



# **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA**

**20 MAY 2008**

**RAY KENT**  
*General Manager*



15 May 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 **Rowena Town Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 10.00am.**

## **AGENDA**

### **Welcome to Country**

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

### **Public Forum Presentations**

*(Limited to five minute presentations, and must relate to items listed within the Business Paper, with two speakers, speaking for the item and two speakers, speaking against the item to be considered)*

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 5.33PM**

**PRESENT**

Mr Vic Smith	Administrator
Mr Ray Kent	General Manager
Mr Ian Taylor	Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Miss Jodie Gates	Minute Secretary
Mrs Myrene Lovegrove	Accountant

Administrator Vic Smith acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and the present Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this Shire. He welcomed those attending the meeting and invited any member of the community to address matters listed within the Council Agenda.

Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 15 April 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 5.33pm to hear report from Rating Consultant, Mr Damien Ingle.

Presentation by Mr Damien Ingle.

Meeting reconvened at 6.25pm.

**OPEN FORUM PRESENTATIONS**

**Mr Jack Baker**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Mr Baker advised Council that it was not standard practice for the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting to be neither read, distributed or confirmed at an Extraordinary meeting of Council.

Mr Baker also advised that the meeting was in fact illegal and the meeting should be abandoned.

**Item 3 – Making of 2008/2009 – 2012/2013 Rates and Charges.**

Mr Baker advised that these rates and charges could not be made at this meeting.

Mr Baker requested that his written statement be included in the Minutes.

**Mrs Shirley Mitchell**

Mrs Mitchell advised the Meeting that she shared Mr Baker's concerns.

The General Manager, Mr R Kent, advised that:

- The holding and scheduling of the Meeting had been properly resolved at a previous Council Meeting
- Appropriate and proper public notice had been given of the Meeting
- The Report on Rating made it quite clear that it was not the intention to make any rate or charge at the Meeting but rather to give public notice, pursuant to Section 532 of the LG Act 1993, of a proposal to make rates and charges at the June Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The Administrator, Mr V Smith, declined to include the typed statement of Mr Baker in the Minutes.

<b>95/08</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes – 15 April 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 15 April 2008 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

<b>96/08</b>	<b>Quarterly Management Review as at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008</b>
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that Council notes the Management Report for the period ending 30th March 2008 and adopts the changes as attached:-

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	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Recommended Budget Changes April 2008	Actuals	% of Revised Budget
<b><u>Corporate Services</u></b>					
<b>Income</b>					
River Towns	10,000	10,000		4,942	49.42%
Corporate Services	2,000	2,000	- 2,000	-	0.00%
Human Resources	9,500	9,500	59,182	65,433	688.77%
Tourism	17,000	17,000		17,731	104.30%
Agencies	55,000	55,000		32,318	58.76%
Economic Development	70,000	70,000	- 65,000	-	0.00%
Finance	48,000	48,000	20,000	76,926	160.26%
Rates General	3,866,453	3,866,453		3,860,630	99.85%
Untied Grants	2,390,226	2,460,679	35,000	1,889,095	76.77%
Capital utilisation	407,465	459,305	15,000	420,493	91.55%
Revenue	10,920	10,920	25,000	235,604	2157.55%
Total Income	6,886,564	7,008,857	87,182	6,603,172	94.21%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Members & Civic	526,286	526,286		462,974	87.97%
Executive	309,137	324,137	28,800	259,497	80.06%
River Towns	15,460	15,460		11,500	74.39%
Corporate Services	624,733	624,733	- 33,227	485,760	77.75%
Human Resources	450,738	460,198	- 15,000	303,719	66.00%
Tourism	331,556	393,397		353,637	89.89%
Executive Services	247,868	247,868		186,111	75.08%
Agencies	163,000	163,000		136,704	83.87%
Economic Development	206,553	165,134	- 75,000	28,859	17.48%
Risk Management	350,725	402,725	1,000	387,803	96.29%
Finance	272,821	288,821	100,205	274,761	95.13%
Capital Utilisation	7,289	7,289		6,064	83.19%
Information technology	339,428	338,428	- 10,000	254,922	75.33%
Creditors	48,863	48,863		43,633	89.30%
Revenue	283,551	283,551	25,000	230,067	81.14%
Payroll	53,238	53,238		41,924	78.75%
Indirect labour costs				- 308,608	
Operating Expenditure	4,231,246	4,343,128	21,778	3,159,327	72.74%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Admininstration Charges -Internal	- 2,512,401	- 2,512,401		- 1,884,301	
Total Expenditure	1,718,845	6,173,855	21,778	1,275,026	20.65%
<b>Operating Result</b>	5,167,719	835,002	65,404	5,328,146	

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<b><u>Community Services</u></b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Community Services	44,190	44,190		39,613	89.64%
Youth Services	41,085	41,085		88,492	215.39%
Vacation Care	16,320	16,320		13,131	80.46%
Family Day Care	106,852	106,852	- 50,000	40,617	38.01%
Library Services	44,500	44,500		42,707	95.97%
Total Income	252,947	252,947	- 50,000	224,560	88.78%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Community Services	239,957	239,957		188,676	78.63%
Youth Services	125,980	125,980		48,864	38.79%
Vacation Care	16,854	51,854		25,685	49.53%
After School Care	69,495	97,495		72,406	74.27%
Family Day Care	115,952	115,952	- 40,000	54,271	46.80%
Library Services	225,980	225,980		191,032	84.53%
Operating Expenditure	794,218	857,218	- 40,000	580,934	67.77%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Administration Charges -Internal	89,302	89,302		66,977	
Total Expenditure	883,520	946,520	- 40,000	647,911	68.45%
Operating Result	- 630,573	- 693,573	- 10,000	- 423,351	
<b><u>Planning &amp; Regulation</u></b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Planning/Building	85,450	85,450		89,633	104.90%
Environmental Health	2,100	2,100		405	19.29%
Animal Control/Regulatory	3,200	3,200		4,633	144.78%
Rural Addressing Grant			20,000	20,000	
Operating Income	90,750	90,750	20,000	94,671	104.32%
<b>Internal Income</b>				20	
Admin Charge - Cemeteries	3,000	3,000		2,250	75.00%
Admin Charge - water/sewer regs	17,500	17,500		13,125	75.00%
Admin Charge - w/s connect	2,500	2,500		1,875	75.00%
Admin charge - GIS	12,500	12,500		9,375	75.00%
Total Income	126,250	126,250	20,000	121,316	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Pesticide Pit Remediation	10,000	10,000		-	0.00%
Environmental Health	4,700	4,700		1,797	38.23%
Noxious Plants	75,000	75,000		75,411	100.55%
Animal Control/Regulatory	134,526	134,526		99,544	74.00%
Manager Planning & Regulation	692,630	692,630		523,865	75.63%
Operating Expenditure	916,856	916,856	-	700,617	
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Administration Charges -Internal	110,150	110,150		82,613	
Total Expenditure	1,027,006	1,027,006	-	783,230	76.26%
Operating Result	- 900,756	- 900,756	20,000	- 661,914	
<b><u>Emergency Services</u></b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Fire Services	61,157	61,157	- 61,157	-	0.00%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Fire Services	142,618	174,618	31,000	178,833	102.41%
SES	65,400	65,400		14,641	22.39%
Total Expenditure	208,018	240,018	31,000	193,474	80.61%
Operating Result	- 146,861	- 178,861	- 92,157	- 193,474	

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<b><u>Engineering Administration</u></b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Manager Engineering	73,000	73,000		9,691	13.28%
Public Halls	34,936	34,936		8,523	24.40%
Plant Operations	55,960	55,960		31,344	56.01%
Council Properties	380,625	380,625		189,066	49.67%
Council Reserves	33,400	33,400		79,116	236.87%
Operating Income	577,921	577,921		317,740	54.98%
<b>Internal Income</b>					
Infrastructure Services	3,321,630	3,321,630		2,491,222	75.00%
Plant hire charges - internal	1,889,161	1,889,161	510,839	1,438,883	76.17%
Total Income	5,788,712	5,788,712	510,839	4,247,845	73.38%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Manager Engineering	892,649	892,649	- 21,000	623,202	69.81%
Private Works	29,400	29,400		15,219	51.77%
Plant Running Expenses	1,047,000	1,047,000	290,551	963,481	92.02%
Properties Maintenance	401,804	410,804	149,800	383,908	93.45%
Motor Vehicles/Plant/Equipment	370,000	370,000		293,589	79.35%
Operating Expenditure	2,740,853	2,749,853	419,351	2,279,399	82.89%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Manager Engineering	2,312,949	2,312,949		1,734,712	75.00%
Engineering - Internal	761,292	761,292		570,969	75.00%
Admin charge - GIS	12,500	12,500		9,375	75.00%
Admin Charge - water/sewer regs	17,500	17,500		13,125	75.00%
Admin Charge - w/s connect	2,500	2,500		1,875	75.00%
Admin Charge - Cemeteries	3,000	3,000		2,250	75.00%
Total Expenditure	5,850,594	5,859,594	419,351	4,611,705	78.70%
Operating Result	- 61,882	- 70,882	91,488	- 363,860	
<b><u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u></b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
Roads & Bridges	13,710,000	8,227,545	558,957	3,811,349	46.32%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Urban Roads	802,520	811,581	126,000	790,618	97.42%
Rural Roads	1,400,208	1,533,993	177,000	2,002,971	130.57%
Regional Roads	594,782	811,681	70,000	1,387,407	170.93%
Gravel Pit Restoration	50,000	50,000		7,469	14.94%
State Highways	1,278,386	1,278,385	558,957	1,481,475	115.89%
Operating Expenditure	4,125,896	4,485,640	931,957	5,669,940	126.40%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Engineering - Internal	1,576,521	1,576,521		1,182,391	75.00%
Total Expenditure	5,702,417	6,062,161	931,957	6,852,331	113.03%
Operating Result	8,007,583	2,165,384	- 373,000	- 3,040,982	
<b><u>Recreation &amp; Community Assets</u></b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
Natural Disaster Mitigation program	330,000	330,000		-	0.00%
Grant-Automatic Watering Systems			66,273	66,273	
Aerodromes	20,000	20,000	- 5,000	5,884	29.42%
Walgett Levee Rehabilitation Grant				225,000	
Cemeteries	21,000	21,000		21,243	101.16%
Total Income	371,000	371,000	61,273	318,400	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Recreation & Community Assets	1,489,954	1,639,954	129,000	1,138,627	69.43%
Depots Operations	239,617	239,617	102,374	176,868	73.81%
Operating Expenditure	1,729,571	1,879,571	231,374	1,315,495	69.99%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Engineering - Internal	525,173	525,173		393,880	
Total Expenditure	2,254,744	2,404,744	231,374	1,709,375	
Operating Result	- 1,883,744	- 2,033,744	- 170,101	- 1,390,975	

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<b><u>Domestic Waste Management</u></b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
DWM	845,064	845,064		790,067	93.49%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
DWM	713,600	713,600	- 35,000	490,274	68.70%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Engineering - Internal	131,090	131,090		98,318	75.00%
Total Expenditure	844,690	844,690	- 35,000	588,592	
Operating Result	374	374	35,000	201,475	
<b><u>Water Supplies</u></b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
Walgett Water	760,000	760,000		574,810	75.63%
Lightning Ridge Water	466,763	466,763		469,603	100.61%
Collarenebri Water	225,843	225,843		177,431	78.56%
Rowena Water	5,504	5,504		5,504	100.00%
Carinda Water	15,785	15,785		15,785	100.00%
Cumbarah Water	311	311		311	100.00%
Total Income	1,474,206	1,474,206		1,243,444	84.35%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Walgett Water	503,291	503,291	7,000	419,070	83.27%
Lightning Ridge Water	249,458	249,458	33,500	237,201	95.09%
Collarenebri Water	246,013	246,013	- 3,000	197,884	80.44%
Rowena Water	21,681	21,681	3,500	22,772	105.03%
Carinda Water	30,610	30,610	- 10,000	16,978	55.47%
Village Water	16,000	16,000	- 6,500	4,818	30.11%
Operating Expenditure	1,067,053	1,067,053	24,500	898,723	84.22%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Engineering - Internal	256,933	256,933		192,700	75.00%
Total Expenditure	1,323,986	1,323,986	24,500	1,091,423	82.43%
Operating Result	150,220	150,220	- 24,500	152,021	101.20%
<b><u>Sewerage Supplies</u></b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
Walgett Sewer	287,086	287,086		290,173	101.08%
Lightning Ridge Sewer	245,759	245,759		252,008	102.54%
Collarenebri Sewer	80,587	80,587		82,297	102.12%
Total Income	613,432	613,432		624,478	101.80%
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Walgett Sewer	322,180	322,180	14,000	184,398	57.23%
Lightning Ridge Sewer	195,679	195,679	18,001	106,103	54.22%
Collarenebri Sewer	49,287	49,287	- 8,750	36,777	74.62%
Operating Expenditure	567,146	567,146	23,251	327,278	57.71%
<b>Internal Expenditure</b>					
Engineering - Internal	70,617	70,617		52,962	75.00%
Total Expenditure	637,763	637,763	23,251	380,240	59.62%
Operating Result	- 24,331	- 24,331	- 23,251	244,238	
<b><u>Net Result</u></b>					
Total Operating Income	24,883,041	19,461,722	616,255	14,027,881	72.08%
Total Internal Income	3,357,130	3,357,130		2,517,867	75.00%
Internal plant hire charges	1,889,161	1,889,161	510,839	1,438,883	76.17%
Total Income	30,129,332	24,708,013	1,127,094	17,984,631	72.79%
Total Operating Expenditure	15,205,295	15,930,922	1,608,211	14,176,578	88.99%
Plant hire expenses	1,889,161	1,889,161	510,839	1,438,883	76.17%
Total Internal Expenditure	3,357,126	3,357,126	-	2,517,842	75.00%
Total Expenditure	20,451,582	21,177,208	2,119,050	18,133,303	85.63%
Net Result	\$ 9,677,750	\$ 3,530,804	-\$ 991,956	-\$ 148,671	-4.21%

**Budget Reallocations**  
**30th March 2008**

Item	Fund	Ledger	Operational / Capital	Current Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Difference (Operational)	Difference (Capital)	Reason
	General	11.1029.1101	Operational	\$ 128,834	\$ 158,834	\$ 30,000		New GM appointed
	General	11.1029.1213	Operational	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,000	(\$ 2,500)		GM Reduced costs
	General	11.1029.1214	Operational	\$ 1,500	\$ 800	(\$ 700)		GM Reduced costs
	General	11.1029.1288	Operational	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000		Additional office expenditure
	<b>Sub Total Members &amp; Executive</b>					<b>\$ 28,800</b>		
	General	11.0805.0919	Operational	(\$ 2,000)	\$ -	\$ 2,000		No expectation of income
	General	11.3805.9000	Operational	\$ 32,227	(\$ 1,000)	(\$ 33,227)		
	<b>Sub Total Corporate Services</b>					<b>(\$ 31,227)</b>		
	General	11.3451.1218	Operational	\$ 7,500	\$ -	(\$ 7,500)		Move to correct costing area
	General	11.3451.1215	Operational	\$ 150,000	\$ 157,500	\$ 7,500		Move to correct costing area
	General	11.3451.1220	Operational	\$ 25,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 30,000		Higher executive vacancies
	General	11.3451.1501	Operational	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	(\$ 45,000)		project not expected before June
	General	11.0451.0496	Operational	(\$ 30,000)	(\$ 58,182)	(\$ 28,182)		Income higher than expected
	General	11.0451.0497	Operational	(\$ 2,500)	(\$ 24,500)	(\$ 22,000)		Income higher than expected
	General	11.0451.0499	Operational	(\$ 3,500)	(\$ 12,500)	(\$ 9,000)		Income higher than expected
	<b>Sub Total Human Resources</b>					<b>(\$ 74,182)</b>		
	General	11.0769.0373	Operational	(\$ 50,000)	\$ -	\$ 50,000		EDO position vacant
	General	11.0369.0919	Operational	(\$ 15,000)	\$ -	\$ 15,000		EDO position vacant
	General	11.3769.1365	Operational	\$ 75,000	\$ -	(\$ 75,000)		EDO position vacant
	<b>Sub Total Economic Development</b>					<b>(\$ 10,000)</b>		
	General	11.3853.1276	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,500	(\$ 6,500)		Lower expenses
	General	11.3853.1277	Operational	\$ 5,500	\$ -	(\$ 5,500)		Lower expenses
	General	11.3853.1274	Operational	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		New project- electronic records
	General	11.3853	Capital	\$ -	\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000	New server for records
	<b>Sub Total Executive Services</b>					<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	
	General	11.3666.3230	Operational	\$ 113,980	\$ 129,980	\$ 16,000		Risk management adjustments
	General	11.3666.3240	Operational	\$ 5,427	\$ 10,427	\$ 5,000		Risk management adjustments

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**Budget Reallocations**  
**30th March 2008**

