



# **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA**

**18 March 2008**

**RAY KENT**  
*General Manager*



10 March 2008

Administrator  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ordinary Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club commencing at 10.00am.**

## **AGENDA**

### **Public Forum Presentations**

*(Limited to five minute presentations, which must relate to items listed within the Business Paper. Normally will allow two speakers in support of recommendations and two speakers opposed.)*

#### **Welcome to visitors**

**(Recognising the original Aboriginal caretakers of the lands covered by the Shire)**

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No Reports submitted

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No Reports submitted

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Tabled as a separate Agenda

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2008 COMMENCING AT 10.05 am**

**PRESENT**

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| Mr Vic Smith       | Administrator                    |
| Mr Ray Kent        | General Manager                  |
| Mrs Emma Darcy     | Manager Corporate Services       |
| Mr Matthew Goodwin | Manager Planning and Regulations |
| Mr Alan Nelson     | Manager Engineering              |
| Mr Ian Taylor      | Project Engineer                 |
| Miss Jodie Gates   | Minute Secretary                 |

Administrator Vic Smith welcomed those attending the meeting and invited any member of the community to address matters listed within the Council Agenda.

**OPEN FORUM PRESENTATIONS**

**Shirley Mitchell – Item 40 Smoke Free Areas**

Mrs Mitchell made mention that she had no problems with the first 2 parts of the recommendation, however she raised concern as to whether sporting clubs and organisations had been contacted in regards to this issue.

Mr Smith, Administrator informed Mrs Mitchell that an amendment will be made to this item, and that he will deal with this item first on the agenda.

**Mr Jack Baker – Confirmation of Minutes**

Mr Jack Baker raised concern regarding the availability of council minutes and that the items on the closed meeting in December were not distributed with the minutes in the Agenda.

Mr Baker was informed that on page 19 of the agenda the minutes of the closed meeting held in December were brought forward and are now part of the December minutes.

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| <b>01/08 Confirmation of Minutes – 11 December 2008</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 December 2008 be confirmed.

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| <b>02/08 Acceptance of Reserve Trust Minutes</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator:

1. That Council endorse the resolutions of the Reserve Trust meetings held 19 February 2008.
2. That Council takes action to implement the resolutions of the Reserve Trusts.

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| <b>03/08 Organisation Structure</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council endorse the following Position Title changes on the Organisational Structure:-

- Manager, Planning and Regulation becomes Director, Planning and Regulatory Services
- Manager, Engineering becomes Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
- Manager, Corporate Services becomes Director, Corporate and Community Services

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| <b>04/08 Investment Report as at 31 December 2007</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the Investment Report as at 31 December 2007 be received.

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| <b>05/08 Investment Report as at 31 January 2008</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the Investment Report as at 31 January 2008 be received

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| <b>06/08 Report on Rates and Charges – 31 December 2007</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the Report on Rates as at 31 December 2008 be received.

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| <b>07/08 Report on Rates an Charges – 31 January 2008</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the Report on Rates as at 31 January 2008 be received.

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| <b>08/08 Quarterly Management Review to 31 December 2007</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note the Management Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and adopts the changes as attached:-

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## 09/08 Report on Management Plan 2007/2008 – 2011/2012

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the Report on the Management Plan 2007/2008 – 2011/2012 for the period October 2007 – December 2007 be received.

***CARRIED***

## 10/08 Management Plan Timetable

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council note the timetable for the compilation and adoption of Councils Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.
2. Council resolve to hold a Special Council meeting on Tuesday 6 May 2008.
3. The Special Council Meeting to be held on 6 May 2008 be advertised in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

***CARRIED***



**11/08 Request for Waiving of Temporary Licence Fees and Bond for use of Collarenebri Town Hall – Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council approve a donation of \$115 to Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd for the temporary licence fee and supper room charge for Collarenebri Town Hall for a twelve month period payable from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency account and reallocated to Members & Civic – Section 356 Donation.
2. Council resolve to waive the bond of \$250 payable by Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd for the use of Collarenebri Town Hall while staging Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit.
3. Council consider an annual contribution towards Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd licence fee, supper room charge and bond for the use of Collarenebri Town Hall whilst staging Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit in its Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.

**CARRIED**

**12/08 Request for Donation – St Mary's Parish Rowena**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council resolve to transfer \$725 from Manager Corporate Services Contingency Account to Members & Civic – Section 356 Expenditure – Rates Rebates.
2. Council resolve to grant a section 356 donation to St Mary's Parish for outstanding rates and charges on assessments 31757 and 31740 (formerly assessments 3175 and 3174 respectively).
3. Council resolve to consider granting a section 356 donation to St Mary's Parish – Rowena during the compilation of the Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.

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| <b>13/08 Request for participation in 2008 Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to provide \$3,000 (GST excluded) towards the 2008 Bush Bursary/CWA Scholarship Scheme in the Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.

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| <b>14/08 Request for Donation – Lightning Ridge Women's Golf Club</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to pay \$250 (GST exclusive) from Members & Civic - Section 356 Donation to Lightning Ridge Women's Golf Day towards The Rose Bowl from the Budget for 2008/2009.

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| <b>15/08 Request for Waiving of Temporary Licence Fees</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council approve a donation of \$100 for the temporary licence fee for Number 1 Oval for a twelve month period payable from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency account and reallocated to Members & Civic – Section 356 Donation.
2. Council resolve to waive the bond of \$250 payable by PCYC for the use of Number 1 Oval.
3. Council consider an annual contribution towards PCYC licence fee and bond for the use of Number 1 Oval in its Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.

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| <b>16/08 Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to amend Council resolution 362/07 Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan as follows:

1. Council receive and note the draft copy of the Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan.
2. The Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan be placed on public display for a period no less than 28 days ending 4.30pm on 22 January 2008.
3. The plan and any submission be considered at the 2008 April Council Meeting.

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| <b>17/08 Walgett Historical Society Inc – Option to Renew Lease</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to amend resolution 206/07 as follows:

1. That Council resolve to prepare a lease, each for a *five* year period *from 2005 until 2010*, for the Walgett District Historical Society Incorporated to occupy the Walgett Old Council Chambers and the Walgett Masonic Lodge.
2. That the lease fee for each property be set *at \$10.00* (plus GST) per annum payable in advance.
3. That the General Manager and Administrator be authorised to affix the Common Seal of Council and sign each lease when they are acceptable to both parties.

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| <b>18/08 Auction Sale of Land for Overdue Rates</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

- The land detailed in the following document, with the exception of Assessment 8961 (John Dimopolous, Playground, Colin Street Carinda) be submitted for sale at public auction on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, 77 Fox street Walgett 2832.
- The proposed sale be published in the Government gazette and in a local newspaper.
- Each person ascertained as having an interest in the land be notified of the Councils intention to sell the land under Section 713 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
- The auction sale be conducted by a licensed auctioneer and should the lots be unsold at the auction that they be listed for sale by private treaty.
- The reserve price for the lots be set at the valuation determined by a Registered Valuer.
- Council authorises the execution of contracts and transfer documents under its Common Seal.

***CARRIED***

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## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 (SECTION 713) SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES

| Ass No | Name of Owner/s<br>or persons having an<br>interest in the land | Description of Land                            | Arrears Owing<br>as of 31/1/2008 | Current Land<br>Value |
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| 8029   | Robyn I Key<br><b>VACANT</b>                                    | Balaclava st Burren Junction<br>5/4/758199     | \$ 3,484.70                      | \$1,500.00            |
| 4978   | Darryl Merton Hook<br><b>HOUSE</b>                              | Neilly Street Walgett<br>2/839372              | \$ 15,399.47                     | \$850.00              |
| 22020  | Estate of<br>Thomas Brummell<br><b>VACANT</b>                   | Merrywinebone<br>Prt 21/752239                 | \$ 317.34                        | \$200.00              |
| 9134   | Paul John Lunn<br><b>VACANT</b>                                 | Oliver Street Carinda<br>5/13/758227           | \$ 9,404.56                      | \$400.00              |
| 1263   | Walgett Game Meats<br>Processing Works Pty.<br><b>VACANT</b>    | 95 Dewhurst Street Walgett<br>4//236733        | \$ 7,128.38                      | \$1,060.00            |
| 9308   | David Wayne Smith<br><b>VACANT</b>                              | Warren Street Carinda<br>2/2/758227            | \$ 10,126.31                     | \$400.00              |
| 8961   | John Dimopolous<br><b>PLAYGROUND</b>                            | Colin Street Carinda<br>1//309612              | \$ 6,015.55                      | \$300.00              |
| 7500   | M J White<br><b>VACANT</b>                                      | Neilly st Walgett<br>32//534846                | \$ 7,453.15                      | \$850.00              |
| 11973  | D W Smith<br><b>VACANT</b>                                      | Colless st Come-By-Chance<br>2//226811         | \$ 131.52                        | \$200.00              |
| 53520  | Bruin and Houlton<br><b>VACANT</b>                              | Narran Street Collarenebri<br>34 and 35/238593 | \$ 11,248.04                     | \$1,000.00            |

\$ 70,709.02

**19/08 Domestic Waste Management Service Over-Charge on Assessment 19968  
(formally Assessment 1996)**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council write-off \$1,044.45 from Assessment 19968 to correct an overcharge of DWMS charge in accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Part 5, Division 3, Clause 131(4)(a).

***CARRIED***

**20/08 Refund of Rates Levied on Assessment 1271 (formerly Assessment 127)**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council approve the refund of rates on Assessment 1271 and a payment of \$2221.45 be forwarded to the owner of this Assessment.

***CARRIED***

**21/08 Vacation Care**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to amend resolution 409/07 as follows:

Subject to the concurrence of the Department of Community Services that Council agree to operate vacation care in Walgett from April 2008.

***CARRIED***

**22/08 Walgett Shire Youth Council**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council approves \$1500.00 from Expenditure – Manager Corporate Services – Contingency Account to be used to establish a Walgett Shire Youth Council.

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**23/08 Variation of Funding Agreement – Walgett Youth Centre and Amenities Block**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council approve the execution under seal of the Deed to vary a funding agreement under the Regional Partnerships program to build an amenities block at the Walgett Sporting Club.

***CARRIED***

**24/08 Outcomes Achieved for Local Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Action Plan**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council adopt the reviewed Walgett Shire Council Local Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Action Plan 2006 – 2009 as attached.

***CARRIED***

**25/08 Reviewed recommendations from the Walgett Shire Council Social Plan 2007-2010**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that consideration of this item be deferred to the March 2008 Ordinary meeting of Council.

***CARRIED***

**26/08 Lehman Brothers Australia Ltd Investment Update (formerly Grange Securities Investment)**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council receive and note the report on Lehman Brothers Australia Ltd Investment Update (formerly Grange Securities Investment)

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| <b>27/08 Policy for developments where Council has a conflicting role as a Consent Authority</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council endorse the policy document titled "*Policy for Developments Where Council has a Conflicting Role as a Consent Authority*".

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| <b>28/08 Policy for the discharge of Liquid Trade Waste.</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Formally adopt the policy known as the "Walgett Shire Council Policy for Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste"
2. Forward a copy of the endorsed policy to the Department of Water and Energy as requested by the Senior Manager, Water Utility Performance, Department of Water and Energy, in his letter of endorsement of the draft policy dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2007.

