,500.00 has been received by corporate services.
- Vacancies in the school to work program during the first half of the year has resulted in a \$5,000.00 savings.
- Several insurance premiums were lower than estimated. Savings of \$6,000.00 for public liability, \$33,000.00 for property and \$10,966.00 for contract works insurances were made.
- A net increase of \$880.00 in youth services incomes will provide for additional programs.
- Additional vacation care grants of \$1,000.00 each were received for Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri and Grawin.
- \$87,000.00 is initially expected as additional roads income for flood damage.
- Additional rural infrastructure private works income of \$10,000.00 has been generated.
- Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge depot operations cost were over estimated by \$39,000.00.
- The Rural Doctors Network Medical Scholarship Scheme of \$1,500.00 has not been requested.
- The urban shoulder spraying budget can be reduced by \$10,000.00 and urban pavement maintenance by \$20,000.00 to maintain current service levels.
- The cemeteries grounds maintenance budget can be reduced by \$10,000.00 while maintaining the current level of service.
- The urban parking areas budget can be reduced by \$6,000.00 while maintaining the current level of service.

**Increase in capital expenditure/ Decrease in capital revenue:**

- The dementia day care centre grant of \$1,090,000.00 is not expected to be received this financial year.

**Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:**

- Delays in the Walgett depot project will defer \$100,000.00 expenditure
- A total of \$30,000.00 in three capital local roads renewal projects will be reallocated to complete the Pian Creek Bridge replacement.
- The \$ 1,090,000.00 dementia day care centre will not be constructed this year.
- The Gilbert street housing project is complete. \$445,000.00 in the current capital budget will not be expended.

**WATER FUND**

**Increase in operating expenditure/ Decrease in operating revenue:**

- Walgett water filtration chemical cost have risen and the budget will need to increase by \$4,000.00
- Walgett water reservoir repairs were under budgeted by \$3,000.00
- Walgett water mains operations were under budgeted by \$1,000.00
- Walgett water mains repairs were under budgeted by \$5,000.00
- Walgett water filtration plant operations were under budgeted by \$20,000.00
- Cumborah water reservoir operational costs have been higher than expected and will require an additional \$500.00 this financial year.
- Collarenebri water main maintenance budget will require an additional \$2,500.00 to maintain services
- Collarenebri pump station operations budget will require an additional \$5,000.00 to maintain services
- Collarenebri pump station maintenance budget will require an additional \$1,000.00 to maintain services

**Decrease in operating expenditure/ Increase in operating revenue:**

- Reduced need for fluoridation chemicals in Walgett of \$10,000.00 can be reallocated towards water meter installation.
- With the Collarenebri fluoridation project not proceeding this financial year, operational savings for operations (\$15,000.00), maintenance (\$5,000.00) and chemical (\$15,000.00) will be achieved.

**Increase in capital expenditure/ Decrease in capital revenue:**

- The fluoridation grant of \$40,000.00 for Walgett is not expected to be received this financial year.
- The fluoridation grant of \$40,000.00 for Collarenebri is not expected to be received this financial year.
- An additional \$93,000.00 is required to complete water meter installation in Walgett
- An additional \$12,000.00 is required to complete the Rowena water supply upgrade.

**Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:**

- The Walgett waste water design and construction program will not proceed this financial year at a saving of \$200,000.00
- Walgett Fluoridation programs and updates will not be completed this financial year at a saving of \$50,950.00
- The Lightning Ridge reservoir corrosive protection program (\$200,000.00) and the water disinfection program (\$80,000.00) will not proceed this financial year.
- The Collarenebri fluoridation plant program (\$48,000.00) and the water disinfection program (\$35,000.00) will not proceed this financial year.
- The Carinda water disinfection program (\$25,000.00) and valve and hydrant replacement program (\$1,000.00) will not proceed this financial year.
- The Rowena water mains replacement program (\$25,000.00) will not proceed this financial year.

**SEWER FUND**

**Increase in operating expenditure/ Decrease in operating revenue:**

- Lightning Ridge sewerage pump station operations were under provided for in the budget by \$8,800.00.
- Lightning Ridge sewerage treatment works operations were under provided for in the budget by \$6,000.00.
- Collarenebri sewerage pump station operations were under provided for in the budget by \$3,000.00.

**Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:**

- Walgett Stormwater development project (\$60,000.00) will not commence this year.
- The \$40,000.00 pilot project to extend the sewer main in Walgett to the cemetery and oval will not commence this year.
- The Lightning Ridge sewer main CCTV inspection will not be commence this year. (\$25,000.00)
- Collarenebri Stormwater development project (\$30,000.00) will not commence this year.

**DOMESTIC WASTE FUND**

**Decrease in operating expenditure/ Increase in operating revenue:**

- Sulo bin purchases this financial year will be \$5,000.00 less than originally budgeted.

All other areas of operational income and expenditure are at expected levels for the second quarter of the year. Capital income and expenditure are project based and not evenly received nor expended during the financial year.

The financial position of the council as at 31 December 2009 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2009  
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2009-2014

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

**Financial Implications:**

Additional net operating income of \$589,380.00 and expenditure of \$606,232.00 will result in a budgeted operating deficit of \$1,179,149.00. A reduction in capital income of \$1,204,149.00 and a reduction in capital expenditure of \$2,346,700.00 will result in a budgeted capital deficit of \$14,458,432.00.

**Quarterly Budget review as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 31 December 2009 and adopt the changes as recommended.

**Attachments:**

Quarterly Budget Review

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:  
ORGANISATION DIVISION:  
RESPONSIBILITY:

Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2009  
All Division Summary  
General Manager - Ray Kent

	Original Budget	Amended Budget 12/09	Actual Income/Costs	Recommended Changes	Amended Budget
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>					
Members and Executive	18,000	18,000	18,000		18,000
General Purpose Revenue	7,289,059	6,614,829	5,437,331	(100,000)	6,614,829
Corporate & Community Services	296,344	296,344	155,009	(10,120)	286,224
Planning & Regulatory Services	145,775	160,775	65,653	(7,500)	153,275
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services	13,352,967	12,682,001	7,147,250	707,000	13,389,001
Urban Infrastructure Services	3,948,226	3,917,275	3,361,189	0	3,917,275
TOTAL	25,050,371	23,689,224	16,184,433	589,380	24,378,604
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>					
Members and Executive	782,635	804,268	554,223	10,450	814,718
Corporate & Community Services	1,890,247	1,975,247	865,899	3,880	1,979,127
Planning & Regulatory Services	1,101,732	1,185,832	658,462	(83,598)	1,102,234
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services	13,624,346	13,471,390	6,288,733	650,200	14,121,590
Urban Infrastructure Services	7,368,452	7,539,784	4,213,184	25,300	7,565,084
TOTAL	24,767,412	24,976,521	12,580,501	606,232	25,582,753
<b>NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>282,959</b>	<b>(1,287,297)</b>	<b>3,603,931</b>		<b>(1,204,149)</b>

