



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

26th November, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held at the **Burren Junction RSL** on **26 November, 2013** commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Please note: The bus will leave from the back of Council Chambers at 8:15 am.

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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## **AGENDA**

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

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

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

### **3. Apologies**

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

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

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

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## **17. Close of Meeting**



**3. Apologies**

**4. Welcome to Visitors**

**5. Public Forum Presentations**

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

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

| <b>Minutes of Council meeting – 22 October 2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 22 October 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



## **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council was held at the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers**, on **22 October 2013** commencing at 10:17 am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

**ADOPTED:**

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, 2013 AT 10:17 AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr D Cooper  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr J Keir  
Clr D Lane  
Clr L Walford  
Clr M Taylor  
Clr I Woodcock  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Andrew Wilson (Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Prafulla K.C (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Victoria Renshaw (Minute Secretary)

**Welcome to Visitors**

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

**10/2013/1 Apologies – 22 October 2013**

**Resolved:**

That apologies received from Clr Martinez be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Cooper**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**Public Forum Presentations**

**Inspector Rod Stonestreet of Castlereagh LAC discussed the following;**

- He is currently the acting Superintendent until the new commander arrives.
- Regarding the IGA fire, from a policing perspective the fire investigation has been completed.
- Detectives are preparing a report for the Coroner.
- It is anticipated that the IGA site will be handed back to the owner later on this afternoon.
- Clean-up of the site will be the owner's responsibility.
- Rod provided an overview of current police staffing and 2 vacant positions in the Shire.
- Confirmed there is one police officer at Burren Junction but he is not currently working. There are 3 in Collarenebri and 10 in Lightning Ridge.
- Rod is amenable for him and/or his colleagues attending future Council meetings to discuss issues generally if Council wishes.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 26 - Monthly Flood Works from Director Engineering Services as her family are currently operating a plant.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **10/2013/2 Minutes of Council meeting – 24 September 2013**

##### **Resolved:**

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 24 September 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, subject to the additional notation that the tennis courts at Lightning Ridge were in need of repair.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

### **Mayoral Minutes**

#### **10/2013/3 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from Mayor**

##### **Resolved:**

1. That the matters listed for Brief Mention by the Mayor are received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

### **Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

**Clr Martinez**

#### **Question 1**

What is happening with work regarding Sherman's Way?

##### **Response**

The General Manager advised that he has requested Council's engineer to prepare a report. The General Manager and Clr Woodcock inspected the road last Friday and General Manager notes that he was surprised at the type of gravel used on the road. The General Manager advised that a decision was previously made by Council to not seal the road. The report to be prepared will include a costing and funds will be utilised from the current maintenance budget, resulting in a delay on other projects. The General Manager is to circulate the draft report to Councillors once prepared.

#### **Question 2**

The Lightning Ridge netball competition plays in the evening and there is a lack of lightning available to the courts. Can this be addressed?

**Response**

The Director Corporate Services advised that there is a light from the soccer fields that can be turned around but it does not give enough light. Suggestion that for this season the lightning tower is used until a more permanent solution is available.

**Clr Lane**

**Question 1**

What will be the solution regarding the Lightning Ridge Racetrack?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that he had recently been to inspect the racetrack with Clr Woodcock. Noted that the following issues need to be addressed;

- Pipe running across track halfway up the straight
- Running rail near the finish line needs to be curved and extended
- Trees on bend and near new pump station to be removed
- Sprinkler and control box on track need to be relocated

The General Manager advised that the Director Urban Infrastructure has been away causing a delay in work. The trees near the pump station have been removed. Funds for this will come out of Council's maintenance fund where available. However, additional costs may need to be covered from Race Course Development Grants or other Sport and Recreation grants. The race club has indicated it would contribute about \$15,000.

**Question 2**

What is the process for putting a motion to Council to write to the Minister regarding the LEP?

**Response**

The General Manager advised Clr Lane should draft a notice of motion to Council, to be listed at the next Council meeting. Clr Lane is to draft the notice. The General Manager noted that at the August 2013 Council Meeting the Regional Director of Planning was requested to investigate, he is yet come back to Council with a response.

**Clr Taylor**

**Question 1**

After the recent storm in Lightning Ridge the caretaker of the race club advised that the tree leaning over the race club and over the care takers residence have suffered damage. Can these be cut down?

**Response**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

**Question 2**

Houses adjacent to the Lightning Ridge Diving Complex are experiencing dust from passing traffic. Can a bitumen sideways be layed?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 3**

The presentation of Lyons Park in Lightning Ridge is tatty. There are approximately 100/200 to pine logs that are rotting and/or falling down. Can they be replaced?

**Response**



The General Manager advised that issues such as this need to be costed and added to the annual budget. This should not be done halfway through the year and the correct process needs to be followed. The General Manager will see if an interim solution can be made.

**Question 4**

There is a pot hole in Pandora Street Lightning Ridge near Khans IGA. Can this be investigated?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services advised that engineering staff have inspected the site and has been scheduled for October 2013.

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1**

Can a sign be placed in Collarenebri at the intersection of Wilson and Herbert Streets to indicate where the primitive camping ground is?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services advised that this item is listed for discussion at the October Local Area Traffic Control meeting.

**Question 2**

Funds were allocated towards improving roads in Collarenebri. When will this work commence?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services advised that there are no funds allocated in the 2013/14 FY budget for this work.

**Question 3**

There are funds available to be spent improving Shire Road #11. Will funds be spent on improving the low level crossing?

**Response**

The Director Engineering Services advised that full funds available have been used for Shire Road 1 and re inspection is in progress.

**Question 4**

There are gaps in doorways of the Rowena Hall. Can they be fixed?

**Response**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1**

The General Manager circulated a copy of the NSW Health Plan recently and responses to be received by 30 September. There are shortcomings in the plan; can a response be formulated addressing these shortcomings?

**Response**

The General Manager and Clr Keir to liaise regarding a response.

**Question 2**

Can Council have a liaison officer available to assist people when completing Development Applications?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that the Economic Development Officer could assist. Another option could be that a private consultant is available to the applicant at Council's cost.



**Clr Cooper**

**Question 1**

What is happening with the pool work and shade structures?

**Response**

The Director Corporate Services advised that a tentative completion date has been set for November. The 30 metre shade structure is currently being repaired. The Walgett Pool will open on 1 October and the Collarenebri Pool will open 1 week after, as work is still being done on chlorine equipment and fibre glassing issues.

**Clr Walford**

**Question 1**

Youth Suicide is on the increase in the area, as is Domestic Violence.

**Response**

Noted.

**Question 2**

After the Knockout last weekend it was noted that there were not enough toilets or shade for the crowd. An amplifier also had to be plugged in to power points located in the shower room with leads running through water.

**Response**

The General Manager advises that initially when Knockout started the committee were also going to contribute towards costs, but to date no contributions have been made. Council have not been approached to provide additional toilets, committee could hire additional services if needed. In regards to shade there are a number of local organisations that may be able to provide shade marquees. General Manager will investigate issues with access to power. The General Manager congratulated the indigenous community for the event running smoothly.

**Reports of Officers**

**10/2013/4 Council Decision Action Report – September 2013**

**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for September 2013 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Cooper**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/5 Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 39 - 41 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/6 Circulars Received from the Division of Local Government – October 2013**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 13-42 to 13-46 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved: Cllr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Cllr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/7 Monthly Calendar – October to January 2014**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Cllr Keir**

**Seconded: Cllr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/8 Review of Policy and WSC Procedures – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Cllr Taylor**

**Seconded: Cllr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/9 2014 Australia Day Celebrations**

**Resolved:**

That:

1. The Mayor and the following Councillors be members of the 2014 Australia Day Awards Judging panel Cllr Taylor and Cllr Cooper.
2. The Mayor be the chairperson of the Judging panel.
3. The Mayor and Councillors on the Panel be authorised to determine community members of the Panel and to invite community members to join the Panel.

**Moved: Cllr Walford**

**Seconded: Cllr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/10 Reporting on Disclosure Returns**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Report.

**Moved: Cllr Keir**

**Seconded: Cllr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/11 RDAF Round 5 – Main Street Makeovers – Focus for Delegation**

**Resolved:**

That OROC be requested to compile a summary of the impact not proceeding with Round 5 RDAF grants will have on smaller communities across western NSW with a view to making this summary the focus of a delegation to the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Warren Truss, who holds the portfolio responsibility for regional development and local government.

**Moved: Cllr Cooper**

**Seconded: Cllr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/12 Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme – Execution of Funding Agreements**

**Resolved:**

That Council formally authorise the execution of the Round 2 Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) funding agreements under the Common Seal of Council.

**Moved: Cllr Lane**

**Seconded: Cllr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/13 Local Government Reform Process - Update**

**Resolved:**

That Council endorse the proposed amendments to the draft Barwon Darling Co-ordination Group Agreement, arrange with the two other participating Councils for the agreement to be signed, and then proceed with the introduction of local resource sharing.

**Moved: Cllr Lane**

**Seconded: Cllr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/14 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – General Manager**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Cllr Lane**

**Seconded: Cllr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/15 LEMC – IGA Fire**

**Recommendation:**

That the Mayor and General Manager's actions be endorsed and that they be given delegated authority to resolve any matters as and when they arise.

**Moved: Cllr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Cllr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

| 10/2013/16 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 30 September 2013                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 30 September 2013 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Cooper</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Keir</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 10/2013/17 Public Toilet – Opal Street Lightning Ridge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>1. That the public toilet located in Opal Street Lightning Ridge be demolished and that it not be replaced.<br><br>2. That the cost of demolishing the toilet be funded from Budget Ledger 11.03056.4081.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Greenaway</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Walford</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 10/2013/18 Internal Reporting Policy & Procedures – Public Interest Disclosures Act                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That Council having noted that no submissions were received now adopt the Internal Reporting Policy and Procedures.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Keir</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 10/2013/19 Manager Community Development Report July – September 2013                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the quarterly report for June – September 2013 on Community Development be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Keir</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Woodcock</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 10/2013/20 Walgett Swimming Club – Friday Night Club Activities                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>1. That the Council approve the earlier closing time for the Walgett Swimming Pool on Fridays from 7pm to 6pm.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Keir</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 10/2013/21 Lightning Ridge Tennis Courts – Synthetic Turf                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>1. That the matter be deferred and an expression of interest be lodged to allow a price for the second hand synthetic turf to be negotiated.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Walford</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 10/2013/22 Draft State of the Environment Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:<br><br>1. Adopt and endorse the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2012-2013.<br>2. Submit the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2012-2013 to the Division of Local Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet as a component of Council's Annual Report by 30 November 2013.<br>3. Publish the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2012-2013 on Council's website.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Keir</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Woodcock</b><br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |

**10/2013/23 Grants from the Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund**

**Resolved:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

1. Disperse \$20,000 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2013-2014 in the following manner:
  - (a) \$1,000 to Lightning Ridge Historical Society for cleaning and painting roof of hospital gallery & Spicer's hut, 7 Morilla St, Lightning Ridge.
  - (b) \$4,000 to Oliver Hall to repair the roof and western wall of a cottage at 35 Slacksmith St, Burren junction.
  - (c) \$2,500 to Brian and Kay Gibbons to repair termite damage to the Moongulla outbuildings, Collarenebri.
  - (d) \$4,000 to Best Employment to repair termite damage and paint external timberwork at the old post office at 63 Fox St, Walgett.
  - (e) \$3,300 to Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repair the interior walls of the St John the Evangelist Church at Colin St, Carinda.
  - (f) \$5,200 to Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repair roof, repair guttering and paint exterior of St Peters Anglican Church, Walgett.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/24 Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program**

**Resolved:**

**That Council resolve to;**

1. Adopt the Swimming Pool Inspection Program that was publicly exhibited from 1 September 2013 to 30 September 2013.
2. Advertise the adoption of the Swimming Pool Inspection Program in Council's newspaper columns.
3. Make the Swimming Pool Inspection Program available to the public via Council's website.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**



## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

*Matt Clarkson, Town Planner discussed the following item.*

### **10/2013/25 Strategic Agricultural Land Maps**

#### **Resolved:**

#### **That Council resolve to;**

1. Note the public exhibition of strategic agricultural land maps by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.
2. Make a submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding Strategic Agricultural Land Map sheet STA\_018 that:  
  
(a) It does not accurately show the extent of reflect the extent of "best quality soil and water resources" as it is partially based on a notional catchment boundary and does not correlate with the Agricultural Land Classification Study - Walgett Shire (July 2000, by NSW Agriculture).  
(b) Council requests that the Department revise the map to include significant additional areas of important agricultural land, especially to the south of the currently mapped area.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in the following item and left the meeting at 12:17pm.*

### **10/2013/26 Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services**

#### **Resolved:**

1. That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for October 2013

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12:20pm.*



**10/2013/27 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering Services – October 2013**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for October 2013.

**Moved: Cllr Walford**  
**Seconded: Cllr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/28 Acquisition of LOT 3172 IN DP 765377 – October 2013**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council accepts the acquisition proposal and the budget.
2. That funds for the acquisition are allocated from the legal expenses budget.

**Moved: Cllr Lane**  
**Seconded: Cllr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/29 RR426- SHERMANS WAY – GRAVELLING WORKS- October 2013 Report**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council note the Director of Engineering's Report and accept option 3.
2. That Council defer the work programme for RR457 (\$ 300,000) for FY2013/2014 and approve to transfer the budget \$ 300,000 to RR426 Sherman's Way sealing works.
3. That an increased amount be allocated in the 2014/2015 FY budget for work on Regional Road 457 equivalent to the amount transferred in 2013/2014.

**Moved: Cllr Lane**  
**Seconded: Cllr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/30 New Provisions in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:  
Sewage & Trade Waste Discharge**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council receive and note the amendments in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 in regard to regulate sewage and trade waste discharge to council sewerage system.

**Moved: Cllr Cooper**  
**Seconded: Cllr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**Questions for the next Meeting**

**Cllr Taylor**

**Question 1**

During a recent game of netball at the Lightning Ridge netball courts the lights were turned off mid-game. Why did this occur?

**Response**

The Director Corporate Services advised that he is aware of this happening and it was due to the light operator mistakenly believing that the game was finished. There are available lights on the soccer grounds that have been turned around but at this stage they are not a permanent solution. Funds were used out of the Health Communities budget to fund turning the lights around. Council is planning on submitting a grant application to Sport and Rec to update lighting at the courts.

**Question 2**

Has Council received Gerard O'Brien's complaint regarding causeways?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that Council has received the complaint and a report will be prepared for the November Council Meeting.

**Question 3**

Footpath edges in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge have become damaged due to erosion. Council may be liable if an accident occurs. Can we attempt to resolve this so to decrease our liability?

**Response**

The Director Corporate Services advised of Council's general exemption from liability.

**Question 4**

Have water connection issues at Lightning Ridge Race Course to the property of George Moulder been resolved?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that Council have previously approached to Mr Moulder regarding this and the matter will again be followed up.

**Question 5**

I would like to commend the General Manager and Mayor for their emergency response to the grocery supply issue.

**Response**

Noted.

**Clr Lane**

**Question 1**

Dean Schellmegger has requested a letter of support regarding registration of his equipment. Can Council assist with this?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that he cannot see why Council would not give a letter of support. Clr Keir and the Director of Engineering Services are to liaise with Dean to offer assistance. After discussion the following motion was resolved;

**10/2013/31 Letter of Support for Dean Schellmegger**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council write a letter of support on behalf of Dean Schellmegger.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**Clr Cooper**

**Question 1**

Drainage problems are being experienced in Peel Street, between Arthur & Euroka Streets on the Western side. Can this be investigated?

**Response**

The Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that a site inspection will be undertaken and outcome circulated to Councillors.

**Question 2**

Work is currently going on at the Northern Gateway on the road between Walgett and Lightning Ridge. What is the extent of this work and is it being undertaken by Council?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that Council's staff are tidying up the northern approach to Walgett to make it easier to maintain in the future.

**Question 3**

What is happening regarding the depot break-ins?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that a couple of break-ins have occurred this year. Council is working with police to identify the offenders. Offenders have attempted to start light vehicles and one has been driven through the depot fence. Doors have been damaged and keys and security cameras have been taken. Council is currently preparing a proposal for CCTV to cover the whole depot area.

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1**

What is happening regarding the bank house repairs?

**Response**

General Manager advises that grounds maintenance is currently being undertaken and temporary staff are being engaged to undertake repairs in-house.

**Question 2**

What is happening regarding the Collarenebri water supply?

**Response**

Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advises that upgrading investigations are continuing and a further report will be prepared shortly.

**Question 3**

Is Council planning on replacing the pavers in the main street in Collarenebri?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that this work was included in the Main Street Beautification Program for 2013/14.

**Question 4**

Can Council write to the LHPA requesting that the following ramps are removed?

- Shire Road 5, 1km from State Highway 12
- West of Merrywinebone Silo, Shire Road 2.

**Response**

Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 5**

Can Council investigate the regional road 329 crossroads out of Rowena (2 causeways with levee banks each side)?

**Response**

Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1**

Will recycling still continue at the Walgett tip under the new contractors?

**Response**

Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Clr Woodcock**

**Question 1**

Can Council prepare a test of the bore water in Lightning Ridge from both the new and old bores?

**Response**

The General Manager noted that we need to take specific samples from both bores for chemical analysis.

**Question 2**

What is happening with the Lightning Ridge Racetrack?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that recent work done at the racetrack was not undertaken by Council staff, nor with Council's knowledge. If an issue occurs while work is being undertaken by anyone at the racetrack both those individuals and Council may be liable. The General Manager advised that anyone who undertakes work without prior notification to Council will be issued with a formal warning.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:17pm.*

*The meeting resumed at 1:47pm with all those previously present again in attendance.*

### **10/2013/32 Move into Closed Session At 1:47PM**

#### **Resolved:**

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

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

**Moved: Cllr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Cllr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

### **10/2013/33 Lehman Brothers (Asia) and (Australia) Update**

#### **Recommendation:**

- 1. That the content of the report be noted
- 2. That the actions of the General Manager to, agree to the Scheme of Arrangement with Lehman Bros (Aust) Insurers and to, not continue with action against Lehman Bros (Asia) in the event that IMF funding ceases be endorsed.

**Moved: Cllr Lane**

**Seconded: Cllr Walford**

**CARRIED**

### **10/2013/34 John Crouch – Outstanding Hangar Rental**

#### **Recommendation:**

- 1. That an amount of \$731.36 be written off debtor number 1711.14 (J Crouch) and that a payment arrangement be offered to Mr Crouch on the basis that, an amount of \$2,000 is paid before 30 November 2013 and the balance of \$2,000 is paid when his aircraft is sold but no later than 30 June 2014
- 2. Should Mr Crouch decline to enter into the payment arrangement detailed above or, subsequently not meet the terms of the arrangement, that the debt be referred to Councils collection agents.