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| <b>29/08 Community based heritage study</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Publicly exhibit the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire (Heritage Study), prepared by Graham Hall and dated February 2008 for a minimum of 28 days.
2. Advertise the public exhibition of the Heritage Study and invite submissions from the public via advertisements:
  - (a) In the Walgett Spectator,
  - (b) In the Lightning Ridge News, and;
  - (c) On the Walgett Shire Council internet site.
3. Prepare a draft Local Environmental Plan which lists the items of local heritage as detailed in the Heritage Study.
4. Consider any submissions received regarding proposed listing of heritage items during the mandatory public exhibition process associated with the draft Local Environmental Plan.
5. Further investigate items identified, but not assessed, in section 4.13 of the Heritage Study as "*Items for further study*" as resources permit.
6. In the next financial year, consider funding a study of Aboriginal heritage in the Shire to be undertaken in consultation with the Aboriginal community.
7. With regard to the preserved opal fields:
  - (a) Not endorse the recommendations of the Heritage Adviser made in the Heritage Study, or memorandum dated 23 January 2007.
  - (b) In the next financial year, consider funding a heritage study of the preserved opal fields which assesses all significant heritage values and provides an analysis of options for managing those values in a planning context.

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| <b>30/08 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during December 2007 and January 2008.

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| <b>31/08 Development Application 2007051, Walgett Shire Council</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Development Application 2007051 be approved:

1. In accordance with the recommendations made by Ashley Albury, the Principal Planner with the Dubbo office of the Impax Group, in a letter to Walgett Shire Council dated 25 January 2008.
2. Subject to the following conditions of consent:

**PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT**

As no "work" is to be undertaken there are no prescribed conditions of development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

**CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY COUNCIL**

The following development consent conditions are imposed by Council.

**GENERAL**

Note: - It is possible that a covenant may affect the land, which is subject to this consent. The granting of this consent does not necessarily override any covenant. You should seek legal advice regarding the effect of any covenants that may affect the land.

Gen 020.

Any future development on the subject site or use of the subject land in a manner inconsistent with this development consent (approval) will require separate development consent to be obtained from council in writing prior to the commencement of any work.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**SUBDIVISION/CONSOLIDATION**

Sub 040.

That two lots are created by the subdivision of Lot 2, DP 1103508, one of about 25.15 hectares and the other about 445 hectares.

Reason: To ensure that the development proceeds in the manner proposed by the applicant and approved by Council.

Sub 120.

A surveyor's plan must be submitted to Walgett Shire Council prior to the expiry date of this development consent so that the subdivision certificate on the plan can be signed by an authorised officer.

Reason: The subdivision cannot be registered with the Land Titles Office, and be finalised, until the subdivision certificate on the surveyors plan is signed by an authorised officer of Walgett Shire Council.

Sub 121.

Prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate, the lodgement with Council of formal written notification from Telstra stating that it has been made aware of the proposed subdivision.

Reason: Implementation of Council policy.

Sub 122.

Prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate, the lodgement with Council of formal written notification from Country Energy stating that it has been made aware of the proposed subdivision.

Reason: Implementation of Council policy.

Sub 130.

The subdivision certificate will not be released until development consent conditions under this section (titled "subdivision") have been complied with.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the terms of the development consent.

#### APPROVED PLANS

Pln 010.

The development shall be implemented in accordance with:

- (a) All documentation and correspondence submitted by the applicant, or their agents, in support of the Development Application,
- (b) the details set out on the plans approved and stamped by authorised officers of Council

except as amended by the conditions of this development consent.

Reason: To ensure that the development proceeds in the manner proposed by the applicant and approved by Council.

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| <b>32/08 Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Draft Strategy</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council:

1. Adopt and endorse the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Draft Strategy document, with the amendments proposed by Edge Land Planning in the documents titled "Analysis of Submissions", dated November 2007, and "Additional Considerations" dated 11 February 2008.
2. Forward the Walgett Shire Council Growth Management Study and Draft Strategy document to the Director General of the Department of Planning for formal endorsement by that Department.
3. Continue with the preparation of a Local Environmental Plan for the whole of the Walgett Shire Local Government Area in accordance with:
  - (a) The Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006; and
  - (b) The recommendations contained in the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Draft Strategy document, as prepared by Edge Land Planning.

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| <b>33/08 Inquiry into Secure and Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Non-metropolitan NSW</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council endorse the preparation of a brief written submission to the Inquiry into Secure and Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Non-metropolitan NSW outlining the perceived feasibility, benefits and disadvantages of a number of different management structures for urban water supply and sewerage services in Walgett Shire and similar areas.

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| <b>34/08 Glengarry State Emergency Service</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council seek the compulsory withdrawal of the area occupied by the State Emergency Service from Western Lands Lease 4124 and granting of a Western Lands Lease for "Community Purposes" over this land, using the provisions of Section 43B of the Western Lands Act 1901.
2. Council approach the holder of Western Lands Lease 4124, Mr Gordon Kelly, to advise him of Council's intent to establish a Western Lands Lease over the State Emergency Service facility at Glengarry and seek his views on the matter of compensation to him.

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| <b>35/08 SES Depot - Carinda</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council give public notice of an intention to carry a resolution, at its meeting to be held on April 15 next, which will classify as operational land Part Lot 1 Section 3 DP 758227, this being the existing site in Carinda of the State Emergency Service facility.

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| <b>36/08 Burren Junction Bore Baths</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council amend the Five Year Road Plan by transferring the \$200,000 allocation in 2007/08 from Burren Junction village streets to Burren Junction Bore Baths Road.
2. Any funds not required for roadworks associated with Burren Junction Bore Baths be utilised for Burren Junction village street roadworks.

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| <b>37/08 Walgett Bore Baths</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council rescind Resolution No 420/07 carried at its December 2007 meeting.
2. Council note the work carried out to date to achieve an early re-opening of the Walgett Bore Baths.
3. Costs associated with the re-opening of Walgett Bore Baths be met from the operational budget for Swimming Pools and Bore Baths.
4. Upgrading of the perimeter fence around the Walgett Bore Baths be not proceeded with at the present time and the need for upgraded fencing be reassessed in three months time in the light of incidences of vandalism and/or anti-social behaviour after the baths are re-opened with security floodlighting in operation.

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| <b>38/08 Payphone – Walgett Aerodrome</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council take no further action to try and persuade Telstra not to remove the payphone at Walgett Aerodrome on February 29.
2. Council install a substitute telephone service at Walgett Aerodrome, for local and emergency use only, inside the terminal building.

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| <b>39/08 Barwon Inn Rest Area</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note the present position, with respect to the naming of the rest area on the banks of the Barwon River, downstream of the Dangar Bridge west of Walgett.

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| <b>40/08 Maintenance of Stock Grids</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council's Legal Advisor be asked to prepare a binding agreement between Council and owners of stock grids on public roads within Walgett Shire, whereby Council would assume maintenance responsibility for these structures subject to the property owner meeting all costs for materials associated with repair or replacement of stock grids.
2. This agreement, when finalised, be sent to all owners of stock grids on public roads within Walgett Shire for their consideration and completion.
3. In instances where property owners are unwilling to enter into such an arrangement, Council actively enforces the requirements of the Roads Act 1993 and associated legislation to ensure stock grids are adequately maintained.

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| <b>41/08 Collarenebri Water Treatment Plant</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the land described as Lot 1 in an unregistered plan of acquisition of part Lot 55 in Deposited Plan 752673 (such plan being referred to in, and attached to, the report of the Manager Engineering dated 19 February 2008) under section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Water Treatment Purposes.
2. Council apply to the Minister and/or Governor for approval to acquire the subject land by compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991.
3. All minerals are to be excluded from the compulsory acquisition of the subject land.
4. Upon acquisition, the subject land be classified operational land.
5. Any necessary documentation be executed under the common seal of Council.

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| <b>42/08 Smoke Free Areas</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council receive and note the report on Smoke free areas
2. Council formally advise Local Government Shires Association the issues relating to enforcing smoke free zones in rural and remote New South Wales.

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| <b>43/08 Flood Damage – December 2007/January 2008</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council notes the current position with respect to flood damage suffered in Walgett Shire in December 2007 and January 2008.

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| <b>44/08 Plant Replacement Programme</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note the current position with respect to the replacement of plant and vehicles.

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| <b>45/08 Temporary License Fees – Waiver for Community purposes</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. Council authorise the Administrator to make a donation, equivalent to the temporary licence fee which would be payable, when a community organisation uses a Crown Reserve for a non recurring not for profit purpose.
2. This authority pass on to the Mayor, when an elected Council is returned to Walgett Shire.
3. The Administrator/Mayor be empowered to determine when a donation, equivalent to the temporary licence fee, is to be granted.

***CARRIED***



**46/08 Roads to recovery – Programme Amendment**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

1. The budget for Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) in the Five Year Road Plan for 2007/08 be reduced from \$421,334 to zero.
2. The budget for Regional Road No 333, as contained in the Five Year Road Plan for 2007/08 be increased from \$1,300,000 to \$1,521,334.
3. The budget for Regional Road No 457, as contained in the Five Year Road Plan for 2007/08 be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$1,700,000.

***CARRIED***

**47/08 Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes – 7 November 2007**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note and receive the Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee meeting minutes held on 7 November 2007.

***CARRIED***

**48/08 Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note and receive the Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee meeting minutes held on 5 December 2007.

***CARRIED***

**49/08 Collarenebri Precinct Committee Meeting minutes – 4 December 2007**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note and receive the Collarenebri Precinct Committee meeting minutes held on 4 December 2007.

***CARRIED***

***The following resolutions were brought forward from the Closed Council Meeting:-***

**50/08 Outstanding arrears on Lot 4 Sec 18 DP758262, Wilson Street Collarenebri**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to cease further legal action on Assessment Number 11791 (Lot 4 Sec 18 DP 758262) until the property is vacated by the present occupants.

***CARRIED***

**51/08 Interest Charges on Assessment 315 (formerly Assessment 31)**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to decline the request on Assessment 315 to consider waiving interest arrears.

***CARRIED***

**52/08 Outstanding Legal Issues Update – Booth Brown Samuels and Olney Solicitors**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council note the progress of outstanding legal issues currently in progress with Booth Brown Samuels and Olney as at 12 February 2008.

***CARRIED***

**53/08 Construction of Residence – Euroka Street, Walgett**

**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that no tender be accepted

***CARRIED***

The meeting closed at 10.25am

Confirmed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday, 18 March 2008.

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Administrator

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General Manager

## **1. ACCEPTANCE OF RESERVE TRUST MINUTES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Secretary Reserve Trust Management Committee  
**AUTHOR:** Alan Nelson - Secretary of the Reserve Trust  
**FILE NUMBER:** 280/01/00/00

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that Council accepts all the recommendations of the reserve trust meetings held 18 March 2008.