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: ORGANISATION DIVISION: RESPONSIBILITY:		Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2009 All Division Summary General Manager - Ray Kent				
		Original Budget	Amended Budget 12/09	Actual Income/Costs	Recommended Changes	Amended Budget
<b><u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u></b>						
Members and Executive						
General Purpose Revenue						
Corporate & Community Services						
Planning & Regulatory Services						
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services		3,813,204	3,813,204	150,462	0	3,813,204
Urban Infrastructure Services		2,785,000	2,977,500	172,600	(1,170,000)	1,807,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,598,204</b>	<b>6,790,704</b>	<b>323,062</b>	<b>(1,170,000)</b>	<b>5,620,704</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>						
Members and Executive						
Corporate & Community Services		50,000	572,840	494,005	0	572,840
Planning & Regulatory Services						
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services		15,237,944	15,052,233	7,922,700	(70,000)	14,982,233
Urban Infrastructure Services		6,071,115	6,800,763	1,276,024	(2,276,700)	4,524,063
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21,359,059</b>	<b>22,425,836</b>	<b>9,692,730</b>	<b>(2,346,700)</b>	<b>20,079,136</b>
<b>NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(14,760,855)</b>	<b>(15,635,132)</b>	<b>(9,369,668)</b>		<b>(14,458,432)</b>

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

<b>WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:</b> <b>ORGANISATION DIVISION:</b> <b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b>		<b>Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2009</b> <b>Urban Infrastructure Services</b> <b>Director of Urban Infrastructure Services -Siegfredo Coralde</b>				
		Original Budget	Amended Budget 12/09	Actual Income/Costs	Recommended Changes	Amended Budget
<b><u>OPERATING REVENUE</u></b>						
Walgett Water Fund		637,700	637,700	638,020	0	637,700
Lightning Ridge Water Fund		519,900	519,900	516,628	0	519,900
Collarenebri Water Fund		199,625	199,625	198,885	0	199,625
Walgett Sewer Fund		311,453	311,453	319,142	0	311,453
Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund		267,019	267,019	273,845	0	267,019
Collarenebri Sewer Fund		89,684	89,684	90,060	0	89,684
Waste Fund		919,926	919,926	946,550	0	919,926
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,945,307</b>	<b>2,945,307</b>	<b>2,983,130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,945,307</b>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u></b>						
Walgett Water Fund		643,046	682,246	313,346	23,500	705,746
Lightning Ridge Water Fund		265,136	481,936	120,227	0	481,936
Collarenebri Water Fund		384,680	384,680	177,085	(26,500)	358,180
Walgett Sewer Fund		303,392	334,372	148,068	0	334,372
Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund		194,921	194,921	70,856	14,800	209,721
Collarenebri Sewer Fund		48,364	48,364	20,006	3,000	51,364
Waste Fund		920,203	913,069	548,435	(5,000)	908,069
		<b>2,759,742</b>	<b>3,039,588</b>	<b>1,398,022</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>3,049,388</b>
<b>NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>185,565</b>	<b>(94,281)</b>	<b>1,585,109</b>	<b>(9,800)</b>	<b>(104,081)</b>

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: ORGANISATION DIVISION: RESPONSIBILITY:		Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2009 Urban Infrastructure Services Director of Urban Infrastructure Services -Siegfredo Coralde				
		Original Budget	Amended Budget 12/09	Actual Income/Costs	Recommended Changes	Amended Budget
<b><u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u></b>						
Walgett Water Fund						
	Lightning Ridge Water Fund	40,000	40,000	0	(40,000)	0
	Collarenebri Water Fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	(40,000)	0
Walgett Sewer Fund						
Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund						
Collarenebri Sewer Fund						
Waste Fund						
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>(80,000)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>						
Walgett Water Fund		886,865	962,896	226,001	(196,950)	765,946
	Lightning Ridge Water Fund	420,000	509,000	40,415	(280,000)	229,000
	Collarenebri Water Fund	145,600	145,600	1,050	(83,000)	62,600
Walgett Sewer Fund		912,800	912,800	5,982	(100,000)	812,800
	Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund	156,800	156,800	0	(25,000)	131,800
	Collarenebri Sewer Fund	212,800	212,800	0	(30,000)	182,800
Waste Fund		0	0	0	0	0
		<b>2,734,865</b>	<b>2,899,896</b>	<b>273,447</b>	<b>(714,950)</b>	<b>2,184,946</b>
<b>NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(2,654,865)</b>	<b>(2,819,896)</b>	<b>(233,447)</b>	<b>634,950</b>	<b>(2,184,946)</b>

**17. CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT JANUARY 2010**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Myrene Lovegrove – Finance Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1460

**Summary:**

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 31 January 2010.

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

Walgett Shire Council operates one primary transaction account with the Commonwealth Bank and invests funds surplus 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.

As at 31 January 2010 the operational bank account's balance was \$1,338,651.59 The reconciliation of this balance is:

<b>Operational Account Bank Reconciliation</b>	
<b>As at 31 January 2010</b>	
	\$
<b>Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 31 January 2010</b>	<b>650,095.54</b>
Add: Receipts	829,602.95
Add: Recalled Investments	1,500,000.00
Less: New Investments	-
Less: Payments	(1,641,046.90)
<b>Closing Ledger Balance as at 31 January 2010</b>	<b>1,338,651.59</b>
<b>Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 January 2010</b>	<b>1,341,178.10</b>
Add: Receipts not banked	9,478.26
Less: Payments not presented	(12,004.77)
<b>Closing Balance of Bank Account</b>	<b>1,338,651.59</b>
Difference (A-B)	0.00

As at 31 January 2010 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$7,049,360.80. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

Term Deposits	\$6,000,000.00
Callable Range Accrual Notes	\$1,000,000.00
Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO)	\$ 49,360.80

The market values disclosed for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values as at 30 June 2009 and were supplied by the ANZ Group. Quarterly interest payments totally \$6,452.28 were received during January 2010. The interest payments received were based on the original face value of the products and not the market value. The \$6,452.28 received equates to an annualised rate of return on market value of approximately 52%.

As at 31 January 2010 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$8,388,012.39 represented by:

Working Account Balance	\$1,338,651.59
Investments	\$7,049,360.80

**Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at January 2010**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 January 2010 be received

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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Council investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the regulations and council's investment policy

<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>								
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	91	5.10	603/10		02-Feb-10	\$	500,000.00
Newcastle Permanent	Term Deposit	92	5.31	604/10		16-Feb-10	\$	500,000.00
Suncorp Metway	Term Deposit	91	5.17	605/10		16-Feb-10	\$	500,000.00
IMB Ltd Financial Services	Term Deposit	89	5.20	606/10		16-Feb-10	\$	500,000.00
Local Government Financial Services	Term Deposit	89	5.33	607/10		23-Feb-10	\$	500,000.00
Australian Defence Credit Union	Term Deposit	89	5.44	608/10		23-Feb-10	\$	500,000.00
Australian Defence Credit Union	Term Deposit	90	5.47	609/10		02-Mar-10	\$	500,000.00
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	90	5.35	610/10		02-Mar-10	\$	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	91	5.55	611/10		09-Mar-10	\$	500,000.00
Maquarie Bank	Term Deposit	91	5.60	614/10		30-Mar-10	\$	500,000.00
Local Government Financial Services	Term Deposit	91	5.50	615/10		06-Apr-10	\$	500,000.00
IMB Ltd Financial Services	Term Deposit	91	5.50	616/10		13-Apr-10	\$	500,000.00
<b>Callable Range Accrual Notes (CRAN)</b>								
Commonwealth Bank of Australia bond	Term Deposit	90	7.50	612/10	16-Mar-10	16-Dec-10	\$	500,000.00
Royal Bank Canada bond	Term Deposit	90	7.70	613/10	16-Mar-10	16-Mar-11	\$	500,000.00
<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	90	6.073		21-Mar-10	20-Jun-15	\$	12,165.59
Helium Capital Ltd	Floating Rate CDO	90	5.957		23-Mar-10	23-Jun-14	\$	2,193.12
Magnolia Finance GLB Ltd	Floating Rate CDO	91	5.523		22-Mar-10	20-Mar-12	\$	35,002.09
							\$	<b><u>7,049,360.80</u></b>

**Investment Report as at 31 January 2010**

## **18. BUDGET REPORT 2010/2011**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Carole Medcalf – Director Corporate and Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/33

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### **Summary:**

Budget preparation for the 2010/2011 year has commenced and a proposed timetable for the same is laid out below. Some dates are statutory requirements and as such must be met. The Budget is included in the Management Plan which must be submitted by 30 June each year.