**Moved: Cllr Lane**

**Seconded: Cllr Cooper**

**CARRIED**



**10/2013/35 Sec 713 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates – 14 December 2014 (Confidential)**

**Resolved:**

1. That Lot 30 DP 238035 being rate assessment 7476 in the name of Richard Dennis be withdrawn from sale of land for unpaid rates scheduled for Saturday 14 December 2013
2. That the request by Mr Jozef Stark Strzelecki for his payment arrangement to be accepted for the property Lot 10 Sec 19 DP 758612, WLL 12758 being rate assessment 20024 be refused and that, he be advised that payment in full is required before the property will be withdrawn from the sale for unpaid rates on Saturday 14 December 2013.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/36 RFT13/005- Construction of Box Culvert in Old Burren Creek – Merrywinebone Road (RR329) for October 2013 Report**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council accepts the tender with rating 1 submitted by Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting P/L in the sum of \$374,569 subject to confirmation of the availability of special grant funds.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/37 RFT13/015- Construction of Big Baroka Bridge – Brewon Road (SR112) for October 2013 Report**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council accepts the tender with rating 1 submitted by Mathews Civil and Asphalt Pty Ltd in the sum of \$592,000.00.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

*Clr Lane declared a potential Pecuniary Interest in the following item and left the meeting at 2:37pm.*

### **10/2013/38 Walgett Levee Rehabilitation-Stage 4, Tender**

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That this item is deferred for consideration at the adjourned Council meeting.

**Moved: Clr Cooper**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Lane returned to the meeting at 2:58pm.*

### **10/2013/39 General Manager's Performance Review**

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That this item be deferred for consideration at the adjourned meeting.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

### **10/2013/40 Return to Open Session at 3:00pm**

#### **Resolved:**

1. That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/41 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Lehman Bros (Asia) and (Australia);
- 2) John Crouch Outstanding Hangar Rental;
- 3) Section 713 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates;
- 4) Tenders – Construction of Box Culvert in Old Burren Creek;
- 5) Tenders – Construction of Big Baroka Bridge – Brewon Road;
- 6) Walgett Levee Refurbishment Stage 4;
- 7) General Manager's Performance Review.

**Moved: Cllr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Cllr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm to allow the General Manager & Mayor to attend a meeting of the Walgett LEMC in relation to the IGA fire.*

*The meeting resumed on 6 November at 2:15pm.*



## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

### MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013 AT 2:15PM

#### PRESENT

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr D Cooper  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr J Keir  
Clr D Lane  
Clr M Martinez  
Clr L Walford  
Clr I Woodcock  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Prafulla K.C (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Victoria Renshaw (Minute Secretary)

#### 10/2013/42 Apologies – 6 November 2013

##### Resolved:

That apologies received from Clr Taylor be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cooper

**CARRIED**

#### Reports of Officers

#### 10/2013/43 Move into Closed Session At 2:23PM

##### Resolved:

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

- (a) that information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (b) that the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
- (c) And the following matters of urgency also be considered;
  - 1. Lightning Ridge IGA Store – Unauthorised Building Works
  - 2. Compulsory Acquisition of New Walgett Water Treatment Plant Site.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/44 Walgett Levee Rehabilitation Stage 4, Tender**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council endorse the proposal to proceed with work on the levee between the Come-By-Chance Road and Castlereagh Highway.
2. That Council endorse the recommendation to proceed with two milestones for stage 4 and scope of each milestone.
3. That Council accept the tender proposal submitted by Public Works - \$15,800 (inclusive GST) for stage 4 for project management.

**Moved: Clr Cooper**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/45 Walgett IGA Fire Update**

**Recommendation:**

That the General Manager's verbal report in relation to the Walgett IGA Fire be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/46 Lightning Ridge IGA – Unauthorised Building Works**

**Recommendation:**

That Council contact Council's solicitor to determine if Council's current actions are appropriate in the circumstances and, if not, what actions should be taken instead.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

| 10/2013/47 Compulsory Acquisition - New Water Filtration Plant Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council firstly proceed to take appropriate action with regards the Native Title Claim over Reserve R81681 based on legal advice currently being obtained, which may amongst other steps, involve notification of the native title claimants in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993</li> <li>2. Council proceed to take appropriate action with regards the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) to have the determination of Aboriginal Land Claims over Reserve R81681 fast tracked and approach the Walgett Aboriginal Land Council for a letter indicating that it supports Council's acquisition of the land as the propose water filtration plant will be servicing the needs of the Namoi Village and has no objection to Council seeking to occupy the site under licence pending the finalisation of the acquisition process</li> <li>3. Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the land described as Reserve R 81681 in Lots 1 - 20 Section 18 Deposited Plan 759036 under the provisions of the Public Works Act 1912.</li> <li>4. Council apply to the Minister and/or Governor for approval to acquire the subject land by compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991 for the purpose of constructing a public infrastructure facility being a water filtration plant for the benefit of the residents of Walgett.</li> <li>5. That all minerals are to be excluded from the compulsory acquisition of the subject land.</li> <li>6. That upon acquisition, the subject land be classified operational land.</li> <li>7. That any necessary documentation be executed under the common seal of Council.</li> <li>8. That Council seek to have an additional purpose of "user services" added to the reserve's purposes.</li> <li>9. That Council seek the granting of a licence to occupy the reserve site pending finalisation of the compulsory acquisition process which should also be fast tracked if possible.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Cooper</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Cllr Walford</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p> |  |

| 10/2013/48 General Manager's Performance Review                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That this matter be held over until Council's December meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Keir</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Cllr Woodcock</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p> |  |

**10/2013/49 Return to Open Session at 4:00pm**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Cllr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Cllr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2013/50 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Walgett Levee Rehabilitation Stage 4, Tender;
- 2) Walgett IGA Fire Update;
- 3) Lightning Ridge IGA – Unauthorised Building Works;
- 4) Compulsory Acquisition – New Water Filtration Plant Site;
- 5) General Manager's Performance Review.

**Moved: Cllr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Cllr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 4:05pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 26 November 2013 at Burren Junction.

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Mayor

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General Manager

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

### ***8.1 LICENCE AGREEMENT – WALGETT MOTOR REGISTRY***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports  
**AUTHOR:** Karlie Aynsley – Senior Administration Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/571

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#### **Summary:**

This report recommends that a licence for a period of three (3) years be granted to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for part use of the reserve (R85180) as a Motor Registry. The report further recommends that the licence be on similar terms and conditions to the current licence including the amount of rental and CPI adjustments.

#### **Background:**

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve (R85180) containing the Walgett Shire Council, Council Chambers, Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Office and Walgett Motor Registry. The current licence was for a period of three (3) years and expired on 10 November 2013.

As part of the new licence RMS requested that the Council give consideration to the installation of Automatic Doors at the Walgett Motor Registry.

Three quotations for the fitting, installation and supply of Automatic Doors were obtained with the estimated cost being in the order of \$10,000 to \$16,000. A letter was sent to RMS on the 27 September 2013 informing them that Council did not have the funds in its budget to undertake this work which would need to be undertaken at RMS cost. Council advised that it was prepared to consider undertaking the work on a similar basis to the access ramp whereby the cost was reimbursed to Council in additional payments over the term of the licence.

DTZ (Real Estate Agent) confirmed on the 25 October 2013 that the Roads and Maritime Services did not wish to include the installation of automatic doors within the new licence agreement.

#### **Current Position:**

As the Reserve Trust Manager, Council is required to issue a licence to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) who currently use a portion of the building also occupied by the Council and Financial Counselling Service NSW. It is proposed that a licence for a similar term of three (3) years be issued and that the rental remain the same plus annual CPI adjustment.

The current annual rent is \$26,972.64 per annum plus GST. Under the rental agreement, Council also is responsible for the cost of power and cleaning.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Land and Property Management Authority Trust Handbook

**Governance Issues:**

As reserve trustee the Council must ensure that third party use is authorised in accordance with the Crown Lands legislation.

**Environmental Issues:**

There are no identified environmental issues relating to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Department of Land and Property Management (LPMA)  
Roads and Maritime Services  
Community of Walgett and district

**Financial Implications:**

The rent received will be placed in the Walgett Shire Council Chambers Reserve (R85180) Trust Account. An estimated \$82,580.61 plus GST in revenue will be received over the 3 year licence period.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

It is believed that there are no appropriate alternatives to renewing the licence with the Roads and Maritime Services. It recommends that a licence be granted for a three (3) year period.

**Conclusion:**

This report relates to the issue of a licence to the Roads and Maritime Services for the use of the reserve and part of the building thereon. It recommends that a licence be granted for a three (3) year period be granted to RMS on similar terms and conditions as the current licence.

**Roads and Maritime Services – Part of Crown Reserve R85180**

**Recommendation:**

1. That a licence for a period of three (3) years be granted to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for use of part Lot 8, Section 15, DP759036 for use as the Walgett Motor Registry.
2. That the rent fee be \$27,526.87 per annum plus GST.
3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## **8.2 LICENCE AGREEMENT – RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE NSW**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports  
**AUTHOR:** Karlie Aynsley – Senior Administration Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/571

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that a licence for a period of one (1) year be granted to the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW – Central West Inc. (RFCS) for the use of part of the reserve as a Counselling Service and General Office. The report further recommends that the licence be on similar terms and conditions as the current rental plus CPI with a further option of two (2) years.

### **Background:**

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve (R85180) containing the Walgett Shire Council, Council Chambers, Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Office and Walgett Motor Registry. The current licence was for a period of one (1) year, with an option term of two (2) years. The licence agreement expired on 31 October 2012.

### **Current Position:**

As the Reserve Trust Manager, Council is required to issue a licence to the RCFS who currently use a portion of the building also occupied by the Walgett Shire Council, Council Chambers and Roads & Maritime Services. It is proposed that a licence of a similar term one (1) year with a two (2) year option be issued and that the rental remain the same plus annual CPI adjustments.

Given that the current licence expired on 31 October 2012, Council will in effect be granting a twelve (12) month licence with a further twelve (12) month option effective 31 October 2013. The current annual rent is \$6,778.90 per annum plus GST. Under the licence agreement, Council also is responsible for providing cleaning and utility services such as electricity and water.

RCFS is responsible for telephone and communication services provided to and from the licence area and all charges associated with installing and maintaining any security and system or service solely for the licence area.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Land and Property Management Authority Trust Handbook  
Licence Agreement

### **Governance Issues:**

As reserve trustee the Council must ensure that third party use is authorised in accordance with the Crown Lands legislation.

**Environmental Issues:**

There are no identified environmental issues relating to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Department of Land and Property Management (LPMA)  
Roads & Maritime Services  
Community of Walgett and district

**Financial Implications:**

The rent received will be placed in the Walgett Shire Council Chambers Reserve (R85180) Trust Account.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

It is believed that there are no appropriate alternatives to renewing the licence with the RFCS. It recommends that a licence be granted for a one (1) year period, with an option term of two (2) years effective 31 October 2012.

**Conclusion:**

This report relates to the issue of a licence to the RFCS for the use of the reserve and part of the building thereon. It recommends that a new licence be issued for a period of one (1) year with a further option of two (2) years effective from 31 October 2012.

**Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW – Part of Crown Reserve R85180**

**Recommendation:**

1. That a licence for a period of one (1) year be granted to the RFCS for use of part Lot 8, Section 15, DP759036 for use as the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW, with an option term of two (2) years.
2. That the rent fee be \$6,918.19 per annum plus GST, subject to annual CPI adjustment.
3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence.
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**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

NIL



## **9. Mayoral Minutes – to be circulated at the meeting**

## **10. Notices of Which Notice Has Been Given**

### **Clr Greenaway**

#### **Motion:**

That the Cubbaroo Camp Draft Club be given permission to erect an amenities block consisting of 5 toilets, 3 showers and 1 urinal on the area next to the existing amenities block. This is subject to the Club agreeing to the following conditions at the Club's expense;

- (a) Installation of an additional 4 thousand litre holding tank;
- (b) Connection of water, gas and electricity by a qualified tradesperson;
- (c) Installation of access steps;
- (d) Minor repairs and painting.

The Club agrees to maintain the building whilst it is in their use. Should the Club cease to operate the building and foundations will be removed at the Club's expense.

### **Clr Lane**

#### **Motion 1:**

That Council write to Kevin Humphries requesting a meeting with Kevin Humphries MP, representatives of the Department of Planning, Crown Lands, DPI Resources & Energy and Council. The aim of the meeting is to discuss the Walgett Shire Council LEP and planning matters in relation to the preserved fields. The General Manager is to liase with Kevin Humphries Office to arrange a suitable date for the meeting.

#### **Background to Motion 2:**

In August 2013 Council staff prepared a report on the Shires water and sewer funds. The Report noted that at 30 June 2012 the Lightning Ridge water fund had an accumulated surplus of \$5,377,487.68 but it only had a fund balance of \$2,429,922.26. The Lightning Ridge sewer fund as at 30 June 2012 had an accumulated surplus of \$4,973,435.46 and a fund of only \$1,045,330.25. These figures leave a discrepancy of \$6,875,670.63 that appears to be unaccounted for.

#### **Motion 2:**

That Council staff provide a report on all Council's accumulated physical assets and any outstanding loans from these accounts. The report is to also provide any explanation for the difference between the accumulated and actual surpluses, other than assets and loans.

## **11. Presentation of Petitions – Nil**

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

**Clr Taylor**

### **Question 1**

During a recent game of netball at the Lightning Ridge netball courts the lights were turned off mid-game. Why did this occur?

### **Response**

The Director Corporate Services advised that he is aware of this happening and it was due to the light operator mistakenly believing that the game was finished. There are available lights on the soccer grounds that have been turned around but at this stage they are not a permanent solution. Funds were used out of the Health Communities budget to fund turning the lights around. Council is planning on submitting a grant application to Sport and Rec to update lighting at the courts.

### **Question 2**

Has Council received Gerard O'Brien's complaint regarding causeways?

### **Response**

The General Manager advised that Council has received the complaint and a report will be prepared for the November Council Meeting.

### **Question 3**

Footpath edges in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge have become damaged due to erosion. Council may be liable if an accident occurs. Can we attempt to resolve this so to decrease our liability?

### **Response**

The Director Corporate Services advised of Council's general exemption from liability.

### **Question 4**

Have water connection issues at Lightning Ridge Race Course to the property of George Moulder been resolved?

### **Response**

The General Manager advised that Council have previously approached to Mr Moulder regarding this and the matter will again be followed up.

### **Question 5**

I would like to commend the General Manager and Mayor for their emergency response to the grocery supply issue.

### **Response**

Noted.

**Clr Lane**

### **Question 1**

Dean Schellmegger has requested a letter of support regarding registration of his equipment. Can Council assist with this?

### **Response**

The General Manager advised that he cannot see why Council would not give a letter of support. Clr Keir and the Director of Engineering Services are to liaise with Dean to offer assistance. After discussion the following motion was resolved;

**10/2013/31 Letter of Support for Dean Schellmegger**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council write a letter of support on behalf of Dean Schellmegger.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**Clr Cooper**

**Question 1**

Drainage problems are being experienced in Peel Street, between Arthur & Euroka Streets on the Western side. Can this be investigated?

**Response**

The Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that a site inspection will be undertaken and outcome circulated to Councillors.

**Question 2**

Work is currently going on at the Northern Gateway on the road between Walgett and Lightning Ridge. What is the extent of this work and is it being undertaken by Council?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that Council's staff are tidying up the northern approach to Walgett to make it easier to maintain in the future.

**Question 3**

What is happening regarding the depot break-ins?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that a couple of break-ins have occurred this year. Council is working with police to identify the offenders. Offenders have attempted to start light vehicles and one has been driven through the depot fence. Doors have been damaged and keys and security cameras have been taken. Council is currently preparing a proposal for CCTV to cover the whole depot area.

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1**

What is happening regarding the bank house repairs?

**Response**

General Manager advises that grounds maintenance is currently being undertaken and temporary staff are being engaged to undertake repairs in-house.

**Question 2**

What is happening regarding the Collarenebri water supply?

**Response**

Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advises that upgrading investigations are continuing and a further report will be prepared shortly.

**Question 3**

Is Council planning on replacing the pavers in the main street in Collarenebri?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that this work was included in the Main Street Beautification Program for 2013/14.

**Question 4**

Can Council write to the LHPA requesting that the following ramps are removed?

- Shire Road 5, 1km from State Highway 12
- West of Merrywinebone Silo, Shire Road 2.

**Response**

Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 5**

Can Council investigate the regional road 329 crossroads out of Rowena (2 causeways with levee banks each side)?

**Response**

Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1**

Will recycling still continue at the Walgett tip under the new contractors?

**Response**

Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Clr Woodcock**

**Question 1**

Can Council prepare a test of the bore water in Lightning Ridge from both the new and old bores?

**Response**

The General Manager noted that we need to take specific samples from both bores for chemical analysis.

**Question 2**

What is happening with the Lightning Ridge Racetrack?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that recent work done at the racetrack was not undertaken by Council staff, nor with Council's knowledge. If an issue occurs while work is being undertaken by anyone at the racetrack both those individuals and Council may be liable. The General Manager advised that anyone who undertakes work without prior notification to Council will be issued with a formal warning.

### **13. Reports of Committees/Delegates**

#### **13.1 OROC Minutes**

| <b>Minutes of OROC Meeting – 18 October 2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the OROC Meeting held 18 October 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Minutes of the OROC Meeting**

held at  
Hermitage Hill, Wellington  
on  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
at 9.30 am

**1. Meeting Open and apologies**

The meeting was opened at 9.35 am by OROC Chair Cllr Bill McAnally.

Mayor of Wellington Shire Council, Cllr Rod Buhr warmly welcomed the OROC Board to the Wellington Shire.

**Apologies:** Cllr Rex Wilson, Mayor Warren Shire Council; Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire Council; Cllr Andrew Lewis, Mayor Bourke Shire; Greg Lamont, Narromine Shire; Cllr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Gary Woodman, General Manager Cobar Shire; Cllr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire, Lynn Moore, Brewarrina Shire.