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

Council as the appointed reserve trust manager has certain responsibilities in its role as manager they include;

- Develop and implement Plans of Management in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Crown Lands Act 1989
- Making regulatory decisions eg; use of the reserve, hours of entry, fees and charges etc
- Adopting Codes of Conduct
- Financial record keeping
- Counter-signing of development application and grants
- Holding Reserve Trust meetings as required

Reserve Trust Management Meetings are held prior to the Council meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can obtain an agenda on the relevant reserve by contacting Council.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

- Reserve Trust Minutes

### **Stakeholders:**

- Walgett Shire Council
- Reserve Trust Management Committees
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Lands

### **Financial Implications:**

There may be costs associated with resolutions of the Reserve Trust meetings. These will be stated in the relevant Reserve Trust Minutes.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1. That Council endorse the resolutions of the Reserve Trust meetings held 18 March 2008.**
- 2. That Council takes action to implement the resolutions of the Reserve Trusts.**

## **2. *REPORT ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NOVEMBER 2007 TO MARCH 2008***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** George McCormick-Youth Development Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 130/04/04/00

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### **Summary:**

This report is presented to Council to provide an overview of Youth Development Programs and Services conducted and planned for the period November 2007-March 2008.

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

#### Highlights:

- The Hon Kevin Greene, Minister for Community Services visited Walgett on 8 February 2008. He meet with staff to discuss youth strategies and congratulated Walgett Shire Council Youth Development for their commitment to youth within the shire.
- Australia Day Nomination of Youth Development Officer for services to the Community.
- The confirmation of a grant of \$17,000 from Arts on Tour/Arts NSW to implement Councils "Butt out Bullying" initiative.

#### Programs

Programs implemented throughout the Vacation Care period included:

- Excursions
- Arts & crafts
- 20/20 cricket games
- Disco's
- Community Fun days
- Kite Making days
- Cooking days
- "Feel Good Fridays"

#### Youth Centres

Attendance numbers recorded at all centres were down slightly in the hotter months due to the young people attending their local pools. When Walgett Shire Council Youth Development stage special events the attendance numbers increase substantially.

Highest daily attendance numbers recorded:

Walgett -92, Youth Centre Disco

Lightning Ridge - 52, Youth Centre Disco

Collarenebri - 106, Community Calendar Launch

### Vacation Care

Vacation Care was conducted in Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri during the Christmas Holiday period. Afternoon Care was staged in Walgett from 3.30-9.00pm, Monday - Friday for the duration of the school holidays. The Community Facilitator and Attorney Generals Department agreed to cover the costs of the extra hours the Youth Workers worked.

Walgett Shire Council are awaiting correspondence from Department of Community Services in regards to taking over Vacation Care Services in Walgett.

### After School Care

The number of young people attending these services vary dependant on other activities taking place in their communities when centres are operating.

The recently renovated Walgett Youth Centre still remains untouched with Graffiti which is a positive outcome. Vinyl floor covering will be laid early March 2008 with new furnishings to follow. The "Chill out Room" will officially be opened during Youth Week celebrations in April.

In Lightning Ridge, Barriekneal have employed a part time gardener to tend to the Youth Centre grounds twice a week before the Youth Centre opens its doors. This is greatly appreciated as the young people can now access the outdoor areas without fear of snakes and overgrown grass.

### Staff

An additional youth worker has commenced employment as an on-call youth worker at Lightning Ridge. Two youth worker positions are currently being advertised for Walgett and Collarenebri Youth Centres.

### Training

Youth Centre staff have now completed modules in Certificate III Community Services.

The Youth Development Officer will undertake Triple P [Positive Parenting Program] Facilitators training in mid March 2008.

### Funding

Walgett Shire Council Youth Development have been successful with several funding submissions which include a Beyond Blue Mental Health Grant of \$2,000. This will be directed at implementing "Youth Information Afternoons" in all communities during Youth Week 2008. Walgett Shire is one of only 14 Local Government Councils in NSW to be successful with this grant opportunity.

A successful request was also gained by the way of \$17,000 through Arts on Tour and Arts NSW to cover costs of Monkey Baa Theatre anti-bullying Production "I am Jack."

The Walgett Shire initiative "Butt out Bullying" will incorporate six live theatre performances throughout the Shire directed at all school children aged 5-13 years of age.

A further application was sought from Country Arts Support Programs Grant for \$1,800 to cover the remaining costs associated with this tour. The three major schools have welcomed this initiative and pledged their support to this program.

### Support

Walgett Shire Council Youth Development continues to be pro-active in forming partnerships and seeking support from local community organisations to offer and promote Youth related services and issues.

They have successfully worked with Barwon Cottage Safe House, Community Facilitators in all communities, PCYC, local police and their Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers, Yawarra Meamei Women's Group Inc, Barriekneal Community Inc, Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, all major schools in the Shire and Opal FM Radio station during this reporting period.

### Coming Events

Walgett Shire Council Youth Development Officer is currently finalising the 2008 Youth Week program which will include Waste to Art Workshops, Community Days, Blue Light Disco's, Mental Health /Youth Information Days, Skills and Drills sessions, Competitions, Healthy Eating and Recycling days and the inaugural gathering of the Walgett Shire Youth Council.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2007/2008-2011/2012

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Youth of Walgett Shire  
Communities of Walgett Shire

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil directly associated with this report.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the report on Youth Development and Services for the period November 2007- March 2008 be noted.**

### **3. COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITIES – QUARTERLY REPORT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Gai Richardson – Community Liaison Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 003/05/01/00

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#### **Summary:**

This report is presented to Council to summarise the activities of the Walgett Shire Council Community Services for the past three months.

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

##### Youth

A separate report to be tabled at the March 2008 meeting.

##### Family Day Care

Walgett Shire Family Day Care underwent accreditation by the National Child Care Accreditation Council (NCAC) in December 2007. Family Day Care has subsequently been offered Provisional Accreditation which means it will be accredited and required to submit its next Self Study report in January 2010. The majority of identified improvements have been dealt with at the time of preparing this report.

The Christmas and New Year period is historically quiet with families and carers usually taking annual leave.

Family Day Care is still operating with one carer in Collarenebri. There have recently been two positive enquiries from ladies in Walgett and Collarenebri about joining the scheme. There is still an identified need of parents wanting placements for home based family day care.

##### Libraries

A meeting was held in February between Walgett Shire Council and Moree Plains Council about the future service provision by Northern Regional Library (NRL) to its member libraries. Some points raised include the following:

That all member libraries have different issues

That regional managers should be focussed on the region and completely separate from Moree Library

The regional manager is the key to the regions being successful or not in library service provision  
Walgett Council library staff would like the opportunity for more information sharing and team meetings with other NRL members.

The NRL Acting Branch Manager has reported that NRL staff have now been provided with guidelines for tasks they are to perform while visiting branches providing promotional material, training, resource checking and shelf tidying and providing customer service, which will give the local staff the opportunity to visit community groups to promote the library within the community.

NRL statistics show that membership and patronage has increased at both Lightning Ridge and Walgett Libraries

Burren Junction Library Deposit Station.

This is located in the Burren Junction Community Post Office at no cost to Council. A book exchange was conducted in February. These exchanges are done through the Walgett Library.

Carinda Library Deposit Station.

This is located in the Carinda Store at no cost to Council. A book exchange will be conducted in March. On going wet weather and poor road conditions have previously delayed the proposed exchange. These exchanges are also done through the Walgett Library.

Collarenebri Library Deposit Station.

The exchanges at this deposit Station are conducted by NRL staff.

A meeting with the Collarenebri Library Committee was held where they were requested to identify their needs in relation to the \$2,500 allocation in Council's budget for 2007/2008.

They aim to encourage more people, and especially young people in the indigenous community, to use the library as a homework and information centre and as such have identified the need for two computers and suitable desks, a bench for project activities and suitable stands to display books and resources. As the committee have had the offer of the donation of some equipment, they will prioritise the list and advise Council accordingly.

The committee have requested paint for the painting of internal walls and ceiling. The committee offered to paint the library if Council will supply paint, brushes and rollers. These have been ordered. They have also requested that minor repairs be undertaken.

Lightning Ridge Library.

This library continues to be well patronised with, averaged out, about 1000 items issued monthly. Activities over the past three months included a Christmas Story Time, and a visit by the Lightning Ridge Pre-School children.

NRL staff conducted monthly exchanges. During these visits they also provided training to staff in the use of new scanning cards for statistical collection and the Christmas Story time.

Walgett Library.

Patronage has increased over the past three months. Activities over these months included a Christmas Story Time conducted by NRL staff and a visit by the Koolyangarra Pre School.

Monthly exchanges were also conducted by NRL staff. During these visits NRL staff provided training to staff in the use of the new scanning cards, de-stocked shelves, demonstrated the use of new story time kits which local staff will now use for Story Time activities with young children.

The Dharriwaa Elders Group visited for morning tea in January. This was a very positive experience with two of the group becoming new library members and interest shown in the Indigenous resources available at the library.



The Country Women's Association Book Club continues to meet at the library to review books on a monthly basis.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Community  
Walgett Shire Council  
Moree Plains Shire Council  
Northern Regional Library

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Recommendations:**

**That Council receive and note the Community Liaison Officer's Report for March 2008.**

#### **4. REQUEST FOR WAIVING OF TEMPORARY LICENCE FEES AND BOND FOR USE OF COLLARENEBRI TOWN HALL – WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Emma Darcy – Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 125/01/00/00

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##### **Summary:**

This report recommends that Council amend resolution 11/08 to approve a donation of \$385 (not \$115 as resolved), as the supper room is required to be used 19 times throughout the calendar year.

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

At the February 2008 Council meeting the following resolution was adopted by Council:

##### **11/08 Request for Waiving of Temporary Licence Fees and Bond for use of Collarenebri Town Hall – Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service**

###### **RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that:

Council approve a donation of \$115 to Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd for the temporary licence fee and supper room charge for Collarenebri Town Hall for a twelve month period payable from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency account and reallocated to Members & Civic – Section 356 Donation.

Council resolve to waive the bond of \$250 payable by Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd for the use of Collarenebri Town Hall while staging Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit.

Council consider an annual contribution towards Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd licence fee, supper room charge and bond for the use of Collarenebri Town Hall whilst staging Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit in its Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.

**CARRIED**

Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit has requested the use of the supper room during the delivery of each play group session in Collarenebri during the calendar year. The timetable provided by the unit indicates that they will use the hall for nineteen (19) sessions. The original recommendation included only one (1) use of the supper room of \$15.00 plus the \$100.00 temporary licence fee. This report is presented to Council recommending that the resolution be amended to include the use of the supper room for each session.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Letter from WAMS Dated 15 January 2008 (File 125/01/00/00 Letter 195)  
Walgett Shire Council minute 11/08

**Stakeholders:**

- Walgett Shire Council
- WAMS
- Collarenebri and district children

**Financial Implications:**

\$385.00 to be transferred from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency account to Members and Civic – Section 356 for the delivery of Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit at Collarenebri Town Hall. The bond of \$250.00 to be waived.

**Recommendations:**

**That Council resolution 11/08 be amended as follows:**

**That Council approve a donation of \$385 to Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd for the temporary licence fee and supper room charge for Collarenebri Town Hall for a twelve month period payable from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency account and reallocated to Members & Civic – Section 356 Donation.**

**That Council resolve to waive the bond of \$250 payable by Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd for the use of Collarenebri Town Hall while staging Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit.**

**That Council consider an annual contribution towards Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd licence fee, supper room charge and bond for the use of Collarenebri Town Hall whilst staging Goonimoo Mobile Children's Resource Unit in its Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013.**

## **5. WASTE TO ART - FUNDING ALLOCATION**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Emma Darcy - Manager Corporate & Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 135/02/00/00

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### **Summary:**

This report is presented to Council to recommend that \$500 be allocated from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency Account to Community Services - Waste to Art Program to allow for five (5) prizes of \$100 each to be given whilst participating in the Waste To Art and Design Community Art Exhibition and Competition.