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

Preparation for the baseline budget has commenced. Senior staff participated in a strategic planning day on 9 February 2010 to start identification of carry forward expenditure as well as to prepare a finalised baseline budget.

Each financial year a number of requests are received from community members/groups for financial and/or resource assistance from Council. Those requests may have fallen outside the guidelines for community grant assistance and have been held over for consideration by Councillors during the budget process. In addition, it is customary for Councillors to attend community consultations with the General Manager and/or senior staff, to ascertain from the community what, if any, priorities they have that they wish Council to consider in this year's budget.

The proposed timetable to enable community consultations to take place is:

#### **9 February: Executive Team Strategy Session**

- Carry Forwards to 2010/11
- Baseline Budget assumptions
- Review of Reserves
- Review of Funds
- New expenditure proposals 2010/11

#### **23 February: Council meeting**

- December Quarter Budget Review
- Adoption of Baseline Budget assumptions
- Adoption of Budget formulation timetable/program
- Review of Reserves
- Resolve that the June Council meeting be held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> (rather than Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> )

#### **19 March: Council Newsletter et al**

- Invitation to individuals and community organizations to submit expenditure proposals in addition to those already received and not previously considered

**23 March: Council meeting**

- Review of Baseline Budget 2010/11 and projected surplus
- Review of Administrations "New Expenditure" proposals
- Review of rating proposals, fees and charges
- Decisions re Water and Sewer Funds

**6 April:** Submissions for community proposals closed

**12 April: Community meeting on Budget at Collarenebri**

- Staff presentations/community submissions

**13 April: Community meeting on Budget at Lightning Ridge**

- Staff presentations/community submissions

**14 April: Community meeting on Budget at Walgett**

- Staff presentations/community submissions

**16 April:** Councillors submit New Expenditure proposals for costing

**27 April: Council meeting at Collarenebri**

- New expenditure proposals from the community and Councillors, including costing where possible
- March Quarter Budget review

**4 May: Council Strategy Session on Budget**

- Prioritisation of New Expenditure proposals 2010/11
- Reserves and Funds issues
- Rating proposals
- Final review of Baseline Budget

**25 May: Council meeting**

- Draft Budget adopted for the purpose of public exhibition

**27 May: 28 day Public Exhibition of Management Plan commences**

**28 June: Council meeting at Walgett**

- Council adopts 2010/11 Management Plan

Budget Assumptions for 2010/2011 are based on past experiences, current financial indicators, predicted estimates to allow work to commence on the drafting of a budget prior to official announcements being made. Assumptions are as follows:

CPI	2%
Rate pegging	2.7%
Wages	3.5%
Interest	
- Borrowings	7%
- Investments	5.6%
Federal Assistance Grant (FAG)	3.6%
Clr Fees	2.5%

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire ratepayers, Councillors and staff

**Financial Implications:**

Budget 2010/2011

**Budget Report 2010/2011**

**Recommendations:**

That:

1. Council adopts the budget timetable as detailed in the report.
2. Council adopts the Baseline Budget assumptions as detailed in the report.
3. Council resolves to move the Ordinary Council meeting from Tuesday 22 June 2010 to Monday 28 June 2010

**Attachments:**

Nil

## 19. **RATING LAND VALUATION CYCLE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Myrene Lovegrove – Finance Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1589

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### **Summary:**

This report discusses a request from the New South Wales Valuer General for Walgett Shire Council to consider adopting a three year valuation cycle for rating purposes.

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

The office of the New South Wales Valuer General has requested all New South Wales councils to consider adopting a three year valuation cycle for rating purposes.

The main benefit cited is to ensure fluctuations in land values are reflected in the rating system and models more regularly.

Land values in the Walgett Shire don't exhibit large fluctuations or increases that occur in larger centres and metropolitan councils. Each general revaluation of all rates assessments results in considerable cost to council in administration, implementation and responding to rate payer enquires.

Currently Walgett Shire Council pays an annual fee to the office of the New South Wales Valuer General of approximately \$32,000.00 per year. At the current costs, council pay approximately \$128,000.00 in valuation fees over the four year cycle. A move to a three valuation cycle may increase this cost to council.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

TRIM File 09/1589/007 –

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

### **Financial Implications:**

Unknown

<b>Rating Land Valuation Cycle</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Walgett Shire Council support the retention of a four year land valuation cycle and communicate their decision to the New South Wales Valuer General.</li></ol>

**Attachments:**

Letter from the New South Wales Valuer General dated 14 December 2009

**Office of the New South Wales Valuer General**

RECEIVED 21 DEC 2009

Mr Ray Kent  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
Walgett NSW 2832

14 December 2009

VG09/282/40

Dear Mr Kent

Re: Three Year Valuation Cycle for Rating

I recently contacted all New South Wales local government councils currently on a four year valuation cycle to consider adopting a three year valuation cycle for rating purposes. Amongst other benefits the adoption of a more frequent valuation cycle will help ensure fluctuations in the local property market are more regularly reflected in councils' rates model, enhancing equity for rate payers.

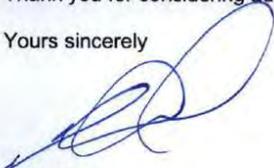
The response from councils to date has been excellent. The majority of councils have requested to move to a three year valuation cycle for rating. Valuation Services has commenced work and will be liaising with councils on developing a new schedule to accommodate these councils' decision.

To assist our planning and implementation process, I seek Walgett Shire Council's advice on adopting a three year valuation cycle. I understand that the matter may be scheduled for consideration for a future council meeting and would appreciate your advice on this.

If you have any further questions please contact the Office of the Valuer General on telephone 8258 7450 or email Louise Robinson at [louise.robinson@lpma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:louise.robinson@lpma.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for considering adopting a three year valuation cycle.

Yours sincerely



Philip Western  
Valuer General



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## **20. CROWN RESERVE ESTABLISHED OVER THE PRESERVED OPAL FIELD**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1557

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### **Summary:**

The Land and Property Management Authority has written to Walgett Shire Council regarding the establishment of a Crown Reserve over parts of the preserved opal fields and requested that Council transfer funds that it has been holding to the Reserve Trust. This report recommends that Council transfer the funds being sought.

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

In a letter dated 10 December 2010, the Land and Property Management Authority wrote to Council regarding the establishment of Crown Reserve 1024168 over parts of the preserved opal fields (See attachment A).

Key aspects of the letter include:

- Permissive Occupancy 1985/19 has been terminated by the Authority.
- Crown Reserve 1024168 for the purpose of “opal mining, exploration and public access” was gazetted on 4 December 2009 over the area of the former Permissive Occupancy and the area commonly known as the “Sheepyard Paddock (lot 1952, DP 763834).
- An invitation to nominate one position from Council to be appointed to the management committee for the reserve.
- A request for Council to transfer the funds to the reserve trust that it has received as compensation from the registration and renewal of Mineral Claims on Permissive Occupancy 1985/19. The Department has sought to remind Walgett Shire Council that it made a resolution on 20 April 2006 to transfer mining compensation funds to a reserve trust.