**Present:** Cllr Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire; Paul Mann, Gilgandra Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Cllr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor Dubbo City; Cllr Rod Buhr, Mayor Wellington Shire Council; Michael Tolhurst, Wellington Shire; Cllr Allan Karanouh, Mayor Coonamble Shire; Rick Warren, Coonamble Shire; Cllr Bill Murray, Mayor Walgett Shire; Don Ramsland, Walgett Shire; Cllr Murray Coe, Deputy Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Mark Riley, Dubbo City; Steve Loane, Warrumbungle Shire; Cllr Mark Griggs, Wellington Shire; Ashley Wielinga, Warren Shire; Jason Collins, NSW Dept Premier and Cabinet; and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

**Motion:** *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Steve Loane

**Seconded:** Cllr Allan Karanouh

**CARRIED**

**2. Confirmation of previous OROC Minutes - meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 Bourke**

**Motion:** *That the Minutes of the OROC meeting held in Coonamble on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** Cllr Doug Batten

**Seconded:** Paul Mann

**CARRIED**

**2.1 Business arising from previous Minutes**

**2.1.1 Independent Local Government Review Panel**

It was noted that the Independent Local Government Review Panel's final recommendations will be handed to NSW Cabinet by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

**2.1.2 Bells Line Expressway**

**Motion:** *That the OROC Board writes to CENTROC and requests to be kept up to date with Bells Line Expressway progress.*

**Moved:** Mark Riley

**Seconded:** Michael Tolhurst

**CARRIED**

It was noted RDA Orana and RDA Hunter have engaged a consultant to undertake a study of investment opportunity for the Golden Highway.

#### Confirmation of Minutes – GMAC Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Motion:** *That the Minutes of the GMAC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Dubbo, be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Motion:** *That the 9 recommendations contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Mark Riley

**Seconded:** Michael Tolhurst

**CARRIED**

Ashley Wielinga, General Manager Warren Shire Council highlighted Recommendation 1 further stating that council staff have had a recent opportunity to be trained in the use of E21 Plus Management software to assist staff investigating and analysing electricity accounts. 11 OROC members have a street lighting (energy component only) contract which offers reasonable savings to councils; and it is agreed that Essential Energy's service for repair and maintenance for street lighting is inadequate. There may be a future opportunity for OROC to establish a street lighting maintenance crew that services all 12 councils throughout the region.

A technical team from Dubbo City Council is currently examining the efficiencies of LED street lighting and DCC will share findings with OROC members.

#### 3. OROC Correspondence

**Motion:** *That the OROC correspondence be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Cllr Al Karanough

**Seconded:** Cllr Doug Batten

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Financial Report

The financial report was tabled by the Executive Officer.

**Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be accepted by the OROC Board*

**Moved:** Cllr Rod Buhr

**Seconded:** Paul Mann

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Executive Officer's Report

**Motion:** *That the Executive Officer's Report is accepted by the Board.*

**Moved:** Ashley Wielinga

**Seconded:** Cllr Doug Batten

**CARRIED**

#### 6. General Business

## 6.1 RDAF Round 5

RDAF Round 5 projects that were approved and not finalised by the previous Labor Government will not be honoured. The message that has been received from the Department of Infrastructure and from Minister Truss is that there will not be any further funding released for communities until 2015. Round 5 projects in the OROC region equate to \$2.95 million.

**Motion:** *That OROC collates a summary of each project along with the outcomes that each project will provide and the dollar amount represented by normal rate income by each LGA to Minister Truss and Member for Parkes Mark Coulton.*

**Moved:** *Clr Doug Batten*

**Seconded:** *Paul Mann*

**CARRIED**

## 6.2 Tour de OROC

The OROC Board congratulated Clr Mathew Dickerson on an outstanding charity bike ride that has raised over \$140,000 for the Accommodation Project (Macquarie Stay). Clr Dickerson emphasised that 'Tour de OROC' confirmed the strong and symbiotic relationship that exists between the towns throughout the region and the tour also demonstrated how large the geographic region is that is serviced by Dubbo Base Hospital. Clr Dickerson thanked the Mayors for their participation and praised the fundraising efforts and support of each community.

**Motion:** *That the OROC Board agrees a 2014 calendar is to be published as an additional fundraising initiative for the Accommodation Project at Dubbo Base Hospital.*

**Moved:** *Clr Mathew Dickerson*

**Seconded:** *Clr Doug Batten*

**CARRIED**

## 6.3 Training Executive Certificate for Elected Members

A high quality accredited training program for NSW Elected Members has been developed by LGNSW, UTS and NSW Tafe.

**Motion:** *That OROC writes to LGNSW Executive welcoming a training course of such high calibre and point out the implications for travel and excessive costs for rural based councils.*

**Moved:** *Clr Doug Batten*

**Seconded:** *Clr Al Karanauh*

**CARRIED**

## 6.4 National Livestock Identification System – Sheep and Goats (RFID)

Steve Loane thanked the councils that are members of ALMA for his support as he was re-elected as Chairman of ALMA for a second year.

Steve Loane raised the current consultation regulation impact statement of Department of Agriculture (DAFF) that is examining the implementation of improvements to the National Livestock Identification System for Sheep and goats. Presently DAFF is seeking stakeholder view on options for modifying the current NLIS to be extended to sheep and goats. Steve Loane emphasised that there will be a significant cost impact to producers and operators of saleyards if NLIS is extended to sheep and goats.

The current sheep and goat mob based movement system is acknowledged by producers, industry and saleyard operators as effective.



**Motion:** *That OROC writes a submission to DAFF opposing NLIS (RFID) to be extended to sheep and goats in NSW.*

**Moved:** *Steve Loane*                      **Seconded:** *Mark Riley*                      **CARRIED**

#### **6.5 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council**

General Manager of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council and General Manager of Walgett Shire Council Don Ramsland reminded the OROC Board of the current review of weed management in NSW and the ongoing shortfall to councils for the management of weeds.

**Motion:** *That OROC collates a submission to the Review of Weed Management in NSW.*

**Moved:** *Don Ramsland*                      **Seconded:** *Clr Bill Murray*                      **CARRIED**

#### **6.6 OROC Strategic Plan**

**Action:** *That OROC Executive Officer makes the necessary changes to the OROC Strategic Plan to include the recent membership of Wellington Shire Council throughout the document.*

#### **6.7 Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance**

At the LMWUA Board meeting held in Wellington on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013, it was considered beneficial for Walgett Shire, Coonamble Shire, Warrumbungle Shire and Gilgandra Shire Council be invited to join the Alliance.

An official letter from the Chair of Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance will be forwarded to the abovementioned councils together with background information for councils to consider at a future council meeting.

#### **6.8 Senator Hon Simon Birmingham – Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment.**

OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally informed OROC that Senator Birmingham will be visiting Narromine on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Senator Birmingham has asked to meet with councils/stakeholders in the northern Basin and how they are managing the transition to new arrangement under the Basin Plan in the Macquarie and Lachlan Valleys.

#### **6.9 RMS Consultative Committee Meeting**

Paul Mann, General Manager Gilgandra Shire Council discussed the imminent changes by State Government (RMS) that may vary the formula for road funding.

**Motion:** *That OROC write to IPWEA (Orana) requesting advice on the imminent changes to roads funding and if OROC has a co-operative role to assist IPWEA further on this matter.*

**Moved:** *Paul Mann*                      **Seconded:** *Ross Earl*                      **CARRIED**

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| <b>7. Telstra Area General Manager Western NSW - Scott Curtin and Mandy Harris Account Executive, Telstra Business</b> |
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Mr Curtin offered the following information:

- New mobile communication towers will have to attract co-contribution funding for erection in rural, low populated areas of poor mobile service – only equitable way forward.
- When appropriate, Telstra looks for opportunities to co-locate with existing service providers on towers in rural and regional areas.
- A new mobile phone handset has recently been released by Telstra that is blue ticked rated and is recommended for rural and regional handheld coverage.
- Temporary Telstra towers are erected for emergency situations and for large events.
- There has been a significant reduction of public pay phones in most communities; there is a community service agreement that at least one pay phone is located within a community, especially for emergency situations, and many pay phones require a phone card and will not take cash.

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| <b>8. Service NSW – Director Corporate Relations, Shoshana Wall</b> |
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Shoshana Wall, Service NSW offered a presentation to the OROC Board in relation to the establishment of Service NSW that will provide transactions available for RMS, Fair Trading and Births, Deaths and Marriages in a one stop shop - more transactions and services will be added to Service NSW in the future.

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| <b>9. Close/ Next Meeting</b> |
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OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally left the meeting at 12.30pm.  
The Meeting was closed by Joint Deputy Chair, Clr Bill Murray at 12.50pm.  
The next meeting will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in Narromine.

## 13.2 Western Division Minutes

| Minutes of Western Division Councils of NSW Meeting – 1 October 2013                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Western Division Councils of NSW Meeting held 1 October 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



## Western Division Councils of NSW

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### Sydney Seminar

**Tuesday, October 1, 2013 NSW Parliament House Macquarie Street, Sydney**  
**Notes**

President Peter Laird welcomed the 40 delegates and speakers for the Seminar.

During his address **Minister for Local Government Don Page** spoke about the Local Government Independent Review Panel and stressed his commitment to no forced amalgamations. He said there had been an improvement in the relationship between local and state government in the past three years and thanked Mayor Ray Donald for his active part in leading the NSW Shires Association. There had been a formalisation of consultation and other discussions between the governments.

Minister Page said the Review into Local Government and the Local Government Act had been badly needed and had brought a lot of pain with it, but it had been necessary to allow Local Government to survive. The process had highlighted that one size doesn't fit all local government and the State acknowledges these differences.

Three major issues have been identified

1. The population decline in regional areas which results in reduced rates
2. Infrastructure maintenance – The federal government has promised a \$200 million fund starting in 2015 for regional communities.
3. Financial sustainability

Minister Page said the NSW Government would be continuing with the subsidised interest for infrastructure loans scheme which had been very successful, the timber bridge replacement program and was trying to hurry the review into the Financial Assistance Grants which seemed inequitable as 30% basic funding went to all councils despite their wealth. These grants could be distributed to Councils which had to maintain large amounts of infrastructure on a small rate base.

**The Minister for Western NSW Kevin Humphries** said there had been some criticism of the government, having lots of reviews and not doing very much since they were elected. He said the Government was trying not to overpromise and under deliver but was confident that with good leadership and management they would be able to provide all the things they had promised.

One of the issues for the Western Division was the government mentality to fly in and out to deliver services. This was concerning and the government believed that employees should live in the region in which they work. There was an effort to address this situation so government money would be spent in the allocated regions. Changes to the Regional Directors would be rolled out over the next few months and efforts were being made to get the Federal and State Governments to work together to engage social communities at a local level.

Mental health was a big problem for rural areas with suicide 2.5 times higher than the rest of the State. The Government was running some pilot projects in Walgett and Hay providing the small town toolkits resources and facilities to help suicide prevention and beds for mental health patients. Other projects included support for eating disorders, state-wide postnatal services and Rural Adviser Mental health Plan (RAMP).



The first stage of the Western Roads Project had been completed and this had been adopted as a framework for future projects, feeding into Infrastructure NSW and the Federal Government's Road plans.

The State government was looking into reinstating the air services into Walgett and Bourke and there was likelihood they would be calling for Expressions of Interest soon.

There were a number of areas in drought which had put pressure on communities and it was important that people took advantage of the mental health specialists, the welfare and rural counsellors available. The Government was putting as many resources as possible into these areas.

**Mike Allen, Chief Executive, Housing NSW, Family and Community Services, Ross O'Shea Interim District Director for Far West FaCS.**

Mr Allen said the State Government had been providing services in three mismatched areas across the Western Division in Ageing, Housing and community services. This had been confusing for government and communities. From September 2015 the Family and Community Services and the local health districts would be aligned across the State. Managers would have a single point of contact which would allow an easier sharing of resources and information.

Mr Ross O'Shea said he was the interim Director for the Far West and a permanent Director based in Broken Hill, would be finalised before Christmas with Health and Community Services and Education.

This new department would encourage the growth of local services to provide the NDIS. If local organisations were not ready, private operators would take over again.

Co-locating the leadership teams, building partnerships across the region and delivering local services was the focus of the Departments.

**Gavin Priestley, Regional Manager for NSW Public Works**

Mr Priestley said Public Works also had the problem of attracting staff with the appropriate education and experience in civil engineering to deliver the services at a local level. Local Colleges were not offering trade training and the universities were offering other educational opportunities.

As Regional Manager he was trying to advise local government about the changes to regulations. It was difficult for local contractors to work for government but it was possible and the state government was encouraging this through a new program. There was a need to make sure contractors were viable and capable of the jobs.

Mr Priestley encouraged the Councils to meet with their local contractors and support them to register on the Public Works website with their skill set. He offered to attend these meetings to speak to local tradespeople about the opportunities to undertake public service jobs in their communities.

Work under \$1 million was generally available and if it was done by locals it kept those skills in the region. He invited Councils to contact him about the opportunities.

**Rick Colless, MLC - Update Public Land Management in NSW**

Mr Colless said the Review had shown that National Parks had no clear vision for the future management of public land- no idea of what they wanted parks to be.

Bio-diversity was not protected by National Parks as they did not have proper management practices and there was a need to control wider issues such as fire, weeds and pests.

The nil tenure approach had not worked and conservation management was best done with a broad approach for social, economic and environmental outcomes.

The Inquiry had 12 recommendations in its report.

The major issues were

- the call for an independent and full scale evaluation of the management of crown land.
- A moratorium on the creation of any new National Parks
- Government develop a process for the declaration of Parks which includes the social and community effects to ensure the best outcome for the region.

The Government's Reply to the Report is due to be handed down on November 5.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

**Financial Report:** the treasurer presented the Annual Financial Report which would, in the future, be adopted at the Conference.

Estimated surplus balance @ 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

\$25,457 ex GST

#### Motion :

1. Members Fees to increase from \$2090 GST inclusive (\$1900 GST exclusive) to \$2172.50 GST inclusive (\$1975 GST exclusive) an increase of 3.95%
2. Increase Executive Officers consultation fees from \$1815 per month GST inclusive (\$1650 GST exclusive) to \$1870 per month GST inclusive (\$1700 GST exclusive) an increase of 3.85%

Moved Cobar, Seconded Lachlan

Carried

#### Other Business

**Motion :** That Western Division Councils of NSW write to the Local Government Act Taskforce and the Local Government Independent Review Panel offering support for the LGNSW recently commissioned Deloitte Access Economics Report into the current rate exemption provisions.

The report:

- Provides a comprehensive review of existing rate exemptions.
- Includes a framework for assessing the adequacy of exemptions based on principles of optimal taxation.
- Validates many of the criticisms that Local Government has repeatedly made.
- Recommends the removal or redesign of many of the rate exemption provisions.

Moved Brewarrina, Seconded Lachlan

Carried

Next Meeting Annual Conference at Hillston, March 2 to 4, 2014

Including Balranald • Bogan • Bourke • Brewarrina • Broken Hill • Carrathool • Central Darling  
Cobar • Hay • Lachlan • Moree • Walgett • Wentworth Councils of NSW

### 13.3 Murray Darling Basin Committee

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| <b>Minutes of Murray Darling Basin Committee Meeting – 23 October 2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Murray Darling Basin Committee Meeting held 23 October 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Murray Darling Basin – Northern Basin, Macquarie Valley**

Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

Senator Simon Birmingham - Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

Mr Mark Coulton – Member for Parkes

Departmental reps: David Parker, Deputy Secretary - SEWPAC  
Richard McLoughlin, Assistant Secretary, Irrigation Efficiency  
Northern Branch –Department of Environment

Present: Clr Bill McAnally, Clr Rex Wilson, Ashley Wielinga, Greg Lamont, Belinda Barlow (OROC), Danielle Flakelar, Wailwan people, Mark Dugan Chair Narromine Trangie Irrigation Scheme; Louise Fisher, Exec Officer Narromine-Trangie Irrigation Scheme; Stuart Crawford, Narromine-Trangie Irrigation Scheme; Tom Cheeson, CEO National Irrigators Council; Bev Smiles, Macquarie Marshes Environmental Flow Environmental Reference Group; Jim Winter, Trangie-Nevertire Irrigation Scheme; Tony Quigley, Trangie-Nevertire Irrigation Scheme; Mary Ewing, Lachlan Valley Water; Tony McAlary, Tanandra Scheme; Gus O'Brien, Chair Tanandra Scheme; Gary Hall, Macquarie Marshes Environmental Landholder Group; Robyn Coulton and Brie Colley Mark Coulton's office.

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**Background:**

A discussion with Senator Simon Birmingham was requested regarding any issues for water management with stakeholders in the northern Basin and how stakeholders are managing the transition to the new arrangements under the Basin Plan - in the Macquarie and Lachlan valleys in particular. The Senator was interested in gaining insight into the experience of the irrigation representatives on the rollout of the irrigation infrastructure upgrade projects currently underway in the Macquarie Valley.

These notes are a summation of the discussion held with Senator Simon Birmingham, SEWPAC representatives and invited stakeholders.

**Position:**

The Coalition has a desire to make the management of Water Act and Basin Plan implemented in a way that protects regional, national and local economies; and that communities relying on agriculture are as healthy as possible.

Senator Birmingham has worked closely with Barnaby Joyce whilst in opposition and came into the job as Parliamentary Secretary with a good understanding of the Southern Basin system but not Northern Basin, hence his tour and interest. He has visited during the week prior to his stopover in Narromine: St.George, Goondiwindi, Moree, and Weilmoringle Station.

**Essential Points:**

- Common sense needs to be applied of how water is recovered and how recovered water is used by Commonwealth and States.
- Engaging with communities is very important.
- Tailor infrastructure improvements to the community's needs.
- Local engagement officers are being placed on the ground in communities.

Traditional owners Wailwan people would like to see the environmental water in the



Macquarie Valley managed for the benefit of cultural assets as well as the environmental assets. There are a number of social, employment and environmental factors that are affecting the traditional owners.

Narromine/Trangie Irrigation Scheme – received PIIOF funding for infrastructure improvements and on farm works it has been identified by scheme members as common sense spending by government for irrigators. Senator Birmingham agreed that during drier years when water allocations are down future trading will allow water to be placed on temporary market to allow productivity and opportunity for agricultural communities; and allow long term sustainability.

Tom Chesson - National Irrigators Council

Current cost of inputs such as electricity and network charges is a major impediment for an irrigator's productivity and profitability and may not be utilizing assets to make informed decisions due to input cost of electricity; NIC would like to see abolishment of carbon tax to elevate such price hikes in electricity.

The EPCB Listing of Lower Macquarie land that was a forced/last minute decision of previous Labor government is also a concern of NICs and Senator Birmingham will work closely to identify the inadequacies around the work done here. Unfortunately there was no transparency prior to the listing and landholders are genuinely concerned.

Bev Smiles representing Inland Rivers, (also a member of the Macquarie Marshes Environmental Flow Environmental Reference Group) would like to see a reversal of degradation to rivers and waterways, and is not satisfied with cap on water buy back would like more water get to the core area of the Marshes.