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

The Waste To Art and Design Community Art Exhibition and Competition is open to all community members, artists and schools who currently reside in the NetWaste region. This competition encourages the concept of REDUCE REUSE and RECYCLE whilst changing attitudes about 'rubbish' and what we throw away.

In the past Council has offered five (5) prizes of \$100 each for five different categories. An amount of \$2,000 was allocated in the Management Plan 2007/2008 - 2011/2012. To date \$1,955 has been allocated to Waste to Art Projects held in the local schools.

It is recommended that Council resolve to allocate \$500 from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency account to Community Services - Waste to Art Program to enable this recycling initiative to be effectively held in 2008.

It is also recommended that Council consider reviewing the amount allocated to Waste to Art in the Management Plan 2008/2009 - 2012/2013.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

SIMS Metal Waste to Art Information Sheet  
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2007/2008 - 2011/2012

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Residents  
Netwaste

### **Financial Implications:**

That \$500 be allocated from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency Account to Community Services - Waste to Art Program

**Recommendations:**

- 1. That Council resolve the allocate \$500 from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency Account to Community Services - Waste to Art for participation in the Waste To Art and Design Community Art Exhibition and Competition.**
- 2. That Council resolve to consider allowing \$4,000 in the Management Plan 2008/2009 for Waste to Art projects.**

## **6. PAYMENT FOR RELIEF DUTIES POLICY & – REVIEW**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Emma Darcy – Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 022/09/01/00

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that Council adopt the revised Payment for Relief Duties Policy.

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

At the Council meeting held 20 February 2007 the following resolution was adopted by Council. This policy was adopted by Council in order to establish pay rates that are fair and equitable and to ensure the delivery of quality services to the community by providing an allowance of \$150.00 per week to staff who performs duties that are not part of their position description.

#### **14/07 – Proposed Policy – Payment for Relief Duties**

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council's Payment for Relief Duties Policy be adopted and reviewed in August 2007.

Carried

The policy has been reviewed and was endorsed by the Consultative Committee on 6 February 2008.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Payment for Relief Duties Policy – CM 14/07

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council staff  
Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

### **Recommendations:**

**That Council resolve to adopt the revised Walgett Shire Council Payment for Relief Duties Policy.**



**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**PAYMENT FOR RELIEF DUTIES**

**POLICY**



## **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL PAYMENT FOR RELIEF DUTIES POLICY**

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Policy Number:

Responsibility: General Manager

Adoption Date: Adopted by Walgett Shire Council – 20  
February 2007

Review Date: Feb 2009

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Council is committed to remunerating employees fairly. This includes paying an allowance when an employee temporarily performs duties which do not form part of the responsibilities in their Position Description and which are not Higher Duties.

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### **POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

#### **General Policy and Overview**

The General Manager may offer an employee a Relief Duties Allowance when an employee temporarily performs duties and takes on responsibilities that are not within their Position Description, including additional duties undertaken as a result of a position being vacant.

#### **The Allowance**

The allowance may be up to \$150 per week and can only be paid upon written authorisation of the General Manager. An allowance will not be paid when an employee is absent on leave or on an Award holiday. Payment of an allowance can not be authorised for a period longer than eight (8) weeks though the General Manager may, after consultation with an employee's Director, authorise the payment of an allowance for subsequent periods not exceeding eight weeks.



## **7. *REVIEWED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL SOCIAL PLAN 2007-2010***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Gai Richardson - Community Liaison Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 003/05/01/00

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### **Summary:**

Attached is a copy of the recommendations from the Walgett Shire Council Social Plan 2007-2010, which have been reviewed.

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

The recommendations from the Walgett Shire Social Plan 2007-2010 will be tabled at the Walgett Shire Council meeting on 18th March, 2008. The recommendations have been reviewed and the achievements and actions noted.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Walgett Shire Council Social Plan 2007-2010

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Community

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

### **Recommendations:**

**That Council receive and adopt, as tabled, the reviewed recommendations of the Walgett Shire Council Social Plan and the reviewed recommendations be attached to the Social Plan.**

**REVIEWED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL PLAN 2007-2010**  
**As at 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.**

**3: CHILDREN**

**3.1.1. Recommendation**

Council continue to ensure that children residing in and visiting the Shire have access to a range of quality care, educational and social facilities and services.

**Outcome**

Council continues to provide extensive youth programs in partnership with other local agencies. Walgett Youth Centre is currently undergoing renovation with a “Chill Out” Room expected to be finished in May 2008. Council is currently investigating funding opportunities for the upgrade of Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri Youth Centres. Youth Week is launched in May 2008

**3.1.2 Recommendation**

Council support the Family Day Care Service to establish in-home care services. Council continue to seek family day carers, and ensure that information regarding the new carer’s grant for assistance in the set up costs for family day care is promoted and made available for prospective carers.

**Outcome**

All information is made available and family day care is continually promoted. Family Day Care has recently been offered provisional accreditation. There is presently one (1) Carer in Collarenebri operational at the time of preparing this report.

**3.1.3 Recommendation**

Council prepare a cost analysis and undertake a feasibility study for establishing a centre based child care service at the Family Day Care cottage located in Pitt Street, Walgett.

**Outcome**

A request to the Minister for Community Services, to allow the Family Day Care Cottage to be used as a Family Day Care venue for carers was denied.

**3.1.4 Recommendation**

That Council investigate the opportunities for work based placements at the Long Day Care Centre to assist in attracting and retaining skilled staff.

**Outcome**

At this stage there is no identified need for this.

### **3.1.5 Recommendation**

Council pursue opportunities for available grants and subsidies to improve facilities and further activities at our youth centres.

#### **Outcome**

Applications for funding to provide activities at the Shire youth centres have been successful. Recent successful grant applications include Beyond Blue Mental Health grant of \$2,000, Arts on Tour and Arts grant of \$17,000 and NSW Country Arts Support Programs grant for \$1,800.

Further applications for funding by the Youth Development Officer are ongoing.

### **3.1.6 Recommendation**

Council continue to maintain and provide facilities, including playground equipment that meet Australian Standards for all the community.

#### **Outcome**

Council has recently removed all non compliant/high risk playground equipment from parks across the Shire. New equipment will be replaced at Lightning Ridge with the gradual replacement of all playground equipment over the next five years.

Council has an allocated budget of \$80,000 p.a. for the next 5 years to replace playground equipment and facilities in the major parks in the towns and villages in the Shire.

Lightning Ridge and Walgett Libraries both have identified children's areas which are accessed for story time and visits by vacation care, pre-schools and play groups.

## **4. YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **4.1.1 Recommendation**

Council continue to support services for young people aged 14-24 years

#### **Outcome**

Council Youth Workers support services and organised activities for young people aged 14-24 years.

### **4.1.2 Recommendation**

Council support programs initiated by Government agencies that address alcohol and substance abuse by young people.

#### **Outcome**

Programs that Council support include the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), NSW PCYC, Youth off the Streets (YOTS) and Reconnect.

#### **4.1.3 Recommendation**

Council support the establishment of 'drop in' centres within the Shire for young people where that can available themselves of information, encouragement and support.

#### **Outcome**

This initiative is currently under investigation. The "Chill Out" Room in Walgett is scheduled to be open in May 2008.

#### **4.1.4 Recommendation**

Council, with support of the Department of Education staff, encourage students to participate in School to Work programs

#### **Outcome**

A School to Work Program has commenced with indoor and outdoor Council staff acting as mentors for the students involved. The 2007 program saw five (5) students begin the program with four (4) students undergoing staff appraisals and finishing the program in 2007. The program will operate in March 2008 with the program to be run in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge.

#### **4.1.5 Recommendation**

Council promote and implement the 'School to Work' program to all businesses in the Shire, through its Economic Development Officer, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, and the Community Liaison Officer.

#### **Outcome**

The 'School to Work Program' will re-commence in mid March, 2008. PCYC management have agreed to accept a student in the 'School to Work' program.

### **5. WOMEN**

#### **5.1.1 Recommendation**

Council support initiatives by the Health Services to recruit family and domestic violence Counsellors

#### **Outcome**

Ongoing recruitment occurs by Walgett and Lightning Ridge Health Services, Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, Walanba Yuna Vhanoo (Women's Legal Services) to recruit family and domestic violence Counsellors. Council supports theses initiatives as the Community Liaison Officer attends meetings with the Interagency Domestic Violence Committee, Namoi House and Barwon Cottage Committee and other relevant meetings.

**5.1.2 Recommendation**

Council continue to support proposals to increase the availability of accessible and affordable child care throughout the Shire

**Outcome**

Council recently assisted by way of an interest free loan of \$350,000 to “Coolibah Kids” for the opening of a long day care centre in Walgett. This loan is now fully re paid with the centre fully operational. Council also operates Family Day Care which services the whole shire.

**6. OLDER PEOPLE**

**6.1.1 Recommendation**

Council support initiatives to meet the demand for facilities and services in aged care including housing, personal care, transport and recreational needs.

**Outcome**

Lightning Ridge HACC Centre now complete with the dementia unit project commenced. The Walgett Shire Community Bus is expected to delivered in March 2008.

**6.1.2 Recommendation**

Council support proposals to increase service provision of programmes aimed at the “well” aged to assist them to remain at home in order that they can continue to self care.

**Outcome**

Lightning Ridge HACC Centre now complete with the dementia unit project commenced.

**6.1.3 Recommendation**

Council support funding submissions by organisations and agencies for Independent Living Unit Accommodation.

**Outcome**

Council continues to support submissions when requested.

**6.1.4 Recommendation**

Council support proposals for increased mental and general health care agencies for ageing people through the State and Commonwealth Government for residents of the Shire.

**Outcome**

Council recently supported Dubbo City Council to maintain level of specialised health care in Dubbo via questionnaires provided by Walgett Shire residents.

**7. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**7.1.1 Recommendation**

Council support agencies seeking funding possibilities that will enable the opportunity to increase health related transport across the Shire.

**Outcome**

Council continues to support funding submissions when requested.

**7.1.2 Recommendation**

Council support organisations and agencies to increase allied health, mental health and therapy service provision across the Shire.

**Outcome**

Council recently supported Dubbo City Council to maintain level of specialised health care in Dubbo via questionnaires provided by Walgett Shire residents. Council has also resolved to contribute to CWA Association Scholarship Scheme for medical students.

**7.1.3 Recommendation**

Council support and give encouragement to people with disabilities so that they are aware of available training opportunities.

**Outcome**

Walgett Shire Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity organisation. All training opportunities are offered to all staff.

**7.1.4 Recommendation**

Council develop a Disability Action Plan, through a process of consultation with people with disabilities, service providers and the community to enable compliance with planning needs.

**Outcome**

To assist with the development of a Disability Action Plan as per 7.1.4, the Community Liaison Officer has contacted the Gilgandra Shire Council and Gosford City Council, who have agreed to forward copies of their Disability Action Plans. On contacting the Coonamble Shire, the Community Liaison Officer was advised Coonamble Shire Council do not have a Disability Action Plan, that as local relevant service providers and the Department of Disability, Ageing and Home Care have their own resources and action plans, Coonamble Shire Council has agreed to work with them for a more cohesive co-ordination of service provision.

**7.1.5 Recommendation**

Council provide disabled access to all Council owned buildings.