Council currently holds \$189,000 in internally restricted reserves which it has received from the Department of Primary Industries as compensation payments on Mineral Claims in Permissive Occupancy 1985/19. The most recent payment was \$18,000, received on 13 October 2009. Compensation payments will cease now that Council no longer holds the Permissive Occupancy.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Walgett Shire Council minutes for 20 April 2006.

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, Land and Property Management Authority, public

### **Financial Implications:**

The Land and Property Management has requested that Council transfer \$189,000 to the Land and Property Management Authority.

**Crown Reserve Established over the Preserved Opal Field**

**Recommendations:**

That Council:

1. Note the letter dated 10 December 2010 from the Land and Property Management Authority regarding the establishment of Crown Reserve 1024168 over parts of the preserved opal fields, the termination of Permissive Occupancy 1985/19 and related matters.
2. Nominate the position of Councillor to be appointed to the management committee for Crown Reserve 1024168, with the Director Planning and Regulatory Services to act as an advisor to the Councillor.
3. Transfer \$189,000, which is presently held as internally restricted reserves, to the Reserve Trust for Crown Reserve 1024168 if the Trust or Land and Property Management Authority agree in writing to use the funds exclusively for land management works within the reserve or additional land acquisition for the reserve.

**Attachments:**

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 the Department of Lands

Attachment - Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 the Department of Lands



Land and Property  
Management Authority

45 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo NSW 2830  
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RECEIVED 14 DEC 2009

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

Our ref: 09/18582

Attention: Matthew Goodwin

Dear Matthew

**Crown Reserve Over Lightning Ridge and Surrounding Opal Fields**

I refer to previous communication between this Authority and Council concerning a proposal to create a Crown reserve over the area currently held by Council as Permissive Occupancy 1985/19.

Reserve 1024168 for the purpose of "Opal Mining, Exploration and Public Access" was notified in the NSW Government Gazette of 4 December 2009 over the majority of the opal fields surrounding Lightning Ridge and at Grawin/Glengarry, being the lands listed in the notification attached herewith. The Lightning Ridge and Surrounding Opal Fields Management Reserve Trust was established to manage the reserve and the Land Administration Ministerial Corporation has been appointed as Trust Manager.

Although the trust is managed by the Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation it is intended to delegate the day to day responsibilities and decisions affecting the reserve to a Section 97A Management Committee appointed under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act.

Management committees are able to take on the management of the reserve without the legal responsibility and liability associated with being a Reserve Trust Manager.

Please nominate one **position** from Council (Council staff position or Councillor) to be appointed to the committee. Nominations will also be called for from Industry and Investment, Lightning Ridge Miners Association and the Grawin, Glengarry Sheeppark Miners Association.

Permissive Occupancy 85/19 (Account 206328) is terminated effective from 4 December 2009, being the date of gazettal of the new Crown reserve.

Your attention is also drawn to Council resolutions (copies attached) to transfer the funds held as mining compensation by Council to the Reserve Trust. Please forward a cheque for the balance of this fund (payable to Lightning Ridge & Surrounding Opal Fields Management Reserve Trust) to this office at your earliest convenience.

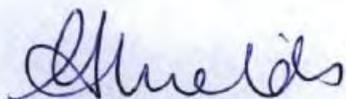


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Should you require any further information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 02) 6883 5403.

Yours faithfully



Corinne Shields  
Team Leader, Rents and Reserves  
Western Region

10 DEC 2009

**DEDICATION OF CROWN LAND AS PUBLIC ROAD**

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Roads Act 1993, the Crown Land described hereunder is, from the date of publication of this notice, dedicated as public road. The public road hereby dedicated is declared not to be Crown road within the meaning of the Roads Act 1993.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,  
Minister for Lands

**Descriptions**

*Counties of Menindee, Windeyer and Yancowinna;  
Administrative Districts of Broken Hill and Wentworth;  
Unincorporated Area*

1/1145414; 2/1145414; 3/1145414; 4/1145414; 5/1145414; 6/1145414; 7/1145414; 8/1145414; 9/1145414; 10/1145414; 11/1145414; 12/1145414; 13/1145414; 14/1145414; 15/1145414; 16/1145414; 17/1145414; 18/1145414; 19/1145414; 20/1145414; 21/1145414; 22/1145414; 23/1145414; 24/1145414; 25/1145414; 26/1145414; 27/1145414; 28/1145414; 29/1145414; 30/1145414 and 31/1145414.

Note: Affected parts of Crown Reserves 10085 and 10249 are hereby revoked.

File No.: 09/6311.

**RESERVATION OF CROWN LAND**

PURSUANT to section 87 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the Crown Land specified in Column 1 of the Schedules hereunder, is reserved as specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the Schedules.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,  
Minister for Lands

**SCHEDULE 1**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Land District: Balranald.	Reserve No.: 1019608.
Local Government Area: Balranald Shire Council.	Public Purpose: Environmental protection.
Locality: Balranald.	
Lot 3, DP No. 256637, Parish Balranald, County Caira.	
Lot 5, DP No. 256637, Parish Balranald, County Caira.	
Area: About 1.196 hectares.	
File No.: 09/07500/1.	

**SCHEDULE 2**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Land District: Walgett North.	Reserve No.: 1024168.
Local Government Area: Walgett Shire Council.	Public Purpose: Opal mining, exploration and public access.
Locality: Lightning Ridge.	
Lot 1952, DP No. 763834, Parish Kigwigil, County Finch.	
Lot 73, DP No. 1063047, Parish Wallangulla, County Finch.	
Lot 7003, DP No. 1132420, Parish Wallangulla, County Finch.	

*Column 1* *Column 2*

Lot 128, DP No. 1118679,  
Parish Wallangulla, County Finch.  
Lot 103, DP No. 1066289,  
Parish Mebea, County Finch.  
Lot 7001, DP No. 1132420,  
Parish Wallangulla, County Finch.  
Lot 79, DP No. 1123923,  
Parish Eulan, County Finch.  
Lot 7, DP No. 1063025,  
Parish Wallangulla, County Finch.  
Lot 2, DP No. 1142489,  
Parish Wallangulla, County Finch.  
Area: About 4163 hectares.  
File No.: 09/18582/1.

Note: This reservation does not revoke Reserve 1012588.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVE TRUST**

PURSUANT to section 92(1) of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the reserve trust specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder, is established under the name stated in that Column and is appointed as trustee of the reserve specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the Schedule.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,  
Minister for Lands

**SCHEDULE**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Lightning Ridge and Surrounding Opal Fields Management Reserve Trust.	Reserve No.: 1024168. Public Purpose: Opal mining, exploration and public access. Notified: This day. File No.: 09/18582/1.

**APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE TRUST AS TRUSTEE OF A RESERVE**

PURSUANT to section 92(1) of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the reserve trust specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder, is appointed as trustee of the reserve specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the Schedule.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,  
Minister for Lands

**SCHEDULE**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Murrumbidgee River Foreshore Reserve Trust.	Reserve No.: 1019608. Public Purpose: Environmental protection. Notified: This day. File No.: 09/07500/1.

**APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION TO MANAGE RESERVE TRUST**

PURSUANT to section 95 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the corporation specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder, is appointed to manage the affairs of the reserve trust specified opposite thereto in Column 2, which is trustee of the reserve referred to in Column 3 of the Schedule.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,  
Minister for Lands

SCHEDULE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation.	Lightning Ridge and Surrounding Opal Fields Management Reserve Trust.	Reserve No.: 1024168. Public Purpose: Opal mining, exploration and public access. Notified: This day. File No.: 09/18582/1.

For a term commencing this day.