Senator Birmingham is concerned for a level where the productive capacity of irrigators and communities is more important than simply pursuing buy back – this may only lead to retiring farm debt and not necessarily provide any economic stimulus in a rural community. The environment can benefit through efficiencies made via programs such as PIIOF and on farm infrastructure improvements, there is a genuine need to retain a level of productivity in communities and also allow to leave the system in a better/healthier position through water efficiencies.

Macquarie River Food and Fibre – Susan Madden

The Commonwealth has increased its share of water holdings in the Valley. The Commonwealth and State objectives on how environmental water is used does require some alignment and for this water to be used in line with the expectations of the Basin Plan delivering outcomes – The Macquarie is over recovered in terms of water required to meet the requirements for the Macquarie Marshes as specified by MDBA.

Management of environmental water is quite different to what legislation/the basin plan states. Monitoring and evaluation requirements need to be consistent and serious consideration given to non-flow objectives such as natural resource management activities that can occur throughout the Valley.

There needs to be equity and transparency identifying the additional benefit that environmental water is providing the Macquarie Marshes – as majority of land in the Marshes is privately owned/held and water that goes here should also be accountable for environmental outcomes.

The recent listing of land under the EPBC Act may have been triggered by the pipeline activities (for Orange) above the Dam. The science that determined the listing was undertaken at peak of millennium drought in 2008 and MRFF questions such science.

Trangie Nevertire Irrigation Scheme – Jim Winter and Tony Quigley (representing 169 landholders)

Successfully received funding via PIIOP Round 1 - \$115 million – with 80kms of channel already lined and further works to include:

- Design and construction of a stock and domestic pipeline
- Modernisation of scheme channels
- Upgrading of scheme infrastructure
- Rationalization of scheme channels and scheme irrigation area.

In 2013 there is a 6% allocation and a carryover of 11.5 megs from previous year. In the past the Scheme would not have even started up pumps with such a meager amount of water. However the irrigators will be pumping as the improvement to water efficiencies have been enormous and have just delivered first water/run. This will see productivity in a dry year continue – with irrigation and construction works going on – this had made a huge economic impact on the towns of Trangie and Warren.

The program has been most efficient as it has dealt directly with clients on the ground and the Department (not via a secondary agency) Landholders consider it as a stand out model of delivery of commonwealth funds and it has been a very positive and worthwhile effort.

Senator Birmingham identified and agreed that on ground works and infrastructure improvements lead to a longer term sustainable industry and retaining a population and a stable workforce, governments need to take notice. The biggest gains in the system are identified in dry years. - The scheme would have lost 40% of water if were to pump in year such as this without infrastructure works and infrastructure.

Lachlan Valley Water – Mary Ewing – representing 650 water users in the Lachlan valley that includes direct extractions from the river, ground water and the Jemalong Scheme.

No PIIOP funding was received in the Lachlan Valley.

The Lachlan Valley suffers also from over-recovered water, 90% of water recovered through buy back and was undertaken before targets of Basin Plan were set. There is potential for production and environment to benefit by co-operating and working together. Lachlan Valley Water would like to see the focus move to monitoring and adaptive management.

The long term annual averages report – is not an accurate indicator as large floods give a much bigger average - the medium and low level flows are the critical years to consider.

Senator Birmingham believes that where over recovery has genuinely occurred there could be reconciliation with areas that have not reached basin plan recovery targets. He is also acutely aware of coordination and integration of monitoring between states and commonwealth needs to be achieved in order not to duplicate.



Tony McAlary – Irrigator Tanandra Scheme – Warren.

A rigorous methodology of assessment needs to be undertaken it is meaningless to have different agencies undertaking monitoring on an ad-hoc basis. A good example is the 700,000 megs sent to the Marshes in 2012 to promote bird breeding yet there is no acknowledgement/evidence that any bird breeding was undertaken and no evaluation of the benefit of such water.

Gus O'Brien – Chair of Tanandra Scheme

PIIOP funding received in Round 1 and in final report stage, again a dry year such as this has allowed for water to be pumped by the Scheme and productivity to continue.

Bill McAnally – Mayor Narramine Shire and Chair of OROC

The region is large up to 23% of state – it a low population and a large and productive area.

From a local government perspective the irrigation and associated agricultural industries don't need booms and busts but consistency for long term viability and sustainability.

It is important to OROC towns that irrigation industry survives – as we've seen over consecutive droughts and low production years, people are lost, and its traditionally the good ones that are lost from communities that hold jobs and are integral players in the social infrastructure.

Ashley Wielinga – General Manager Warren Shire Council

In the Warren Local Government – irrigation is a major part of the economy. Warren has been more affected than any other community due to buy back and modernization. Buyback has had a dramatic affect on Warren's population and businesses.

There has been no structural adjustment for the community – RDA Orana as the conduit to the government offered prioritized projects on behalf of the region for structural adjustment projects in Dubbo and Coonamble – which will offer no direct benefit to agriculture or productivity in the Lower Macquarie. The community is stressed and a structural adjustment stimulus is needed. Individual irrigators that received compensation via buy back but used it to retire debt invest in off farm activity.

A permanent agricultural workforce no longer exists in Warren as the working population has been lost.

Senator Birmingham did not commit to any structural adjustment funding however if and when NSW signs up to the Basin Plan there may be some funding be returned to communities via this program.

Rex Wilson, Mayor Warren Shire Council

Local government must have a whole of community approach to Basin Plan. The draft Basin Plan identified Warren community as being on a knife edge. Warren Shire Council recognises that the Macquarie Marshes and irrigation industry are both vitally important to the Warren community and the region's economy.

Clr Rex Wilson highlights that there is some angst/concern in relation to the EPBC listing by Lower Macquarie landholders in the Warren Shire.

Gary Hall – Landholder in Macquarie Marshes

Is a beef cattle grazier and is Chair of the Macquarie Marshes Environmental Landholders Group. Marsh landholders have fought vigorously for generations to keep their land in excellent condition and the flood plain is the most productive area of such land. During the 1980's and 1990's there was a noticeable difference to the Macquarie Marsh area/natural landscape as the Macquarie River flow regime was altered.

The EPBC Act will help Macquarie Marsh landscape changes and he as a landholder in the Marsh area is in favour of the recent listing. The area of the Macquarie Marshes needs to be wet and the Macquarie River's contribution to the Barwon River system is extremely important.

Senator Birmingham expressed his concern that the Marshes can't be promised to get back to where they were originally post flow regimes and irrigation; however Senator Birmingham identifies the need for a level of sustainability for whole community irrigators, marshes and towns.

## 13.4 Local Area Traffic Committee

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| <b>Local Area Traffic Committee – 10 October 2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 10 October 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**MINUTES FOR  
LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

**AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT  
WALGETT COUNCIL MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> October, 2013 AT 10:00 AM**

**PRESENT**

David Vant (Road Safety & Traffic, Western Region, RTA NSW)  
Ian Woodcock (Local "State" Member's Representative)  
Clr Manuel Martinez (Councillor Walgett Shire Council)  
Sergeant B. Jameson (NSW Police)  
Jason Baker (NSW Police)  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Samantha Rose (Minute Secretary)  
Karl Adams (Kardell Pty Ltd)

**APOLOGIES**

Clr Jane Keir (Councillor Walgett Shire Council)

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2013**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 8 August 2013, have been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** David Vant

**Seconded:** Sergeant B. Jameson

**1.0 Business arising from previous Minutes**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

### **1.1 Heavy Vehicle Driver Training in Walgett (Attached Letter)**

More investigation is need into this matter

### **2.0 Incoming Correspondence**

#### **2.1 Primitive camping ground sign on corner of Wilson and Herbert Street Collarenebri**

**Recommendations:** Sign Designs are to be sent to RMS (David Vant) for his approvals also need to investigated gateway.

### **3.0 general Business: Nil**

### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 11:15

**Next Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013



## ***COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – NOVEMBER 2013***

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland

**FILE NUMBER:** 10/154

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### **Summary:**

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

### **Background:**

Attached is the Resolution Register which summaries outstanding action in respect of all resolutions as well as any other matters raised at previous Meetings which required action.

### **Current Position:**

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

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

Resolution Register November 2013

### **Governance issues:**

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

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Council and Manex Team

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil

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

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

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| <b>Council's Decision Action Report – November 2013</b>                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Resolution Register for November 2013 be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Resolution Register- November 2013.

## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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| 19th<br>February<br>2013 | 1/2013/22 | <p>1. That Council resolve to sell Lot 20 Sec 41 DP 759036 to Walgett Preschool and Long Day Care Centre for the purchase of the sum of \$35,000 plus GST.</p> <p>2. That Council resolve to waive rental payments of \$28,800 under the lease agreement.</p> <p>3. That Council instruct solicitors Booth, Brown Samuels and Olney to prepare a Contract of Sale between the Walgett Preschool &amp; Long Day Care Centre for Lot 20 Section 41 DP759036 to complete the transaction.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Woodcock<br/>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p> | Corporate Services | <p>19/03/2013 Contracts currently being drawn up by Booth, Brown Samuels and Olney.</p> <p>10/04/2013 Contracts have been drawn up and settlement scheduled.</p> <p>22/04/2013 Contract for sale documents signed by General Manager.</p> <p>22/04/2013 Contract for Sale – Lot 20 Pitt Street Walgett signed and forwarded to Booth, Brown, Samuels and Olney.</p> <p>17/06/2013 Sale is progressing, should be finalised by the end of June 2013, 149 Certificate has been issued.</p> <p>15/07/2013 Transfer on hold pending receipt of letter from WVP &amp; LDC regarding building condition issues.</p> <p>07.08.13 Advised that a letter would be coming from the Committee advising that they wish to proceed with the purchase and that Council give consideration to assisting with some identified maintenance issues.</p> <p>16.09.2013 Coolibah Kids is to meet on 18/9, awaiting letter.</p> <p>20.11.13 Letter written to Coolibah Kids Committee requesting</p> | Corporate Services |
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|                    |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                           | that they sign the contract. Follow up phone call made with Coolibah Kids advising that they are trying to locate the contract.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                           |  |
| 19th February 2013 | 1/2013/45                      | <p>That Council approve the renewal of lease between Walgett Shire Council as Trust Manager for the Walgett Recreation (D520033) Reserve Trust; Walgett Recreation (R69987) Reserve Trust and Walgett Baths (R82251 Reserve Trust and the Walgett and District Sporting Club Limited for a term of twenty years from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2031 at an annual rental of \$2 and on the same terms and conditions of the former lease.</p> <p>Further that Council execute the appropriate lease documentation under the Common Seal of Council and seek the Minister's approval/concurrence to the proposed new twenty year lease.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Woodcock<br/>Seconded: Cllr Lane</p> | General Manager                           | <p>18/03/2013 Lease is currently in the process of being drafted and has been forwarded to the Club for signing.</p> <p>16/06/2013 Matter on hold until Sporting Club administration is finalised.</p> <p>16.09.2013 Current status of matter is being followed up.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | General Manager                           |  |
| 19th February 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | <p>What is the progress of the Sewer Dump Point's relocation at Lightning Ridge?<br/><b>Cllr Woodcock</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director of Urban Infrastructure Services | <p>18/03/2013 Planned completion of relocation for May 2013.</p> <p>15/04/2013 Installation of the Sewer Pump will be completed by 30 June 2013.</p> <p>15/05/2013 New sewer dump point is in Windlass Ave next to Lions Park, as it is not practical to install near new bore.</p> <p>17/06/2013 Awaiting a dump point kit, will be installed in Harlequin Street.</p> <p>12/07/2013 Contract has been awarded, still awaiting the dump point kit.</p> <p>07.08.13 As discussed in July Council meeting</p> | Director of Urban Infrastructure Services |  |

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|                    |                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | location near the standpipe in Onyx Street is being investigated. The only problem may be access to the site during heavy rainfall.<br>22.11.13 Site finalized on 13/11/2013. Work will commence from 25/11/2013.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                    |
| 19th February 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | Clr Greenaway advised Suzanne Murray sent a request for a Levee to be Maitland Street, Collarenebri; what is the progress of this request?<br><b>Clr Greenaway</b> | General Manager               | Legal Position being investigated letter sent to Mrs Murray.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager               |                    |
| 19th February 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | What is the progress of the proposed pedestrian crossing outside of the Lightning Ridge Pre-School?<br><b>Clr Walford</b>                                          | Director Engineering Services | 01/03/2013 Traffic studies are in progress.<br>17/05/2013 Counter was removed on the 16/05/2013, data processing is currently in progress.<br>17/06/2013 The traffic data will be discussed at the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting on 20/06/2013.<br>10/07/2013 Draft design has been submitted to RMS for comments on 04/07/2013<br>Re inspected on 10/09/2013 and in progress in re-drafting the design.<br>04.10.13 Waiting for RMS'S comments<br>16.10.13 line marking has been done. | Director Engineering Services | Completed 16.10.13 |

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 26 March

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| 26 March 2013 | 3/2013/11 | <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That a fresh ten year licence with a five year renewal option at market value be negotiated with Imparja Television Pty. Ltd. with regards their existing Walgett site and a further option to purchase the land at market value also negotiated when the issues surrounding the requirements of the new LEP and power connections are resolved.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford</p> <p>Seconded: Clr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                           | Licence being prepared for signature. Digital Broadcasting has commenced in Walgett and Lightning Ridge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager                           |  |
| 26 March 2013 | 3/2013/22 | <p>1. That Council endorse the recommendation to request Veolia Water Supply to run a prototype trial plant in Collarenebri.</p> <p>2. That, should the trial prove a success, retrofit of Collarenebri treatment plant be considered in conjunction with the 2013/14 Operational Plan and Budget preparations with a special report being prepared in respect of this issue including sourcing of government funding which may be available.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway</p> <p>Seconded: Clr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Urban Infrastructure Services    | <p>04/04/2013 Veolia has been informed about Councils resolution, Veolia is currently sourcing trial unit.</p> <p>15/05/2013 Veolia is still sourcing a trial unit.</p> <p>16/06/2013 Trial unit could possibly be received by the end of June 2013.</p> <p>10/07/2013 Trial unit will cost \$58,000.00 as advised by Veolia-included in MFBM in July.</p> <p>07.08.13 Expressions of Interest close 19 August 2013.</p> <p>22.11.13 Progressing. Public Works has been engaged and awaiting report &amp; recommendation from PW.</p> | Director Urban Infrastructure Services    |  |
| 26 March 2013 | 3/2013/23 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <p>1. Adopt part of Crown Reserve 230076, commonly known as the Lions Park, as its preferred site at Lightning Ridge for a declared off-leash area for dogs.</p> <p>2. Write to the Crown Lands Division of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and seek its agreement for the establishment of an off-leash area for dogs within Crown Reserve 230076, commonly known as the Lions Park, over the area delineated in Attachment B.</p> <p>3. Consider the allocation of a budget of \$3,000 for faeces receptacle and signage for an off-leash area for dogs at Lightning Ridge as part of Council's budget for 2013-2014.</p> | Director Planning and Regulatory Services | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No action required.</li> <li>2. Letter sent 4/4/2013</li> <li>3. Pending, awaiting response from Crown Lands.</li> <li>4. Response received 15/08/13. Report to prepared for Council response.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Planning and Regulatory Services |  |

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| 26 March 2013 | 3/2013/31                       | <p>1. That the Council note the content of the report and that the property described as Lot 2 &amp; Lot 10 sec 13 DP 758227 (Carinda Hotel) be withdrawn from sale due to a lack of clarity over the current ownership of the property and as a result, whether required notifications have been given to all parties with an interest in the land.</p> <p>2. That Ms Jennifer Petkovic be advised that Council has deferred the sale of the property and that it will be re-listed for a further sale in the event that outstanding rates remain unpaid.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Taylor</p> | Director Corporate Services   | <p>16/04/2013 Property withdrawn from sale. \$7,500 received as at report date. Further \$1,000 paid bringing total payments to \$8,500. Matter to be followed up with SR Law to determine recovery action.</p> <p>17/06/2013 Legal action options being investigated.</p> <p>15/07/2013 SR Law have been provided with relevant documentation. Awaiting further advice.</p> <p>07.08.13 No response to letter of demand. Solicitors instructed to lodge statement of claim.</p> <p>16.09.2013 Matter proceeding to judgement. \$9,533.45 as at 16/9 after payments of \$822.67 on 23/7, \$1,000.00 on 23/8 and \$500.00 on 11/9. Ratepayer has made no contact with SR Law or Council.</p> <p>20.11.13 The suite of options available to obtain payment are being pursued by SR Law.</p> | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 26 March 2013 | 3/2013/34                       | <p>Senior staff of Walgett Shire Council meet with representatives from the Australian Opal Centre to establish a Memorandum of Understanding.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Taylor<br/>Seconded: Clr Martinez</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager               | Meeting to be arranged.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager               |  |
| 26 March 2013 | Questions from the last meeting | <p>Can funding for maintenance on the Castlereagh Highway between Lightning Ridge and Walgett be investigated?<br/><b>Clr Martinez</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services | <p>15/04/2013 Will be discussed at the next RMCC Meeting.</p> <p>15/05/2013 Was discussed at the RMCC meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013, RMS is currently considering.</p> <p>17/06/2013 Currently awaiting RMS's 2013/2014 Work Program.</p> <p>10/07/2013 RMS has agreed for the work and awaiting for their work schedule</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services |  |

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| 26 March 2013 | Questions from the last meeting | If \$90,000 is to be spent on the Collarenebri Agency House, what is the value of the House and the cost benefits of the renovations?<br><b>Clr Martinez</b> | Director Corporate Services | <p>15/04/2013 As at the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 current market value of the property was \$60,000.00. However, Council's General Manager believes that there is justification to carrying out renovations to the premises on a limited scale and will be preparing a further report for Council's consideration in this regard in conjunction with a report on the future operation of the Collarenebri Agency.</p> <p>15/05/2013 A report will be submitted Council.</p> <p>10/07/2013 An inspection of Collarenebri Agency House will be conducted by General Manager, Director Urban Infrastructure Services and Senior Health and Building Surveyor.</p> <p>07.08.13 Inspection Completed.</p> <p>24.09.13 The General Manager advised that the property must first be made secure. Council is currently working on tidying up the yard and broken fibro downstairs. General Manager has noted that the air conditioner has been replaced. Council will undertake some of the work, the rest Council will call Expressions of Interest. The house will then be in a position to lease/sell.</p> <p>16.11.13 Carpenter being engaged to carry out repair work.</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |
| 26 March 2013 | Questions from the last meeting | Can a report be brought to Council on the cost of the Bill O'Brien subdivision?<br><b>Clr Lane</b>                                                           | General Manager             | 17/04/2013 The General Manager will investigate and prepare a report for Council's consideration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager             |  |

## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 23 April 2013



# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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| 23 April 2013 | 4/2013/7  | <p>That Walgett Shire Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the notion of "public funding being used for public benefit"</li> <li>2. Supports "in principle" the SEXI proposal and the development of a solar energy industry in Walgett Shire.</li> <li>3. Call on the Federal Government, through the Australia Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), to provide up to \$200M over five years to the SEXI Group of Councils. To allow the SEXI proposal to be built and operated.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | General Manager             | Letter of Support being drafted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | General Manager             |  |
| 23 April 2013 | 4/2013/12 | <p>That the State Minister and Federal Shadow Minister for the Environment be invited to inspect the extent of the Hudson Pear outbreak in the Shire and to fund the \$350,000 required annually to treat new weed incursions and stop the weed spreading.</p> <p><b>Moved: Clr Lane</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager             | <p>Invitation being extended through Local Member.</p> <p>21.11.13 Meeting of government agencies being arranged for 9/10 December 2013.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager             |  |
| 23 April 2013 | 4/2013/13 | <p>That the "Sculptures on the Highway" project be included for consideration at the 2013/14 Budget Workshop and that further consideration be given regarding the level of participation which Council may have in the organisation of the project.</p> <p><b>Moved: Clr Woodcock</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Clr Martinez</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager             | <p>Provision to be made in 2013/14 draft estimates.</p> <p>21.11.13 EOI for project to be invited February 2014.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager             |  |
| 23 April 2013 | 4/2013/21 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council delegate to the General Manager authority to sell the two (2) remaining properties being Assessment 6544 for 75 Warrena Street, Walgett – Lot 41 DP 802933 and Assessment 6569 20 Peel Street, Walgett – Lot 1 Section 10 DP 759036 by private treaty in accordance with Section 716 of the Local Government Act 1993.</li> <li>2. That the General Manager be delegated authority to complete the required legal documentation associated with the sale of the properties submitted for sale under Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to affix the Council Seal where required.</li> <li>3. That agreement be sought from owners with multiple properties to transfer any surplus of funds from sale prices exceeding the outstanding rate amount, to other properties in the owner's name for which the sale price did not meet the outstanding rate amount.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved: Clr Lane</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Clr Taylor</b></p> | Director Corporate Services | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &amp; 2. All properties settled 13 May with exception of 5-7 Church Street Collarenebri. Requires Documentation to be sorted.</li> <li>3. To be further considered when final costs have been allocated to each assessment.</li> </ol> <p>17/06/2013 Related processes proceeding.<br/> 15/07/2013 1&amp;2 – All properties settled.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Letter to be forwarded when full costs have been apportioned to assessment.</li> </ol> <p>07.08.13 Assets officer instructed to market properties. Meeting held with</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |

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|               |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                | ratepayer. Ratepayer agreeable to pay some of the surplus of remaining properties but is seeking that some funds be returned.<br>17.09.2013 Sale of 75 Wareena Street & 20 Peel Street yet to be progressed.<br>20.11.13 No further progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                |                    |
| 23 April 2013 | Question for the next meeting | Can a letter be written to the Regional Manager of Australia Post in relation to the issues being experienced at the Lightning Ridge Post Office?<br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director of Corporate Services | Letter being drafted to the Regional Manager of Australia Post.<br>17/06/2013 Awaiting letter from Australia Post.<br>15/07/2013 Further phone call to regional manager. He will follow up with State Manager regarding response to Councils letter.<br>07.08.13 Advised that letter should be received by Council week ending 9 August 2013.<br>16.09.2013 No further progress on this matter.<br>20.11.13 No further update provided by Aus post. | Director of Corporate Services |                    |
| 23 April 2013 | Question for the next meeting | Can the condition of the bitumen in Colless Street Come-By-Chance be inspected?<br><b>Clr Keir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services  | 15/05/2013 Has been inspected on 13/05/2013, work will be undertaken by the end of May 2013.<br>17/06/2013 Due to excessive work load, the work on Colless Street has been rescheduled to July 2013.<br>10/07/2013 Due to the urgent commitments, the work on the Colless Street has been Postponed to Dec 2013.                                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services  |                    |
| 23 April 2013 | Question for the next meeting | Noted that he had raised this matter at the February meeting and resident's letters on the issue had not been replied to. He requested that a report be brought back to Council regarding possible funding and planned maintenance for the Bridges and side tracks on the Brew on Road. It was also suggested that Council officers meet with residents.<br><b>Clr Cooper</b> | Director Engineering Services  | 15/05/2013 A meeting has been scheduled for 20/05/2013 with Clr Cooper and residents onsite.<br>17/06/2013 Due to the weather conditions the meeting needs to be rescheduled.<br>07.08.13 Councillor Cooper has spoken with residents and happy to see the construction of the bridge this year.<br>21.11.13 Tenders submitted for                                                                                                                  | Director Engineering Services  | 13.08.13 Completed |

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## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 28 May 2013

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| 28 May 2013 | 5/2013/9  | <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>1. That Council review the document and highlight those matters within the Taskforce's latest paper which it is felt should be supported, changed or amended.</p> <p>2. That the General Manager prepare a submission to The Local Government Acts Taskforce and submit same prior to the closing date of 28th June 2013.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Keir</b></p> <p><b>Seconded: Cllr Lane</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager | Attended Taskforce Workshop at Dubbo on 15 May, submission being prepared to be lodged by 28/06/2013.                                                                                  | General Manager |  |
| 28 May 2013 | 5/2013/11 | <p>1. That Council review the options as detailed</p> <p>2. The Council identifies any further options not detailed.</p> <p>3. That Council eliminate any options not considered suitable.</p> <p>4. Council identify a preferred option or options that they would like to further evaluate.</p> <p>5. The General Manager hold a meeting with all Council staff to outline the work of the Panel and Council's position going forward.</p> <p>6. That Council determine the need to hold a series of public forums to explain the work of the Panel and the proposals being considered.</p> <p>7. That a full explanation of the current proposals and Council's preferred option(s) be circulated through Council's newsletter and website.</p> <p>8. That Council further explore options 2, 4 and 5 only.</p> <p>2. Enter into a strong resource sharing agreement with our surrounding Councils (Not necessarily limited to the three identified) which will provide some economies of scale and cost savings. This could be strengthened by the undertaking of a Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>4. Look at the concept of a much smaller Regional Authority, say based on Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke. This could bring to the table the State and Federal Governments and the Aboriginal Organisations. The determination of representation would be one hurdle to overcome.</p> <p>5. Form a County Council with the three Councils to facilitate a better resource sharing model and also have additional bargaining power with the State and Federal Agencies and the ability to engage with the aboriginal communities on a regional basis.</p> <p>9. That the results of the further research be brought back to a</p> | General Manager | Meeting held with Councillors on the 14 <sup>th</sup> June to discuss submission. 20.11.13 Agreements with Bourke, Bre and Walgett now revised and ready for ceremony to be conducted. | General Manager |  |

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|             |                                | <p>Council Workshop.</p> <p>10. That the General Manager engage additional professional expertise if required.</p> <p>11. That the General Manager consult with surrounding Shires to ascertain their intended actions.</p> <p>12. The Mayor and the General Manager be authorised to take any other appropriate action in preparing information for Council's workshop.</p>                                                |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                         |                    |
| 28 May 2013 | 5/2013/14                      | <p>1. That Council agree to provide a Migrant Information and Referral service through the Community Development unit subject to funding for employment of the worker being provided by the Community Relations Commission (CRC)</p> <p>2. That a provision of \$5000 in 2013-2014 budget for administrative and office expenses associated with the position.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Woodcock</p> <p>Seconded: Clr Martinez</p> | Director Corporate Services             | <p>17/06/2013 Arrangements proceeding.</p> <p>15/07/2013 Letter written and funding application lodged.</p> <p>07.08.13 Matter progressing</p> <p>16.09.2013 Council awaiting outcome of funding application.</p> <p>20.11.13 Funding approved. Position description to be referred to CC.</p>     | Director Corporate Services             |                    |
| 28 May 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | <p>What is the progress on the amalgamation of the Engineering Department?</p> <p>Clr Woodcock</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager                         | <p>The General Manager advised this will be readdressed once the Independent Local Government Review Panel release their final decision.</p>                                                                                                                                                       | General Manager                         |                    |
| 28 May 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | <p>Has Council investigated R &amp; M Pearson's letter regarding access to the Walgett Weir?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services           | <p>17/06/2013 A site meeting will be scheduled and further investigations undertaken.</p> <p>10/07/2013 Investigation has been done. Council has submitted an opposed letter to Crown Lands.</p> <p>07.08.13 Waiting for the Crown Land's action.</p>                                              | Director Engineering Services           |                    |
| 28 May 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | <p>When will the resurfacing of the tar in George Street Collarenebri be undertaken?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services           | <p>17/06/2013 Big potholes have been filled with black jack, resealing has been scheduled within the 2013/14 Budget.</p>                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services           |                    |
| 28 May 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | <p>Complaints have been received regarding the Leash Free Area in Lightning Ridge, can further investigation be undertaken to find a suitable area?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>17/06/2013 awaiting response from Crown Lands Dubbo regarding the proposal for Lions Park. Regulatory Officer will be undertaking weekend patrols to ensure all pets restrained at markets.</p> <p>11.10.13 Weekend patrol completed &amp; warnings issued. No further complaints received.</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | Completed 11.10.13 |

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| 28 May 2013 | 5/2013/22 | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to provide of up to \$70,000 from the Water Fund to engage a consultant to undertake the feasibility study, hydrology study and concept design for raising the Barw on Weir 11A and incorporating a fishway.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Keir<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Lane | Acting Director<br>Urban<br>Infrastructure<br>Services | Feasibility study concept being finalised.<br>07.08.13 Site meeting scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August with Consultant.<br>22.11.13 Consultant will submit a draft report end of next week. | Acting Director<br>Urban<br>Infrastructure<br>Services |  |
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## Resolution actions for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 Meeting

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| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/13 | 1. Council endorse the Walgett Submission in response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's discussion papers and supporting documentation.<br>2. Reserve the right to make further submissions to the Panel in respect of any further information/discussion papers released subsequently by the Panel.<br>3. Make a formal approach to Bourke and Brewarrina Shires to establish a joint Section 355 Committee, comprised of three elected representatives of each Council, to investigate and implement a higher level of strategic and functional resource sharing by the three Councils.<br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Keir | General Manager    | Appropriate Action being taken as required.<br>20.11.13 Revised agreement awaiting signature.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | General Manager                   |   |
| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/18 | 1. That the Council agree in principle to assuming responsibility for the Come By Chance hall and that a further report is presented in relation to the lease conditions and the establishment of a SEC 355 committee for the ongoing administration of the hall.<br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Corporate Services | 15/07/2013 Current Trustees progressing updating of Certificate of Title. Documentation being progressed.<br>07.08.13 Matter being progressed. Lease template purchased.<br>16.09.2013 Awaiting updating of title to current trustees. Documentation still to be completed.<br>20.11.13 No further progress. | Director<br>Corporate<br>Services | . |
| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/19 | That Council agree to be a partner in the Collarenebri aboriginal cemetery toilet block project and that \$5,000 be restricted from budget ledger 11.03561.1479 and \$5,000 be restricted from budget ledger 11.03561.1480 and carried forward to the 2013 / 2014 to fund councils contribution to the project.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Corporate Services | 15/07/2013 Project to be progressed in 13/14 together with Gosford City Council and other project partners.<br>07.08.13 Matter to be progressed.<br>16.09.2013 Awaiting firming up of scope & timelines from Gosford City Council.<br>20.11.13 Gosford Council has finalised plans. Awaiting DA lodgement.   | Director<br>Corporate<br>Services |   |

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| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/20                      | <p>That Council endorse the change to the Implementation Plan and the proposed location of the outdoor gym equipment in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Cooper</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Keir</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Corporate Services                      | <p>15/07/2013 Project plan progressing with installation estimated for Nov / Dec this year.</p> <p>07.08.13 Advice to community provided via Council Column.</p> <p>16.09.2013 Project progressing with installation set for November 2013.</p> <p>20.11.13 Equipment has been purchased and installation timeframe being developed with Urban Services.</p> | Director Corporate Services             |                    |
| 25 June 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | The building on the reserve behind Pandora Street in Lightning Ridge is currently being used as a shooting gallery, can Western Lands be contacted to confirm ownership of the land and action be taken to rectify the issue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>01.08.13 Notice of Intention to Issue an Order sent. Proposes that building be demolished.</p> <p>11.10.13 Owner has indicated building will be repaired &amp; secured.</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                    |
| 25 June 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | The Carinda Precinct Committee has advised there is a safety problem in the Children's Playground Equipment in the Park, Can this be investigated?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  | <p>10/07/2013 Inspection has been undertaken and the report will be included in MFBM in July.</p> <p>07.08.13 The playground equipment is for ages 7+. A sign is being prepared to be installed</p>                                                                                                                                                          | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  |                    |
| 25 June 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can the North West Weight of Loads be contacted to remove the Colless Transport email address from the email mailout?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager                         | The North West Weight of loads Moree Representative has been contacted in early July to have the Dick Colless email address removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | General Manager                         | 20.11.13 Completed |
| 25 June 2013 | Questions for the next Meeting | The vacant land on the corner of Peel and Warrena Streets, Walgett has a fence which has fallen down and is a danger to the public, can this be investigated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Engineering Services           | <p>10/07/2013 Planning section is in process to contact land owner.</p> <p>07.08.13 Council has issued letter to the landowner Re: demolish and remove fencing.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services           | .                  |
| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/32                      | <p>That the action taken by Council's representatives in securing an agreement with the Walgett and District Sporting Club Ltd.'s Administrators for the immediate and ongoing community access to the Club's sporting facilities be endorsed and a watching brief be maintained over efforts to have the Club resume trading as soon as possible</p> <p>Further that the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to hold further negotiations with the Administrators should such a course of action become necessary.</p> <p><b>Moved: Cllr Greenaway</b><br/><b>Seconded: Cllr Walford</b></p> | General Manager                         | <p>Appropriate action being taken as required.</p> <p>21.11.13 Correspondence received from sporting club to be deferred to December Council meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                         |                    |

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| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/34 | 1. That Council note the report and endorse the action of the General Manager in regard to acceptance of the settlement scheme proposed to creditors.<br><br>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded: Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager                         | Appropriate action being taken as required.<br>20.11.13 Club re-opened August 2013. | General Manager                         | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 25 June 2013 | 6/2013/36 | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:<br><br>1) Connect a Master Meter at the edge of town on all private line to confirm consumption, with a back flow prevention unit, with a letter of advice to all individuals with legal connections.<br><br>2) Seek legal advice on the situation.<br><br>3) A further report be bought back to Council once legal opinion is sought.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Lane | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 10/07/2013 In progress.<br>11.10.13 Awaiting advice                                 | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                     |

## Resolution Actions for 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013

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| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/7  | 1. That a licence for a period of three (3) years be granted to the Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council Incorporated for use of part Lot 8 DP1123745 (previously gazetted as Lot 166 DP820444) for use as an Arts and Craft Centre.<br>2. That the rent fee be \$434.00 per annum plus \$43.40 GST (\$477.40 in total).<br>3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence.<br>4. That Lightning Ridge Arts & Crafts Centre be requested to provide an audited set of Financial Statements. | Director Corporate Services | 07.08.13 Letter written advising of Council resolution.<br>16.09.2013 No response to letter yet. Matter being followed up by Senior Admin Officer.<br>20.11.13 Licence signed & payment yet to be received. Matter being followed up. | Director Corporate Services | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/13 | That the draft policy for noise and hearing loss be adopted.<br><br>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded: Clr Lane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager             | Work Health & Safety Committee / Staff to be advised.<br>20.11.13 Policy now adopted.                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager             |                     |
| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/16 | 1. That the General Manager's Report be received and noted and Council endorse the action being taken and approve contributions amounting to \$4426.82 per annum in 2012, 2013 and 2014 being paid towards the cost of promoting the "YES" case.<br>2. Once the legality is confirmed, the General Manager arrange for representation at the polling booths during                                                                                                                                                     |                             | 1) Community Forums being planned.<br>2) Media Release in Draft<br>3) Planning for Attendance Pooling Booths in train.                                                                                                                | General Manager             | Completed 20.11.13. |

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|              |                                | the coming Federal Election.<br>20.11.13 Due to early federal election referendum not held and Council funds returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                 |  |
| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/17                      | That Council note the outcomes of the LGNSW presentation session at Cobar as well as the planned meeting with our neighbouring Councils.<br><br>Moved:       Clr Lane<br>Seconded:   Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                                 | Meeting with Bourke and Brewarrina Shires planned for 5 August, 2013.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager                                 |  |
| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/19                      | That the report be received and action taken to partner with the NSW Department of Office and Communities to present the Sport & Recreation Forum be endorsed.<br>Moved:       Clr Woodcock<br>Seconded:   Clr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Corporate Service                      | 07.08.13 Preparations for conduct of the forum in hand.<br>16.09.2013 Preparations progressing for forum on 30/31 October 2013.<br>20.11.13 NSW Bushfires impacted on registrations so forum has been rescheduled for 2014.                                           | Director Corporate Service                      |  |
| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/27                      | 1. That Council receive and endorse acceptance of the \$25,000 grant offered by the NSW Government Office of Communities - Sport and Recreation Grant Funding.<br>2. That Council reallocate funding to complete the original project scope be relocated from Recreation and Culture Capital Maintenance ledger 11.03056.4081 in the sum of \$25,000.<br>3. A check be made to see whether such structures are covered by insurance and at what cost. | Director Corporate Services                     | 07.08.13 Offer accepted on-line. Referred to FM for action.<br>16.09.13 Grant to be acquitted when project completed.<br>20.11.13 Shade structures are listed on the insurance schedule.                                                                              | Director Corporate Services                     |  |
| 23 July 2013 | 7/2013/36                      | 1. That Council receive and note the request for the acquisition.<br>2. That Council accepts the acquisition proposal, and authorise the General Manager to explore acquisition arrangements and negotiate further as required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director Engineering Services & General Manager | 07.08.13 Further investigation in progress.<br>02.10.2013 - Waiting for a quotation from a qualified surveyor.                                                                                                                                                        | Director Engineering Services & General Manager |  |
| 23 July 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can the Tender of the Harris Bridge on the Brew on Road be included in the Tender for the Baroka Overflow Bridge B67 and Big Baroka B66 Bridges on the Brew on Road?<br>Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services                   | 07.08.13 Only B66 and B66 have been included on 2013/14 program. In process for tendering and tender will be out on 19/09/2013.<br>02.10.2013 - in tendering stage.<br>23.10.13 Work has been awarded to a consultant.                                                | Director Engineering Services                   |  |
| 23 July 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Has the level of assistance that Council will provide to the Sporting Club been determined?<br>Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager                                 | Awaiting formal application from new Sporting Club Committee.<br>24.09.13 The General Manager advised that a new lease has not yet been signed, in the interim period the previous lease will continue to operate. New lease to be signed when Mr Duncan returns from | General Manager                                 |  |