**Outcome**

At present Council's main agencies have disabled access. These are the Council Chambers, the Walgett Library and Visitor Information Centre and the Collarenebri Agency.

**8. ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.**

**8.4.1 Recommendation**

Council continue to support and encourage employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

**Outcome**

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity organisation and provides employment based on merit. At present there are a large number of aboriginal people employed by Council. Council also supports programs by BEST Employment, Community Development Employment Program and Juvenile Justice by providing positions for unemployed people. Council employed an Aboriginal Liaison Officer in 2007 which has assisted Council in identifying potential employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Council will continue the School to Work Program in 2008.

**8.4.2 Recommendation**

Council continues its efforts to encourage better understanding of cultural awareness and sharing of differences and communication with the community.

**Outcome**

- Council has employed an Aboriginal Liaison Officer who regularly liaises and communicates with members in the Aboriginal community throughout the Shire on Council's behalf.
- Council has developed a draft Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan. It is expected that this plan will be presented to the April meeting.
- Council staff attend the Community Working Party and Interagency meetings.
- All Council staff have recently undertaken cultural awareness training.

**8.4.3 Recommendation**

Council support programs initiated by Governments and Aboriginal Organisations to improve accommodation for Aboriginal people.

**Outcome**

Council continues to support initiatives when requested.

**8.4.4 Recommendation**

Council support programs that allow educational opportunities within the Shire to enhance cultural and diversity.

**Outcome**

Council continues to support programs when requested. Council staff underwent cultural awareness training in 2007.

**9. PEOPLE FROM CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.**

**9.4.1 Recommendation**

Due to the ageing of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds(CALD) residents, Walgett Shire Council support service providers seeking to secure additional hostel and nursing home beds, especially for people with dementia.

**Outcome**

The dementia unit attached to the HACC Centre in Lightning Ridge has commenced.

**9.4.2 Recommendation**

Walgett Shire Council continually review the Local Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement (LEAPS) with the view to the ongoing education of staff when dealing with people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds .



## **Outcome**

Outcomes achieved for Local Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Action Plan was presented to Council in February 2008. Council staff underwent cultural awareness training in 2007.

### **9.4.3 Recommendation**

Walgett Shire Council continues staff training sessions for better understanding and compliance with LEAPS guidelines.

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### **9.4.4 Recommendation**

- Walgett Shire Council ensures people from diverse cultural backgrounds have equitable access to services.
- Council has offered staff training sessions for all staff which included the use of the Translator Interpreter Service (TIS).
- Council has placed 'Welcome' language signs and the TIS Language Card in all Council agencies for access for staff to assist people with poor English skills.

## **10. ACCESS AND TRANSPORT**

### **10.1.1 Recommendations**

Council support proposals to provide and improve transport services between towns and outlying villages.

### **10.1.4 Recommendations**

Council provide in kind and support to services providers who are endeavouring to seek funding to improve transport and access to residents within the Shire.

### **10.1.2 Recommendations**

Council to continue to audit the condition of footpaths in the central business districts of towns and prioritise areas in greatest need of replacement and up grading to allow ease of access for residents.

### **10.1.3 Recommendations**

Council, through its Engineering department lobby for additional funding to upgrade footways throughout the major towns and outlying villages within the Shire.

**Outcomes**

- Council is working with BEST Employment and CDEP to provide Work for the Dole Projects which have upgraded footpaths in Walgett and Collarenebri. These programs will continue depending on the availability of funding for the projects and the availability of human resources and supervisors.
- Council continues to audit footpaths throughout the Shire with the priorities and funding available determining replacement and priority.
- Council continues to support proposals and funding applications for the improvement of transport services.

## **8. COMMUNITY INTERNET WIRELESS PROPOSAL, COLLARENEBRI TRIAL**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Myrene Lovegrove – Acting, Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 003/03/07/60

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### **Summary:**

It is proposed to provide free internet access to Collarenebri and the settlement of Wali as a trial project aimed at, among other things, improving children's access to a major educational resource ie the internet.

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

A comprehensive project description and proposal is attached. If the trial in Collarenebri is successful then it would be proposed that the service be rolled out to other towns and villages within the Shire over the next financial year.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Community Wireless Internet Proposal report - see attached.

### **Stakeholders:**

The Shire's school children, businesses and general population.

### **Financial Implications:**

The capital cost of the Collarenebri trial will be \$5,290 in 2007/08. A schedule detailing the costs is included in the attached report. In addition, approximately \$5,000 will be required in 2007/08 to cover travel, promotion, training, printing, publicity and related costs. It is proposed that the funds for the trial be gained from the Corporate Services Contingency Account 11.3805.9000. The Account balance currently stands at \$45,000.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **That:**

- 1. The proposal for a trial of community wireless internet in Collarenebri and Wali be endorsed**
- 2. The trial be funded in 2007/08 to the extent of \$10,000. Such funds to be gained from Corporate Services Contingency Account 11.3805.9000**
- 3. A proposal be prepared for extending the service to other towns and villages within the Shire over 2008/09. Such proposal to be considered in the context of the formulation of the 2008/09 Budget**

## Walgett Shire Council



## Community Wireless Internet Proposal

Preliminary Release

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## 1 Objective

This document will provide a detailed financial and technical proposal to implement a free wireless internet solution to the towns and villages within the Walgett Shire and outline the benefits, both social and economic, that the project aims to achieve.

## 2 Scope

The solution detailed in this document encompasses the installation, running costs, coverage, training and end user experience to be delivered via wireless internet (WiFi) that would not otherwise be available to many residents of the Shire due to economic and social circumstances.

While the solution is not intended to provide the same degree of speed as a dedicated home connected broadband service (Satellite/ADSL/Next-G/etc), it will allow for users to gain access to government, educational and employment resources as well as access online content such as news, chat groups, messaging, weather and other resources that many take for granted these days.

The solution is to provide for content management and filtering. This will ensure that content that could destabilise family, social and moral values is blocked where possible. This is a challenge facing many users of the internet and not easily accomplished. Updating filters with lists supplied by industry and government will block much of the web based content but blocking inappropriate material delivered via email or through online chat is not easily achievable. Close monitoring of user patterns may go some way towards identifying those that may use the system for inappropriate means.

## 3 Technology Overview

The system will deploy a series of radios around the towns and villages of the shire to deliver an internet experience to the end user. This will use the well proven 802.11b WiFi standard and while being able to support in various modes, speeds up to and over 54Mbps, the radio links will be limited to 1Mbps to provide a robust and enjoyable experience to the end user. This represents a 20 times speed gain over dial-up services.

It will be necessary for the end user to have a WiFi enabled computer device. This can be achieved in desktop, laptop and palm devices via inbuilt hardware or the addition of a low cost USB or PCI interface card. Most laptop computers and PDAs are equipped with WiFi devices these days. The cost of a 802.11b USB interface is in the vicinity of \$15 and internal desktop computer interface cards are around \$20.

The frequency used to deliver WiFi to the end user is in the 2.4GHz ISM (Industrial Scientific Medical) band. This is unlicensed radio spectrum, and as such, maybe subject to interference from other devices (cordless phones, other home WiFi networks, microwave ovens, etc). The advantage of using this portion of spectrum is that it allows any 802.11b enabled device to connect whereas licensed spectrum would require the user to have a specific WiFi adaptor to access the frequencies used which would result in driving up the cost of deploying and accessing the service. The range of the 2.4GHz service will depend on terrain and building materials shielding the signal. It is anticipated that approximately 300m will be obtainable from each base station with greater distances being obtained where the end user implements an outdoor antenna. Some overseas WiFi interest groups

have used basic home networking equipment as we'll be deploying to reach distances over 100Km. This has involved elaborate external antennas and well chosen locations.

This technology will work with all types of computer operating systems. Council supplied computers to youth centres will run the LINUX operating system. This is free software from the open source community and based around the UNIX operating system. It has a graphical user interface (GUI) not too dissimilar to the Windows® operating system, but is free from licensing and upgrade costs. Applications have been designed by the open source community to support many of the well known MS applications on LINUX making it possible for LINUX users to do word processing, spread sheets, email, graphical design, etc and exchange information with users of software that often requires expensive licensing cost. Many application developers, such as Adobe, Mozilla, Apple and Sun Microsystems now release their software in LINUX as well as Windows® versions.

LINUX is also the operating system that is most widely deployed on the web powering everything from firewalls, routers, servers and telephone exchanges. By deploying LINUX in the community we are providing a good opportunity for people to gain some experience in a an operating system where there may be future employment opportunities.

The service will make use of Google Apps to provide free and portable applications to users. This will allow users to access their emails and documents from anywhere and any computer unlike existing desktop applications that store all their data on the user's computer.



Docs & Spreadsheets - Simple real-time document collaboration from anywhere



Calendar - Personal, shared, and public calendars



Gmail - Make e-mail a usable information tool



Talk - Instant communication within and outside your community



Postini - Communication Security and Compliance - Protect your information and comply with regulatory requirements



Start Page - Your personal view of all your information

The deployment of WiFi in the towns and villages of the Shire will enable visitors to stop for a while and do their email, internet banking, etc. and benefit the local community through targeted advertising as well as people using cafés, clubs and parks while they stop a while to "surf" the web. This has been demonstrated in Gilgandra where a free internet service was established late last year and has been very well received by travellers through the town and the flow on effect to business.

## **4 Training**

Walgett Shire Council will run workshops to introduce users to the internet and provide assistance to people wanting to use the service in getting connected. Support for wireless access will be provided by MyKP and Google will assist with information about Google Apps.

Through the network of youth centres in the shire, WSC will conduct hands-on training and demonstrations of the service and it is anticipated that a number of older computers that were deployed by council will be made available to those unable to afford a PC but willing to come along and assemble one at a training session.

## **5 Budget**

### ***5.1 Summary***

The trial deployment is to consist of 3 radio sites in Collarenebri, covering the town and Wali. It will utilise an existing Telstra broadband connection at the Council Agency office. If the trial proves successful, the towns of Lightning Ridge and Walgett as well as villages of Burren Junction and Carinda will follow. The villages will require only single radio sites, while Lightning Ridge and Walgett will require up to 5 radio sites to provide coverage. The smaller villages do not have any broadband services currently and would require satellite connections.

## **6 Sites**

### ***6.1 Collarenebri***

#### ***6.1.1 Summary***

1- ADSL service supplied by Telstra and billed to WSC for agency is not utilised to its full potential. As this is a pilot site, the trial will use this existing ADSL service to provide the internet connection for the WiFi users.