SCHEDULE 2

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Reserve No.: 630005. Notified: 18 January 1952. Public Purpose: Public hall and public recreation. Description: Allotments 7-8, DP 432081 and Allotment 1, DP 434771. Locality: Pomona. Local Government Area: Wentworth Shire Council. Papers: WL03 R 33.	Rural services.

**DECLARATION OF ADDITIONAL USE OF RESERVATION OF CROWN LAND**

BY Order pursuant to section 121A of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the reserve specified in Column 1 of the Schedules hereunder, is authorised to be used for the additional purpose as specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the Schedules.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,  
Minister for Lands

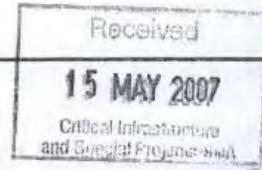
SCHEDULE 1

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Reserve No.: 1010468. Notified: 29 October 2004. Public Purpose: Community purposes. Description: Allotments 209-210, DP 756946. Locality: Gol Gol. Local Government Area: Wentworth Shire Council. Papers: WL86 R 136.	Rural services.



# Shire of Walgett

ABN 88 769 076 385



Reference: SM:ND: 265/03/04/00  
Your Reference:  
Contact: Mr Stephen McLean

10 May 2007

Mr Peter Downes  
Chairman Camps on Claims Working Group  
New South Wales Government  
Department of Planning  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Peter

***Trust for the Per Occ – Funds to Manage the Per Occ***

I refer to your letter dated 3 March 2006 regarding a move to create a private trust to manage the Per Occ at Lightning Ridge and apologise for Council not responding earlier.

Council resolved at its meeting held on 20 April 2006 that upon establishment of a Private Trust to manage the Per Occ at Lightning Ridge the funds held as mining compensation will be made available for transfer.

Should you require further information, please contact me on telephone (02) 6828 6106.

Yours sincerely

Stephen McLean  
General Manager

MINUTES – APRIL 20 2006

**77a/06 – Department of Community Services – Services Agreement**

**RECOMMENTION:**

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council resolves that the Administrator and General Manager sign, under seal, the agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Community Services for renewable funding in 2005/2006 be as follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	\$34,916
YOUTH SERVICES	\$41,026
VACATION CARE	<u>\$13,529</u>
TOTAL	\$89,471

Carried.

**78/06 – Mining Compensation Fund**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council write to the Department of Planning informing them that upon establishment of a Trust the funds held as mining compensation will be made available for transfer.

Carried.

**79/06 – Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:

1. That the Report be noted and that a further Report be submitted in relation to the rescheduling of the Sale of the Properties, which were withdrawn from sale, when the necessary searches are received.
2. That authority is granted for the transfers for the properties, which have been sold to be executed under seal of the Council

Carried.



**TERMINATION OF A HOLDING**

File Reference: WL86H538  
Account No: LI 206328

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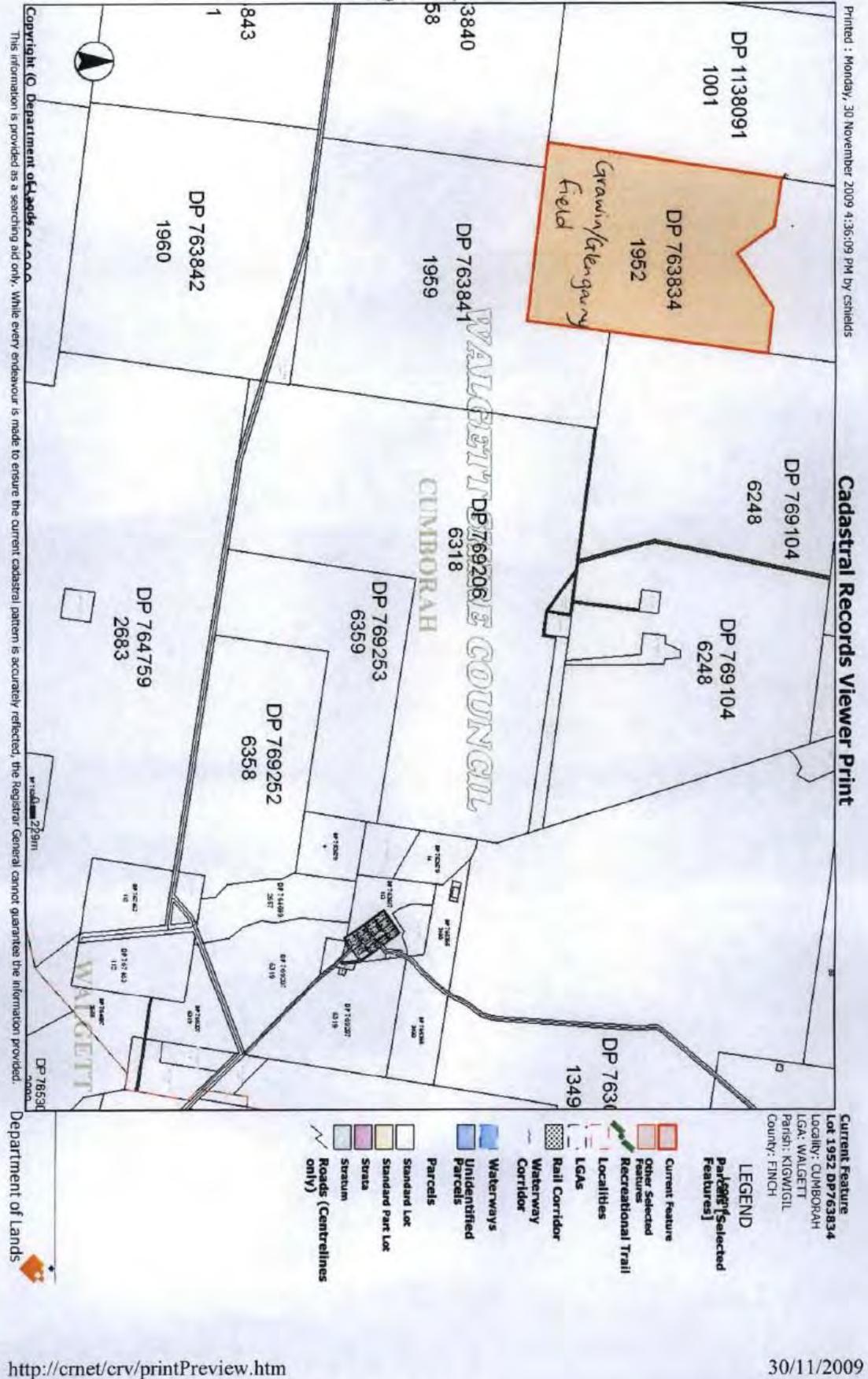
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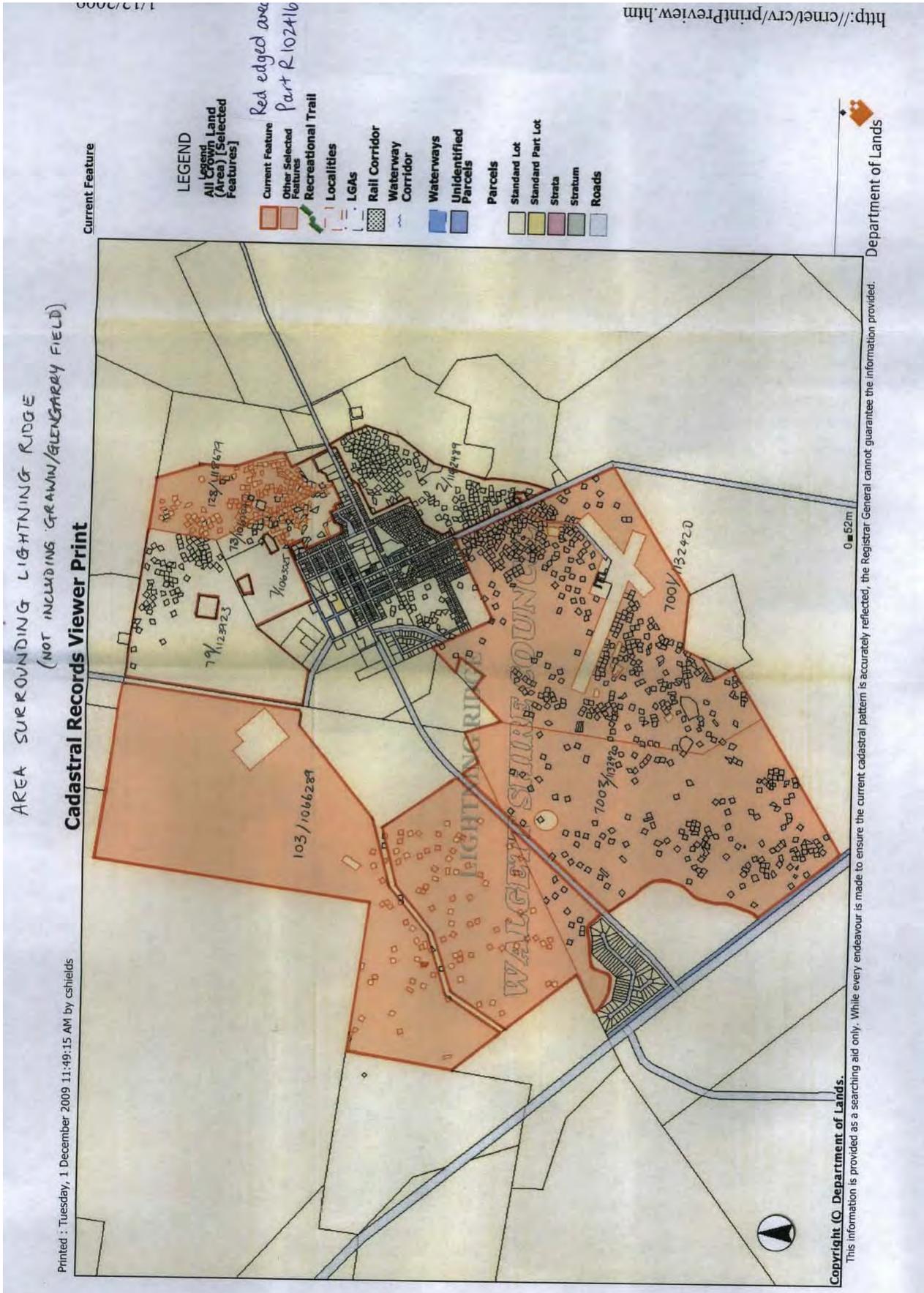
**The Licence hereunder has been terminated as follows:**