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| 23 July 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council investigate acquiring the Lightning Ridge Bow ling Club Greens and use on the Lightning Ridge Netball Courts?<br>Clr Martinez                                                                    | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 07.08.13 Staff has advised to talk w ith the manager of Bow ling Club regarding bow ling green. | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 23 July 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can a letter be w ritten to Telstra from Walgett Shire Council w ith regards complaint regarding the state of communication service to customers from the Berkley Dow ns Tow er East of Walgett?<br>Clr Keir | General Manager                        | Letter being drafted.<br>20.11.13 Letter sent aw aiting response.                               | General Manager                        |  |

## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013

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| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/11 | <p>1. That Council give notice of its intention to adopt the Draft Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors, in accordance with Section 253 of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>2. Consider updating the various expenditure limits.</p> <p>3. And that the Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors Policy then be placed on public exhibition and public submissions invited.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>Seconded: Clr Martinez</p> | General Manager | <p>31.08.13 Notification process amended.</p> <p>22.10.13 Policy adopted.</p>              | General Manager | Completed<br>20.11.13. |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/12 | <p>1. Refuse Cubbaroo Campdraft Club's request to install an additional amenities block on Lot 7001 DP 1032424</p> <p>2. Investigate the various alternative options including a mobile ablutions trailer and provide a report to Council including plans and costings.</p> <p>3. General Manager is to investigate if sew erage funds can be utilised for this project.</p>                                                                                                                            | General Manager | 21.11.13 Alternate options being investigated. Notice of motion for November 2013 meeting. | General Manager |                        |

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|                |           | Moved: Clr Martinez<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |                                                                                                                                         |                             |  |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/13 | <p>1. Formally adopt the draft "Barwon Darling Co-ordination Group" agreement; and</p> <p>2. Establish a joint committee as outlined in the agreement under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993</p> <p>3. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to take appropriate action in conjunction with the Shire of Bourke and Brewarrina to implement the terms of the agreement</p> <p>4. Advise the Independent Local Government Review Panel, Minister for Local Government, Local Member for Barwon Hon. Kevin Humphries, relevant unions and state and federal departments of the action being taken in terms of the agreement.</p> <p>5. Advise the local community and Council staff by way of public forums and newsletters of the adoption of the agreement and establishment of the Section 355 Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Keir<br/>Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p> | General Manager             | 20.11.13 Revised agreement awaiting signature.                                                                                          | General Manager             |  |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/16 | <p>1. Seek support/facilitation from DAA to prepare draft MOUs between Council and the Local Aboriginal Land Councils from Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett; and</p> <p>2. Forward letters to each LALC detailing local issues/projects that could be taken into consideration when each LALC is preparing its Community Land and Business Plan.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager             | 20.11.13 Awaiting response/draft MOU from LACCS.                                                                                        | General Manager             |  |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/24 | <p>That the Council confirm the Policies and associated Procedures as at 8 September 2012 on the attached schedule as current policies of the Council and, that a review of these Policies and Procedures be undertaken on a priority basis.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Keir<br/>Seconded: Clr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Director Corporate Services | <p>16.09.13 Review of policies and procedures not yet commenced.</p> <p>20.11.13 Review of policies and procedures yet to commence.</p> | Director Corporate Services |  |

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| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/26 | <p>1. The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2012/2013 be referred to Council's Auditor.</p> <p>2. The Mayor, another Councillor, the General Manager and Finance Manager be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements.</p> <p>3. On receipt of the Audited Report, a copy be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.</p> <p>4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's report and the Financial Statements be presented to the public.</p> <p>5. Subject to any material amendments, public notice be given of the meeting date for formal presentation of the audited Annual Financial Reports for 2012/2013 at the October Council meeting</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p> | Director Corporate Services   | 16.09.13 Finalisation of Annual Financial Reports progressing.<br>20.11.13 Extension for lodgement with DLG granted until 29.11.13. | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/35 | <p>1. That Council accept and recommend the improvement of Morilla Street between Brilliant and Opal Street project.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Martinez<br/>Seconded: Cllr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services | Design work in progress and design will be submitted to RMS on 6/12/2013.                                                           | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/40 | <p>1. That Council resolve to sell the properties as listed in appendix 1 of this report in accordance by public auction in accordance with the Sec 713 of the Local Government Act 1993</p> <p>2. That the only payment arrangement acceptable to the Council be payment in full.</p> <p>3. It is noted that the anticipated sale date is Saturday 14 December 2013.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Cllr Taylor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Corporate Services   | 16.09.13 Preparations for sale proceeding.<br>20.11.13 Preparations for sale proceeding.                                            | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/42 | <p>1. That Council receive and note the Collarenebri Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Progress Report.</p> <p>2. That Council resolve to adopt a Selective Tendering Process</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Urban Infrastructure |                                                                                                                                     | Director Urban Infrastructure |  |

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|                |           | after calling for Expressions of Interest from interested suppliers.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/44 | 1. That Council call fresh tenders for RFT13/005 – Construction of Box Culvert in Old Burren Creek – Merrywinebone Road (RR329).<br><br>2. That tenderers who have previously submitted a tender are advised why fresh tenders are being called.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Lane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services | Fresh tender has been called and will close on 26/09/2013. Tender evaluation report will be submitted in October 2013 Council meeting.<br>22.11.13 Waiting for funding.                                                                                                      | Director Engineering Services |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/45 | 1. That Council accept the offer of \$50,000.00 for Lot 160 DP 882747 in Council's Industrial Subdivision and that any necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | General Manager               | 20.11.13 Letter of acceptance drafted planning for subdivision works in process.                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Manager               |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/47 | 1. That Council endorse the changes made to position descriptions and proposed to the Organisational Structure and those changes now be negotiated through the relevant award processes prior to implementation.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager               | 20.11.13 Referred to Consultative Committee for information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager               |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/48 | 1. That the tender submitted by Riley Aquatic Management P/L for the management of the Walgett and Collarenebri swimming pools be rejected.<br><br>2. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to enter into negotiations with Riley Aquatic Management on the basis of extending the current contract arrangements for the 2013/2014 season or; Alternatively a revised price for a three year period commencing 2013/2014 on the basis of a revised scope for variable inclusions within the contract; and that the outcome of the | Director Corporate Services   | 16.09.13 Management Agreement with RAM confirmed by Council at Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 12 September 2013.<br>20.11.13 Pools have commenced operations. Regular inspections are conducted by Property Officer. Compliance meeting with Pool Manager scheduled for 25.11.13. | Director Corporate Services   | Completed 20.11.13. |

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|                |                                | <p>negotiations be reported back to Council.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>Seconded: Clr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |                                                                                                                                          |                                         |                    |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/49                      | <p>1.Note the seven quotes provided for the preparation of a Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy.<br/>2.Engage GHD to prepare the Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy for \$22,000.<br/>3.Write to the respective unsuccessful firms notifying them of Council's resolution and thank them for submitting a quote.<br/>4. If GHD declines the tender Edge Management are to be engaged instead.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Clr Keir</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 11.10.13 GHD has been engaged & working on strategy                                                                                      | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 11.10.13 Completed |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/51                      | <p>1. That Council adopt the tender recommendation to reject all tenders for the Management &amp; Operation of the Walgett &amp; Lightning Ridge Waste Management Facilities.<br/>2. That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate with the lowest tenderer D&amp;G Lane Earthmoving.<br/>3. That Council consider endorsing a proposal to change the Landfill operating hours for both Waste Management Facilities.</p> <p>Moved:<br/>Seconded:</p>   | Director Urban Infrastructure           | 20.11.13 Tenders accepted and contracts signed.                                                                                          | Director Urban Infrastructure           | 22.11.13 Completed |
| 27 August 2013 | 8/2013/52                      | <p>1. That Council endorse the NSW Public Works tender recommendation for Walgett Water and Sewerage Upgrade program.<br/>2. That Council accept the revised tender price offer submitted by Milbant Constructions Pty Ltd of \$2,355,876.33 inclusive of GST.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane<br/>Seconded: Clr Taylor</p>                                                                                                                                               | Director Urban Infrastructure           | Contractors commencing work November 2013.                                                                                               | Director Urban Infrastructure           | 22.11.13 Completed |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Do the Council have any control over the opening in the fence in Wilson Street, Collarenebri? The fence has not been replaced since fire burnt down the nearby building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 24.09.13 Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that as this is not a public safety issue an order cannot be sent to the | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                    |

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|                |                                | Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                          |                                         | landowner. Council is to write to the landowner to prompt them to replace the fence.<br>11.10.13 Letter sent to landowner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                         |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | The alleyway near the IGA in Walgett is full of rubbish. Can this be investigated?<br>Clr Cooper                                                       | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 24.09.13 Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that the IGA are currently experiencing waste collection issues, and have sourced a bin with a lid as an interim solution. They are currently arranging with the waste management contractor to remove additional waste. Council's Planning & Regulatory staff will review the site regularly.<br>18.10.13 Fire destroyed Walgett IGA | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Have Council acknowledged letter received from the Walgett Historical Society regarding repairs to old Council Chambers and other matters?<br>Clr Keir | General Manager                         | 18.09.13 Response letter sent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | General Manager                         | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Will Council have the shade shelter erected at the Walgett pool prior to the swimming season?<br>Clr Keir                                              | Director Corporate Services             | 27.08.2013 General Manager advised that the smaller shade has been repaired and a larger shade has been purchased. Council is currently investigating whether existing shelter poles need to be replaced or not.                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Corporate Services             |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | The line marking and pot holes on Morilla Street need attention.<br>Clr Martinez                                                                       | Director Engineering Services           | Inspection has been completed and Scheduling is in progress.<br>02.10.2013- Have been scheduled for 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of October 2013.<br>20.11.13 Have attempted work a couple of times with issues. Have been instructed to fill by concrete and work is in progress.                                                                                                                            | Director Engineering Services           |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | How is the Beautification Program going?<br>Clr Martinez                                                                                               | General Manager                         | 27.08.2013 The General Manager advised that planning for this program is underway. Plan is to do Collarenebri main street first, then                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager                         |                     |

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|                |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                        | Walgett and lastly Lightning Ridge. Council will need to inform communities of the project. The new concrete gang should do the work. 20.11.13 Awaiting funding.                                                                                                                |                 |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can funds be accessed from the sewerage and water fund to be utilised for toilet block in the Len Cram Park, Lightning Ridge playground?<br>Clr Martinez                                                                             | General Manager                        | 27.08.2013 General Manager advised that the works program has been set for this financial year. This will be flagged as an item to be included in next year's budget.                                                                                                           | General Manager |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Is the Lightning Ridge tip going to be extended out another 10 metres?<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                 | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 16.09.2013 General Manager advises he is unaware of any proposal to extend the Lightning Ridge Waste Management Facility, however, planning is underway to prepare a site management plan. 22.11.13 Tip will be extended vertically. Design has been issued to the contractors. | General Manager | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | What is happening with water connections to camps?<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager                        | General Manager advises that this matter was discussed in detail at the July 2013 Council Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                              | General Manager | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can the rough areas and gravel issues in the road extension near the bore baths be investigated?<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                       | General Manager                        | 16.09.13 General Manager has referred this matter to Engineering for attention.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | When can the tree planting program commence? Can a letter be written to the Health Department enquiring if there are issues with watering trees outside their office (at the Multi-Purpose Centre in Lightning Ridge)?<br>Clr Taylor | General Manager                        | 16.09.13 General Manager has requested details of proposed tree plantings at Lightning Ridge and will contact the Health Department with request for tree watering.                                                                                                             | General Manager |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Stewarts have advised that the Lightning Ridge Race Club needs improvements, a race meeting may not take place this year if improvements are not made.<br>Clr Taylor                                                                 | General Manager                        | 27.08.2013 General Manager advised that the race track issue has recently been investigated by Council and costing for improvements is being undertaken.                                                                                                                        | General Manager |                     |
| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | What is happening with the Lightning Ridge tourism committee?<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager                        | 27.08.2013 General Manager advised that Council is currently revising shire tourism strategies. General Manager to liaise with Lightning Ridge tourism committee                                                                                                                | General Manager |                     |



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| 27 August 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can the three outdoor cold water showers at the Lightning Ridge bore baths be connected to hot water from the bore head? Also water is slow to drain from the bathroom and showers are unclear. Cllr Taylor | General Manager | 16.09.13 General Manager has requested a costing for upgrade of outdoor showers as there could be a problem with bore water temperatures. Drainage is being investigated as a maintenance issue. | General Manager |  |

## Resolution Actions for Extra - Ordinary Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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| 12 September 2013 | 9/2013/3 | <p>1. That Council endorse the recommendation made by NSW Public Works for Design and Construction of 1.5ML/day Water Treatment Plant in Walgett with reduced scope of works and a revised tender price.</p> <p>2. That Council accept and adopt the change of project scope for design and construction of 1.5 ML/day Water Treatment Plant in Walgett.</p> <p>3. That Council accept the revised tender price offer submitted by Water Treatment Australia Pty Ltd for the amount \$3,627,859.40 inclusive GST.</p> <p>4. That Council note that there is a forward exposure to a shortfall of \$158,611 in respect of contingency funding and that PWD, as project managers, be required to have prior approval from Council's project superintendent for any proposed contract variation which exceeds \$2,000.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Woodcock<br/>Seconded: Cllr Keir</p> | General Manager | 06.11.13 Awaiting outcome of native title and land claim determinations proceeding with compulsory acquisition. | General Manager |  |
| 12 September 2013 | 9/2013/4 | <p>1. That Council's representatives on the new Section 355 Barwon Darling Co-ordination Group Committee be Councillors Murray and Lane together with the General Manager.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Woodcock<br/>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | General Manager | 20.11.13 Revised agreement awaiting signature.                                                                  | General Manager |  |

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| 12 September 2013 | 9/2013/5 | 1. That Council increase the budget provision for the Cumborah hall to \$135,000 and that the project be undertaken as soon as possible.<br>Moved: Clr Taylor<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                 | General Manager | 20.11.13 DA to Council for approval.    | General Manager |                     |
| 12 September 2013 | 9/2013/7 | 1. That Council enters into 6 hours per day, 7 days per week operating hours for both the Walgett and Lightning Ridge Waste Management Facilities.<br>2. That Council place skip bins outside the Walgett Waste Management Facility for use when the facility is closed.<br>Moved: Clr Taylor<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper | General Manager | 20.11.13 New landfill contracts signed. | General Manager | Completed 20.11.13. |

## Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/2  | 1. That Council write to the Mineral Resources Unit of NSW Trade & Investment requesting that mineral claims are not granted;<br><br>- within 50 metres of the centreline of the Castlereagh Highway or the road corridor, whichever is greater; and<br>- within 20 metres of the centreline of any other public road (regional road or shire road) or the road corridor, whichever is greater.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Walford                                                                                                                 | Director Planning & Infrastructure |                                              | Director Planning & Infrastructure |  |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/15 | 1. Council operations close for the three days Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> inclusive and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.<br><br>2. The closedown be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.<br><br>3. Note the Outdoor Staff shutdown period from Friday 20 December, 2013 to Monday 13 January 2014.<br><br>Moved: Clr Walford<br>Seconded: Clr Keir | General Manager                    | 20.11.13 Appropriate notifications arranged. | General Manager                    |  |

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| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/16 | <p>1. That the schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings for 2014 be outlined as follows:</p> <p>12th February – Walgett<br/> 25th March – Lightning Ridge<br/> 22nd April – Collarenebri<br/> 27th May – Walgett<br/> 24th June – Walgett<br/> 22nd July – Rowena<br/> 26th August – Walgett<br/> 23rd September – Carinda<br/> 28th October – Walgett<br/> 25th November – Burren Junction<br/> 16th December – Walgett</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Greenaway<br/> Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p> | General Manager                         | 20.11.13 Arrangements in place.                                                     | General Manager                         | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/19 | <p>1. That the Mayor, Councillor Cooper and General Manager be given delegated authority to meet with key stakeholders with a view to negotiating an appropriate outcome.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Walford<br/> Seconded: Cllr Keir</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager                         |                                                                                     | General Manager                         |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/21 | <p>1. That the Council write to the Mitchell Library to ascertain their interest in having the 'Murcutt Community Centre model donated to the library for their Murcutt collection.</p> <p>2. That should the Mitchell Library confirm their interest that the General Manager be delegated authority to make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of ownership of the Murcutt model to the Mitchell Library.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/> Seconded: Cllr Martinez</p>     | Director Corporate Services             |                                                                                     | Director Corporate Services             |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/23 | <p>1. Adopt the publicly exhibited Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy.</p> <p>2. In accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act 1993, write to the Director General of the Division of Local Government seeking approval for part of the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy relating to exemptions from the necessity to obtain approval.</p> <p>3. If the Director General of the Division of Local Government</p>                               | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>1. No action required<br/> 2. Letter sent 11.10.13<br/> 3. Awaiting Response</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                     |

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|                   |                                | approves the exemption provisions, then give public notice that Council has adopted the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy 2013.<br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                         |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/24                      | 1.The order issued under section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 on 28 August 2013 to Dunpec Pty Ltd which requires an engineering assessment of the structural integrity of the Khan's IGA supermarket building at 34 Opal Street, Lightning Ridge (lot 33, DP 752756).<br><br>2.Pending compliance with the order, Council staff will continue to monitor the condition of the building.<br><br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Lane | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 11.10.13 Order not complied with as at this date. Response expected within 7 days.                                                                                                    | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/30                      | 1. That the persons listed in Schedule "2", as attached to this report, be appointed as members to Walgett Shire Council Panel of Conduct Reviewers and/or act as sole reviewers.<br><br>Moved: Clr Keir<br>Seconded: Clr Lane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | General Manager                         | 20.11.13 OROC advised of Council decision.                                                                                                                                            | General Manager                         |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | 9/2013/31                      | 1. That the tender from Luka Group for the provision of external audit services for the six (6) year period 2013-2019 be accepted.<br><br>Moved: Clr Lane<br>Seconded: Clr Walford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Corporate Services             | 20.11.13 General Manager finalising arrangements for engagement of Luka Group.                                                                                                        | Director Corporate Services             |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | What is happening with work regarding Sherman's Way?<br>Clr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager                         | 24.09.13 The General Manager advised that he has requested Council's engineer to prepare a report, to be circulated once prepared.<br>Report to October meeting.                      | General Manager                         | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | The Lightning Ridge netball competition plays in the evening and there is a lack of lightning available to the courts. Can this be addressed?<br>Clr Martinez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Corporate Services             | 24.09.13 Director Corporate Services advised that the light tower can be used until a more permanent solution is available.<br>20.11.13 Interim lighting arrangements being proposed. | Director Corporate Services             |                     |