Item	Fund	Ledger	Operational / Capital	Current Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Difference (Operational)	Difference (Capital)	Reason
	General	11.3666.1501	Operational	\$ 48,000	\$ 38,000	(\$ 10,000)		Risk management adjustments
	General	11.3666.2180	Operational	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,500	(\$ 10,000)		Risk management adjustments
	<b>Sub Total Risk Management</b>					<b>\$ 1,000</b>		
	General	11.3816.1516	Operational	\$ -	\$ 68,205	\$ 68,205		Realised investment loss
	General	11.3816.1210	Operational	\$ 224,269	\$ 256,269	\$ 32,000		Higher staffing level
	General	11.0029.0927	Operational	(\$ 30,000)	(\$ 15,000)	\$ 15,000		No more grant income expected
	General	11.0029.0917	Operational	\$ -	(\$ 15,000)	(\$ 15,000)		Insurance refunds
	General	11.0029.0915	Operational	\$ -	(\$ 20,000)	(\$ 20,000)		Insurance refunds
	<b>Sub Total Finance</b>					<b>\$ 80,205</b>		
	General	11.3823.1210	Operational	\$ 55,379	\$ 45,379	(\$ 10,000)		Lower staffing level
	<b>Sub Total Information Technology</b>					<b>(\$ 10,000)</b>		
	General	11.3836.2208	Operational	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000		Active rates recover practices
	General	11.0019.0615	Operational	(\$ 3,000)	(\$ 28,000)	(\$ 25,000)		Active rates recover practices
	<b>Sub Total Revenue</b>							
	General	11.0018.0451	Operational	(\$ 34,220)	(\$ 69,220)	(\$ 35,000)		06/07 income received 07/08
	<b>Sub Total Untied Grants</b>					<b>(\$ 35,000)</b>		
	General	11.0020.0191	Operational	(\$ 6,000)	(\$ 21,000)	(\$ 15,000)		Interest higher
	<b>Sub Total Capital Utilisation</b>					<b>(\$ 15,000)</b>		
	General	11.3351.1257	Operational	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000	(\$ 35,000)		Unable to get enough carers
	General	11.3341.1288	Operational	\$ 5,740	\$ 740	(\$ 5,000)		Unable to get enough carers
	General	11.0551.0465	Operational	(\$ 50,000)	\$ -	\$ 50,000		Unable to get enough carers
	<b>Sub Total Community Services</b>					<b>\$ 10,000</b>		
	<b>SUB TOTAL CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>					<b>(\$ 55,404)</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	

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**30th March 2008**

Item	Fund	Ledger	Operational / Capital	Current Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Difference (Operational)	Difference (Capital)	Reason
	General	11.0857.0365	Operational	\$ -	(\$ 20,000)	(\$ 20,000)		Rural addressing grant
	<b>SUB TOTAL PLANNING AND REGULATIONS</b>					(\$ 20,000)		
<b>A</b>	<b>Group Manager Infrastructure</b>							
A 1	General	11.02206.1501	Operational	\$ 81,000	\$ 60,000	(\$ 21,000)		Consultancies (Feasibility & Design) - Unlikely to be spent by 30/06/08
A 2								
##	<b>Sub Totals:</b> <b>Group Manager Infrastructure</b>					(\$ 21,000)		
<b>B</b>	<b>Properties</b>							
B 1	General	11.03402.3992	Operational	\$ 105,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 45,000		Offices - High unprogrammed building maintenance expenditure (\$49K to 3/08)
B 2	General	11.03402.3993	Operational	\$ 65,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 40,000		Dwellings - High unspecified or unprogrammed maintenance costs, and misallocated programmed maintenance costs (\$40K to 3/08)
B 3	General	11.03402.3994	Operational	\$ 65,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 30,000		Halls & Community Facilities - High unprogrammed maintenance costs on Walgett Medical Centre, and misallocated programmed maintenance costs (\$25K to 3/08) Extra \$5K for Old Ccl Chambers
B 4	General	11.03402.4001	Operational	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000		Depots - Additional unprogrammed grounds maintenance on Walgett Depot (\$28K to 3/08)
B 5	Grant Restr.	11.00814.0658	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 7,400)		(\$ 7,400)	Additional Tied Revenue - Carinda Hall
B 6	General	11.00814.0667	Revenue Gen.	(\$ 4,800)	\$ -	\$ 4,800		Revenue not collected - Walgett Long Day Care ?
B 7	Grant Restr.	11.00814.0669	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 5,000)		(\$ 5,000)	Additional Grant - Business Case for Dementia Day Care

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B	8	Grant Restr.	11.00814.0697	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 150,000)	\$ -	\$ 150,000	Grant submission for Crime Prevention Works unsuccessful
B	9	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0672	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 3,000)	(\$ 13,600)	(\$ 10,600)	Additional Revenue - Walgett Showground Kitchen
B	10	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0673	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 750)	(\$ 750)	Additional License - Collarenebri Mud Trials
B	11	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0674	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 1,000)	(\$ 15,000)	(\$ 14,000)	Additional Licenses - Sports Ovals Lightning Ridge
B	12	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0675	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 150)	(\$ 150)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Rowena Hall
B	13	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0677	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 100)	(\$ 20,000)	(\$ 19,900)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Carinda Racecourse
B	14	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0678	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 500)	(\$ 10,500)	(\$ 10,000)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Collarenebri Racecourse
B	15	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0680	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 300)	\$ -	\$ 300	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Gray Park
B	16	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0681	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Carinda Pool
B	17	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0683	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 100)	(\$ 800)	(\$ 700)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - WSC Office
B	18	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0686	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 200)	(\$ 100)	\$ 100	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Collarenebri Sports Oval
B	19	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0687	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 200)	(\$ 200)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Rowena Oval
B	20	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0688	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Carinda Hall
B	21	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0689	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 500)	(\$ 3,600)	(\$ 3,100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Burren SOA Hall
B	22	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0690	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 500)	(\$ 500)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Walgett Pool
B	23	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0691	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - LR Community Purpose
B	24	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0693	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Pearson Park

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B 25	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0694	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 400)		(\$ 400)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - LR Arts / Crafts
B 26	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0698	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 100)		(\$ 100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - LR Parking Reserve
B 27	Crown Restr.	11.00815.0699	Revenue Restr.	\$ -	(\$ 100)		(\$ 100)	Licenses / Capital Revenue - Trevellion Park
B 28	Crown Restr.	11.03815.1672	Capital	\$ -	\$ 1,300		\$ 1,300	Walgett Showground - Additional Works
B 29	Crown Restr.	11.03815.1675	Capital	\$ -	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500	Burren SOA Hall - Additional Works
B 30	General	11.03403.4017	Capital	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000		(\$ 40,000)	Dwellings - Programmed Maintenance (misallocations)
B 31	General	11.03403.4017	Capital	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,000		(\$ 38,000)	Council Chambers - Gutters
B 32	General	11.03403.4019	Capital	\$ 15,000	\$ -		(\$ 15,000)	Council Chambers - Fixtures & Fittings
B 33	General	11.03403.4020	Capital	\$ 90,000	\$ -		(\$ 90,000)	Walgett Depot Washbay
B 34	General	11.03403.4021	Capital	\$ 10,000	\$ -		(\$ 10,000)	Walgett Depot Programmed Maintenance
B 35	General	11.03403.4022	Capital	\$ 220,000	\$ 10,000		(\$ 210,000)	24 Euroka Street
B 36	General	11.03403.4023	Capital	\$ 750,000	\$ 65,000		(\$ 685,000)	Gilbert Arthur Housing
B 37	General	11.03403.4026	Capital	\$ 8,000			(\$ 8,000)	Old Ccl Chambers Security (misallocations)
B 38	Grant Restr.	11.03403.4027	Capital	\$ 265,000	\$ -		(\$ 265,000)	Crime Prevention CCTV (Grant unsuccessful)
B 39	General	11.03403.4029	Capital	\$ 30,000	\$ -		(\$ 30,000)	Burren SOA Hall
B 40	General	11.03403.4030	Capital	\$ 20,856	\$ 50,000		\$ 29,144	Carinda Hall Upgrade
B 41	Grant Restr.	11.03403.4032	Capital	\$ -	\$ 9,000		\$ 9,000	LR Dementia Day Care Project
B 42	General	11.03403.4034	Capital	\$ -	\$ 247,000		\$ 247,000	3 Montkeila St Purchase
B 43								
B	<b>Sub Totals: Properties</b>					\$ 149,800	(\$ 1,023,956)	
C	<b>Fleet</b>							

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C	1	General	11.03400.1807	Operational	\$ 410,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 215,000	Plant Running Expenses - Increased cost of operating plant / additional work to be performed
C	2	General	11.03400.1819	Operational	\$ 275,000	\$ 350,551	\$ 75,551	Plant Repairs - Parts - Increased cost of operating plant / additional work to be performed
C	3	General	11.03413.1241	Capital	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,400,000	(\$ 450,000)	Delays in obtaining replacement bitumen patching vehicle (TBC)
C	4	General	11.00812.0951	Operational	(\$ 1,889,161)	(\$ 2,400,000)	(\$ 510,839)	Plant Charges Internal - Increased internal plant charges
		Various income ledgers				\$ 510,839		Plant Charges Internal - Increased internal plant charges
C	5							
C	<b>Sub Totals: Fleet</b>					\$ 290,551	(\$ 450,000)	
D	<b>Roads</b>							
D	1	General	11.03145.2540	Operational	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	Unsealed Urban - Veg Mgmt - unseasonally wet weather
D	2	General	11.03146.2491	Operational	\$ 129,000	\$ 50,000	(\$ 79,000)	Unsealed Urban - Pavement
D	3	General	11.03146.2540	Operational	\$ 225,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 115,000	Urban Sealed - Veg Mgmt - unseasonally wet weather
D	4	General	11.03146.2541	Operational	\$ 175,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 50,000	Urban Sealed - Pymt Sweep
D	5	General	11.03146.2738	Operational	\$ 120,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 35,000	Urban Sealed - Litter Control
D	6	General	11.03148.2505	Operational	\$ 62,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 68,000	Shire Sealed - Pavement
D	7	General	11.03148.2506	Operational	\$ 1,021,000	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 149,000	Unsealed Shire - Pavement - unseasonally wet and SR114 Realignment (\$54K)
D	8	General	11.03148.2508	Operational	\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	(\$ 40,000)	Shire Bridges - Concrete
D	9	General	11.03148.2522	Capital	\$ 20,000	\$ -	(\$ 20,000)	Shire Reseals - insufficient to do meaningful work (TBC)

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D 10	Grant Restr.	11.03148.2523	Capital	\$ 300,000	\$ -		(\$ 300,000)	Shire Timber Bridge Replacement - Reallocated to Regional Bridges
D 11	General	11.03148.2525	Capital	\$ 158,000	\$ 169,000		\$ 11,000	Shire Roads - Reshape Formation
D 12	Grant Restr.	11.03148.2526	Capital	\$ -	\$ 525,000		\$ 525,000	Beanbri Road Reconstruction (AWB)
D 13	Grant Restr.	11.03148.2650	Capital	\$ -	\$ 180,000		\$ 180,000	Shire Dec 07/Jan 08 Flood Restroration (TBC)
D 14	General	11.03180.2615	Operational	\$ 600,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 80,000		Regional Sealed - Pavement
D 15	General	11.03180.2618	Operational	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	(\$ 10,000)		Regional Bridges - Timber
D 16	Grant Restr.	11.03180.2629	Capital	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 1,700,000		(\$ 400,000)	RR457 Reconstruction - Delayed completion
D 17	Grant Restr.	11.03180.2632	Capital	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,270,000		\$ 270,000	RR333 Reconstruction (Non REPAIR Grant) - Wet weather impacts
D 18	Grant Restr.	11.03180.2650	Capital	\$ -	\$ 180,000		\$ 180,000	Regional Dec 07/Jan 08 Flood Restroration (TBC)
D 19	Grant Restr.	TBA	Capital	\$ -	\$ 290,000		\$ 290,000	RR329 Pian Cr Bridge Replacement - Reallocation & delayed completion
D 20	General	11.03346.3903	Capital	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000		(\$ 20,000)	Gravel Pits Restoration
D 21	General	11.03352.2680	Operational	\$ 437,342	\$ 437,342	\$ -		SIMC Routine - TBA
D 22	General	11.03353.2681	Operational	\$ 841,043	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 558,957		SIMC Orderd - TBA
D 23	General	11.0021.0311	Operational	(\$ 520,000)	(\$ 520,000)	\$ -		SIMC Routine Income - TBA
D 24	General	11.00221.0325	Operational	(\$ 1,000,000)	(\$ 1,558,957)	(\$ 558,957)		SIMC Orderd Income - TBA
D 25	Grant Restr.	11.00221.0315	Capital	\$ -	(\$ 94,000)		(\$ 94,000)	Contributions Others (AWB ?)
D 26	Grant Restr.	11.00221.0342	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 2,100,000)	(\$ 2,100,000)		\$ -	Strategic Regional Program - to be claimed up to Aug 08
D 27								
D	<b>Sub Totals: Roads</b>					\$ 373,000	\$ 622,000	
	<b>Public Order and Safety</b>							
	General	11.0565.0487	Operational	(\$ 61,157)	\$ -	\$ 61,157		RFS Agreement paid to Coonamble
	General	11.3565.3953	Operational	\$109,618	\$ 140,618	\$ 31,000		Rural fire service 4th installment
	<b>Sub Totals:</b>					\$ 92,157	\$ -	

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<b>E</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Community</b>							
E 1	Grant Restr.	11.00305.0434	Capital	\$ -	(\$ 66,000)	(\$ 66,273)	(\$ 66,000)	Community Water Grants
E 2	General	11.0352.2765	Operational	\$ 55,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 30,000		Stormwater - Repairs due to unseasonally wet weather
E 3	General	11.0352.3973	Operational	\$ 70,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 50,000		Cemeteries - unseasonally wet weather & Employment Programs - extra Mtl cost
E 4	General	11.03052.3974	Operational	\$ 55,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 45,000		Footpaths - unseasonally wet weather
E 5	General	11.03052.3975	Operational	\$ 15,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 4,000		Parking Areas
E 6	General	11.03056.2742	Capital	\$ 80,000	\$ -		(\$ 80,000)	Collarenebri CBD Footpath - Delayed due to technical difficulties
E 7	General	11.03056.2744	Capital	\$ 80,000	\$ 6,000		(\$ 74,000)	Walgett Pool Shade Sail Rehab - cost savings
E 8	General	11.03056.2746	Capital	\$ 60,000	\$ 5,000		(\$ 55,000)	LR Bore Baths Amemities Upgrade - Delayed due to resourcing issues
E 9	General	11.03056.2747	Capital	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000		\$ 150,000	Burren Bore Baths Upgrade - Addition of Bore Baths Road Project
E 10	General	11.03056.2749	Capital	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,000		(\$ 15,000)	Unsealed ALAs Pavement Rehab - Reduced due to RAAF usage
E 11	General	11.03056.2752	Capital	\$ 10,000	\$ 35,000		\$ 25,000	Gray Park Footpaths Replacement - Accelerate Project to completion
E 12	General	11.00141.0926	Revenue Gen.	(\$ 10,000)	(\$ 5,000)	\$ 5,000		Burren Aerodrome - Reduced due to RAAF usage
E 13								
<b>E</b>	<b>Sub Totals: Recreation &amp; Community</b>					\$ 67,727	(\$ 115,000)	
<b>F</b>	<b>Depots &amp; Store</b>							
F 1	General	11.03053.4001	Operational	\$ 92,626	\$ 160,000	\$ 67,374		Depot Operations - Additional cleaning up costs

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F	2	General	11.03054.1411	Operational	\$ 20,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 35,000	Workshop Operations - Misc expenses not being charged to jobs (plant)
F	3							
F		<b>Sub Totals: Depots &amp; Store</b>				\$ 102,374	\$ -	
G		<b>Waste</b>						
G	1	Waste	21.04801.2601	Operational	\$ 160,000	\$ 135,000	(\$ 25,000)	DWM Collections - Streamlined operations
G	2	Waste	21.04801.3883	Operational	\$ 80,000	\$ 70,000	(\$ 10,000)	Trade / Commercial Waste Collections - Streamlined operations
G	3							
G	4							
G		<b>Sub Totals: Waste</b>				(\$ 35,000)	\$ -	
H		<b>Walgett Water</b>						
H	1	Water	12.04821.1501	Operational	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	Consultancy Fees - Tariff Development
H	2	Water	12.04821.2459	Operational	\$ 25,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 13,000	Chemicals - Extended period of poor source water quality
H	3	Water	12.04821.2462	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	(\$ 1,000)	Reservoir Operations
H	4	Water	12.04821.2465	Operational	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,000	(\$ 7,000)	Mains Operations
H	5	Water	12.04821.2471	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	Bore Maintenance
H	6	Water	12.04821.2481	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ -	(\$ 10,000)	Meter Reading - Delayed Implementation
H	7	Water	12.04821.2493	Operational	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Water Carting to Grawin et al
H	8	Water	12.04822.2304	Capital	\$ 30,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 17,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
H	9	Water	12.04822.2309	Capital	\$ 200,000	\$ 110,000	(\$ 90,000)	Meter Installation - Delayed Implementation
H	10	Water	12.04822.2310	Capital	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000	(\$ 30,000)	Meter Installation - Delayed Implementation
H	11	Water	12.04822.2311	Capital	\$ 130,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 60,000	Drought Emergency Works (River Pump Stn) - C/O 06/07