**Particulars**

Holder	Walgett Shire Council
Holding Number	LI 206328
Termination Date	10th December 2009
Purpose	1, Occupation
Description of property to which Licence attaches	Being Crown land in and around the Town of Lightning Ridge for the purpose of Opal Mining Administration.
Property Address	
Postal Address	PO Box 31 WALGETT NSW 2832
Area	2744.5ha
Reason for termination	Account finalised

Corinne Shields  
for Regional Manager / Western Lands Commissioner  
10th December 2009





## **21. STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FLEET**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1260

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### **Summary:**

Council currently has a responsibility to provide vehicles for the State Emergency Service (SES) Units in Walgett Shire. This report recommends that Council endorse the proposed process to rectify deficiencies in this provision.

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

Council currently has a responsibility to provide vehicles for the State Emergency Service (SES) Units in Walgett Shire. The Regional Controller of SES has liaised with Council and individual SES Units in the Shire and identified that none of the current vehicles meet the SES Service Standards. This has been the result of changing service standards and the absence of programmed replacement.

Walgett Shire currently has five SES Units supplied with eight vehicles. The SES proposed to Council two alternatives for each Unit to rectify the situation over the next three to four years. Primarily the options for each Unit involved the replacement of a body on existing trucks (Type 1) and the replacement of a crew cab 4x4 vehicle (Type 3) OR the replacement of both vehicles with two 4x4 crew cab vehicles (Type 3). Carinda was requested to be provided with a dedicated 4x4 crew cab utility.

Acquisition/Replacement of SES vehicles attracts (in general terms) a 50% subsidy from SES.

The proposals put to Council have been reviewed by Council officers in the context of the Strategic Plant Replacement Program and a draft proposal forwarded to SES for comment.

Various synergies between the SES options and the plans to overcome weight issues with Council's Rural Infrastructure crew vehicles and lowest overall cost have led to the following proposal:

- Three existing SES vehicles to be traded for NEW Type 3 Response Vehicles
- Four Walgett Shire crew cab vehicles to be refurbished as Type 3 Response Vehicles (This primarily involves an SES rear body being fitted)
- One second hand Type 3 Response Vehicle being purchased (most likely from Dubbo City Council)
- One Walgett Shire crew cab utility to be provided for the Carinda Unit
- Three existing SES crew cab trucks to be refurbished as Rural Infrastructure crew vehicles
- The remaining SES vehicles sold

This will result in all Units, except Carinda, having two Type 3 Response Vehicles.

The program is proposed to be carried out over three years (including the current financial year) and is subject to replacement vehicles becoming available, SES body production by their contractors, and available cash-flow (including timing of subsidy payments).

Comments have been received from the SES Units via the Regional Controller. All Units are in agreement, but have requested consideration of providing the following additional fitments:

- 1) Roof bars for the Carinda vehicle;
- 2) Electric winches fitted;
- 3) Wider wheels and tyres fitted (limited by ADR compliance); and
- 4) Heavy Duty Suspensions fitted.

These additional options would also be subject to subsidy.

It is considered that (1), (3) (tyres only) and (4) are reasonable. (2) would be subject to funding availability.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

09/1260/009 Strategic Plant Replacement Program

**Stakeholders:**

SES Units in Walgett Shire

**Financial Implications:**

Expenditures will be maintained within approved budget levels and managed using the Strategic Plan Replacement Program. The SES budget will be charged with the annual cost attributable to maintaining and operating these vehicles. This does not appear to require any significant increase in this budget to provide for this expenditure.

**State Emergency Services Fleet**

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. Endorse proceeding with the upgrading of the SES vehicle fleet to meet service standards over the next three years.

**Attachments:**

Nil

## **22. LEASING OF HIGH UTILISATION PLANT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services

**FILE NUMBER:** 10/8

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### **Summary:**

Council has six permanent staff nominally assigned as roller operators, but owns or leases only three rollers. This report recommends that Council call tenders to lease up to three rollers and two motor graders on terms of at least four years.

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

Council has six permanent staff nominally assigned as roller operators, but owns or leases only three rollers. Currently these staff and up to six additional staff (casual/contract) operate rollers sourced on short term dry hire arrangements.

It is considered likely that Council will be able to obtain more favourable terms if the plant items used by the permanent staff were leased on longer terms.

Council also has two motor graders operated by permanent staff positions that are due to be replaced (11,000+ hours, 10 years old). However it does not have sufficient cash to replace both simultaneously due to the need to procure other more specialist and low utilisation equipment.

All the machines operated by permanent staff can reliably and predictably be operated at high utilisation rates. This will remain the case even with the reduction in the works program associated with the completion of the 'AusLink' projects and flood damage repairs.