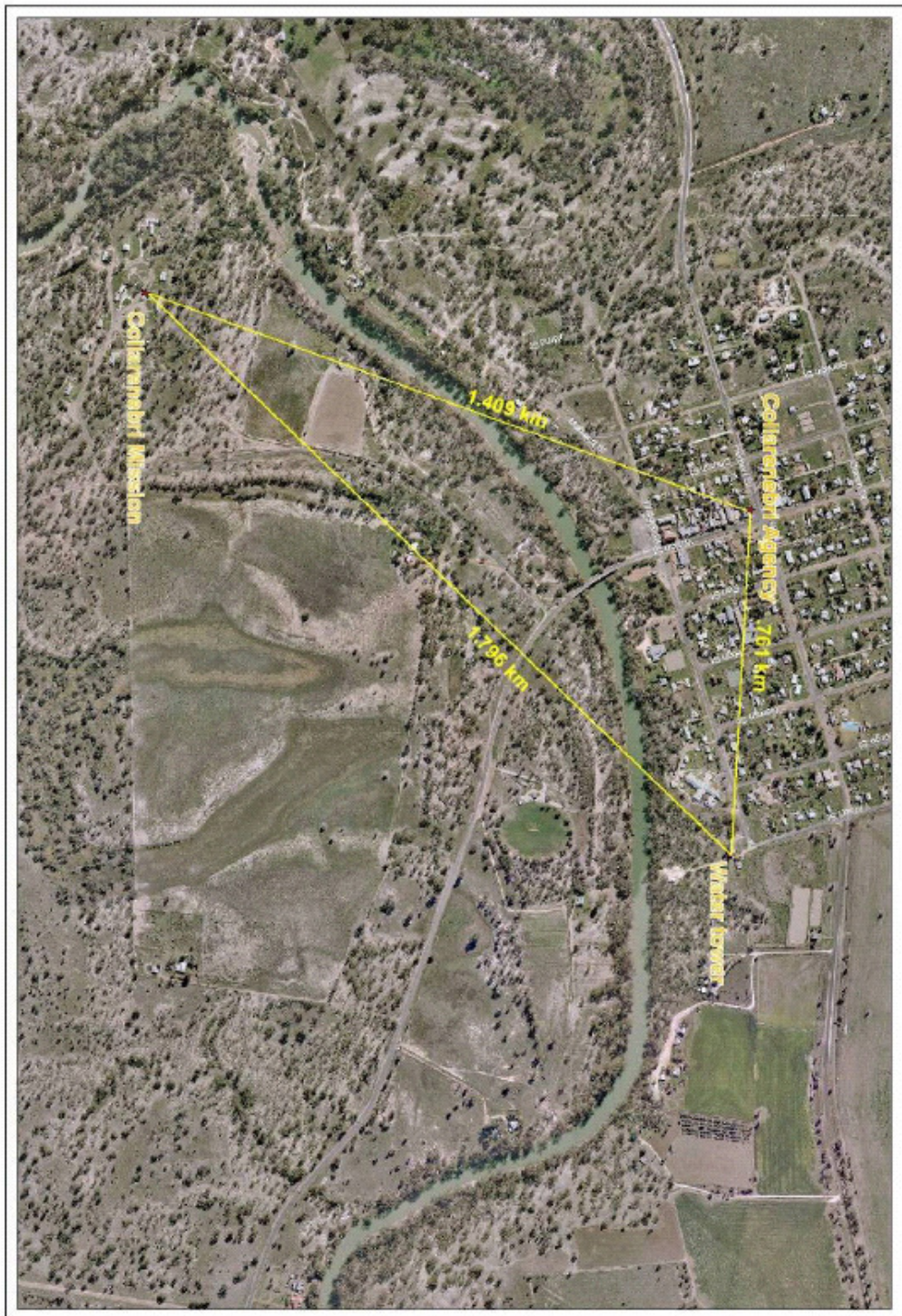
2- Wali is to be a solar powered site. The budget is completed on anticipated power load. There could be additional cost if a power upgrade is required to service this site.

3-. It is planned to place the infrastructure on a power pole at Wali. This may require a standalone pole to be installed or it could be attached to existing street lighting (if available). The cost of standing a new pole or renting pole space from Country Energy has not been factored into this budget.



## 6.1.2 Detail

| Site/Item                       | Capital Cost     | Recurring Cost | Note            |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Council Agency</b>           |                  |                |                 |
| ADSL Connection                 |                  |                | Note 1          |
| Router                          | \$350.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Antenna Mast                    | \$250.00         | \$0            | 9m roof mounted |
| Main Radio                      | \$1,020.00       | \$0            |                 |
| 5.8GHz link antenna (x2)        | \$220.00         | \$0            |                 |
| 2.4GHz Omni-directional antenna | \$35.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Lightning Protection (x3)       | \$114.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Ethernet surge adaptor          | \$33.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Sundry/cables/connectors        | \$250.00         | \$0            |                 |
| <b>Agency total</b>             | <b>\$2272.00</b> | <b>\$0</b>     |                 |
| <b>Wali</b>                     |                  |                |                 |
| Solar panel                     | \$150.00         | \$0            | Note 2          |
| Batteries                       | \$100.00         | \$50           | Note 2          |
| Solar regulator                 | \$80.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Pole mounted enclosure          | \$500.00         | \$0            | Estimated cost  |
| 2.4Ghz Omni Directional antenna | \$35.00          | \$0            |                 |
| 5.8Ghz link antenna             | \$110.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Lightning protection (x2)       | \$76.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Ethernet surge adaptor          | \$33.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Radio                           | \$640.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Sundry/cables/connectors        | \$100.00         |                |                 |
| <b>Wali total</b>               | <b>\$1824.00</b> | <b>\$50</b>    | Note 3          |
| <b>Water Tower</b>              |                  |                |                 |
| 2.4Ghz Omni Directional antenna | \$35.00          | \$0            |                 |
| 5.8Ghz link antenna             | \$110.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Lightning protection (x2)       | \$76.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Ethernet surge adaptor          | \$33.00          | \$0            |                 |
| Radio                           | \$640.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Mast                            | \$150.00         | \$0            |                 |
| Sundry/cables/connectors        | \$150.00         |                |                 |
| <b>Water Tower total</b>        | <b>\$1194.00</b> | <b>\$0</b>     |                 |
| <b>Trial Site Total</b>         | <b>\$5290.00</b> | <b>\$50.00</b> |                 |



Site Map

## **9. YOUTH CENTRE UPGRADE - REALLOCATION OF FUNDING**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Emma Darcy - Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 130/04/04/00

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### **Summary:**

This report is presented to Council to recommend that \$4,000 be allocated from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency Account to Youth Services - Youth Centre Refurbishment - Capital Works to allow for the purchase of furniture for the "Chill Out Room" within the Walgett Youth Centre

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

Council recently received funding of \$42,773 from Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) for the refurbishment of the Walgett Youth Centre.

A side room of the centre has been dedicated to fit out a "Chill Out Room" for the Youth. In order to make this room appealing to the Youth and a great place for the youth to visit it is recommended that Council allocate funding to enable the room to be fitted out in trendy and upmarket furniture and equipment. In order to purchase a television, two (2) lounges, 7 piece dining suite, bookcase, coffee table and other items it is recommended that \$4,000 be allocated. The room has recently been painted and floor coverings are due to be laid. It is also anticipated that second hand computers recently acquired by Council will be set up in this room to make it an exciting addition to the centre.

It is also recommended that Council consider allocating \$4,000 to both the Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri Youth Centre in the Management Plan 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 for the purchase of furniture and equipment.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Quotes for furniture and equipment  
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2007/2008 - 2011/2012

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Residents  
Walgett Youth

### **Financial Implications:**

That \$4,000 be allocated from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency Account to Youth Services - Youth Centre Refurbishment - Capital Works.

**Recommendations:**

- 1. That Council resolve to allocate \$4,000 from Manager Corporate Services - Contingency Account to Youth Services - Youth Centre Refurbishment - Capital Works for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Walgett Youth Centre.**
- 2. That Council resolve to consider allowing \$4,000 in the Management Plan 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 for furniture and equipment for the Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri Youth Centres.**

## **10. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2008**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Amy Taylor – Corporate Service Officer Finance  
**FILE NUMBER:** 180/02/01/00

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### **Summary:**

This report summarises the investments of Walgett Shire Council for the month of February 2008.

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

| <b>INVESTMENTS - CONSOLIDATED</b>  |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                      |                  |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Council investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 No 30, the regulations and council's investment policy |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                      |                  |
| <b>Investment Institution</b>  | <b>Type of Investment</b> | <b>Term (days)</b> | <b>Rate %</b> | <b>Ref</b> | <b>Reset Date</b> | <b>Maturity Date</b> |                  |
| Citibank   | Term Deposit              | 168                | 7.01          | 464/08     |                   | 04-Mar-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society   | Term Deposit              | 161                | 7.10          | 466/08     |                   | 11-Mar-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Westpac  | Term Deposit              | 166                | 6.85          | 467/08     |                   | 18-Mar-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank  | Term Deposit              | 175                | 6.68          | 468/08     |                   | 25-Mar-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Suncorp  | Term Deposit              | 182                | 6.96          | 469/08     |                   | 01-Apr-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Bank of Qld  | Term Deposit              | 189                | 7.07          | 470/08     |                   | 08-Apr-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Local Govt Financial Services  | Term Deposit              | 196                | 7.02          | 471/08     |                   | 15-Apr-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| IMB Ltd  | Term Deposit              | 203                | 7.11          | 472/08     |                   | 22-Apr-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society   | Term Deposit              | 210                | 7.16          | 473/08     |                   | 29-Apr-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Westpac  | Term Deposit              | 215                | 6.95          | 474/08     |                   | 06-May-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Suncorp  | Term Deposit              | 224                | 6.99          | 475/08     |                   | 13-May-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Local Govt Financial Services  | Term Deposit              | 231                | 7.05          | 476/08     |                   | 20-May-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society   | Term Deposit              | 238                | 7.20          | 477/08     |                   | 27-May-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Bankwest   | Term Deposit              | 237                | 7.19          | 478/08     |                   | 03-Jun-08            | \$ 300,000.00    |
| Bank of Qld  | Term Deposit              | 203                | 7.43          | 479/08     |                   | 10-Jun-08            | \$ 250,000.00    |
| Citibank   | Term Deposit              | 196                | 7.45          | 480/08     |                   | 17-Jun-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Citibank   | Term Deposit              | 196                | 7.40          | 481/08     |                   | 24-Jun-08            | \$ 300,000.00    |
| CBA  | Term Deposit              | 91                 | 7.50          | 482/08     | 17-Mar-08         | 16-Dec-10            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Royal Bank Canada  | Term Deposit              | 91                 | 7.70          | 483/08     | 17-Mar-08         | 16-Mar-11            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Savings & Loans Credit Union (FIIG Securities)   | Term Deposit              | 196                | 7.62          | 484/08     |                   | 01-Jul-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| IMB Ltd  | Term Deposit              | 175                | 7.34          | 485/08     |                   | 01-Jul-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| ACCU (FIIG Securities)   | Term Deposit              | 175                | 7.65          | 486/08     |                   | 08-Jul-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Bankwest   | Term Deposit              | 196                | 7.36          | 487/08     |                   | 05-Aug-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Cominvest (FIIG Securities)  | Term Deposit              | 168                | 7.05          | 488/08     |                   | 15-Jul-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Bankwest   | Term Deposit              | 168                | 7.61          | 489/08     |                   | 22-Jul-08            | \$ 300,000.00    |
| Suncorp  | Term Deposit              | 168                | 7.85          | 490/08     |                   | 29-Jul-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank  | Term Deposit              | 175                | 7.40          | 491/08     |                   | 12-Aug-08            | \$ 300,000.00    |
| Savings & Loans Credit Union   | Term Deposit              | 179                | 8.14          | 492/08     |                   | 19-Aug-08            | \$ 250,000.00    |
| National Australia Bank  | Term Deposit              | 182                | 7.80          | 493/08     |                   | 26-Aug-08            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Grange Securities - Zircon Finance Limited   | Floating Rate CDO         | 91                 | 8.60          |            | 20-Mar-08         | 20-Sep-14            | \$ 500,000.00    |
| Grange Securities - MAS6-7   | Term Deposit              | 91                 | 9.30          |            | 20-Mar-08         | 20-Jun-15            | \$ 250,000.00    |
| Grange Securities - Helium   | Floating Rate CDO         | 91                 | 8.52          |            | 25-Mar-08         | 23-Jun-14            | \$ 200,000.00    |
| Grange Securitiz- Magnolia   | Term Deposit              | 91                 | 8.80          |            | 20-Mar-08         | 20-Mar-09            | \$ 50,000.00     |
|  |                           |                    |               |            |                   |                      | \$ 14,200,000.00 |