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H	12							
H	13							
H		<b>Sub Totals:</b>				\$ 7,000	(\$ 43,000)	
		<b>Walgett Water</b>						
I		<b>Rowena Water</b>						
I	1	Water	12.04826.2304	Capital	\$ 15,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 18,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
I	2	Water	12.04826.2310	Capital	\$ 10,000	\$ -	(\$ 10,000)	Water Meter Replacement - Delayed
I	3	Water	12.04826.2464	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	Reservoir R&M - problems with inlet valve
I	4	Water	12.04826.2471	Operational	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Bore Maintenance - discharge pipe failure
I	5	Water	12.04826.2481	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ -	(\$ 2,000)	Meter Reading - Delayed Implementation
I	6	Water	12.04826.2484	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,000	Pumping Stn Operations - Electrical problems (callouts)
I	7	Water	12.04826.2485	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	(\$ 1,000)	Pumping Stn R&M
I	8							
I		<b>Sub Totals:</b>				\$ 3,500	\$ 8,000	
		<b>Rowena Water</b>						
J		<b>Carinda Water</b>						
J	1	Water	12.04827.2304	Capital	\$ 8,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 8,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
J	2	Water	12.04827.2462	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	(\$ 1,000)	Reservoir Operations
J	3	Water	12.04827.2464	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	(\$ 1,000)	Reservoir R&M
J	4	Water	12.04827.2466	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	(\$ 5,000)	Mains R&M
J	5	Water	12.04827.2481	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ -	(\$ 2,000)	Meter Reading - Delayed Implementation
J	6	Water	12.04827.2483	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	(\$ 1,000)	House Connection Repairs
J	7							
J	8							
J		<b>Sub Totals:</b>				(\$ 10,000)	\$ 8,000	
		<b>Carinda Water</b>						
K		<b>Cumborah Water</b>						

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K	1	Water	12.04828.2462	Operational	\$ 1,000	\$ -	(\$ 1,000)	Reservoir Operations
K	2	Water	12.04828.2481	Operational	\$ 1,000	\$ -	(\$ 1,000)	Meter Reading
K	3	Water	12.04828.2484	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	(\$ 1,500)	Pumping Stn Operations
K	4	Water	12.04828.2485	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	(\$ 3,000)	Pumping Stn R&M
K	5							
K		<b>Sub Totals:</b> <b>Cumborah Water</b>				(\$ 6,500)	\$ -	
L		<b>Lightning Ridge Water</b>						
L	1	Water	13.04841.2038	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	Rates Write Off
L	2	Water	13.04841.2039	Operational	\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	Interest Write Off
L	3	Water	13.04841.2462	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	(\$ 1,500)	Reservoir Operations
L	4	Water	13.04841.2481	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ -	(\$ 10,000)	Meter Reading - Delayed Implementation
L	5	Water	13.04841.2483	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	(\$ 5,000)	House Connection Repairs
L	6	Water	13.04841.2485	Operational	\$ 20,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 12,000	Pumping Stn R&M
L	7	Water	13.04846.2310	Capital	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,000	(\$ 23,000)	Water Meter Replacement - Delayed
L	8	Water	13.04846.2473	Capital	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,000	Valve & Hydrant Replacement
L	9							
L	10							
L		<b>Sub Totals:</b> <b>Lightning Ridge Water</b>				\$ 33,500	(\$ 19,000)	
M		<b>Collarenebri Water</b>						
M	1	Water	14.04861.2459	Operational	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	(\$ 10,000)	Chemicals
M	2	Water	14.04861.2462	Operational	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,500	Reservoir Operations
M	3	Water	14.04861.2481	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	(\$ 4,500)	Meter Reading - Delayed Implementation
M	4	Water	14.04861.2487	Operational	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	Filtration Plant R&M
M	5	Water	14.00061.0427	Revenue Restr.	(\$ 50,000)	\$ -	\$ 50,000	Grant - DWE Domestic Water Meters - Delayed Implementation
M	6	Water	14.04866.2304	Capital	\$ 20,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 12,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
M	7	Water	14.04866.2309	Capital	\$ 100,000	\$ -	(\$ 100,000)	Water Meter Replacement - Delayed
M	8	Water	14.04866.2310	Capital	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	(\$ 3,000)	Water Meter Replacement - Delayed

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M 9								
<b>M</b>	<b>Sub Totals: Collarenebri Water</b>					<b>(\$ 3,000)</b>	<b>(\$ 41,000)</b>	
<b>N</b>	<b>Walgett Sewerage</b>							
N 1	Sewerage	15.04881.2463	Operational	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000		Sewer Mains - Age related failures + \$ for smoke testing
N 2	Sewerage	15.04881.2485	Operational	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 7,000		Pumping Stn M&R
N 3	Sewerage	15.04881.2488	Operational	\$ 65,000	\$ 50,000	<b>(\$ 15,000)</b>		Treatment Works Operations
N 4	Sewerage	15.04881.2489	Operational	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 7,000		Treatment Works M&R
N 5	Sewerage	15.04886.2304	Capital	\$ 40,000	\$ 79,000		\$ 39,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
N 6	Sewerage	15.04886.2340	Capital	\$ 28,000	\$ 16,000		<b>(\$ 12,000)</b>	Pumping Stn Electrical Renewal (related to Telemetry)
N 7								
N 8								
<b>N</b>	<b>Sub Totals: Walgett Sewerage</b>					<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	
<b>O</b>	<b>Lightning Ridge Effluent</b>							
O 1	Sewerage	16.04901.2463	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000		Sewer Mains - Additional Funding for Smoke Testing
O 2	Sewerage	16.04901.2483	Operational	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	<b>(\$ 5,000)</b>		House Connections
O 3	Sewerage	16.00101.0451	Operational	<b>(\$ 7,001)</b>	<b>(\$ 14,000)</b>	<b>(\$ 6,999)</b>		Pensioner Rate - Subsidy
O 4	Sewerage	16.04902.2304	Capital	\$ 27,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 23,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
O 5								
<b>O</b>	<b>Sub Totals: Lightning Ridge Effluent</b>					<b>\$ 18,001</b>	<b>\$ 23,000</b>	
<b>P</b>	<b>Collarenebri Effluent</b>							
P 1	Sewerage	17.04921.2484	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000		Pumping Stn - Operations
P 2		17.04921.2488	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 50	<b>(\$ 4,950)</b>		Treatment Works - Operations
P 3		17.04921.2489	Operational	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	<b>(\$ 3,000)</b>		Treatment Works - R&M

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***Budget Reallocations***  
***30th March 2008***

Item	Fund	Ledger	Operational / Capital	Current Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Difference (Operational)	Difference (Capital)	Reason
P 4		17.00121.0295	Operational	(\$ 2,000)	(\$ 3,000)	(\$ 1,000)		Interest on overdue Charges
P 5		17.00121.0451	Operational	(\$ 1,200)	(\$ 2,000)	(\$ 800)		Pensioner Rate - Subsidy
P 6		17.04922.2304	Capital	\$ 14,000	\$ 18,000		\$ 4,000	Telemetry - C/O 06/07
P 7								
P 8								
P 9								
P	Sub Totals:					(\$ 8,750)	\$ 4,000	
	Collarenebri Effluent							
Q	Grand Totals:					\$ 991,956	(\$ 991,956)	

**CARRIED**

<b>97/08</b>	<b>Budget and Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012/2013</b>
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the Walgett Shire Draft Management Plan and Budget for 2008/2009-2012/2013 be advertised, in accordance with legislative requirements, for a minimum period of twenty eight days with written submissions to be lodged before 5 pm, Thursday 5th June 2008.

**CARRIED**

<b>98/08</b>	<b>Making of 2008/2009 Rates and Charges</b>
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**RESOLUTION:**

It was resolved on the motion of the Administrator that public notice be given, pursuant to Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993, of a proposal to make the following resolutions at the June 2008 Ordinary meeting of Council:

1. That the Rural – Irrigable sub-categories of Farmland rates be consolidated into one sub-category of Rural – Irrigable
2. That the identified properties be re-categorised to Residential – Non Urban where there is a residence on the property or Business - Non Urban where no residence exists.
3. That Council resolves to adopt the rates structure for ordinary rates as follows:

Ordinary Rate	Cents		
Business Rate, Walgett	2.964	in \$	With a base amount of \$180.00 yielding 34.2% of the Business Rate, Walgett rate income.
Residential Rate, Walgett	2.963	in \$	With a base amount of \$178.50 yielding 49.9% of the Residential Rate, Walgett rate income
Business Rate, Lightning Ridge	1.31	in \$	With a base amount of \$250.00 yielding 23.5% of the Business Rate, Lightning Ridge rate income
Ordinary Rate	Cents		
Residential Rate, Lightning Ridge	1.3	in \$	With a base amount of \$155.00 yielding 32.7% of the Residential Rate, Lightning Ridge rate income
Business Rate, Collarenebri	7.421	in \$	With a base amount of \$162.00 yielding 40.5% of the Business Rate, Collarenebri rate income
Residential Rate, Collarenebri	7.42	in \$	With a base amount of \$149.00 yielding 49.4% of the Residential Rate, Collarenebri rate income
Business Rate, Burren Junction	6.0	in \$	With a base amount of \$225.00 yielding 25.9% of the Business Rate, Burren Junction rate income
Residential Rate, Burren Junction	5.0	in \$	With a base amount of \$150.00 yielding 30.4% of the Residential Rate, Burren Junction rate income
Business Rate, Carinda	3.39145	in \$	With a base amount of \$200.00 yielding

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			45.6% of the Business Rate, Carinda rate income
Residential Rate, Carinda	15.0	in \$	With a base amount of \$65.00 yielding 42.9% of the Residential Rate, Carinda rate income
Business Rate, Cumborah	1.97	in \$	With a base amount of \$75.00 yielding 0.09% of the Business Rate, Cumborah rate income
Residential Rate, Cumborah	1.94975	in \$	With a base amount of \$70.00 yielding 39.8% of the Residential Rate, Cumborah rate income
Business Rate, Come-By-Chance and Rowena	30.5	in \$	With a base amount of \$66.00 yielding 39.4% of the Business Rate, Come-By-Chance and Rowena rate income
Residential Rate, Come-By-Chance and Rowena	30.0	in \$	With a base amount of \$65.00 yielding 49.9% of the Residential Rate, Come-By-Chance and Rowena rate income
Business Rate, Non-Urban	0.95	in \$	With a base amount of \$130.00 yielding 46.5% of the Business Rate, Non-Urban rate income
Residential Rate, Non-Urban	0.75	in \$	With a base amount of \$110.00 yielding 46.8% of the Residential Rate, Non-Urban rate income
Business Rate, Mining	4.716874	in \$	With a base amount of \$114.85 yielding 49.8% of the Business Rate, Mining rate income
Farmland Rate, Rural	0.404201	in \$	With minimum of \$165.12
Farmland Rate, Rural Irrigable	0.53	in \$	With minimum of \$165.12

4. That Council resolves in accordance with Section 563 of the Local Government Act 1993, to make the discount 3.6% for payment in full of total rates and charges (less any rebates) for ratepayers whose payments are received in full on or before the 29 August 2008.

5. That Council adopt the Budget and Management Plan for 2008/2009 – 2012/2013 as presented.

6. That council adopt a 3.2% increase in the total levy for General Fund Rates.

7. That the Domestic Waste Management Services be set as:-

- |     |                     |                    |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|
| (a) | Availability Charge | \$33.60 per annum  |
| (b) | Collection Charge   | \$307.45 per annum |

8. That the interest rate to be charged on overdue rates be set at 10% per annum.

9. That a discount of 3.6% of total rates and charges be granted to ratepayers whose payments are received in full on or before 31 August 2008.

10. That a levy for Water Supply be applied as a flat rate as follows:

- |     |                   |                    |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------|
| (a) | Walgett           | \$716.70 per annum |
| (b) | Lightning Ridge   | \$637.35 per annum |
| (c) | Collarenebri      | \$744.20 per annum |
| (d) | Carinda Town Bore | \$313.10 per annum |
| (e) | Carinda Bore      | \$297.50 per annum |

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- (f) Rowena \$368.10 per annum
11. That a levy for Sewerage be applied as follows:
- |     |                 |          |
|-----|-----------------|----------|
| (a) | Walgett         | \$337.75 |
| (b) | Lightning Ridge | \$319.80 |
| (c) | Collarenebri    | \$365.60 |
12. That a levy for water supplied to non-rateable properties be set as follows:
- |     |                   |                    |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------|
| (a) | Walgett           | \$716.50 per annum |
| (b) | Lightning Ridge   | \$637.35 per annum |
| (c) | Collarenebri      | \$744.20 per annum |
| (d) | Carinda Town Bore | \$313.10 per annum |
| (e) | Carinda Bore      | \$297.50 per annum |
| (f) | Rowena            | \$368.10 per annum |
13. That a levy for Sewerage Service supplied to non-rateable properties be set at \$235.60.
14. That a Pedestal Charge for additional sewerage charges be set as follows:
- |     |                 |          |
|-----|-----------------|----------|
| (a) | Walgett         | \$337.75 |
| (b) | Lightning Ridge | \$319.80 |
| (c) | Collarenebri    | \$365.60 |
15. That a Cistern Charge for additional WC's and urinals be set as follows:
- |     |                 |         |
|-----|-----------------|---------|
| (a) | Walgett         | \$52.90 |
| (b) | Lightning Ridge | \$49.85 |
| (c) | Collarenebri    | \$57.35 |
16. That the Fees and Charges as listed in the report be adopted, with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 6.33pm

To be confirmed by Council at its ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20 May 2008.

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Administrator

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General Manager

**Recommendation**

**That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 6 May 2008 be confirmed**

## **1. COUNCIL DELEGATES/REPRESENTATIVES TO, AND MEMBERS OF, EXTERNAL BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Ray Kent, General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 004/09/03/84

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### **Summary:**

At its April 2007 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved the appointment of delegates/members/representatives for a term of twelve (12) months. Given that Council elections are scheduled for September 2008, it is appropriate that new appointments be made only until the first meeting of the new Council in September.

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

Council is involved in numerous external bodies. In some cases, where the matters being addressed are generally technical and operational, it is appropriate that an officer of Council be involved. Where bodies are primarily concerned with policy matters, it is appropriate that an elected member be involved. The appointments recommended in this report are short term only and, given the absence of Councillors, primarily involve staff. With the exception of the appointment of a non voting delegate to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council, it is not considered appropriate to appoint external persons to represent Council for the four (4) month period leading up to the Council election. The current external delegate to the County Council is the exception as he has a long standing interest in the work of the body and has attended meetings on behalf of Council for some period of time.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

A range of New South Wales Acts of Parliament including Road Traffic Act, State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, Local Government Act.

### **Stakeholders:**

Members of identified external bodies and a wide range of Walgett Shire citizens and community groups.

### **Financial Implications:**

There are costs associated with involvement in external bodies and provision has been made in Council's Budget to cover such costs.

**Recommendations:**

**That:**

**A. Council's delegates and representatives to, and members of, external bodies be as follows:**

- 1. Australian Airport Association - Director, Urban Infrastructure Services (D,UIS)**
- 2. Barwon Darling Alliance - Administrator (ADMIN) and General Manager (GM)**
- 3. Camps on Claims Working Group - Director, Planning and Regulatory Services (D,P&RS)**
- 4. Castlereagh Macquarie County Council - Mr Robert Greenaway**
- 5. Community Working Party - Director, Corporate and Community Services (D,C&CS)**
- 6. Floodplain Management Authorities Group - ADMIN and D,UIS**
- 7. Kamilaroi Highway Group - TDO**
- 8. Lightning Ridge/Goodooga Reference Group - GM**
- 9. Lightning Ridge Mining Board - D,P&RS**
- 10. Lightning Ridge Tourist Association - D,C&CS**
- 11. Local Emergency Management Committee - Director,Rural Infrastructure and Support Services (D,RI&SS)**
- 12. Local Government Group of the Namoi Catchment Management Authority - D,UIS**
- 13. Namoi Peel Catchment Customer Service Committee - D,UIS**
- 14. Netwaste - D,UIS**
- 15. Orana Area Consultative Committee - D,C&CS**
- 16. Orana Regional organisation of Councils - ADMIN and GM**
- 17. Outback Arts Incorporated - D,C&CS**
- 18. Outback Regional Tourism Organisation - TDO**
- 19. Regional Procurement Initiative - D, RI&SS**
- 20. Police Accountability Community Team - ADMIN and GM**
- 21. Saleyards Advisory Committee - D,UIS**
- 22. Shire's Association of NSW, "C" Division of the Shire's Association, Western Division of the Shire's Association - ADMIN & GM**

- 23. Local Traffic Committee - D,RI&SS**
  - 24. Walgett and District Tourism Association - TDO**
  - 25. Walgett and Collarenebri Reference Group - GM**
  - 26. Walgett Community College Board - D,C&CS**
  - 27. Walgett Shire Inter Agency Group - ADMIN and GM**
  - 28. Weight of Loads Committee - D,RI&SS**
- 2. All appointments be reviewed at the first meeting of Council in September 2008**

## **2. ADOPTION OF NEW ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Ray Kent - General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 145/01/03/00

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### **Summary:**

The General Manager has reviewed the existing Organisational Structure and, following consultation with staff and the Executive Team and following review by the Consultative Committee, seeks Council's formal endorsement of a new Organisational Structure and some related matters.