It is recommended that Council call tenders for the lease of the following (new) plant on minimum 4 year terms and dispose of the two motor graders by auction or tender:

- Two ERG Class MG8 Motor Graders fitted for, but not with, grade control
- Two Self Propelled 21-22 Tonne Ballasted Multi-Tyred Rollers
- One ERG Class RR9 Self Propelled Single Drum Padfoot Vibratory Roller

This would result in retaining one plant item in ownership or lease per permanent staff member assigned to heavy plant operations. The selection focuses on plant that can be deployed even during periods of limited construction activity.

The complete grader & compaction plant fleet would then comprise:

- Five Graders (Three owned)
- Three Multi-Tyred Rollers (One owned)
- Two Linkage-mount 'freeroll' Multi-Tyred Units (Owned)
- Two Smooth Drum Rollers (Owned)
- One Padfoot Roller (Leased)

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

09/1260/009 Strategic Plant Replacement Program

**Stakeholders:**

Rural Infrastructure Section

**Financial Implications:**

Leasing costs will be fully recovered through internal plant hire charges to operations, maintenance, and project budgets.

**Leasing of High Utilisation Plant**

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse calling tenders for the lease of two graders, two multi-tyred rollers, and one padfoot roller, on minimum terms of four years; and
2. Endorse the sale by tender or auction of both motor graders identified for disposal in council's strategic plant replacement program.

**Attachments:**

Nil

### 23. DECEMBER 2009 FLOOD EVENT

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/25

**Summary:**

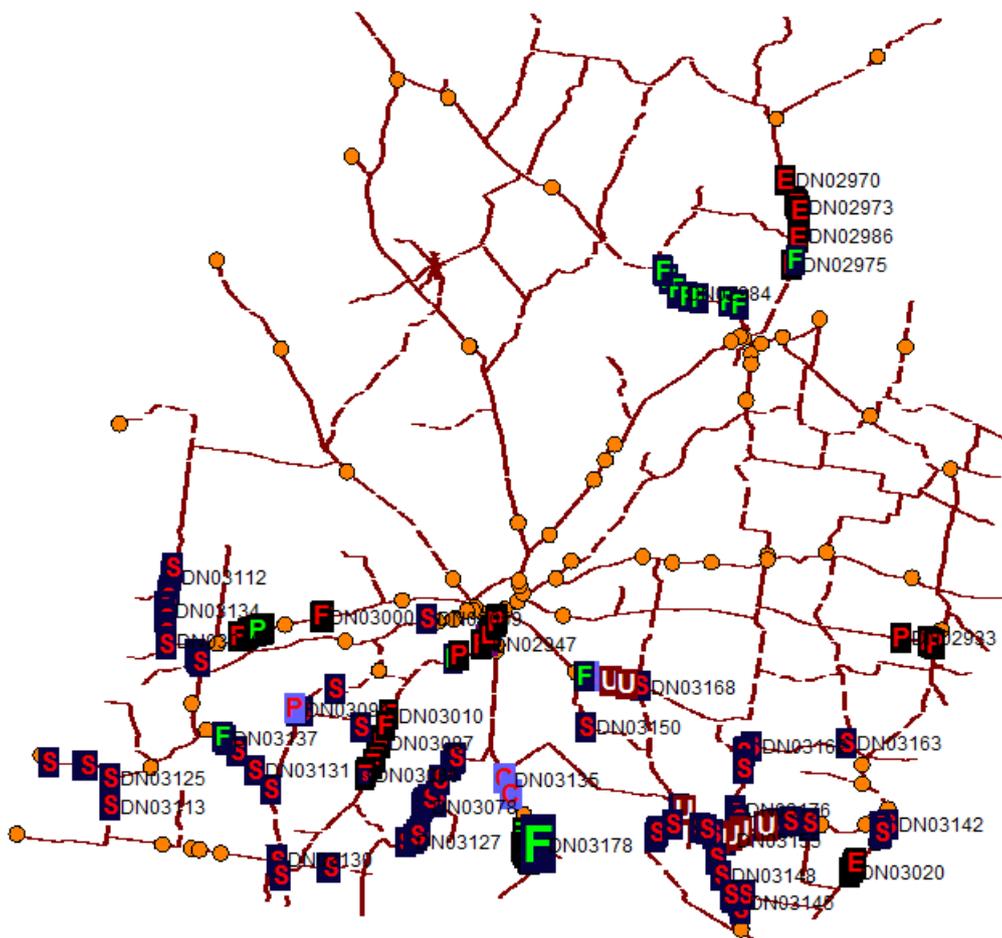
Council has damage to road infrastructure as a result of the December 2009 Flood Event. This report provides council with preliminary advice of this damage and rectification program.

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

Council has damage to road infrastructure as a result of the December 2009 Flood Event. This event was declared a natural disaster in Walgett Shire.

The damage was primarily the result of flows of some 45,000 ML/day along river systems in the Shire, 26,000 ML/day of which was in the Castlereagh River. Intense rainfall events and flows in the Baradine Creek also contributed to the damage.

The distribution of damage across the Shire is visible in the following figure showing the defects recorded by council in its maintenance management system: (orange spots are bridges)



As a declared natural disaster, funding provisions outlined in the Natural Disaster Arrangements assist council in rectifying the damage. Emergency Works (to open roads to traffic), State and Regional roads are funded at 100% of the assessed cost. Local roads are funded at 75% for the first \$116,000 and 100% thereafter. This means that Council must contribute \$29,000 from its own funds to the assessed cost of repairs.

The preliminary estimate of the damage costs is \$1.1M excluding repairs to approximately 17km of geotextile seal on Cumberland Way (MR333). The replacement of the geotextile seal is likely to exceed \$1M on its own. This equates to a total repair cost of approximately \$2.1M subject to the outcomes of detailed assessment.

The RTA commenced assessment inspections with council on 10 February 2010.

It is apparent that at some locations repeated failure is occurring during flooding. Where possible, upgrading works will be proposed to be included in the rectification program. This may include extending floodways, construction of new floodways, and similar modifications. Any upgrading component of works must be funded by council. Upgrading works will be limited by the currently approved maintenance funding.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Natural Disaster Arrangements:

[http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/lgr/nat\\_disaster\\_arrangments.pdf](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/lgr/nat_disaster_arrangments.pdf)

**Stakeholders:**

Road users in Walgett Shire

**Financial Implications:**

Council's contribution to the repair costs will be deducted from general maintenance allocation for Shire roads.

Upgrading / Modification works costs will be funded from existing Regional and Local road budget allocations.

**December 2009 Flood Event**

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the impact of the December 2009 Flood event on Walgett Shire roads.

**Attachments:**

Nil

## **24. COONABARABRAN – MUNGINDI ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/59

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### **Summary:**

Council has previously resolved to collaborate with adjoining councils in seeking funding opportunities to upgrade the road from Coonabarabran to Mungindi as a route of significance. Warrumbungle Shire is also considering the merits of this proposal and has sought clarification from other council's to assist in its decision making process. This report proposes how council might respond to these queries.

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

A public meeting was hosted by the Pilliga Road Group on 14 January 2010 canvassing support for the sealing of the route from Coonabarabran to Mungindi. It was well attended including representatives of local industry, residents, local government and the local Federal MP, Mr Coulton.

The meeting agreed that the Councils of Warrumbungle, Narrabri, and Walgett should set up a Committee with input from the relevant road user groups to coordinate the project.