### Recommendation:

**That the Investment Report as at 29 February 2008 be received.**

## 11. RATES REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2008

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Katie Hook – Corporate Service Officer Finance  
**FILE NUMBER:** 180/09/00/00

### Discussion (including issues and background):

| REPORT ON RATES AND CHARGES - 29 February 2008 |                 |                |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
|  | Feb-08          | Feb-07         |
| Arrears as at 30 June                          | 1,454,181.05    | 1,618,773.48   |
| Legal Fees as at 30 June                       | 66,475.35       |                |
| Total arrears as at 30 June                    | 1,520,656.40    |                |
| <b>Current Year Activity</b>                   |                 |                |
| Legal fees (year to date)                      | 25,261.34       | 27,952.99      |
| Adjusted Levy                                  | 6,331,159.21    | 6,154,784.31   |
| Interest                                       | 56,428.93       | 60,803.76      |
| Payments                                       | (5,279,883.08)  | (4,759,961.37) |
| Adjustments                                    | (195,354.14)    | (31,156.66)    |
| Discount                                       | (57,625.45)     | (59,322.19)    |
| Special Rebate Council                         | (13,959.16)     |                |
| Total Outstanding                              | \$ 2,386,684.05 | 3,011,874.32   |
| <b>COMPARISON WITH 2006/2007</b>               |                 |                |
|  | Feb-08          | Feb-07         |
| Current  | 1,655,475.21    | 1,987,539.69   |
| Arrears  | 438,750.41      | 649,751.35     |
| Interest b/f from previous years               | 177,560.78      | 248,982.05     |
| Current year interest                          | 43,751.56       | 53,975.33      |
| Legals   | 71,146.09       | 71,625.90      |
| Total Outstanding                              | \$ 2,386,684.05 | 3,011,874.32   |
| <b>Total YTD Collected</b>                     |                 |                |
|  | Feb-08          | Feb-07         |
| Collected YTD % of Arrears and Levy            | 67%             | 61%            |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                        | 83%             | 77%            |

### Recommendation:

That the rates report as at 29 February 2008 be received.

## **12. DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 315/01/00/00

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### **Summary:**

This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently dealt with under delegated authority.

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

The table following this report provides details of Development Applications (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during February 2008.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Respective Development Application and Complying Development Certificate files

### **Stakeholders:**

Public and applicants

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

### **Recommendations:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during February 2008.**



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## Determined Applications



|  |  |  |  |            |            |
|--|--|--|--|------------|------------|
| 03/10/2008   | Parameters:  | Date Range:Y<br>Start Date:1/02/2008<br>End Date:28/02/2008<br>As At Date: | Document Type: 20<br>Officer:ALL<br>Number of Days:0<br>Stop The Clock:Yes | Page:2     |            |
| Document   | Applicant Name / Address   | Development Type<br>Property Address<br>Title Owner                        | Determination  | Determined | Received   |
| Document Type: 20                                    |  |  |  |            |            |
| Officer: Mr M P Goodwin<br>Number of Applications: 1 | Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 1.00<br>Average Calendar Stop Days: 0.00<br>Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 1.00<br><br>Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 1.00<br>Total Calendar Stop Days: 0.00<br>Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 1.00 |  |  |            |            |
| Document   | Applicant Name / Address   | Development Type<br>Property Address<br>Title Owner                        | Determination  | Determined | Received   |
| Document Type: 24                                    |  |  |  |            |            |
| Stop the Clock                                       | Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 1<br>Calendar Stop Days: 0<br>Adjusted Calendar Days: 1   |  |  |            |            |
| 024/2008/000000002.001                               | 150 Class 10b - Fence/Antenna/Swimming<br>Pool<br>103 Euroka ST WALGETT<br>LOT: 3 DP: 850355<br>Mr B W Power   | Approved - Staff Delegation  | 01/02/2008   |            | 01/02/2008 |
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### **13. WESTERN LANDS LEASE APPLICATION 15057**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 180/09/19/00

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#### **Summary:**

The Department of Lands has written to Council seeking its comments on an application for a Western Lands Lease over an existing Mining Purposes Lease. It is recommended that Council respond by objecting to the proposal based on its established policy for such matters.

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

In a letter dated 1 February 2008, the Department of Lands (DOL) sought Council's comments on an application by John Joseph Molyneux for a Western Lands Lease for the purpose of "residence". The area being sought is the same as existing Mining Purposes Lease 107 which has an area of about 6,872 square metres. A copy of the letter is reproduced below.

A site plan submitted with the application includes an annotation to the effect that there is a 200 metre buffer zone from the town boundary which is "mining exempt". Discussions with staff of the Lightning Ridge office of the Department of Primary Industries indicate that this area is not mining exempt. The Department will grant Mineral Claims in this area if an applicant gets written consent from urban residents living within a 200 metre radius of the proposed claim.

Council's existing policy regarding such matters was established at a Council meeting held on 21 September 2006, and is reproduced as an attachment to this report.

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

Minutes from Council meeting held on 21 September 2006.

#### **Stakeholders:**

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

#### **Financial Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Recommendations:**

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

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

**247/06 – Council Policy regarding Western Lands Leases on the “Preserved” Opal Fields**

**RESOLUTION:-**

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council resolve to amend the policy adopted at the Council meeting held on 14 July 2003 regarding land use and Western Lands Leases on the ‘preserved’ opal fields so that it becomes:

- (1) Walgett Shire Council regards opal mining and prospecting as the dominant land use on the ‘preserved’ opal fields. Accordingly, unless there are substantial and tangible benefits arising for the community, Council is opposed to any development that may detrimentally affect the dominant land use.
- (2) Walgett Shire Council regards low to medium density mining camps, tourism and grazing as secondary land uses on the ‘preserved’ opal fields.
- (3) Within the ‘preserved’ opal fields Walgett Shire Council is opposed to:
  - (a) The granting of a Western Lands Lease for residential purposes that is larger than 2,500m<sup>2</sup> in any situation.
  - (b) The granting of more than one Western Lands Lease in a given location where the lease would effectively cover a single mining camp and associated infrastructure.
  - (c) The conversion of any Crown Land on the ‘preserved’ opal fields to freehold title, unless the land is being incorporated into the Lightning Ridge urban area or it is being used for a public purpose.
- (4) Walgett Shire Council supports the grant of non-mining related land titles on the ‘preserved’ opal fields in the following circumstances:
  - (a) An existing mining ‘camp’ located on a Mineral Claim or Mining Purposes Lease is being converted to a Western Lands Lease for residential purposes.
  - (c) A new Western Lands Lease for a residence is applied for in a location where it is at least 50m away from any existing ‘camp’ Mineral Claim, Western Lands Lease for residential purposes, or the Lightning Ridge town boundary.
  - (c) A Western Lands Lease is sought over an established business that has been continuously operating for a substantial period of time prior to July 2003.

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- (d) A Western Lands Lease is sought for some other purpose and the applicant can clearly demonstrate that substantial benefits will accrue to the community that outweigh any detrimental impacts on opal mining or prospecting activities.
- (5) Walgett Shire Council will pursue the development of a Local Environmental Plan for the ‘preserved’ opal fields that reflects the above policies.

Carried.

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**Department of Lands**

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Our Ref: WLL15057

Dear Sir

The Department is currently considering an application by John Joseph MOLYNEUX for the grant of a new Western Lands Lease for the purpose of "Residence" over his Mining Purpose Lease (MPL) No. 107 at Lightning Ridge as shown red edged on the attached diagrams.

The applicant has applied for an area of approximately 6872m<sup>2</sup> which comprises his existing MPL. The proponent has supplied a diagram (attached) showing the improvements located upon the subject MPL.

Correspondence from the applicant states that the MPL is within the 200 metre buffer zone from the town boundary and as such will not interfere with any future mining. He has also stated that the location of the septic system (i.e. absorption trench) and the unique position of the MPL make the reduction in area (2,500m<sup>2</sup> as per Camps policy) virtually impossible.

Details of the proposal are as follows;

**Proposed Western Lands Lease 15057:**

**Applicant:** John Joseph MOLYNEUX

**Land Description:** Part Lot 434 DP 1076808 as shown red edged on attached diagrams.

**Area:** 6872m<sup>2</sup> (approx)

**Purpose:** "Residence"

**Term:** 20 years



## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Please advise of any matters you wish to have considered in connection with this application. If a reply is not received within two (2) months of the date of this letter, your concurrence in the proposal will be assumed.

Should you require any further information concerning this matter, please contact me on (02) 6883 3005.