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

The General Manager's concerns in respect of the current Organisation Structure (Division of Corporate and Community Services; Division of Planning and Regulatory Services; Division of Infrastructure and Engineering Services) were outlined to all staff in a Paper distributed in March 2008. The Paper also outlined a proposal by the General Manager to transfer certain responsibilities and positions from "Infrastructure and Engineering" to "Corporate and Community Services" and distribute the responsibility for the Engineering programs of the Council between two new Divisions. The Paper invited submissions from staff. The Paper is enclosed as Attachment One.

Following consideration of two submissions received from staff and following further review by the Executive Team, a final proposal was placed before the Consultative Committee for review at a meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The Minute to the Consultative Committee is included as Attachment Two. The Minute has as attachments Position Descriptions for the two new positions of Director, Urban Infrastructure Services and Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services. Also attached are two charts. The first chart describes the proposed four (4) Division structure along with the program responsibilities for each Division and the external bodies for which each Division will be responsible. The second chart indicates the Divisions in which all currently employed staff will be located.

It is proposed that the two new Director's positions be classified at Grade 24 on Council's Salary Scale. This is the same classification that applies to the current positions of Director, Corporate and Community Services and Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services.

The Consultative Committee has resolved that it has no objection to the proposed structure.

The current Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services, Mr Ian Taylor has agreed to be laterally transferred into the position of Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services on the same terms and conditions of employment as he currently enjoys.

It is proposed that the services of Strategic Consulting Solutions be used in the recruitment process for the newly created position of Director, Urban Infrastructure Services. This is recommended as Council still has a \$5,000 credit with that Consultant following on from the initial recruitment exercise for the current position of Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services. The paperwork for that exercise will only require minor modification and Council will handle all advertising directly. The Consultant will: provide information to those inquiring about the position;

check references; prospect for candidates; organise and participate in interviews and handle any negotiations with preferred candidates.

To provide time for current Directors to plan for the organisational changes and staff transfers, it is proposed that the new structure will not take effect until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Executive Team, Administrator and Staff

**Financial Implications:**

The costs of the two new Directors positions are more than covered by the budgetted costs for the existing establishment positions of: Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services; Projects Engineer (vacant and formerly occupied by Mr Taylor) and Engineer Works (vacant and previously occupied by Mr Barry Maher). Recruitment costs are covered by: the fee credit with Strategic Consulting Services; existing recruitment provisions and accumulated salary savings associated with vacancies in the infrastructure/engineering area.

**Recommendations:**

**That:**

- 1. The new four (4) Division (Planning and Regulatory Services; Corporate and Community Services; Urban Infrastructure Services and Rural Infrastructure and Support Services) Organisational Structure, as described in the attached Chart, be endorsed**
- 2. The new Structure takes effect from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008**
- 3. Salary applicable to the positions of Directors' "Corporate and Community", "Urban Infrastructure" and "Rural Infrastructure and Support Services" be that of Grade 24 in Council's Salary System**
- 4. The current Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services, Mr Ian Taylor, be laterally transferred into the new position of Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services on the same terms and conditions of employment as he currently enjoys**
- 5. Strategic Consulting Solutions Pty Ltd be engaged to assist in the recruitment for Director, Urban Infrastructure Services position**

**Attachments:**

1. Discussion Paper "Restructure of Walgett Shire Council's Administration" March 2008;
2. Minute to Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee "Restructure of Council's Administration" 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008
3. Position Description for Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services
4. Position Description for Director, Urban Infrastructure Services

## **ATTACHMENT ONE**

### **RESTRUCTURE OF WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION**

#### **DRAFT FOR STAFF REVIEW AND COMMENT**

**March 2008**

#### **Introduction**

I consider that a number of changes are required to management arrangements if the Administration is to effectively support the elected Council and efficiently deliver services and facilities to the community in a timely manner, given the demands that will be placed on the Administration in the near future.

My issues/concerns with current arrangements are as follows:

1. over time, a raft of responsibilities have attached to the "Infrastructure and Engineering" Division for no apparent, logical reason. This has led to an imbalance in terms of workload distribution across the organisation.

Examples of responsibilities and work tasks which have not resided in the "Engineering" area in previous organizations I have managed include:

- land and property sales and acquisition
- leasing and licensing of commercial property
- management of tenants and tenancies
- bookings for Council facilities
- procurement of services for community facilities
- Reserve Trust matters
- preparation of Plans of Management for Community land
- certain regulatory reporting functions related to waste management
- certain insurance matters
- caretaking and cleansing of Administrative Centre and related buildings
- management of relationships with community organizations providing community facilities

At a minimum, the transfer of these responsibilities to other Divisions would also involve the transfer of three staff out of the Division ie an Assets Officer, the Skilled Worker (K Shepherd) and Part Time Cleaner (J Fernando).

2. one Director's position is responsible for the delivery of "Infrastructure and Engineering" services in the organization. This means that one person is expected to be totally informed across a significant breadth of operations when exercising the Director's roles as both a member of the Executive Team and the Administration's representative in respect of this portfolio before Council. This is an extremely big ask for anyone. Consequences of this overload can include: delays in provision of information and advice; lack of time for attending to other Directorial responsibilities such as keeping staff informed of what is happening in the organization, having a presence in the field, strategic planning, community relations. This situation will only worsen once we have an elected Council in place.

3. the “Infrastructure and Engineering” services function is organized in a very hierarchical fashion with only three team leaders reporting to the Director. In my view the “Management Team” structure/arrangements (Director/s plus Team Leaders) in respect of “Infrastructure and Engineering” services needs to be much flatter - perhaps twice the current number of Directors and Team Leaders. “Flattening” will allow for greater responsibility to be devolved to senior staff and will also, hopefully, lead to improved information flow both upwards and downwards within the Divisions.
4. the work load in the area is likely to increase in the near future with major projects in prospect including a new depot at Walgett, a new landfill at Lightning Ridge, medium density housing schemes and reconstruction and extension work on the Walgett levy. There is a very large roads program on the books.

### **Proposal**

Apart from transferring responsibilities to other Divisions (as identified in 1. above) it is my intention to operate with two Divisions in the Infrastructure and Engineering Services area. Each Division would be headed by a Director and I would expect that each Division would have three or four Team Leaders reporting to each Director. This will mean that I will have an additional Director on the Executive Team and that the number of Senior Officers (ie team leaders reporting to a Director) in the Infrastructure/Engineering area will be markedly increased.

In looking at a division of responsibilities and tasks it is important to achieve a degree of equity in terms of workload, responsibility, challenge etc while it is also important that there be some operational logic to the aggregation of functions in each Division. Though there are a number of options and permutations, I would offer the following division as a starting point for review and discussion. Note that the Group names are nothing more than suggestions which are intended to indicate what each Division will be about:

#### Rural Infrastructure

Programs would include:

- road and bridge construction
- road and bridge maintenance
- road and traffic facilities maintenance
- emergency management

Officers whose current responsibilities would fall within this group would likely include Barry, Glen, Jeff, Donna and Trevor.

#### Urban (Town and Village) Infrastructure

Programs would include:

- urban utilities
- urban infrastructure maintenance and cleansing
- airfields
- support services
- planning and projects

Officers whose current responsibilities would fall within this group would likely include Ian, Roy, Greg, Mel, Kaye and Wendy.

How each of the proposed new Divisions would be structured would be a matter to be determined, after consultation with staff, by the responsible Directors in conjunction with the General Manager.

**Process**

I would appreciate receiving the views and suggestions of staff by close of business on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. After reviewing submissions I will finalise a proposal to place before a special meeting of the Consultative Committee.

Particular matters I would appreciate receiving views on are:

- tasks and responsibilities which could be logically transferred out of the “Engineering and Infrastructure” area to other Directorates
- suggestions for logical and equitable groupings of program responsibilities under the two Director model
- suggestions for reporting arrangements to each of the newly created Director’s positions
- suggestions for names for the two Divisions

**Attachment:** Existing Organisation Structure

## **ATTACHMENT TWO**

**Minute to:** Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee

**Subject:** Restructure of Council's Administration

**From:** General Manager

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008

### **Introduction**

This report is for consideration at the May 2008 meeting of the Consultative Committee. It is my intention to put a report on this subject to the May Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Background**

In March 2008 I circulated to all staff my proposal for restructuring the Administration. The Paper is attached.

In the Paper I indicated that:

1. I had the following issues and concerns:
  - a) that over a period of time a raft of responsibilities had attached to the "Infrastructure and Engineering Division" for no apparent reason
  - b) that a significant work load imbalance had developed between Divisions
  - c) the "Infrastructure and Engineering Division" was organized in an unacceptably extreme hierarchical fashion
  - d) the current arrangements for the delivery of Infrastructure and Engineering services would struggle to cope given the significant workload in prospect
2. I intended to:
  - a) transfer a range of responsibilities out of "Infrastructure and Engineering" to "Corporate and Community Services"
  - b) split "Infrastructure and Engineering" into two Divisions – one concerned primarily with Urban Infrastructure and the other primarily concerned with Rural Infrastructure
3. I would welcome staff comment on any aspect of my proposal

### **Discussion**

In response to the circulation of the Paper I received two submissions.

One submission concerned the reporting arrangements and organizational placement of the OH&S function. Basically the submission suggested that the function should rest within an "Engineering" Division and that the position should not have a reporting relationship within the Human Resource area. I accept the latter proposition but do not accept that it is appropriate for the OH&S function to be located within a Division where most OH&S issues arise. Rather I consider that the OH&S function: is a support service for the whole organization; should be at arms length from the operational Divisions in terms of reporting arrangements; should be supported by a Director who is

not responsible for the great majority of outdoor staff. I propose, therefore, that the position will remain within the “Corporate Services” Division. Appropriate reporting arrangements for the OH&S officer position will be determined by the responsible Director.

The second submission dealt with reporting arrangements for the Technical Officer responsible for Single Invitation Maintenance Contracts. The proposal contained within the submission will be considered by the Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services when the structure of that Division is determined.

It should be noted that once the broad arrangements for delivering services has been determined it will be up to the responsible Directors to recommend to the General Manager in respect of Divisional structures and reporting arrangements. The Consultative Committee will review all proposals.

### **Final Proposal**

The final structure is described in the two attached charts. It has been determined in consultation with Executive Team members. Key points to note are:

1. A range of responsibilities and four positions are transferred from the “Engineering” area into “Corporate and Community Services”. The positions are: Assets Officer (Property); Customer Service Officer; Cleaner; Cleaner.
2. The Infrastructure and Engineering Division is split into two Divisions being “Urban Infrastructure Services” with 34 staff and “Rural Infrastructure and Support Services” with 37 staff

It is considered that the split of responsibilities and accountabilities between the three Divisions is equitable. Salary for each of the three Director’s positions will be paid at the Grade 24 level of Council’s Salary System Structure.

Position Descriptions for the two new Directors’ positions are attached.

**Recommendation:** That the proposed structure be supported.

**ATTACHMENT THREE**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL</b> <b>Position Description of: Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services</b></p>
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**Position Title:** Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services

**Department:** Rural Infrastructure and Support Services

**Reports Directly To:** General Manager

**Staff Directly Controlled:** To be structured. New Division contains 37 staff.

**Grade:** 24

**Present Incumbent:** New position.

**Commencement Date:** To be determined

**Location of Work Place:** Council Chambers

**Objective:**

To plan, lead and manage the delivery of rural infrastructure and engineering support services within Walgett Shire.

**Responsibilities:**

Oversee the management and operation of the Division to ensure that the following areas of responsibility are addressed at the highest possible standard consistent with resource availability:

1. Road and Bridge Construction
2. Road and Bridge Maintenance
3. Traffic Facilities
4. Emergency Services
5. Quarries and construction material storage and supply
6. Plant and Fleet Management
7. Workshop and Stores
8. New Depot Development

**General Accountabilities:**

1. Work with the General Manager, Directors, Council and the community to implement the Management Plan for the Shire.
2. Develop and promote a positive image of the Shire, the Council and the community.
3. Ensure appropriate documented policies, codes of practice and processes are in place.
4. Promote open government and public consultation in decision-making processes.
5. Minimise Council's exposure to risk.
6. Ensure consistent delivery of the highest level of customer service.
7. Ensure effective communication of corporate decisions, policies and directions to staff.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL</b> <b>Position Description of: Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services</b></p>
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8. Development of an organization environment that values and rewards integrity, trust and innovation.
9. Maintain appropriate confidentiality in Council operations.
10. Deliver agreed outcomes, on time and in accordance with best practice principles.
11. Work within the budget constraints applicable to the position.
12. Perform other duties as directed within the scope of the position.

**Essential Criteria:**

1. Appropriate tertiary qualification.
2. Relevant experience at a senior management level in a relevant field.
3. Demonstrated skills in strategic and management planning.
4. Demonstrated skills in budget preparation and management.
5. A high level of computer literacy and the ability to use electronic information systems.
6. Proven excellence in communication, leadership and conflict resolution.
7. Awareness and understanding of EEO principles and OHS policy and procedures.
8. Must have a current Australian Class "C" Driver's Licence

**Desirable Criteria:**

1. Previous experience in NSW Local Government.
2. Relevant post graduate qualifications.

**ATTACHMENT FOUR**

<p><b>WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL</b> <b>Position Description of: Director, Urban Infrastructure Services</b></p>
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**Position Title:** Director, Urban Infrastructure Services

**Department:** Urban Infrastructure Services

**Reports Directly To:** General Manager

**Staff Directly Controlled:** To be structured. New Division contains 33 staff.

**Grade:** 24

**Present Incumbent:** New position.

**Commencement Date:** To be determined

**Location of Work Place:** Council Chambers

**Objective:**  
To plan, lead and manage the delivery of urban infrastructure services within Walgett Shire.

**Responsibilities:**  
Oversee the management and operation of the Division to ensure that the following areas of responsibility are addressed at the highest possible standard consistent with resource availability:

1. Water Services
2. Waste Water Services
3. Solid Waste and Recycling Services including New Landfill Development
4. Urban Stormwater Management
5. Urban Streetscape and Cleansing
6. Parks and Reserves Maintenance
7. Cemeteries Maintenance
8. Airfields
9. Infrastructure Asset Register
10. Urban Flood Mitigation including Levee Reconstruction
11. Bore Baths and Pool Maintenance

**General Accountabilities:**

1. Work with the General Manager, Directors, Council and the community to implement the Management Plan for the Shire.
2. Develop and promote a positive image of the Shire, the Council and the community.
3. Ensure appropriate documented policies, codes of practice and processes are in place.
4. Promote open government and public consultation in decision-making processes.
5. Minimise Council's exposure to risk.
6. Ensure consistent delivery of the highest level of customer service.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>Position Description of: Director, Urban Infrastructure Services</b></p>
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7. Ensure effective communication of corporate decisions, policies and directions to staff.
8. Development of an organization environment that values and rewards integrity, trust and innovation.
9. Maintain appropriate confidentiality in Council operations.
10. Deliver agreed outcomes, on time and in accordance with best practice principles.
11. Work within the budget constraints applicable to the position.
12. Perform other duties as directed within the scope of the position.

**Essential Criteria:**

1. Appropriate tertiary qualification.
2. Relevant experience at a senior management level in a relevant field.
3. Demonstrated skills in strategic and management planning.
4. Demonstrated skills in budget preparation and management.
5. A high level of computer literacy and the ability to use electronic information systems.
6. Proven excellence in communication, leadership and conflict resolution.
7. Awareness and understanding of EEO principles and OHS policy and procedures.
8. Must have a current Australian Class "C" Driver's Licence

**Desirable Criteria:**

1. Previous experience in NSW Local Government.
2. Relevant post graduate qualifications.

### **3. WAIVER OF FEES FOR ROWENA HALL**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate & Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Carole Medcalf - Director, Corporate & Community Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 180/08/00/00

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#### **Summary:**

Council is required to consider any requests regarding the waiving of fees for the use of property on Crown Reserve Land.