The key benefits of the proposal as raised at the meeting are summarised as follows:

- Improved Road Safety (by making the road safer and providing an alternate route to the Newell Highway, especially for light (Tourist) traffic)
- Industry Cost Savings (through shorter routes for some interstate transport, oversize vehicle movement becoming practical on less restricted routes (than the Newell Highway), Grain haulage out of Baradine Silo)
- Economic Benefits to the villages and towns on the route (through tourist travel that currently avoids the route, convenient truck rest break locations, and lifting these communities from what might be perceived as 'social security towns')
- It is also noted that the Collarenebri – Mungindi Route is less subject to flooding than the Collarenebri – Moree Route)

Warrumbungle Shire proposed that the project might be extended to Premer. This was put forward as an option that might provide incentive to Warrumbungle Shire to support the proposal, as at first that Council's priorities appear to lie with other projects.

Warrumbungle Shire has advised Council that it has three projects which it considers may benefit from cooperation between adjoining Councils. These are:

- Coonabarabran - Mungindi
- Wellington – Coolah - Boggabri
- Mendooran – Tooraweenah - Coonamble

Generally, there are two steps that need to be undertaken or committed in progressing a project of this nature: 1) To jointly prepare a detailed funding submission on the cost benefit ratios, economic, and social impacts of the project; and 2) When the application is successful, councils will need to match funding granted for works in their areas, usually by one third to 50% contribution.

Warrumbungle Shire has requested Council's response to the following questions:

- 1) Would Walgett be prepared to contribute to an amount of approximately \$60,000 to develop a detailed analysis and report on the needs of the road which will then be provided to the State or Federal Government. Also what would be the expected level of contribution – usually on the basis of the proportion or value of needed upgrade in each shire?
- 2) The priority of commitment your council would be prepared to allocate, if successful, to the project in matching it by either one third or 50% of the expected total costs? and
- 3) Would your council be prepared to lead the preparation of the submission for the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road project?

The proposed answers to the questions are respectively as follows:

- 1) Yes, Walgett would contribute to the grant report on the basis of the proportion of the upgrade in each shire.
- 2) Walgett would nominally be prepared to allocate up to \$600,000 per annum to the project (suggested amount) on a one third or 50% contribution basis; and
- 3) Yes, Walgett is willing to lead the submission, using an outsourced project manager.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

TRIM 10/59/001

**Stakeholders:**

Freight Operators and other drivers  
Farming and Agricultural Industries in Walgett and adjoining Shires  
Tourist Traffic  
Residents along the route, in particular those of Burren Junction & Collarenebri  
Adjoining Shires of Warrumbungle, Narrabri, Coonamble, and Moree Plains

**Financial Implications:**

The cost of the Forward Design / Grant Proposal would be approximately one third funded from Shire Roads Improvement budget and two thirds from the Regional Roads Block Grant. The Report may be of the order of \$200,000 (depending on a low level of design documentation) for the Walgett Shire portion of the road (approximately 80km).

The total project cost in Walgett Shire would be of the order of \$11M (excluding design). Indicative annual budget costs for the construction phase are as follows:

<b>Project Duration (years)</b>	<b>33% Contribution (\$)</b>	<b>50% Contribution (\$)</b>
3	1,210,000	1,833,000
4	907,500	1,375,000
5	726,000	1,100,000
6	605,000	916,700
7	518,600	785,700
8	453,800	687,500
9	403,000	611,100
10	363,000	550,000

Council currently allocates approximately \$1M average per annum on road and bridge renewal and improvements. This is primarily sourced from the Federal Roads To Recovery Program. It would be prudent over the next 10 years to increase allocations to road renewal and to allow for concurrent improvement projects.

**Coonabarabran – Mungindi Road Improvement Proposal**

**Recommendation:**

That Council advise Warrumbungle Shire Council that:

1. Walgett Shire would contribute to the grant report on the basis of the proportion of the upgrade in each shire;
2. Walgett would nominally be prepared to allocate up to \$600,000 per annum to the project on a one third or 50% contribution basis; and
3. Walgett is willing to lead the Grant Submission Report preparation, using an external consultant project manager.

**Attachments:**

10/59/001 Letter from Warrumbungle Shire Council

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The General Manager

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R J Geraghty

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

Dear Mr Kent

**Re: Regional Roads - Coonabarabran to Mungindi**

The Warrumbungle Shire Council at its December meeting received a Notice of Motion that Council support a joint approach for the completion of the construction and sealing of the road from Coonabarabran through Baradine and Gwabegar on to Mungindi. A decision on this Notice of Motion was made not to proceed with a final determination until a detailed report had been brought back on the various other roads networks that may lend themselves to partnerships with several adjoining Councils and Warrumbungle Shire Council.

That report tabled at the January Council meeting identified three roads that had the potential to benefit from cooperation from adjoining councils, those were:

1. The Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road
2. The Wellington through Coolah to Boggabri Road
3. Mendooran Tooraweenah Coonamble Road.

From that report Council determined that it would seek an indication from each of the potential partner Council's of their commitment to each particular road.

It has been council's experience with such a joint arrangement that there are two steps that firstly need to be undertaken or committed to in progressing an application for funding. The first aspect is that the councils will need to jointly prepare a detailed submission on the cost benefit ratios along with the economic and social impacts of the proposed road to be constructed. Additionally when an application is successful the individual council's would need to match the funding of works in their area by a one third contribution or a 50% contribution.

To further the Warrumbungle Shire's deliberations, as your Council would be a potential partner in the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road, could you please advise whether your Council would,

1. Be prepared to contribute to an amount of approximately \$60,000 to develop a detailed analysis and report on the needs of the road which will then be provided to the State or Federal Government. Also what would be the expected level of contribution – usually this is on the basis of the proportion or value of needed upgrade in each shire. In other words the Council with the greatest upgrade potential would contribute the greatest amount.
2. The priority of commitment your council would be prepared to allocate, if successful, to the project in matching it by either one third or 50% of the expected costs and,
3. Would your Council be prepared to lead the preparation of the submission for the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road project?

Your reply will allow further consideration of this matter by Warrumbungle Shire.

Yours faithfully



**N.J. GERAGHTY**  
GENERAL MANAGER

## **25. MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL – HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY VEHICLE STRATEGY**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**AUTHOR:** Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1601

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### **Summary:**

Moree Plains Shire Council (MPSC) has invited comments from adjoining councils regarding their proposed Strategic Rural Road Transport Routes. It is recommended that Council advise MPSC that the proposed routes are suitable to Council.

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

MPSC has invited comments from adjoining councils regarding their proposed Strategic Rural Road Transport Routes. Their strategic routes are proposed to be adopted with a view to opening them to Higher Productivity Vehicles (HPVs) such as AB Triples and B Triples.

There are potential freight efficiency benefits, improved road safety, road asset management benefits, and improved funding opportunities in identifying such routes and integrating them with the strategies of neighbouring Shires.

Refer to attached map of MPSC proposed High Productivity Vehicle Routes compiled 20/11/09. MPSC invites comments from Council up to 16 March 2010 including any additional routes that it might like to be considered.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

09/77-04/001

### **Stakeholders:**

Freight Operators and other drivers  
Farming and Agricultural Industries in Walgett and adjoining Shires  
Moree Plains Shire Council

### **Financial Implications:**

Net nil impact on the basis that available resources will be reallocated from less critical roads to fund objectives on strategic routes.

**Moree Plains Shire Council – Higher Productivity Vehicle Strategy**

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Advise Moree Plains Shire Council that the proposed High Productivity Vehicle Routes compiled 20/11/09 are suitable to Walgett Shire Council.

**Attachments:**

09/77-04/001 Invitation to comment from MPSC