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| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | What will be the solution regarding the Lightning Ridge Racetrack?<br>Clr Lane                                                                                                                                          | Director Urban Infrastructure | 24.09.13 Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.<br>22.10.13 Council met Tony Dowton three times. Letter has been sent to George Muller. Joint Risk Assessment was carried out with Racecourse personnel. Council is organising grader and control box to be buried and relocate the double gate on the northern side of the racecourse. | Director Urban Infrastructure |  |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | After the recent storm in Lightning Ridge the caretaker of the race club advised that the tree leaning over the race club and over the caretaker's residence have suffered damage. Can these be cut down?<br>Clr Taylor | Director Urban Infrastructure | 24.09.13 Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Urban Infrastructure |  |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | The presentation of Lyons Park in Lightning Ridge is tatty. There are approximately 100/200 pine logs that are rotting and/or falling down. Can they be replaced?<br>Clr Taylor                                         | General Manager               | 24.09.13 The General Manager advised that issues such as this need to be costed and added to the annual budget. This should not be done halfway through the year and the correct process needs to be followed. The General Manager will see if an interim solution can be made.                                                                | General Manager               |  |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | There is a pot hole in Pandora Street Lightning Ridge near Khans IGA. Can this be investigated?<br>Clr Taylor                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services | 24.09.13 The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>04.10.13 Engineering staff has inspected the site and has been scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of October 2013.<br>20.11.13 Area has been inspected and task is on the priority list.                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can a sign be placed in Collarenebri at the intersection of Wilson and Herbert Streets to indicate where the primitive camping ground is?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                              | Director Engineering Services | 24.09.13 The Director Engineering Services is to refer matter to the next traffic control meeting for consideration.<br>04.10.13 Agenda for October LATC meeting<br>20.11.13 Waiting for response from the applicant.                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services |  |

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| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Funds were allocated towards improving roads in Collarenebri. When will this work commence?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                    | Director Engineering Services | 24.09.13 The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br><br>04.10.13 No budget for urban roads have been allocated for 2013/2014                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | There are funds available to be spent improving Shire Road 1. Will funds be spent on improving the low level crossing?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services | 24.09.13 The Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>04.10.13 Full funds have been used for SR1 and re inspection is in progress.<br>20.11.13 Road is found to be reasonable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Engineering Services | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | There are gaps in doorways of the Rowena Hall. Can they be fixed?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                                              | Director Corporate Services   | 24.09.13 The Director Corporate Services to investigate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Director Corporate Services   |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | The General Manager circulated a copy of the NSW Health Plan recently and responses to be received by 30 September. There are shortcomings in the plan; can a response be formulated addressing these shortcomings?<br>Clr Keir | General Manager               | 24.09.13 The General Manager and Clr Keir to liaise regarding a response.<br>20.11.13 Response prepared & sent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | General Manager               | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | Can Council have a liaison officer available to assist people when completing Development Applications?<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                             | General Manager               | 24.09.13 The General Manager advised that the Economic Development Officer could assist. Another option could be that a private consultant is available to the applicant at Council's cost.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | General Manager               |                     |
| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | What is happening with the pool work and shade structures?<br>Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                                        | Director Corporate Services   | 24.09.13 The Director Corporate Services advised that a tentative completion date has been set for November. The 30 metre shade structure is currently being repaired. The Walgett Pool will open on 1 October and the Collarenebri Pool will open 1 week after, as work is still being done on chlorine equipment and fibre glassing issues.<br>20.11.13 Installation of shade structure expected to be completed mid December. | Director Corporate Services   |                     |

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| 24 September 2013 | Questions for the next meeting | After the Knockout last weekend it was noted that there were not enough toilets or shade for the crowd. An amplifier also had to be plugged in to power points located in the shower room with leads running through water.<br>Clr Walford | General Manager | 24.09.13 The General Manager advises that initially when Knockout started the committee were also going to contribute towards costs, but to date no contributions have been made. Council have not been approached to provide additional toilets, committee could hire additional services if needed. In regards to shade there are a number of local organisations that may be able to provide shade marquees. General Manager will investigate issues with access to power. | General Manager |  |
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| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/8 | 1. That, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 361, 362 and 363 of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended Council adopt the draft "Policy – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors Policy".<br>Moved: Clr Taylor<br>Seconded: Clr Cooper                                                                                                                                | General Manager | No further action required.                                         | General Manager | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/9 | That:<br>1. The Mayor and the following Councillors be members of the 2014 Australia Day Awards Judging panel Clr Taylor and Clr Cooper.<br>2. The Mayor be the chairperson of the Judging panel.<br>3. The Mayor and Councillors on the Panel be authorised to determine community members of the Panel and to invite community members to join the Panel.<br>Moved: Clr Walford<br>Seconded: Clr Greenaway | General Manager | 20.11.13 Australia day arrangements and advertising being arranged. | General Manager |                     |



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| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/11 | That OROC be requested to compile a summary of the impact not proceeding with Round 5 RDAF grants will have on smaller communities across western NSW with a view to making this summary the focus of a delegation to the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Warren Truss, who holds the portfolio responsibility for regional development and local government.<br>Moved: Cllr Cooper<br>Seconded: Cllr Woodcock | General Manager             | 20.11.13 Details being forwarded to OROC.                                                             | General Manager             |                     |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/12 | That Council formally authorise the execution of the Round 2 Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) funding agreements under the Common Seal of Council.<br>Moved: Cllr Lane<br>Seconded: Cllr Walford                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General Manager             | 20.11.13 Documents executed under Common Seal and forwarded.                                          | General Manager             | Completed 20.11.13. |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/13 | That Council endorse the proposed amendments to the draft Barw on Darling Co-ordination Group Agreement, arrange with the two other participating Councils for the agreement to be signed, and then proceed with the introduction of local resource sharing.<br>Moved: Cllr Lane<br>Seconded: Cllr Walford                                                                                                 | General Manager             | 20.11.13 Revised agreement awaiting signature.                                                        | General Manager             |                     |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/15 | That the Mayor and General Managers actions be endorsed and that they be given delegated authority to resolve any matters as and when they arise.<br><br>Moved: Cllr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Cllr Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Manager             | 20.11.13 Formal report on IGA fire to November Council meeting.                                       | General Manager             |                     |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/17 | 1. That the public toilet located in Opal Street Lightning Ridge be demolished and that it not be replaced.<br>2. That the cost of demolishing the toilet be funded from Budget Ledger 11.03056.4081.<br>Moved: Cllr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Cllr Walford                                                                                                                                                   | Director Corporate Services | 20.11.13 Request to have work undertaken by Council staff forwarded to Director Urban Infrastructure. | Director Corporate Services |                     |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/18 | That Council having noted that no submissions were received now adopt the Internal Reporting Policy and Procedures.<br>Moved: Cllr Lane<br>Seconded: Cllr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Director Corporate Services | 20.11.13 DCS attended PID training. Internal procedures & processed yet to be fully implemented.      | Director Corporate Services |                     |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/20 | That the Council approve the earlier closing time for the Walgett Swimming Pool on Fridays from 7pm to 6pm.<br>Moved: Cllr Woodcock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Director Corporate Services | 20.11.13 Letter forwarded to swimming club & pool manager.                                            | Director Corporate Services |                     |

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|                 |            | Seconded: Cllr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                         |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/22 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt and endorse the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2012-2013.</li> <li>2. Submit the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2012-2013 to the Division of Local Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet as a component of Council's Annual Report by 30 November 2013.</li> <li>3. Publish the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2012-2013 on Council's website.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Cllr Keir<br/>Seconded: Cllr Woodcock</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 20.11.13 The director Corporate Services advised that the report has been attached to the Annual report and will be uploaded to councils website with the Annual report                                                      | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/23 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disperse \$20,000 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2013-2014 in the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) \$1,000 to Lightning Ridge Historical Society for cleaning and painting roof of hospital gallery &amp; Spicer's hut, 7 Morilla St, Lightning Ridge.</li> <li>(b) \$4,000 to Oliver Hall to repair the roof and western wall of a cottage at 35 Slacksmith St, Burren junction.</li> <li>(c) \$2,500 to Brian and Kay Gibbons to repair termite damage to the Moongulla outbuildings, Collarenebri.</li> <li>(d) \$4,000 to Best Employment to repair termite damage and paint external timberwork at the old post office at 63 Fox St, Walgett.</li> <li>(e) \$3,300 to Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repair the interior walls of the St John the Evangelist Church at Colin St, Carinda.</li> <li>(f) \$5,200 to Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repair roof, repair guttering and paint exterior of St Peters Anglican Church, Walgett.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Moved: Cllr Woodcock<br/>Seconded: Cllr Keir</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 20.11.13 The letters of offer with agreements were posted out on 5/11/2013.                                                                                                                                                  | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/24 | <p>That Council resolve to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the Swimming Pool Inspection Program that was publicly exhibited from 1 September 2013 to 30 September 2013.</li> <li>2. Advertise the adoption of the Swimming Pool Inspection Program in Council's new paper columns.</li> <li>3. Make the Swimming Pool Inspection Program available to the public via Council's website.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Cllr Keir<br/>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 20.11.13 Director of Planning & Regulatory Services advised by e-mail on 4/11/2013 advised that the inspection programme is available on the website and also has been advertised in Councils Column for the last two weeks. | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |

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| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/25 | <p>That Council resolve to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the public exhibition of strategic agricultural land maps by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.</li> <li>2. Make a submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding Strategic Agricultural Land Map sheet STA_018 that:</li> </ol> <p>(a) It does not accurately show the extent of reflect the extent of "best quality soil and water resources" as it is partially based on a notional catchment boundary and does not correlate with the Agricultural Land Classification Study - Walgett Shire (July 2000, by NSW Agriculture).</p> <p>(b) Council requests that the Department revise the map to include significant additional areas of important agricultural land, especially to the south of the currently mapped area.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Greenaway</p> | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | 20.11.13 Submission draft to commence early next week following the absence of the Director Planning & Regulatory Services. | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/28 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council accepts the acquisition proposal for Lot 3172 DP 765377 and the budget.</li> <li>2. That funds for the acquisition are allocated from the legal expenses budget.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Engineering Services           | 20.11.13 A qualified surveyor has been engaged to proceed the necessary work.                                               | Director Engineering Services           |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/29 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council note and accepts option 3.</li> <li>2. That Council accept the deferral of work programme for RR457 (\$300,000) for FY2013/2014 and approves to transfer the budget \$300,000 to RR426 Sherman's Way sealing works.</li> <li>3. That an increased amount be allocated in the 2014/2015 FY budget for work on Regional Road 457.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Woodcock</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Director Engineering Services           | 11.11.13 Work on RR426 has started.                                                                                         | Director Engineering Services           |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/33 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the content of the report be noted</li> <li>2. That the actions of the General Manager to, agree to the Scheme of Arrangement with Lehman Bros (Aust) Insurers and to, not continue with action against Lehman Bros (Asia) in the event that IMF funding ceases be endorsed.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Director Corporate Services             | 20.11.13 Matter ongoing.                                                                                                    | Director Corporate Services             |  |

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| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/34 | <p>1. That an amount of \$731.36 be written off debtor number 1711.14 (J Crouch) and that a payment arrangement be offered to Mr Crouch on the basis that, an amount of \$2,000 is paid before 30 November 2013 and the balance of \$2,000 is paid when his aircraft is sold but no later than 30 June 2014</p> <p>2. Should Mr Crouch decline to enter into the payment arrangement detailed above or, subsequently not meet the terms of the arrangement, that the debt be referred to Council's collection agents.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p>                 | Director Corporate Services            | 20.11.13 Letter sent to Mr Crouch. Signed payment agreement yet to be received. | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/35 | <p>That Lot 30 DP 238035 being rate assessment 7476 in the name of Richard Dennis be withdrawn from sale of land for unpaid rates scheduled for Saturday 14 December 2013</p> <p>2. That the request by Mr Jozef Stark Strzelecki for his payment arrangement to be accepted for the property Lot 10 Sec 19 DP 758612, WLL 12758 being rate assessment 20024 be refused and that, he be advised that payment in full is required before the property will be withdrawn from the sale for unpaid rates on Saturday 14 December 2013.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Woodcock</p> | Director Corporate Services            | 20.11.13 Ratepayers advised by letter and verbally of Council's decision.       | Director Corporate Services   |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/36 | <p>1. That Council accepts the tender with rating 1 submitted by Denilquin Irrigation Contracting P/L in the sum of \$374,569 subject to confirmation of the availability of special grant funds.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Greenaway<br/>Seconded: Cllr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Director Engineering Services          | 20.11.13 Waiting on special grant.                                              | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/37 | <p>1. That Council accepts the tender with rating 1 submitted by Matthews Civil and Asphalt Pty Ltd in the sum of \$592,000.00.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Lane<br/>Seconded: Cllr Walford</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Director Engineering Services          | 20.11.13 In progress.                                                           | Director Engineering Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/44 | <p>1. That Council endorse the proposal to proceed with work on the levee between the Come-By-Chance Road and Castlereagh Highway.</p> <p>2. That Council endorse the recommendation to proceed with two milestones for stage 4 and scope of each milestone.</p> <p>3. That Council accept the tender proposal submitted by Public Works - \$15,800 (inclusive GST) for stage 4 for project management.</p> <p>Moved: Cllr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                                                       | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |                                                                                 | Director Urban Infrastructure |  |

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|                 |            | Seconded: Clr Keir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                         |                                       |                                         |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/46 | That Council contact Council's solicitor to determine if Council's current actions are appropriate in the circumstances and, if not, what actions should be taken instead.<br>Moved: Clr Greenaway<br>Seconded: Clr Walford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |                                       | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | 10/2013/47 | <p>1. That Council firstly proceed to take appropriate action with regards the Native Title Claim over Reserve R81681 based on legal advice currently being obtained, which may amongst other steps, involve notification of the native title claimants in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993</p> <p>2. Council proceed to take appropriate action with regards the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) to have the determination of Aboriginal Land Claims over Reserve R81681 fast tracked and approach the Walgett Aboriginal Land Council for a letter indicating that it supports Council's acquisition of the land as the proposed water filtration plant will be servicing the needs of the Namoi Village and has no objection to Council seeking to occupy the site under licence pending the finalisation of the acquisition process</p> <p>3. Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the land described as Reserve R 81681 in Deposited Plan under the provisions of the Public Works Act 1912.</p> <p>4. Council apply to the Minister and/or Governor for approval to acquire the subject land by compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991 for the purpose of constructing a public infrastructure facility being a water filtration plant for the benefit of the residents of Walgett.</p> <p>5. That all minerals are to be excluded from the compulsory acquisition of the subject land.</p> <p>6. That upon acquisition, the subject land be classified operational land.</p> <p>7. That any necessary documentation be executed under the common seal of Council.</p> <p>8. That Council seek to have an additional purpose of "user</p> | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  | 20.11.13 Legal advice being obtained. | Director Urban Infrastructure Services  |  |

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|                 |                            | <p>services" added to the reserve's purposes.</p> <p>9. That Council seek the granting of a licence to occupy the reserve site pending finalisation of the compulsory acquisition process which should also be fast tracked if possible.<br/>Moved: Clr Cooper<br/>Seconded: Clr Walford</p> |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                         |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | <p>Has Council received Gerard O'Brien's complaint regarding causeways?<br/>Clr Taylor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director Engineering Services           | <p>22.10.13 The General Manager advised that Council has received the complaint and a report will be prepared for the November Council Meeting. Councillors are requested to advise Gerard of this if they are speaking to him.</p>                                                                                                              | Director Engineering Services           |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | <p>Footpath edges in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge have become damaged due to erosion. Council may be liable if an accident occurs. Can we attempt to resolve this so to decrease our liability?<br/>Clr Taylor</p>                                                                           | Director Corporate Services             | <p>22.10.13 The Director Corporate Services advised of Council's general exemption from liability.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Director Corporate Services             |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | <p>Dean Schellmegger has requested a letter of support regarding registration of his equipment. Can Council assist with this?<br/>Clr Lane</p>                                                                                                                                               | General Manager                         | <p>22.10.13 The General Manager advised that he cannot see why Council would not give a letter of support. Clr Keir and the Director of Engineering Services are to liaise with Dean to offer assistance. After discussion the following motion was resolved;<br/>10/2013/30 1. That Council write a letter of support to Dean Schellmegger.</p> | General Manager                         |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | <p>Drainage problems are being experienced in Peel Street, between Arthur &amp; Euroka Streets on the Western side. Can this be investigated?<br/>Clr Cooper</p>                                                                                                                             | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | <p>22.10.13 Act. Director Planning &amp; Regulatory requested a site inspection undertaken. Tenant advised that a previously leaking hot water system was fixed on the weekend. Site inspection undertaken and outcome circulated to Councillors.</p>                                                                                            | Director Planning & Regulatory Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | <p>What is happening with repairs to the bank house in Collarenebri?<br/>Clr Greenaway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager                         | <p>21.11.13 Yard being maintained. Carpenter engaged to carry out repairs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | General Manager                         |  |

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| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | What is happening regarding the Collarenebri water supply?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                                                                                 | General Manager                        | 21.11.13 Investigations into supply upgrading continuing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | General Manager                        |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | Can Council write to the LHPA requesting that the following ramps are removed?<br>- Shire Road 5, 1km from State Highway 12<br>- West of Merrywinebone Silo, Shire Road 2.<br>Clr Greenaway | Director Engineering Services          | 22.10.13 Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>22.11.13 Investigation in progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | Can Council investigate the regional road 329 crossroads out of Rowena (2 causeways with levee banks each side)?<br>Clr Greenaway                                                           | Director Engineering Services          | 22.10.13 Director Engineering Services to investigate.<br>22.11.13 Investigation has been scheduled.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Director Engineering Services          |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | Will recycling still continue at the Walgett tip under the new contractors?<br>Clr Keir                                                                                                     | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 22.10.13 Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | Can Council prepare a test of the bore water in Lightning Ridge from both the new and old bores?<br>Clr Woodcock                                                                            | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 22.10.13 Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director Urban Infrastructure Services |  |
| 22 October 2013 | Questions for next meeting | What is happening with the Lightning Ridge Racetrack?<br>Clr Woodcock                                                                                                                       | General Manager                        | 22.10.13 The General Manager advised that recent work done at the racetrack was not completed by Council staff, nor with Council's knowledge. If an issue occurs while work is being undertaken by anyone at the racetrack Council may be liable. The General Manager advised that anyone who undertakes work without prior notification to Council they will be issued a warning.<br>21.11.13 Council staff have met LR race club members on site to determine work required and responsibilities for costs. | General Manager                        |  |

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – NOVEMBER 2013**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager

**FILE NUMBER:** 10/615

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### **Summary:**

Copies of weekly circulars numbers 42 - 46 received from Local Government NSW since the July Council meeting have been distributed to Councillors.