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

The Reserve Trust received correspondence from the Rowena Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) requesting a waiver of fees for their meetings which occur ten times per year. The Trust Secretary has notified the CWA that Council will need to consider its request.

A previous exemption for 12 months was granted in 2006. The CWA has contributed substantially and consistently to equipping and maintaining the hall.

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

Letter from Rowena Branch of CWA

#### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Residents

#### **Financial Implications:**

Approximately \$80.00 for the year 2008/2009

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. That fees not be waived. That Council instead approves a donation of \$80 to Rowena CWA for a twelve month period, commencing July 2008 and finishing June 2009, such donation to be acquired from Council's Halls and Community Facilities account.**
- 2. That Council resolve to waive the bond of \$250 payable by Rowena CWA for the use of Rowena Hall for its meetings for the period July 2008- June 2009.**

Attachments



# Country Women's Association of N.S.W.

*Incorporated in 1931 by an Act of NSW Parliament*

All Communications to be addressed to the "Secretary".....

Rowena

Branch/Group

ABN 82 318 909 926

"Woolondoon"  
Rowena 2387  
Ph/Fax: 67965166  
31.3.08

The Manager - Engineering  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
Walgett 2832

Dear Mr Taylor

Attached is a copy of a letter to the Shire's General Manager, requesting a waiver of hire fees for the meeting room at the Rowena Hall for Rowena CWA Branch meetings. As Alan Nelson's successor, I presume you have also inherited his responsibility for Halls situated on Public Recreation Reserves – the Rowena Hall being one such building. If you do not deal with this area of responsibility, perhaps you could pass this letter on to whoever does so. I did enquire re this at the Council's front desk, but the person who answered the phone could not tell me.

Sincerely

*Jocelyn Cameron*

Jocelyn Cameron  
Hon. Secretary, Rowena Branch of CWA

**Walgett Shire  
Council**  
REC'D

02 APR 2008

FILE: 180/08/00/00

LETTER No: 2057.

REFER: 1GT.



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The General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
Walgett 2832

Dear Mr Kent

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Rowena Branch of the CWA of NSW, to request that fees for the hire of the meeting room in the Rowena Hall be waived for Rowena Branch meetings. A previous letter regarding this matter was written in 2006 & the hire fees were waived for a period of 12 months. The Rowena Branch of the CWA of NSW meets on average ten times/year in the Rowena Hall's meeting room.

We are requesting the fee waiver because of the CWA Branch's role in maintaining the Hall over the years & the fact that the bain-marie, cutlery & crockery which are part of the Hall hire, belong to the CWA. The refrigerator, the freezer, the microwave & the pie warmer have all been partly purchased by the Rowena CWA. Without all these items, the Shire would find it very difficult to hire the Hall for functions. When the Hall was renovated & restored some years ago, the whole process was instigated by Rowena CWA & we sourced the grants which made this possible, with the Shire's permission. We also oversaw the restoration work, again with the Shire's permission. The Shire's financial contribution was 10% of the total cost. The CWA planted & looks after the trees in the hall yard, watering them as required. We are usually the ones who notify the Shire when there is a problem at the Hall, such as a water leak or items needing repair, as the CWA is the principal user of the building. The meeting room was built onto the Hall in the 1960s specifically as a venue for meetings & the CWA was given permission by the Shire to locate cupboards and display cabinets in the room. In recent years, 2 air conditioners have been installed, using funds sourced through grants, donations and funds raised locally - again at the instigation of Rowena CWA.

We look forward to a favourable response.  
Sincerely

*Jocelyn Cameron*

Jocelyn Cameron  
Hon. Secretary, Rowena Branch of CWA

Cc to Ian Taylor

**Walgett Shire  
Council  
REC'D**

02 APR 2008

**FILE:**

**LETTER No:**

**REFER:**

**COPY:**

*- Pride in our Past - Faith in our Future -*

#### ***4. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2008***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Amy Taylor – Customer 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 April 2008.

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

The Investment summary as at 30 April 2008 as follows:

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## INVESTMENTS - CONSOLIDATED

Council investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 No 30, the regulations and council's investment policy

<u>Investment Institution</u>	<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Term (days)</u>	<u>Rate %</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Reset Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	
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
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
Comminvest (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
Citibank	Term Deposit	182	8.24	494/08		02-Sep-08	\$ 500,000.00
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Term Deposit	182	8.41	495/08		09-Sep-08	\$ 500,000.00
CBA	Term Deposit	91	7.50	496/08	16-Jun-08	16-Dec-10	\$ 500,000.00
Royal Bank Canada	Term Deposit	91	7.70	497/08	16-Jun-08	16-Mar-11	\$ 500,000.00
Westpac	Term Deposit	182	7.56	498/08		16-Sep-08	\$ 500,000.00
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	175	7.80	499/08		16-Sep-08	\$ 500,000.00
Suncorp	Term Deposit	175	7.97	500/08		23-Sep-08	\$ 500,000.00
Bank of Qld	Term Deposit	175	8.20	501/08		30-Sep-08	\$ 500,000.00
Local Govt Financial Services	Term Deposit	169	7.95	502/08		07-Oct-08	\$ 500,000.00
Grange Securities - Zircon Finance Limited	Floating Rate CDO	92	9.08		20-Jun-08	20-Sep-14	\$ 500,000.00
Grange Securities - MAS6-7	Floating Rate CDO	92	9.78		20-Jun-08	20-Jun-15	\$ 250,000.00
Grange Securities - Helium	Floating Rate CDO	90	9.08		23-Jun-08	23-Jun-14	\$ 200,000.00
Grange Securitis- Magnolia	Floating Rate CDO	92	9.28		20-Jun-08	20-Mar-12	\$ 50,000.00
							<b>\$ 13,200,000.00</b>

## Recommendation:

**That the Investment report as at 30 April 2008 be received.**

## **5. ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 135/06/05/00

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### **Summary:**

Alcohol free zones in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri are due to expire on 30 August 2008. This report recommends that Council take steps to re-establish the zones prior to their expiry.

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

Alcohol free zones in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri are due to expire on 30 August 2008. In a letter dated 8 April 2008, the Crime Manager of the NSW Police in Walgett, John Ridley, made application to re-establish the zones over the same areas that they presently cover. That letter, is reproduced in the following pages.

Alcohol free zones can only be created over public roads or a public place that is a car park (ie. a car park on public land or Crown Land). Zones can be created for a maximum of three years. The current extent of the respective zones is shown in the diagrams below.

The Local Government Act 1993 does not make any provision for Alcohol free zones to be renewed. Each time one is established the processes specified in Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones must be followed. Key steps include:

1. An alcohol free zone proposal must be documented in a manner which specifies its location and when it will apply. An alcohol free zone proposal document has been drafted and is reproduced following this report.
2. Notice of the alcohol free zone proposal must be published in a newspaper circulating in the area and an invitation issued for representations or objections to be submitted within 14 days.
3. A copy of the alcohol free zone proposal document must be sent to the Police officer in charge of the Police station within or nearest to the proposed zone inviting representations and objections within 30 days.
4. A copy of the proposal document must be sent to all liquor licensees and secretaries of registered clubs whose premises border on or adjoin the proposed zone, inviting representations and objections within 30 days.
5. The Ministerial Guidelines require Council to send a copy of the proposal document to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board inviting representations and objections within 40 days.
6. A copy of the proposal document must be sent to any known organisation representing an identifiable Aboriginal or ethnic group within the local area inviting representations and objections within 30 days.

7. The Ministerial Guidelines require that Council “give proper consideration to any representations, submissions or objections received and as a result may amend or withdraw a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone”.
8. After complying with the above procedures, a Council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal to establish an alcohol free zone. The resolution establishes the zone.
9. Council must then inform any interested parties, including the applicant, the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, the local Police Patrol Commander, officer in charge of the local police station, affected liquor licensees and club secretaries.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

- Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones issued by the Department of Local Government, 1995.
- Guidelines for Local Government Councillors issued by the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW, 1999.
- Guidelines for Managers of Local Councils issued by the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW, 1999.

**Stakeholders:**

NSW Police, the Community, NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, Aboriginal groups, liquor licensees and club secretaries

**Financial Implications:**

There will be a cost to renew existing signs, and some additional signs may also be required.

**Recommendations:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

1. **Undertake consultation in accordance with Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones, issued by the Department of Local Government, about re-establishing the existing alcohol free zones in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for another three years.**
2. **Use the draft notice regarding “Alcohol Free Zones proposed for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri” , as attached to this report, for the required consultation.**

ATTACHMENTS



**CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
CRIME MANAGEMENT UNIT**

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WALGETT NSW 2832  
Telephone : (02) 68 28 6826  
Facsimile: (02) 68 28 6837

8 April, 2008

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

Dear Matthew,

Re Alcohol Free Zones within the Walgett Shire.

Historically, the selection of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) within the communities of the Walgett Shire were brought about due to the high level of alcohol related crime and general alcohol related public disorder in the communities mentioned. Alcohol related domestic violence and domestic assault still remain the Castlereagh Local Area Command's highest crime category. Arguably, alcohol is the main causal factor for the majority of crime in these western communities.

In the past 15 years or so since the implementation of AFZs we have gradually made the streets more and more alcohol free and at the same time made the Licensees more accountable with responsible service of alcohol. Crime is continually reducing particularly in the area of common assault and malicious damage. Our communities are suffering less broken windows and our streets are safer, the continual policing and enforcement of AFZs has provided an ongoing remedy for the past street problems. It must be remembered that AFZs are flexible in that they can be lifted for special occasions and there is no evidence that people's freedoms are hampered with their introduction.

I am requesting that the AFZs be maintained for another three years. I am also requesting that the current zone boundaries for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri be left unchanged. I am mindful that the subject towns in the Walgett Shire have large indigenous populations and it may be construed that the extensive coverage of an AFZ in these communities targets one social group. It must however also be considered that the statistical fact is that the majority of victims of alcohol related crime in these communities are indigenous people. Many of our calls for assistance come from members of the Aboriginal community who are in fear of, victimised by or being assaulted by alcohol effected people.

The policing of AFZs has not attracted community complaints so it is reasonable to assume that they are accepted by the community. Police do not find themselves in situations of violent confrontation when enforcing AFZs which further indicates that the community accepts them. They are a reasonable tool to enable Police to keep our streets safe from alcohol related crime.

Yours faithfully,

  
J.D. Ridley,  
Crime Manager.



**Walgett Shire Council**

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**ALCOHOL FREE ZONES PROPOSED FOR WALGETT,  
LIGHTNING RIDGE AND COLLARENEBRI**

**Outline**

Alcohol free zones in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri are due to expire on 30 August 2008. On 20 May 2008 Walgett Shire Council passed a resolution to consult with the community about its proposal to re-establish the zones.

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

**Reasons for the alcohol free zones**

The Crime Manager of the NSW Police made application to Walgett Shire Council on 8 April 2008 for alcohol free zones to be re-established in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. Reasons for establishing the zones are detailed in an extract from the application, as reproduced below.

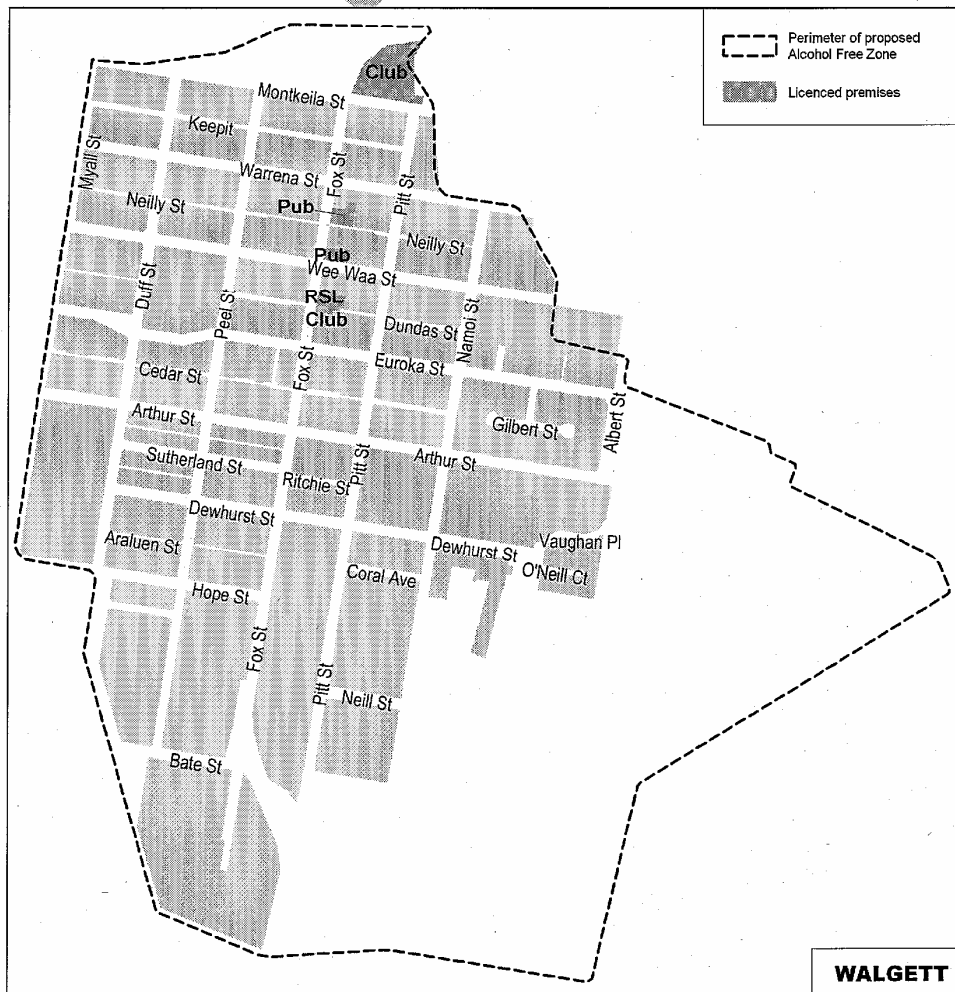
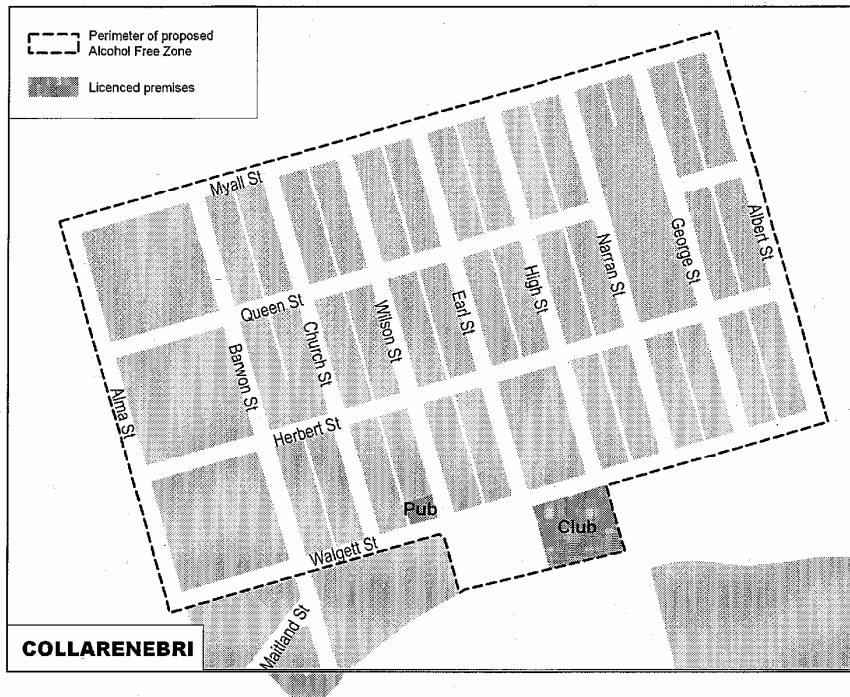
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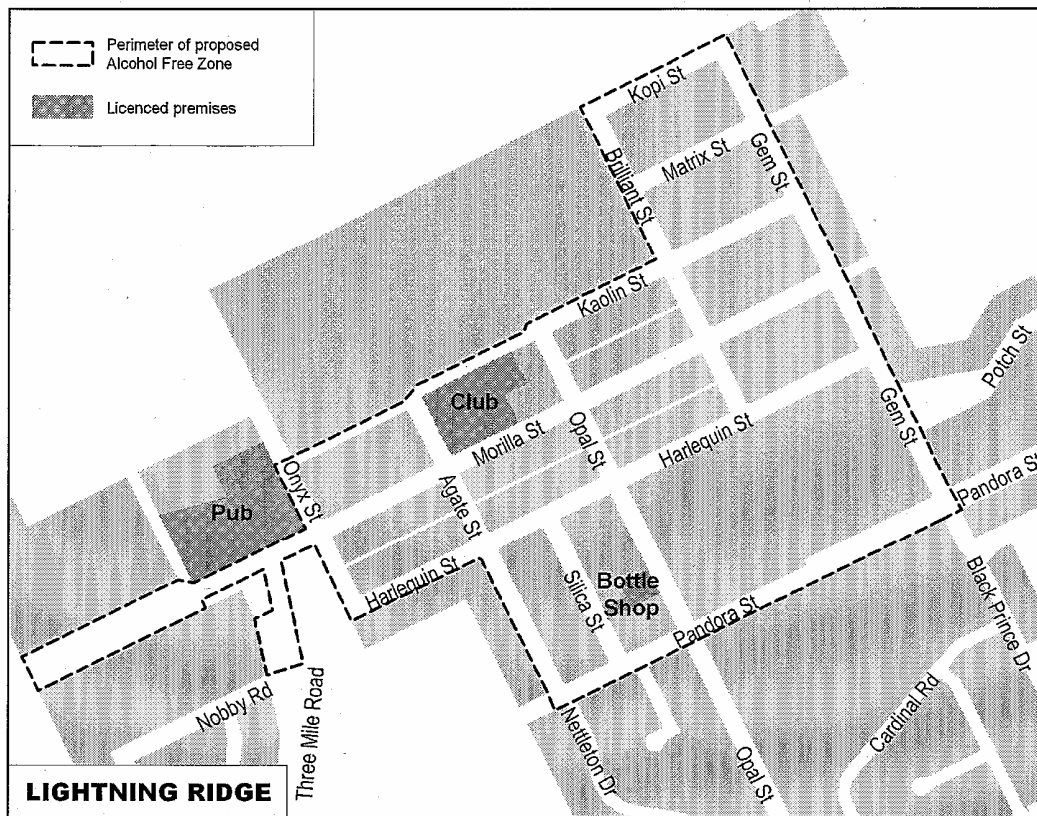
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Location of the alcohol free zones





### Where does an alcohol free zone apply?

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

### How long will the zone apply?

It is proposed that the alcohol free zone will be established for three years upon the completion of the required consultation processes.