Yours faithfully

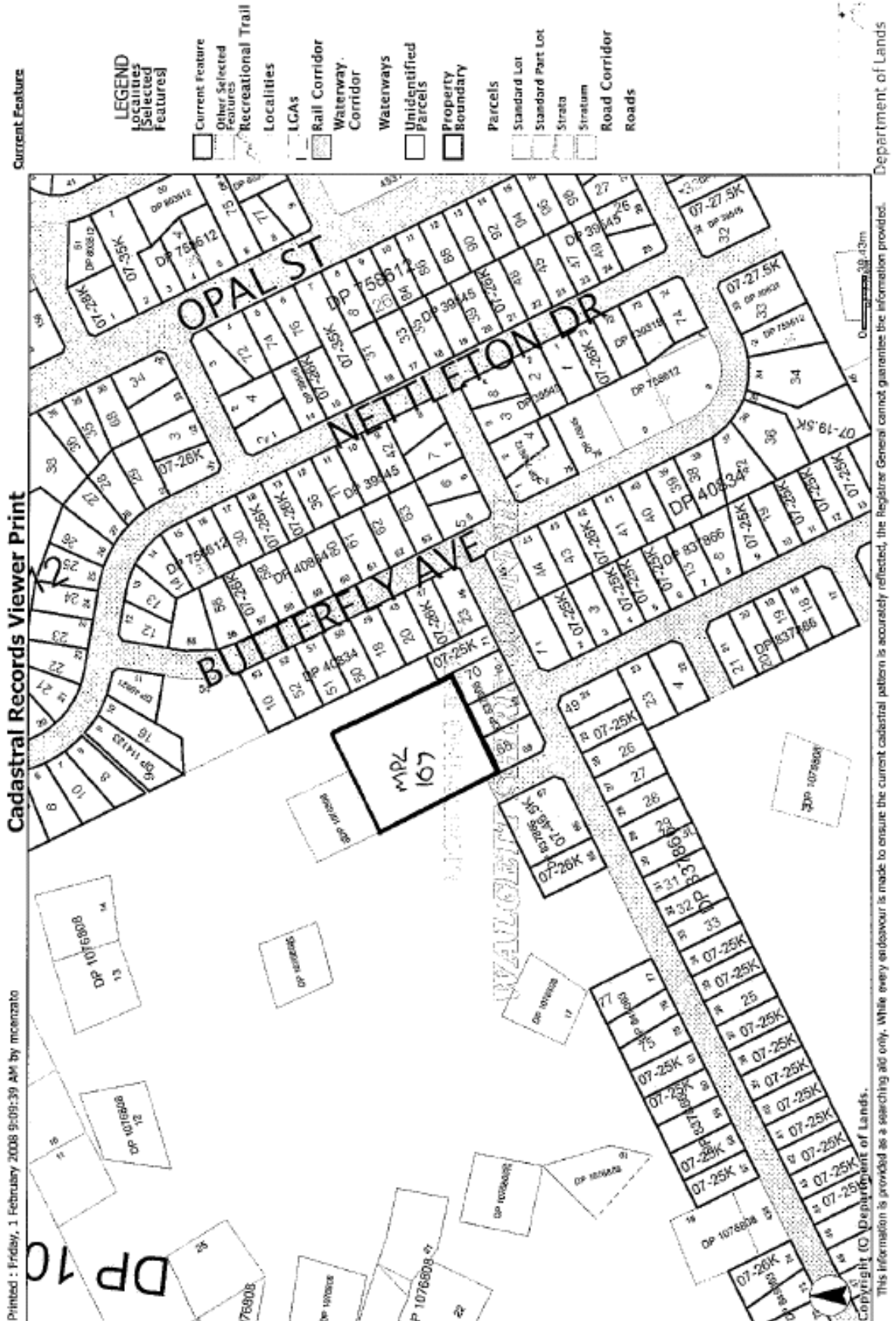
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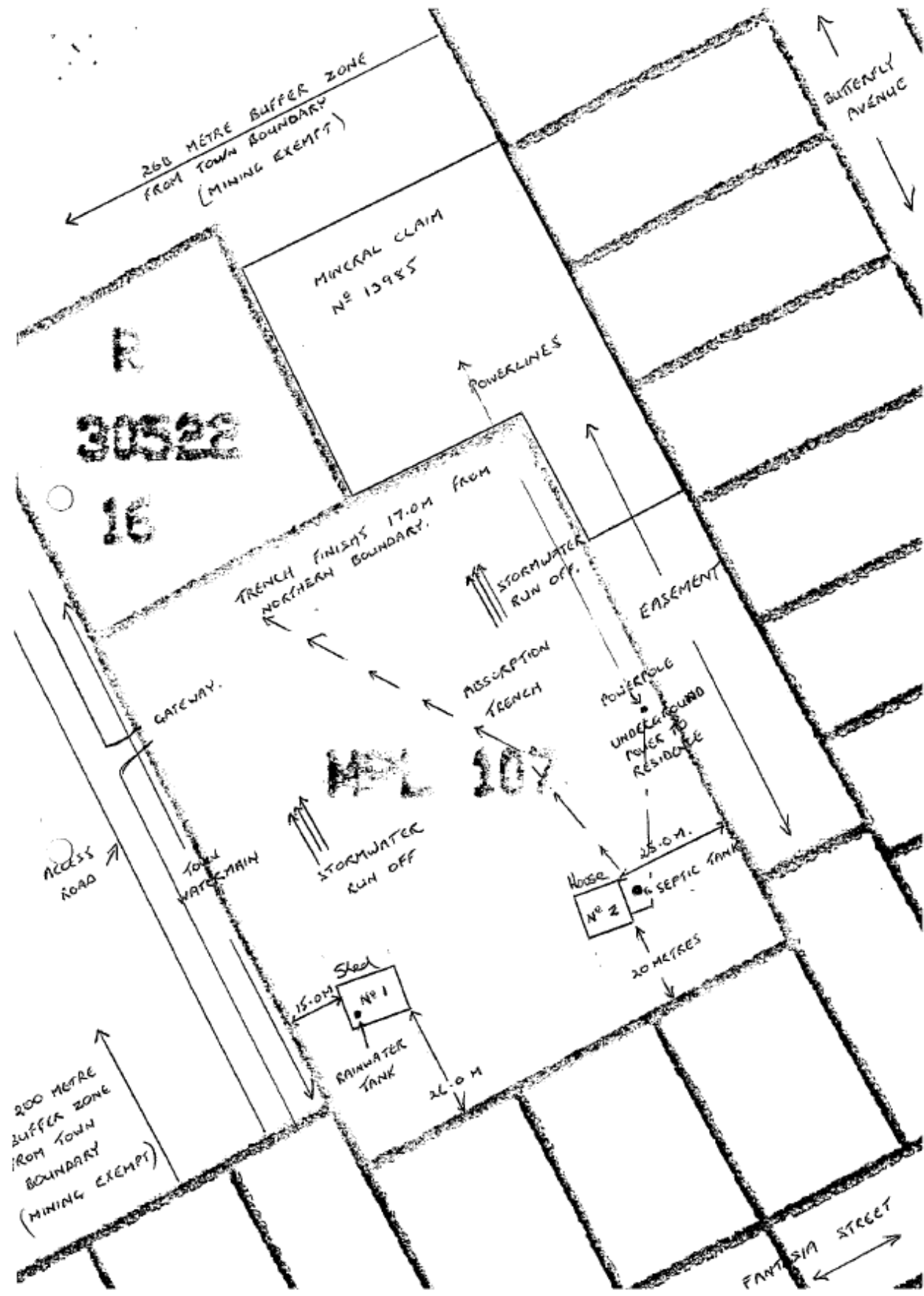




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## **14. LIGHTNING RIDGE MINING BOARD MEETING**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 135/02/01/03

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### **Summary:**

The Director, Planning & Regulatory Services attended a Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting on 14 February 2008 as Walgett Shire Council's delegate. This report provides a summary of the matters dealt with which were directly related to Council's core responsibilities and recommends that Council resolve to note this report.

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

The Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting was held at 10.30AM on 14 February 2008 at the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club. The Manager Planning and Regulation, Matthew Goodwin, attended as Walgett Shire Council's delegate.

Items discussed which were directly relevant to Council's core responsibilities, included:

- Gazetted reserves/policy reserves.
- Mining SEPP.
- A Western Lands Lease application immediately adjoining the Lightning Ridge urban area.

### **RESERVES**

There was significant discussion about the Lightning Ridge Miners Association (LRMA) desire to get access to various areas reserved from opal mining in the vicinity of Lightning Ridge. The association delegates indicated that they were not satisfied with Council's prior offers to allow access to:

- Up to 25% at a time of the policy reserve area near the Lightning Ridge aerodrome.
- Up to 50% of the freehold land near the intersection of the Bill O'Brien Way and the Castlereagh Highway.
- Up to 50% of the statutory reserve located near the Lightning Ridge gun club.

Ultimately the Department of Primary Industries offered to moderate further discussions between the LRMA representatives and Council representatives about options. The Manager Planning and Regulation indicated that while Council staff would be willing to participate in such discussions, ultimately the Administrator of Walgett Shire Council would make any decision about Council's position on the matter.

### **MINING SEPP**

The Manager Planning and Regulation informed the Board that, as proposed at the previous meeting, he had written to the Department of Planning seeking clarification on whether the Mining SEPP imposed a requirement that development consent be obtained for the renewal of a Mining Purposes Lease.

The Department responded, referring to advice from Department of Primary Industries legal branch, to the effect that development consent was not required to renew a lease where there is no significant change in the nature or scale of activities being undertaken there. In all other situations development consent would be required.

#### WESTERN LANDS LEASE APPLICATION

A brief discussion occurred regarding an application to convert Mining Purpose Lease 107, which adjoins the Lightning Ridge urban area, into a Western Lands Lease for residential purposes. A 6872m<sup>2</sup> lease area is being sought. The Manager Planning and Regulation stated that:

- There were issues associated with the area sought being greater than the 2,500m<sup>2</sup> area supported under Council policy.
- The land adjoins urban zoned land in Lightning Ridge. Nevertheless it is currently zoned so that the land can be mined and it is expected that this will remain the case in the future.
- On face value there is no compelling reason why a variation from the standard 2,500m<sup>2</sup> should be supported.

The Department of Lands had forwarded details of the proposal to Council for comment, and that the matter would be considered at a meeting in March.

The board indicated a desire to be advised of Council's view on the proposal.

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

Agenda papers for the Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting of 14 February 2008

#### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, public.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the report provided by the Director, Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin, on his attendance as Walgett Shire Council's delegate at the Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting held on 14 February 2008.**

## **15. CAMPS ON CLAIMS WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 135/02/01/03

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### **Summary:**

The Director, Planning & Regulatory Services attended a Camps On Claims Working Group meeting on Wednesday, 13 February 2008 as Walgett Shire Council's delegate. This report provides an overview of the matters discussed which were relevant to Council's core responsibilities. It is recommended that Council resolve to note those discussions.

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

The Camps On Claims Working Group meeting was held at 12.30PM on Wednesday, 13 February 2008 at the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club.

Bob Hewlett and Lyn Carney attended the meeting as advisers on behalf of Walgett Shire Council, whilst the Director, Planning & Regulatory Services attended as Walgett Shire Council's delegate.

Items discussed which were directly relevant to Council's core responsibilities, included the Walgett Shire Draft Local Environmental Plan and Walgett Shire Council's planned acquisition by of land adjoining Fantasia St for urban expansion.

### **LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

With regard to the draft Local Environmental Plan, the Director, Planning & Regulatory Services informed the working group that:

- At a Council meeting held on 11 December 2007 Walgett Shire Council adopted the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Draft Strategy with certain amendments as recommended by Ian Sinclair (Council's planning consultant) after considering public submissions.
- Recent work on preparing the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan has shown that a number of matters require further attention within the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Draft Strategy document. These matters will be the subject of a report to the 19 February 2008 Council meeting which recommends further amendments to the adopted version of the document.
- Council staff and Ian Sinclair will be meeting with representatives of the regional office of the Department of Planning in Dubbo on 20 February 2008 to discuss the initial draft of the Local Environmental Plan and associated maps. Council is seeking to obtain the endorsement of the Department as soon as possible to undertake consultation with state government agencies and adjoining Councils (Section 62 consultation) prior to publicly exhibiting the document.
- Council will be considering the possibility of acquiring high resolution aerial photography of the preserved opal fields and urban areas at about the time of the gazettal of the Local

Environmental Plan. Such imagery would be vital in delineating the status of development in these areas at that time.

The Chairman of the working group, Peter Downes from the Department of Planning, noted that this was a common practice in local government. Department of Lands and Department of Primary Industries representatives indicated a desire to have access to this photography if such a project were undertaken.

#### **LAND ACQUISITION**

With regard to Walgett Shire Council's planned acquisition by of land adjoining Fantasia St for urban expansion, the Manager Planning and Regulation informed the working group that:

- Late in 2007 the Department of Lands had raised concerns about the sale of the 26 hectare area being sought by Council to extend the Lightning Ridge urban area in the vicinity of Lappkalle and Fantasia Streets. Council was asked to justify why the land should be sold, and this was done in a letter sent to the Department in December.
- Council has not yet received a response on this matter.

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

Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy prepared by Edge Land Planning, dated February 2008.

#### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, public.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the report provided by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin, on his attendance as Walgett Shire Council's delegate at the Camps on Claims Working Group meeting held on 13 February 2008.**