### Community input

Ministerial Guidelines require that Council “*give proper consideration to any representations, submissions or objections received and as a result may amend or withdraw a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone*”.

Walgett Shire Council encourages written submissions from the public regarding the proposed zones. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager of Walgett Shire Council.

### Do you need more information?

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

Ray Kent  
General Manager.

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

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 007/02/05/35

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### **Summary:**

This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently processed 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 Director, Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during April 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 Director, Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during April 2008.**

## AUTHORITY

## Determined Applications



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 End Date: 30/04/2008      Number of Days: 0  
 As At Date:      Stop The Clock: Yes

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	Stop the Clock	Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 35 Calendar Stop Days: 0 Adjusted Calendar Days: 35			
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Officer: Ms J R Babic		Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 21.00		Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 112.00	
Number of Applications: 3		Average Calendar Stop Days: 16.33		Total Calendar Stop Days: 49.00	
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AUTHORITY					

## AUTHORITY

## Determined Applications



05/07/2008

Parameters:

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End Date: 30/04/2008

As At Date:

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Officer: ALL

Number of Days: 0

Stop The Clock: Yes

Page: 2

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Officer: Mr L J Smyth		Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 5.67	Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 17.00		
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AUTHORITY					



Determined Applications

AUTHORITY

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<u>Report Totals &amp; Averages</u>	<i>Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 21.50</i>	<i>Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 129.00</i>
<u>Total Number of Applications: 6</u>	<i>Average Calendar Stop Days: 8.17</i>	<i>Total Calendar Stop Days: 49.00</i>
	<i>Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 13.33</i>	<i>Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 80.00</i>

AUTHORITY

## **7. COMMUNITY BASED HERITAGE STUDY**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 235/06/26/00

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### **Summary:**

Walgett Shire Council recently undertook the public exhibition of the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire. It is recommended that, as a result of considering the submissions and other factors, that certain actions be taken.

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

The Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire was placed on public exhibition between 27 February and 27 March 2008.

Submissions from the public were invited via two advertisements in both the Walgett Spectator and the Lightning Ridge News, as well as via the Walgett Shire Council web site. Copies of the study were made available for viewing by the public at the following locations:

- Walgett Shire Council administration building.
- Lightning Ridge Library.
- Council's Collarenebri agency office.
- Carinda Store.
- Come-by-Chance store.
- Grawin Shop.
- Burren Junction Service Station.
- Rowena Store.
- Via the Council web site.

Amendments to the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire are required to address various matters. Apart from that item, Council's Heritage Adviser, Graham Hall, has supported the amendments listed below:

- (a) Improving or correcting the property descriptions for items 2, 5, 15, 26, 35, 45, 50, 51, 75, 76, 89, 99, 100, 109, 110, 111, 112, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 135, 137, 143, 144, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 & 156.
- (b) Deleting the listing sheets for items 77 (Walgett water filtration plant), 91 (Athol pines – Gray Park) and 92 (Trees in Warrena St) which should not have been included.
- (c) Correcting the name of item 127 from “Boro Tank” to “Borah Tank”.
- (d) Correcting and replacing the map of heritage items in Collarenebri (Appendix E – Map 2) which shows two occurrences for item 35.
- (e) Adding a map of heritage items in Burren Junction (Appendix E – new Map 8).

Two submissions were received from the public, one from IW & CA Green and the other from the Lightning Ridge Miners Association. Copies of both submissions follow this report.

IW & CA Green restated their objection to heritage listing because they believe that it will reduce the value of their property. The Local Government Heritage Guidelines issued by the NSW Heritage Office do not address objections received in response to the public exhibition of a community based heritage study. The document titled Heritage Planning Practice Note No. 1

issued by the Heritage Office makes reference to heritage studies, Local Environmental Plans and objections in the following manner (page 2):

Any outstanding heritage issues should be resolved prior to exhibition of the draft LEP to avoid delays. The heritage study can be exhibited together with the draft plan, however it is generally advisable to exhibit and seek comment on a heritage study and gain community acceptance of its findings before a draft LEP is prepared.

**Consideration of Submissions**

On the basis of submissions received, the council may decide to ~~delete~~ items from the heritage schedule. Any deletions must be justified on heritage conservation grounds.

An item should only be ~~added~~ to the schedule after exhibition if requested by the owner and if its heritage significance has been verified. Additional items nominated by third parties should only be added if the heritage significance has been verified and the owner has been given the opportunity to make a submission.

Walgett Shire Council is exhibiting the heritage study prior to the draft Local Environmental Plan. Given that only 4 owners' objections were received in response to about 130 notification letters, there appears to be general community acceptance of the findings of the heritage study.

It is recommended that the most appropriate time to make a final determination whether the residence owned IW & CA Green that is located on lot 16, DP 635554 at Come-by-Chance, should be formally listed as an item of local heritage, is after the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2008 has been publicly exhibited. The draft Local Environmental Plan is expected to be placed on public exhibition in the near future.

The Lightning Ridge Miners' Association - objected to the recommendation that the 'preserved' opal fields be listed as heritage conservation areas in a Local Environmental Plan. Amongst other things, the Association does not want impediments on opal mining activity and raises concerns about a lack of consultation about the recommendation.

At a meeting held on 19 January 2008 Council resolved not to endorse the Heritage Adviser's recommendation regarding the 'preserved' opal fields. Instead it resolved to consider funding in the next financial year a heritage study focussed on the preserved opal fields which includes an analysis of the options for managing heritage values. This course of action should address the key matters raised by the Lightning Ridge Miners Association.

The key recommendation contained in the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire is that the Council "list the items identified by the Heritage Study as items of environmental heritage in a schedule to the Local Environmental Plan". The next step is to continue with preparation of the Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2008.

Council's Director Planning and Regulatory Services has recognised issues that make two items unsuitable for listing, as follows:

- A.** Item 75, tree with surveyor's mark, blacksmith's residence. A real property description appears to exist, but has not been determined. Hence statutory requirements for listing cannot be met.

- B.** Item 76, Walgett levee banks. The provisions of Division 7 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 [SEPP] override the effect of listing this item within any Local Environmental Plan as an item of local heritage. The primary purpose of listing a local heritage item is to protect it from inappropriate development through the imposition of stronger planning controls. Listing the levee bank will not achieve this purpose given that the SEPP makes any development associated with the levee bank as "permissible without [development] consent".

In a memorandum dated 13 May 2008, Walgett Shire Council's Heritage adviser, Graham Hall offered comments on an earlier draft of this report. In particular he raised concerns about items that had been identified as not being suitable for listing. The memorandum is reproduced in full as an attachment to this report.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Report of the Community Based Heritage Study dated February 2008.  
Local Government Heritage Guidelines, NSW Heritage Office, March 2002.  
Heritage Planning Practice Note No 1, NSW Heritage Office, undated.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, community and owners of heritage items.

**Financial Implications:**

No change to existing budget.

**Recommendations:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

- 1. Endorse the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire which includes the following amendments:**
  - (a) Improving or correcting the property descriptions for items 2, 5, 15, 26, 35, 45, 50, 51, 75, 76, 89, 99, 100, 109, 110, 111, 112, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 135, 137, 143, 144, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 & 156.**
  - (b) Deleting the listing sheets for items 77 (Walgett water filtration plant), 91 (Athol pines – Gray Park) and 92 (Trees in Warrena St) which should not have been included.**
  - (c) Correcting the name of item 127 from “Boro Tank” to “Borah Tank”.**
  - (d) Correcting and replacing the map of heritage items in Collarenebri (Appendix E – Map 2) which shows two occurrences for item 35.**
  - (e) Adding a map of heritage items in Burren Junction (Appendix E – new Map 8).**
- 2. Note the objections of IW & CA Green and the Lightning Ridge Miners Association to certain recommendations contained in the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire.**
- 3. Write to of IW & CA Green indicating that:**

- (a) Council's Heritage Adviser, Graham Hall, maintains a view that the building is an item of local heritage.
  - (b) Council will formally consider heritage listing of the residence located on lot 16, DP 635554 at Come-by-Chance when it publicly exhibits the Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2008 in the near future.
  - (c) They will have the opportunity to object to the proposed listing of the residence as an item of local heritage at that time.
  - (d) Any objection to the proposed listing should be clearly based upon the heritage merits of the building and/or demonstrate that listing will impose economic hardship.
4. Write to the Lightning Ridge Miners Association indicating that:
- (a) Council has resolved at a meeting held on 19 January 2008 not to endorse the recommendation contained in the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire that a heritage conservation area be established over the 'preserved' opal fields.
  - (b) Council will consider funding in the next financial year a heritage study focussed on the preserved opal fields which includes an analysis of the options for managing heritage values.
5. Prepare a Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2008 which includes the heritage items recommended for listing as items of local heritage in the Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire, apart from the following items which should not be listed:
- (a) Item 75, tree with surveyor's mark, blacksmith's residence (because the real property description has not been determined and the statutory requirements for listing cannot be met).
  - (b) Item 76, Walgett levee banks (because the provisions of Division 7 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 override the effect of listing this item within any Local Environmental Plan as an item of local heritage).

## ATTACHMENTS

Extract from minutes for Council Meeting held on 19 February 2008

<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.

**CARRIED**

Objection letter from IW & CA Green

MR I.W.& MRS C.A.GREEN

Colless St  
Come-by-Chance  
NSW 2832  
68285257  
12 March 2008

Manager Planning and Regulation  
Dear Mr Goodwin

I am writing to you in reference to our home known as the Storekeepers Residence at lot 16, Section DP635554 Colless St Come-by-Chance, as listed in your document, Report of the Community - Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire February 2008 left at the Come-by-Chance store on 21-2-2008.

My wife and myself **DO NOT WANT** our home heritage listed as we have previously stated in our letter dated 16 Dec 2006, also if we decided to put the property on the market to be sold we feel that if the place is heritage listed it would devalue the price as no one would want to purchase it, because of heritage listing restrictions.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Green

Cheryll Green



**Walgett Shire  
Council  
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17 MAR 2008

**FILE:** 235/06/26/00

**LETTER No:** 1756

**REFER:** MPG.

**JPZ:**

Objection letter from Lightning Ridge Miners' Association



## **Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd.**

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26 March 2008

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

By facsimile: 02 6828 1608

Dear Sir,

### **Re: Report of the Community-Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above study.

The Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd is strongly opposed to Recommendation 2 "List the Preserved Opal Fields as a heritage conservation area in the Local Environmental Plan" for several reasons.

Primarily the preserved fields were designated as opal mining areas, not to be rehabilitated to current standards so their cultural and heritage values are preserved. The intention was never to curtail mining activity on these fields in fact quite the opposite which is also reflected in the Walgett Shire Draft Strategy which recommends the preserved fields are zoned as a 'special activities' zone for opal mining.

Lightning Ridge is the foremost world producer of black opal and the old opal fields surrounding Lightning Ridge produce the highest quality black opal ever discovered. It is vital that opal mining in the preserved fields is not prevented nor subjected to any further regulatory regime than is already in place under the Department of Primary Industries, Mineral Resources.

If the preserved fields were listed as a heritage conservation area in the LEP we believe certain activities, such as opal mining if permitted, may require the consent of Council before being undertaken. This is unacceptable, contrary to the reason for their creation, administratively cumbersome and totally unnecessary.

The fact that they are preserved fields already protects the significance of the area whilst enabling the very thing that made them significant, opal mining, to continue utilising whatever methods are currently efficient.

In addition we do not believe there has been any consultation in regards to this recommendation with any stakeholders. Many of our members also live on the preserved fields and we do not believe they would welcome a requirement to consult Council in regards to any change they may wish to make to their homes beyond what is already compulsory.

One of the most significant social values protected by the Preserved Opal Fields, freedom, would be lost if they were listed as a heritage conservation area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine O'Brien', followed by a long horizontal line.

Maxine O'Brien  
Secretary/Manager

Memorandum dated 13 May 2008 from Heritage Adviser to Director Planning and Regulatory Services

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**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Director, Planning and Regulatory Services  
**FROM:** Heritage Adviser  
**SUBJECT:** Omission of items from draft heritage list  
**DATE:** 13 May 2008

The draft report to Council on the community-based heritage study, paragraph 4, notes that three items are not suitable for inclusion. My comments are as follows:

**Item 75, tree with surveyor's mark, blacksmith's residence.**

It is agreed that because the real property description has not been determined, and probably cannot be determined within the time required, that this item should not be listed at this time. Given its location, it is not at risk from development. It is proposed to add it to the list of potential items warranting further investigation. Meanwhile, it will not be eligible for any grants from the Local Heritage Fund.

**(b) Item 76, Walgett levee banks**

It is noted that the provisions of Division 7 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 will override the effect of listing an item within any Local Environmental Plan as an item of local heritage. It is also noted that most of the subject lands is not owned by council, and that a development application would not be needed before any changes were made. Hence one of the purposes of listing, which is to prevent unsympathetic alterations, would not be met by listing.

The other purpose, the public recognition of the levee bank as part of the Shire's heritage, would still be met. As a result, if alterations are proposed, it may be possible to encourage consultation about options, if there are any, when changes to the structure are proposed.

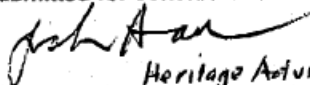
It is recognised that establishing the property descriptions is a further difficulty. Many analogous items such as roads, railway lines and convict tracks are currently listed in other LGA's without the real property description, but such listings may not comply with current requirements.

Unfortunately time has not permitted further analysis of this matter, but it is submitted that the listing of the levee banks will endorse their significance and not pose an undue administrative burden in future. If this is considered impracticable, the item should be transferred to the list of potential items warranting further investigation.

**(c) Item 157, the boundary rider's hut :**

This item is owned by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, which commissioned the study when it was identified. The Area Manager at Narrabri will gladly provide the real property description in the near future. It is recommended that the item be retained on the list and the real property information be added when it is to hand.

Submitted for consideration.

  
 Heritage Adviser

## **8. DRAFT WALGETT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 315/01/02/00

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### **Summary:**

Recently Walgett Shire Council undertook consultation with state government agencies regarding the preparation of a draft Local Environmental Plan. This report provides an overview of the consultation process and recommends that Council respond to aspects of the submissions made by the Department of Water and Energy, Department of Environmental and Climate Change and the Fisheries unit of the Department of Primary Industries.

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

At a Council meeting held on 15 April 2008, made a series of resolutions associated with the development of a draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan, including:

6. Authorise the General Manager to seek a certificate from the Department of Planning under Section 65 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to permit the public exhibition of the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan

To obtain a Section 65 certificate, Council is required to undertake consultation in accordance with Section 62 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as reproduced below.

#### **Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203**

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##### **62 Consultation**

In the preparation of an environmental study or a draft local environmental plan, the council shall consult with:

- (a) such public authorities or bodies (including authorities of the Commonwealth or other States) as, in its opinion, will or may be affected by that draft local environmental plan,
- (b) where the draft local environmental plan applies to land adjoining a boundary between the council's area and another area—the council of that other area, and
- (c) such other persons as the council determines.

Walgett Shire Council undertook Section 62 consultation via a letter that was sent to the 33 government authorities and adjoining Councils which are listed at the end of this report. Submissions were received from the following twelve organisations:

- Department of Environmental and Climate Change
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs
- Department of Lands
- Central West Catchment Management Authority
- Housing NSW
- Department of Primary Industries
- Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA
- Heritage Council (a unit within the Department of Planning)
- Rural Fire Service

- Namoi Catchment Management Authority
- Roads and Traffic Authority
- Department of Water and Energy

Copies of all submissions have been provided to the regional office of the Department of Planning at Dubbo and Edge Land Planning (the firm undertaking the drafting of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan on behalf of Council).

Most of the submissions were similar to those received from the respective agencies regarding the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy (GMS) during 2007. The principle of Edge Land Planning, Ian Sinclair, has indicated that the most of the matters raised are reflected in recommendations contained in the GMS and/or can be addressed via the Local Environmental Plan. The only exception to this is proposals raised by the Department of Water and Energy, Department of Environmental and Climate Change and the Fisheries unit of the Department of Primary Industries. Key aspects of their submissions include requesting that Council:

1. Use mapping data drafted by the agencies to delineate certain land, waterways and biodiversity as environmentally sensitive via a mapping overlay in the Local Environmental Plan.
2. Using the overlays and the Local Environmental Plan to protect environmentally sensitive lands.

Evaluation of the draft mapping data supplied and the course of action being advocated by the respective agencies, identified the following issues:

- A. The draft mapping suggests that at least 40% of the Shire comprises environmentally sensitive land or waterways.
- B. Comparison of the data with high resolution satellite imagery (that has been accurately registered) shows boundary errors of up to 500m are relatively common in the draft data.
- C. Some of the land mapped as environmentally sensitive is cropping land.
- D. No biodiversity mapping data has yet been supplied.

In summary the environmentally sensitive mapping data is of relatively poor quality and not suitable for inclusion in the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan as an overlay. Nevertheless, after further refinement it would be appropriate to use it within Development Control Plans to map the extent and nature of environmentally sensitive areas within the Shire. This will facilitate improved future land use planning decisions by developers and Council.

It is recommended that Council note the Section 62 submissions received from the Department of Water and Energy, Department of Environmental and Climate Change and the Fisheries unit of the Department of Primary Industries. Also that it respond with a letter to each agency that is appropriate to the circumstances.

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

Council file 315-01-02-00 – Local Environmental Plan  
Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy prepared by Edge Land Planning, dated April 2008.

Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

#### **Stakeholders:**

The community, Walgett Shire Council and State government.

**Financial Implications:**

Fees associated with consultancy services provided by Edge Land Planning are being met from the existing budget for Local Environmental Plan development.

**Recommendations:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

- 1. Note that the Department of Water and Energy, Department of Environmental and Climate Change and the Fisheries unit of the Department of Primary Industries have made submissions in association with consultation recently undertaken by Walgett Shire Council under Section 62 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 regarding the mapping and protection of environmentally sensitive areas via a Local Environmental Plan.**
- 2. Request the General Manager to respond in writing to the submissions from the Department of Water and Energy, Department of Environmental and Climate Change and the Fisheries unit of the Department of Primary Industries stating that Walgett Shire Council:**
  - a. Has considered their submissions made as part of the Section 62 consultation process associated with the development of a Local Environmental Plan.**
  - b. Will generally endeavour to address the matters raised in their submissions during the development of the Walgett Draft Local Environmental Plan 2008, except those aspects relating to environmentally sensitive land.**
  - c. Has undertaken a preliminary evaluation of the supplied environmentally sensitive mapping data (land and waterbodies) which shows that it is of relatively poor quality and not suitable for inclusion in the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan as a mapping overlay. Position errors of up to 500m are quite common in the data.**
  - d. Is willing to use the data, after further refinement, within a Development Control Plan to show the extent and nature of environmentally sensitive areas within the Shire.**
  - e. Requests that each agency work with Council's Planning and Regulatory Services section to refine the data as quickly as possible with a view to using it within a Development Control Plan that is expected to be drafted later this year after the public exhibition of the Walgett Draft Local Environmental Plan 2008.**

## Attachments

**Mailing List LEP Section 62 consultation**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization Name</i>
Chief Executive Officer	Balonne Shire Council
General Manager	Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority
General Manager	Brewarrina Shire Council
General Manager	Central West Catchment Management Authority
Aerodrome Inspector	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
General Manager	Coonamble Shire Council
Director of Partnerships and Planning	Department of Community Services
School Education Director Warrumbungle	Department of Education and Training
Senior Programs Officer	Department of Environment and Climate Change
Director General	Department of Housing
Director General	Department of Juvenile Justice
Western Lands Commissioner	Department of Lands
Team Leader	Department of Planning
Team Leader - Land Use - Geoscientist	Department of Primary Industries
Agricultural Environment Officer	Department of Primary Industries
Director General	Department of State and Regional Development
Environment Review Co-Ordinator	Department of Water and Energy
Regional Director, Barwon Region	Department of Water and Energy
Senior Environmental Health Officer	Greater Western Area Health Service
Principle Heritage Officer	Heritage Office Department of Planning
Regional Transport Coordinator	Ministry of Transport
General Manager	Moree Plains Shire Council
General Manager	Namoi Catchment Management Authority
General Manager	Narrabri Shire Council
Director General	NSW Dept of Aboriginal Affairs
Conservation Manager	NSW Fisheries
Director General	NSW Health
Superintendent	NSW Police
Manager, Development Control Services	NSW Rural Fire Service
Manager Planning	NSW State Forests
Road Safety and Traffic Operations Manager	Roads and Traffic Authority
General Manager	Warren Shire Council
General Manager	Western Catchment Management Authority

## **9. HERITAGE STRATEGIC PLAN**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 235/06/26/00

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that Council adopt an updated Heritage Strategic Plan.

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

Walgett Shire Council receives an annual grant from the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning to assist with the costs incurred in using a Heritage Adviser. A condition of that grant is that Council must prepare, adopt and implement a Heritage Strategy.

The strategy must be based on the Heritage Branch publication, 'Recommendations for Local Council Heritage Management'.

Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Adviser, Graham Hall, has prepared a draft Heritage Strategic Plan which is attached to this report. The plan was prepared with consideration for the relevant recommendations of the Heritage Branch (reproduced at the end of this report), as well as for the wide distribution of heritage items, low level of development pressure and current administrative arrangements in Walgett Shire.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Recommendations For Local Council Heritage Management, published 2007 by the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning.

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, community.

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil.

### **Recommendations:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to endorse and adopt the draft Walgett Shire Council: Heritage Strategic Plan 2009-11, as prepared by Council's Heritage Adviser, Graham Hall in May 2008.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: HERITAGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-11**

**VISION:**

That the Shire's heritage be identified, conserved and appreciated.

**STRATEGIES:**

**1. Identify items of local and state significance**

**Actions:**

- List the items identified by the Community-Based Heritage Study in the Local Environmental Plan.
- Commence an Aboriginal Heritage Study in 2008-9.
- Commence a Heritage Study of the Preserved Opal fields in 2008-9.

**2. Promote the appreciation of the Shire's heritage**

**Actions:**

- Refer the possible re-establishment of the Walgett Shire Heritage Committee to the next elected Council.
- Heritage Adviser to brief the next elected Council on heritage and local government.
- Liaise with local press, provide material.
- Liaise with schools.
- Liaise with tourism organisations.
- Consider a plaque program and heritage trails.

**3. Encourage conservation of the Shire's heritage**

**Actions:**

- The Heritage Adviser will provide free advice to owners of listed items on conservation, alterations and the heritage incentives in the Local Environmental Plan
- Use the Local Heritage Fund judiciously to ensure and encourage heritage conservation.
- Assist owners in obtaining other funding that may be available.
- Consider levying concessional rates for properties listed as items of local heritage within a Local Environmental Plan.

**4. Protect the Shire's heritage**

**Actions:**

- Follow and refine recently established procedures for assessing Development Applications with heritage implications.
- Assist applicants submitting Development Application affecting heritage items.
- Liaise with State/Commonwealth agencies about heritage items they control within the Shire.
- Implement appropriate measures to protect Aboriginal, natural and moveable items not best protected through the Local Environmental Plan.

**5. Lead by example in implementing strategies 1-4.**

**Actions:**

- Having identified its own heritage items, Council will plan and undertake appropriate conservation measures.

<b>Recommendation 1</b>	<b>Establish a heritage committee to deal with heritage matters in your area</b>
Outcome 1	Increased community participation, awareness and appreciation of heritage in the local area
<b>Recommendation 2</b>	<b>Identify the heritage items in your area and list them in your local environmental plan*</b>
Outcome 2	Increased knowledge and proactive management of heritage in your local area
<b>Recommendation 3</b>	<b>Appoint a heritage advisor to assist the council, the community and owners of listed items*</b>
Outcome 3	Increased community participation and proactive heritage and urban design management in your local areas
<b>Recommendation 4</b>	<b>Manage local heritage in a positive manner</b>
Outcome 4	Proactive heritage and urban design management in your local area
<b>Recommendation 5</b>	<b>Introduce a local heritage fund to provide small grants to encourage local heritage projects*</b>
Outcome 5	Increased community participation and proactive conservation and management of heritage in your local area
<b>Recommendation 6</b>	<b>Run a main street program*</b>
Outcome 6	Council, owners and the community actively participate in attractive and well-managed heritage main streets
<b>Recommendation 7</b>	<b>Present educational and promotional programs</b>
Outcome 7	Increased awareness and appreciation of heritage by Council, owners and the community in your area
<b>Recommendation 8</b>	<b>Set a good example to the community by properly managing places owned or operated by council</b>
Outcome 8	Increased community participation and proactive conservation and management of heritage in your area
<b>Recommendation 9</b>	<b>Promote sustainable development as a tool for heritage conservation</b>
Outcome 9	Proactive heritage and sustainable development in your area

## 10. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – SUBDIVISION AT CRYON**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Janet Babic Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** Development Application 2008006

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### **Summary:**

Mr Peter MacKenzie has lodged a Development Application to subdivide land at Cryon. This report recommends that the application be approved.

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

Mr Peter MacKenzie has lodged a development application to subdivide Lot 21 in DP 752264 into two lots, one of about 0.25 hectares and the other about 264.65 hectares. The land is located at Cryon with a frontage to the Kamilaroi Highway as shown in the image below. The purpose of the subdivision is to create a separate land title to enable the re-location of the "Tholoo" artesian bore which is to be managed by a Bore Trust. The new bore is to be part of the Cap and Pipe scheme which is designed to reduce water loss from the artesian basin.

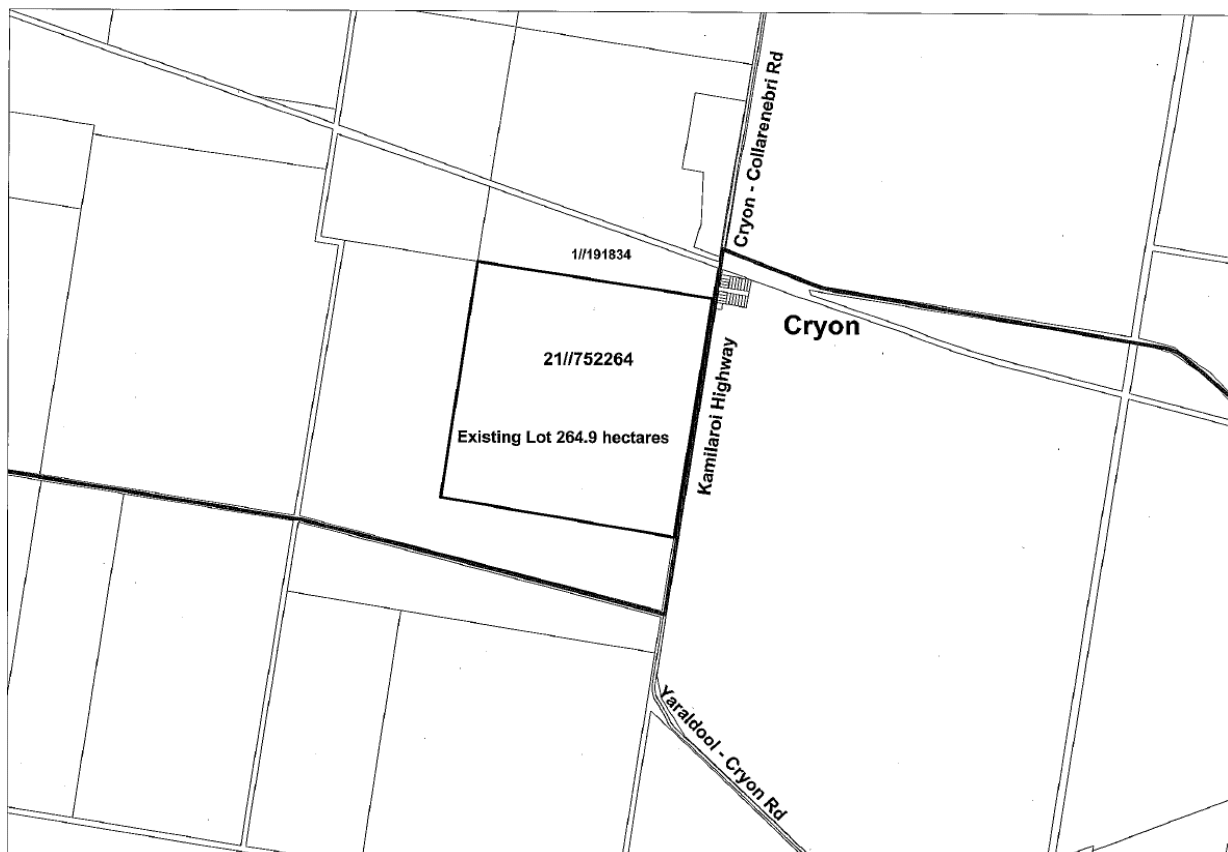


Figure 1 Existing lot (Shown in thick black outline)

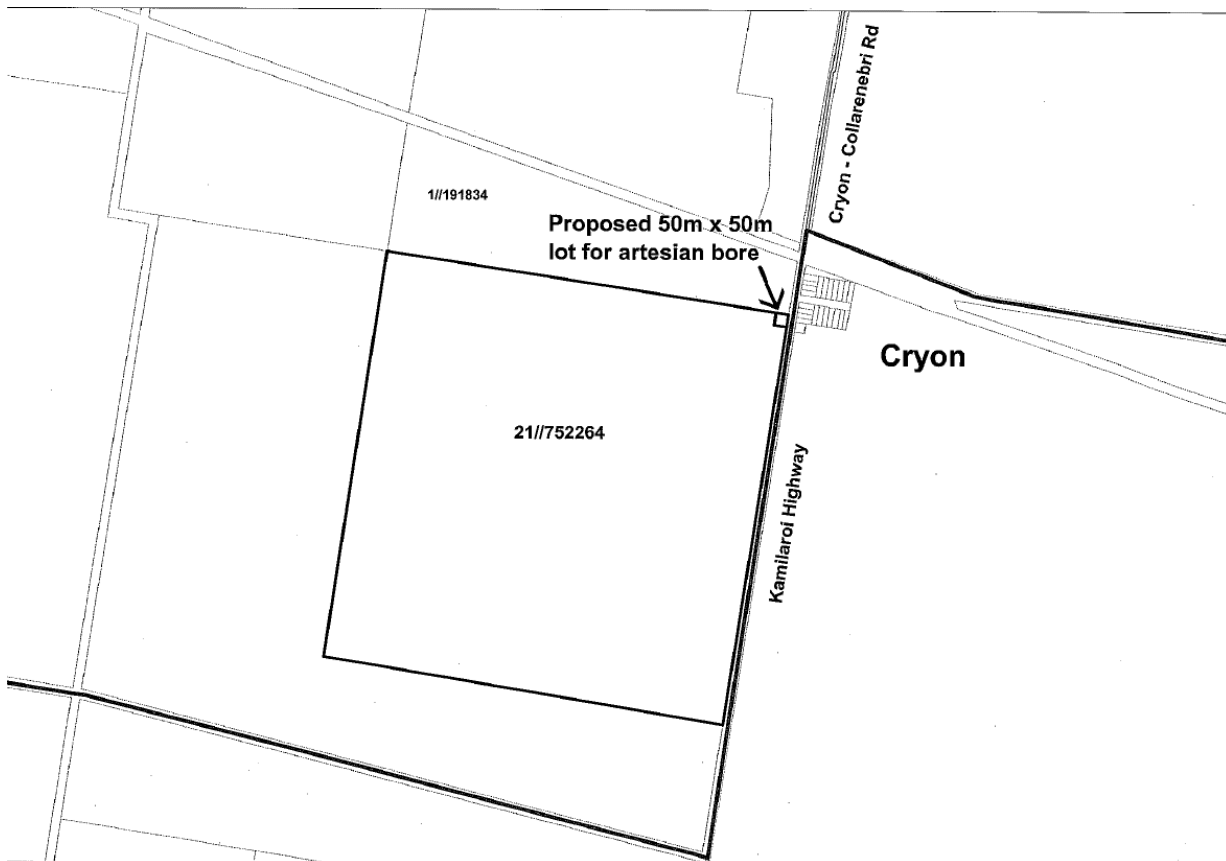


Figure 2. Proposed created lots

#### STATUTORY MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

79C (1)(a)(i) Provisions of any environmental planning instrument.

The most relevant environmental planning instrument is the Interim Development Order No. 1 – Shire Of Walgett 1968 (IDO) and State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 - Development Standards (SEPP 1).

Under the IDO the land is located within “Non-urban 1(b)” zone. Development consent is required to permit the subdivision. Clause 11 of the I.D.O. restricts the circumstances in which land can be subdivided. Sub-clause 4 (c) requires “the frontage of such allotments to a main road is not less than 200 metres”. The proposed 2500 square metre lot will not have a 200 metre frontage to a main road. In this context the proposed subdivision does not meet the development standards imposed by the IDO.

A written objection to the imposition of the 200m road frontage development standard has been submitted with the Development Application. Under Clause 7 of SEPP 1, “Where the consent authority is satisfied that the objection is well founded and is also of the opinion that granting of consent to that development application is consistent with the aims of this Policy as set out in clause 3, it may, with the concurrence of the Director, grant consent to that development application notwithstanding the development standard the subject of the objection referred to in clause 6”. Council has delegation from the Director of the Dept of Planning, to assume the concurrence of the Director under the circumstances as detailed under point 12 of Department of Planning Circular B1.

Given that the ongoing operation of the bore benefits both the affected landholder and a number of others in the locality and that the proposed 50metre frontage would be adequate for the occasional maintenance vehicle accessing the smaller lot, it would be appropriate to permit a deviation from the '200 metre frontage to a main road' development standard imposed by the IDO.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008 commenced on 9 May 2008 but it does not apply to this application (see clause 23).

79C (1)(a)(ii) Provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument that is or has been placed on public exhibition.

Not applicable.

79C (1)(a)(iii) Any development control plan.

Not applicable.

79C(1)(a)(iia) Any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 93F, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 93F

Not applicable.

79C(1)(a)(iv) The regulations.

Section 92 and 92A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 prescribe additional matters for consideration (see comments below).

79C (1)(b) Likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality.

Current land use on surrounding lots is predominantly agriculture. The proposed lots will continue to be used for agricultural purposes and the artesian bore, so it is not expected that the proposal will have a significant impact on the natural or built environments. The proposal is expected to have a positive economic and social impact by enabling the Bore Water Trust to control the land where it's artesian bore is located.

79C (1)(c) Suitability of the site for the development.

**PUBLIC ROAD ACCESS:** The existing lot has access to the Kamilaroi Highway, and the created 0.25 hectare lot will have a 50 metre direct frontage to a main road. A significant increase in vehicle movements to and from the site is unlikely and a 50m frontage will be suitable for the nature of the development. In this context a 50 metre frontage to the 0.25 hectare lot appears to be adequate for the circumstances involved. The Roads and Traffic Authority were notified of the development application and subsequently made recommendations for development consent conditions regarding the creation of an access to the highway that conforms with the standard rural property access treatment. See Attachment No. 1 - RTA Conditions.

**FLOODING:** Although the land is located on a flood plain, no change in the predominantly agricultural use of the land has been proposed.

**OVERALL:** There are no known environmental or other factors that make the site unsuitable for the proposed subdivision.

79C (1)(d) Submissions made in accordance with the Act or the regulations.

Not applicable. Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 the proposal is local development with no opportunity for submissions under the act or regulations (as opposed to designated or advertised development).

79C (1)(e) The public interest.

Adjoining landowners were notified of the Development Application and no objections were received.

The proposed subdivision will enable the existing artesian bore to be located on a separate title under the control of the Bore Water Trust. Such control is considered to be an integral part of the "cap and pipe the bores" scheme.

The scheme is expected to have positive environmental impacts through more efficient water supply while minimising evaporation wastage (an inherent problem with in open bore drains).

Given that the proposed development is permissible with development consent, it involves agricultural development within a non-urban zone and will contribute to a reduction in water wastage, approval of the proposal appears to be in the public interest.

The following matters must also be considered by Council in accordance with the respective clauses of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 when making a decision on any Development Application.

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| 92  | (1) | (a) | Coastal areas.<br>Not Applicable.  |
| 92  | (1) | (b) | Demolition.<br>Not applicable, no demolition work is proposed.                           |
| 93  |     |     | Fire safety and other considerations<br>Not applicable, no building work proposed.       |
| 94  |     |     | Consent authority may require buildings to be upgraded<br>Not applicable.                |
| 94A |     |     | Fire safety and other considerations applying to temporary structures<br>Not applicable. |
| 95  |     |     | Deferred commencement consent<br>Not applicable.   |
| 97A |     |     | Fulfilment of BASIX commitments<br>Not applicable.                                       |

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

DA file DA 2008006  
Interim Development Order No. 1 - Shire of Walgett, September 1968. As amended.  
The Environmental Planning Act 1979  
State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 Development Standards  
Department of Planning Circular BI dated 17 March 1989  
State Environmental planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008

**Stakeholders:**

Applicant, users of the artesian bore, Roads and Traffic Authority

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Recommendations:**

**That Development Application 2008006 be approved under the following with conditions of consent.**

**RESCRIBED 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**

**Gen 010.**

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.

**Reason:** To avoid breaching the requirements of any covenant.

**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 21, DP 752264, one of about 264.7 hectares and the other about 2500 square metres.

**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 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.

## **ROADS**

**Rds 030.**

Roadway access to the site shall be from Kamilaroi Highway. The road/driveway shall be constructed, sealed and drained in accordance with the requirements of Council's Engineering Department and the Roads and Traffic Authority as detailed in Attachment No. 1 - RTA Conditions..

**Reason –** To ensure that the standard of public road access provided to the site is commensurate with the nature of the development proposed.

**Rds 050.**

Where works are carried out on Council or public lands (ie public roads) by or on behalf of the applicant, the following conditions shall be satisfied:

(a) The person or company proposing to carry out the works shall obtain approval from Council prior to works commencing.

(b) The person or company carrying out the works will be required to carry appropriate public liability insurance to a value of ten million dollars (\$10M) for the full period during which works are being undertaken. Proof of the policy is to be provided to Council prior to work commencing.

(c) If requested, the person or company carrying out the works shall submit to Council references demonstrating experience in the type of work proposed to be undertaken.

Reason – To ensure that any works undertaken on public lands are of an adequate standard and appropriate insurance is held by the party undertaking the works.

#### **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.

#### **FLOOD**

**Flo 010**

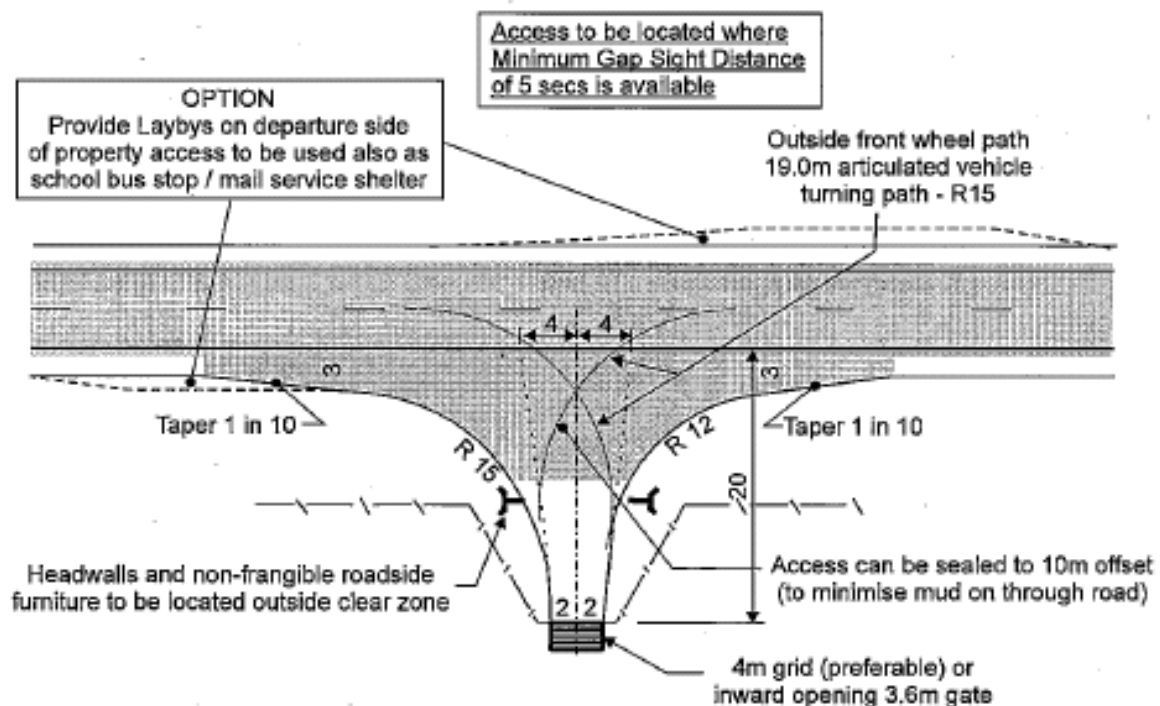
The applicant/owner is advised that the site is subject to inundation by floodwater to an unknown depth and velocity. You are advised to obtain your own expert advice as to the likely effects of such inundation.

Reason: To ensure the owner is advised of the impacts of flooding on the site and any precautions required to be taken.

## ATTACHMENTS No. 1 - RTA CONDITIONS

I refer to your letter dated 31 March 2008 (JB: MG: DA 2008006: Ass 2626) regarding the above development application. The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will not oppose the proposed subdivision. The following conditions will need to be complied with and will form part of S138 concurrence to gain access to HW29;

- The access is to conform to the standard rural property access treatment as detailed in Figure 4.9.6 Layout 1 (AV) of the RTA Road Design Guide. A copy is attached for your information.
- The access is to be located clear of the existing highway signage so that Safe Intersection Sight Distance is maintained.
- The access is to be provided with a suitable drainage structure (min. 375mm diameter). The headwalls are to be sloped so as not to be a traffic hazard.
- The access is to be sealed for a minimum of 10m from the edge of seal of HW29 or to the property boundary, whichever occurs first. The level of the proposed access is to match the levels of HW29.
- The access should be tapered to accommodate turning paths of articulated vehicles if this class of vehicle requires access. If a gate or similar structure is constructed on the access it should be located so as to provide suitable storage capacity for an articulated vehicle from the carriageway (20m for a single articulated or 30m for a B Double). Gates are to swing away from HW29.
- All traffic movements into and out of the site are to be in a forward direction.
- A Road Occupancy Licence is required prior to any works commencing within 3m of the travel lanes. This can be obtained by contacting Paul Maloney on (02) 6861 1686. Submission of a traffic control plan is required as part of this licence.
- All works are to be at no cost to the RTA.



**Figure 4.9.6 - Rural Property Access - Layout 1(AV)  
Two Way Carriageway - Design AADT  $\geq 2000$  OR Dual carriageway "Left In - Left Out Access  
Minimum Requirements for Articulated Vehicle Access**

## **11. LIGHTNING RIDGE BORE BATH**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

**AUTHOR:** Kaye Stone - Asset Officer

**FILE NUMBER:** 145/09/00/00

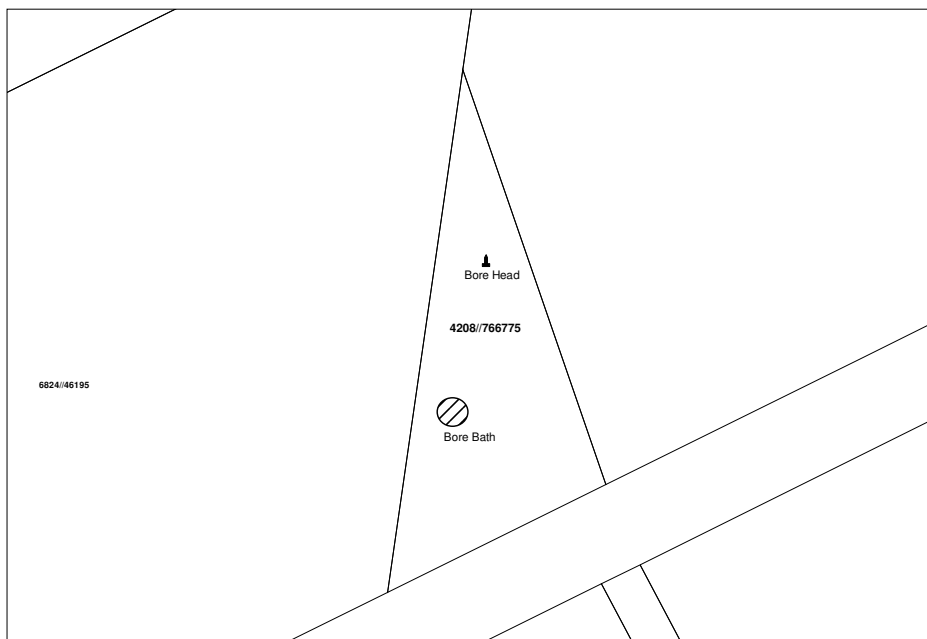
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### **Summary:**

It is recommended that Council resolve to acquire Lot 4208 DP766775 commonly known as the Lightning Ridge Bore Bath.

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

Lightning Ridge Bore Bath land is legally known as Lot 4208 DP 766775 and is classified as crown lands. Council has a legal right pursuant to a fifty (50) year lease (expires 31 December 2034) from Water Resources Commission to occupy that part of the land upon which the Bore Baths are located.



It has been identified that the bore head itself which is the source of water for the bore baths is located on a residue parcel of land, that Council does not have a legal right to occupy.

On the 27 July 2006 Council received correspondence from Department of Natural Resources granting approval of the acquisition of Lot 4208 DP 766775 in which both the bore bath and bore head are located.

Council received a valuation of the said land (1.158ha) on the 10 August 2006 for the amount of \$20,000.00. Due to the age of the valuation the Department has requested that a new valuation as at the date of gazettal be completed, in line with the terms and conditions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991.

Walgett Shire Council recently engaged Booth Brown Samuels and Olney (BBSO) to provide legal advice in regards to the Lightning Ridge Bore Baths.

In summary BBSO has made a recommendation that the first step in resolving issues relating to the Lightning Ridge bore bath is to acquire the land being Lot 4208 DP766775.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Letter from Department of Natural Resources - 27 July 2006  
Letter from Booth Brown Samuels and Olney - 21 November 2007 (Not Attached)  
Correspondence for Department of Land - 21 April 2008 (Not Attached)

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Water Administration Ministerial Corporation  
Llanillo Bore Water Trust  
Department of Lands

**Financial Implications:**

It is estimated that the cost to Council for that acquisition of Lot 4208 DP 766775 will be between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00.

**Recommendations:**

**That:**

1. Council compulsorily acquire the land described as Lot 4208 in Deposited Plan 766775 under section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Bore Bath Purposes.
2. Council apply to the Minister and/or Governor for approval to acquire the subject land by compulsorily 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.
6. Provision be made for expenditure of \$30,000 in the 2008/09 budget for acquisition of the identified land.

ATTACHMENTS

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FILE: 145/09/00/00

Your ref:

The General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2830

LETTER No: 9107

REFER: KMS

Attention: Kaye Stone

Dear Sir

COPY:

**RE: Lightning Ridge Bore Baths and surrounding lands**

I refer to Council's enquiry as to the possibility of acquiring Llanillo Bore (No.2) and surrounding lands, which include the abovementioned baths.

As advised, investigations have revealed that the subject lands are held by the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC).

These investigations also revealed that the bore is still owned by the Llanillo Bore Water Trust and that it is held under Licence (80BL238820) by Council for the purpose of "Recreation and Mining", which allows supply to the bore baths and an overflow amount to the Lightning Ridge Miners' Association.

Native Title within the land has been deemed to be extinguished under the provisions of the Native Title Act, 1993 (Commonwealth).

The Llanillo Bore Water Trust has advised the department that they have no objections to the transfer of ownership of the bore and surrounding lands to Council.

Accordingly, approval has been granted to the acquisition of the land shown by red edge on the attached diagram and subsequent transfer of the bore to Council.

Compensation for the land is to be assessed by Property Valuation Services (Department of Commerce) as at the date of acquisition under the terms and conditions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991.

Please note, that the Department's associated costs in dealing with the acquisition will be waived in this instance.

Could you please forward a copy of the acquisition notice upon gazettal in the NSW Government Gazette.

Yours faithfully

Peter J Walker  
Acting Western Lands Commissioner

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