### **Background:**

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

#### Issue 42

Item 3 – Asbestos Awareness Month (November)

Item 10 – Seniors Week 2014

#### Issue 43

Item 9 – Emergency Service Volunteers

Item 14 – Planning Bills Tabled

#### Issue 44

Item 12 - Weeds Management Review – Issues Paper Released

Item 19 – Council Certifiers – Changes to Conflict Provisions

#### Issue 45

Item 5 – Funds Available for Addressing Asbestos Waste

Item 7 – Container Deposit Legislation – National Scheme

#### Issue 46

Item 7 – Timebanking Expansion

Item 15 – NSW Heritage Grants Programmes

Item 18 – National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – Information Sessions

### **Current Position:**

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

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

Nil



**Governance issues:**

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

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council staff

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Legal Issues:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not Applicable

**Conclusion:**

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

| Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 42 - 46 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Nil

***CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET – NOVEMBER 2013***

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager

**FILE NUMBER:** 10/616

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**Summary:**

Copies of circulars received 13-47 to 13-48 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information.

**Background:**

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

13 – 47 – Companion Animals Amendment Act 2013  
13 – 48 – Impounding Regulation 2013

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

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Nil

**Governance Issues:**

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

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

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council staff

**Financial Implications:**

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

**Legal Issues:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

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| <b>Circulars Received from the Division of Local Government –November 2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 13-47 to 13-48 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Circulars 13-47 to 13-48



**Premier & Cabinet**  
Division of Local Government

## Circular to Councils

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 13-47 / 14 November 2013 / A356069                                                                |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / Companion Animals Staff                                          |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Innovation Team, Tel: 44284100, Email: <a href="mailto:dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au">dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Council to implement                                                                              |

### Companion Animals Amendment Act 2013 – guidance to councils

#### What's new or changing

- The *Companion Animals Amendment Act 2013* will commence on 18 November 2013.
- An updated *Guideline on the Exercise of Functions under the Companion Animals Act 1998*, reflecting these amendments and other operational changes, has been released to councils.

#### What this will mean for your council

- Councils will have broader powers to deal with menacing and dangerous dogs which threaten community safety within a stronger dog control framework.
- Councils will have stronger powers to encourage responsible pet ownership, including addressing low cat and dog registration rates in many areas.

#### Key points

- The Act amendments work towards achieving key NSW and Local Government objectives to promote responsible pet ownership and protect community safety. The amendments are summarised in Attachment 1.
- Many amendments were requested by councils and received strong council support in feedback provided during the recent Government consultation on Companion Animals Taskforce recommendations.
- The updated Guideline aims to assist councils to understand and carry out changes to their companion animal duties. Key updates are in Attachment 2.
- The Companion Animals Register has been updated to reflect functional changes.
- Information will be provided to councils shortly in relation to the Government's full response to the Taskforce. This will detail funding and other initiatives to boost council capacity to deliver companion animal programs locally.

#### Where to go for further information

- The *Companion Animals Amendment Act 2013* is available on the NSW Legislation website at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)
- The updated Guideline is available on the Division's website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au).

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**Attachment 1**

***Companion Animals (Amendment) Act 2013 - Key Changes***

The following key changes to the *Companion Animals Act 1998* will commence on 18 November 2013:

1. Significant increase to council powers and penalties to enforce lifetime cat and dog registration to address low registration rates and promote responsible pet ownership (see sections 9-10B).
2. Significant increases to penalties in relation to dog attacks, particularly where the attack is the result of an owner's recklessness (see sections 16 and 17). Time limits for commencing proceedings under sections 16 and 17 have also been increased to 12 months (see section 93).
3. Creation of a clearer dog control framework within the Act to provide a broader range of graduated options for councils to use to deal with dogs ranging from issuing dog nuisance orders through to making a menacing or dangerous dog declaration (see Part 5).
4. New power for councils to declare a dog as 'menacing', with appropriate controls, to better deal with dogs that are aggressive, and have the potential to attack, but that do not meet the threshold to be declared 'dangerous' (see primarily sections 33A and 34). This includes the ability for councils to declare a dog dangerous or menacing if it has been declared as such in another jurisdiction (see section 34).
5. New power for councils to immediately seize a dog for the purpose of microchipping and registration for which a notice of intention has been issued to declare the dog as menacing, dangerous or restricted so the dog can be traced (see section 36).
6. Increased powers for Local Courts in relation to menacing and dangerous dogs (sections 44-48). However, no appeal is possible to the Local Court against a menacing dog declaration (section 41).
7. New power for councils to seize and destroy dangerous dogs where control requirements are breached one time only, and to seize and destroy menacing dogs where control requirements are breached twice within 12 months (see section 58G).

The following key changes to the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* will commence on 18 November 2013:

8. Removal of exemption that previously allowed recognised breeders to sell unmicrochipped companion animals to pet stores (see clause 12).
9. Increases to the maximum fees for issuing a certificate of compliance for a prescribed enclosure for a classified dog from \$100 to \$150 (see clause 25).

Further advice will be provided to councils on other amendments to the Regulation yet to commence.

**Attachment 2**

***Guideline on the Exercise of Functions under the Companion Animals Act 1998:  
Key Updates***

The key updates to the Guideline, since last issued in December 2011 ([Circular to Councils 11-41](#) refers), relate to:

1. Commencement of the *Companion Animals Amendment Act 2013*, including:
  - new council powers to enforce lifetime registration (section 5)
  - the new menacing dog category (sections 9.3 and 11) and key amendments to dangerous dog provisions (sections 9.1, 9.4 and 11)
  - updated dog attack offences and penalty provisions (section 9.9)
  - updated seizure and destruction powers for declared dangerous, menacing and restricted dogs (section 12.4).
  - new menacing dog model forms (annexures G and H) and updated restricted and dangerous dog model forms (annexures C to F).

**Note:** Annexure C is the updated *Notice of intention to declare a dog to be a restricted dog* approved form. PDF and Microsoft Word versions of this document are also available on the Companion Animals Register and the cats and dogs page of the DLG website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au).

2. Information relating to the disclosure of information about enforcement action under the Act (information box in section 3.1).
3. Information relating to the processing of Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA) member labels (information box in section 4.3.11) and procedures for dealing with impounded PIAA member dogs (section 6.8).
4. Revised information about recognised assistance animal training organisations (section 5.6.4).
5. Procedures relating to requests for councils to revoke a dangerous dog order (section 9.7) and requests by councils to revoke a restricted dog declaration made by way of a notice of intention issued by an authorised council officer (section 10.9).
6. A number of other minor amendments and clarifications.

The Guideline is issued in accordance with clause 13(3) of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008 (the Regulation) and sets out the procedures which must be followed by council officers and registration agents when exercising their functions under the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and the Regulation.





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## Circular to Councils

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | Circular No 13-48 / 18 November 2013 / A346511               |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | N/A                                                          |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff           |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Mr Chris Rowe, Executive Support Group – Legal, 02 4428 4162 |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information                                                  |

### Impounding Regulation 2013

#### What's new or changing

- The Impounding Regulation 2013 was published on the NSW legislation website on Friday, 23 August 2013 and commenced on 1 September 2013.
- The new regulation increases penalties for certain offences under the *Impounding Act 1993*; and updates the table of public authorities.

#### What this will mean for your council

- The penalties have been increased to more accurately reflect the costs of impounding. The increased penalties will also provide a higher level of deterrence.

#### Key points

- The regulation
  - Prescribes authorities that are impounding authorities within the meaning of the *Impounding Act 1993* and the places or classes of places for which they are impounding authorities; and
  - Prescribes the offences under the *Impounding Act 1993* that may be dealt with by penalty infringement notice (PIN) and prescribes the amount payable.
- The new PIN amounts reflect increases in the cost of goods and services and off-set impounding-related costs incurred by impounding authorities.
- The input of local councils and other impounding authorities to the consultation process is greatly appreciated.

#### Where to go for further information

- The Regulation can be found at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

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## **MONTHLY CALENDAR– NOVEMBER 2013**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager

**FILE NUMBER:** 10/22

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### **Summary:**

Monthly calendar of Council activities.

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

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

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

### **Current Position:**

The calendar for the months of August 2013 to October 2013 is attached. Councillors are requested to raise any queries prior to the meeting.

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

Nil

### **Governance issues:**

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

### **Environmental issues:**

Not applicable

### **Stakeholders:**

Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council staff

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil



**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

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

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| <b>Monthly Calendar – November to January 2014</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period November 2013 to January 2013.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment:**

Calendar for November 2013 to January 2014.

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## November 2013

| Date of Meeting     | Time                     | What                                                   | Who                                                                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 1 Nov           |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Sat 2 Nov           |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Sun 3 Nov           |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Mon 4 Nov           |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Tues 5 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| <b>Wed 6 Nov</b>    | <b>11:00am</b>           | <b>Official Opening – Walgett Library Extensions</b>   | <b>All Councillors and Directors</b>                                             |
| <b>Thurs 7 Nov</b>  | <b>1:00pm</b>            | <b>REMC – Orange</b>                                   | <b>General Manager</b>                                                           |
| Fri 8 Nov           |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Sat 9 Nov           |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Sun 10 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Mon 11 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Tues 12 Nov         |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Wed 13 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| <b>Thurs 14 Nov</b> | <b>12:00pm</b>           | <b>Strategic Alliance Meeting - Molong</b>             | <b>General Manager</b>                                                           |
| <b>Fri 15 Nov</b>   | <b>10:00am</b>           | <b>Mural Launch – Gingie Reserve</b>                   | <b>General Manager</b>                                                           |
| Sat 16 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Sun 17 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Mon 18 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Tues 19 Nov         |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| <b>Wed 20 Nov</b>   | <b>8:30am<br/>2:00pm</b> | <b>LEMC Meeting<br/>Consultative Committee Meeting</b> | <b>General Manager &amp; Director<br/>Corporate Services<br/>General Manager</b> |
| <b>Thurs 21 Nov</b> | <b>10:30am</b>           | <b>Dental Opportunities Meeting – Brewarrina</b>       | <b>Mayor &amp; General Manager</b>                                               |
| <b>Fri 22 Nov</b>   | <b>11:00am</b>           | <b>Meeting with IGA &amp; Metcash - Sydney</b>         | <b>Mayor, General Manager &amp;<br/>Town Planner</b>                             |
| Sat 23 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| Sun 24 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |
| <b>Mon 25 Nov</b>   | <b>10:00am</b>           | <b>Risk Management Review</b>                          | <b>Senior Staff</b>                                                              |
| <b>Tues 26 Nov</b>  | <b>10:00am</b>           | <b>Council Meeting – Burren Junction RSL</b>           | <b>All Councillors and Directors</b>                                             |
| <b>Weds 27 Nov</b>  | <b>10:00am</b>           | <b>WTS Project Teleconference</b>                      | <b>General Manager &amp; Director<br/>Urban Infrastructure</b>                   |
| <b>Thurs 28 Nov</b> | <b>11:00am</b>           | <b>Walgett Liquor Accord</b>                           | <b>General Manager</b>                                                           |
| <b>Fri 29 Nov</b>   | <b>09:00am</b>           | <b>Local Government Forum - Sydney</b>                 |                                                                                  |
| Sat 30 Nov          |                          |                                                        |                                                                                  |

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## December 2013

| Date of Meeting     | Time                    | What                                                        | Who                                                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 1 Dec           |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Mon 2 Dec</b>    | <b>11:30am</b>          | <b>Meeting with Department of Transport – Canberra</b>      | <b>Mayor, General Manager &amp; Director Corporate Services</b>     |
| Tues 3 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Weds 4 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Thurs 5 Dec</b>  | <b>2:00pm</b>           | <b>CSG Meeting – Gilgandra</b>                              | <b>General Manager &amp; Mayor</b>                                  |
| <b>Fri 6 Dec</b>    | <b>9:00am</b>           | <b>OROC AGM – Gilgandra</b>                                 | <b>General Manager &amp; Mayor</b>                                  |
| Sat 7 Dec           |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Sun 8 Dec           |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Mon 9 Dec</b>    | <b>9:00am - 12:00pm</b> | <b>Meeting &amp; Inspections – Hudson Pear</b>              | <b>Mayor, General Manager &amp; government agencies.</b>            |
| <b>Tues 10 Dec</b>  | <b>9:00am 3:00pm</b>    | <b>Pear Issue – Lightning Ridge Plant Committee Meeting</b> | <b>General Manager, Cirs Lane, Woodcock, Greenaway &amp; Taylor</b> |
| Weds 11 Dec         |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Thurs 12 Dec        |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Fri 13 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Sat 14 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Sun 15 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Mon 16 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Tues 17 Dec</b>  | <b>10:00am</b>          | <b>Council Meeting – Walgett Shire Council Chambers</b>     | <b>All Councillors &amp; Directors</b>                              |
| Weds 18 Dec         |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Thurs 19 Dec</b> | <b>11:00am</b>          | <b>LEMC Meeting – Walgett Shire Council Chambers</b>        | <b>General Manager, Mayor &amp; Director Corporate Services</b>     |
| Fri 20 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Sat 21 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Sun 22 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Mon 23 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Tues 24 Dec</b>  |                         | <b>Council Operations Close for Christmas Break</b>         |                                                                     |
| <b>Weds 25 Dec</b>  |                         | <b>Christmas Day</b>                                        |                                                                     |
| <b>Thurs 26 Dec</b> |                         | <b>Boxing Day</b>                                           |                                                                     |
| <b>Fri 27 Dec</b>   |                         | <b>Council Operations Closed</b>                            |                                                                     |
| Sat 28 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| Sun 29 Dec          |                         |                                                             |                                                                     |
| <b>Mon 30 Dec</b>   |                         | <b>Council Operations Closed</b>                            |                                                                     |
| <b>Tues 31 Dec</b>  |                         | <b>Council Operations Closed</b>                            |                                                                     |

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

**January 2014**

| Date of Meeting   | Time       | What                                         | Who |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Weds 1 Jan</b> |            | <b>New Year's Day</b>                        |     |
| Thurs 2 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
| Fri 3 Jan         |            |                                              |     |
| Sat 4 Jan         |            |                                              |     |
| Sun 5 Jan         |            |                                              |     |
| Mon 6 Jan         |            |                                              |     |
| Tues 7 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Weds 8 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Thurs 9 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
| Fri 10 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Sat 11 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Sun 12 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
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| Tues 14 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
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| Thurs 16 Jan      |            |                                              |     |
| Fri 17 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Sat 18 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Sun 19 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Mon 20 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Tues 21 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
| Weds 22 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
| Thurs 23 Jan      |            |                                              |     |
| Fri 24 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Sat 25 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Sun 25 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| <b>Sun 26 Jan</b> | <b>TBC</b> | <b>Australia Day Event – Lightning Ridge</b> |     |
| Mon 27 Jan        |            |                                              |     |
| Tues 28 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
| Weds 29 Jan       |            |                                              |     |
| Thurs 30 Jan      |            |                                              |     |
| Fri 31 Jan        |            |                                              |     |

## **WALGETT IGA FIRE - UPDATE**

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 000/000

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### **Summary:**

To update Council with regards the fire on Saturday 19 October 2013 which destroyed the Walgett IGA premises

### **Background:**

On Saturday afternoon 19 October 2013 a fire destroyed the Walgett IGA premises.

As a result on Saturday evening, in my capacity of Chair/LEMO of the Walgett LEMC, after contacting the store owners, I convened a special meeting of the LEMC for Sunday morning 20 October, 2013 at 9 am.

Initially LEMC meetings were held morning and afternoon at 9 am and 3 pm. More recently they have been convened on a needs basis. Meetings with the local business community were held on the following Sunday and Monday afternoon respectively.

A public meeting to inform the wider Walgett Community of the present position and actions being taken was held at the Walgett RSL Hall on Tuesday 22 October, 2013.

Press releases to media outlets were made daily and a householder circular was also distributed around Walgett.

The incident has now moved into the recovery phase. A final LEMC meeting was held on Wednesday 20 November, 2013 and the incident has now become a single agency (Walgett Shire) response situation.

### **Current Position:**

At Council's October meeting it was resolved that the Mayor and General Manager actions already taken as a result of the fire be endorsed and that they be given delegated authority to resolve any reason matters as and when they arose to protect the interests of the broader community.

Specialised contractors were brought in by the insurance assessors to initially make the fire site safe and then clear the site of deris. This was a complicated process, because of the presence of fried asbestos, and took 8/10 days to complete.

Recent efforts have been concentrated on locating, gaining approval and setting up a temporary supermarket.

The site secured for a period of 30 weeks was the Walgett Primary School Hall. Council has been involved with the upgrading of the power supply, provision of a temporary parking area, provision of temporary security fencing (child protection issues), kerbing and guttering most of which are infrastructural issues which will improve the school hall amenity in the longer term.

Council also assisted with temporary storage of shop fittings. All other setting up work has been carried out by IGA/MetCash in conjunction with the store owners.

Council staff have played a major role in facilitating the establishment of the temporary store which opened on Wednesday 20 November, 2013.

On Friday 22 November, 2013 the Mayor, General Manager and Town Planner will travel to Sydney to have discussions with the store owners and IGA/MetCash in relation to the development requirements for the rebuilding of the store.

It is proposed to set up a planning focus team to handle the re-development process from Council's perspective because of the need to streamline the rebuilding because of the 30 week time limitation.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Walgett DisPlan

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Community  
Council  
IGA/MetCash

**Governance issues:**

Will be addressed as part of the development application process

**Environmental issues:**

Will be addressed as part of the development application process

**Financial Implications:**

Council's commitment from an economic point of view would be in the order of \$25,000.

**Legal Issues:**

Will be addressed as part of the development application process

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Whilst a range of future approaches to rebuilding can be identified, not rebuilding the store allowing for future expansion is not an option.

**Conclusion:**

This is now a single combat agency emergency matter. Issues can and are evolving daily. This is why it is important that the Mayor and General Manager continue to play key roles in the recovery process.

**Walgett IGA Fire - Update**

**Recommendation:**

That the General Manager's Report be received and noted:

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## ***WATER SUPPLY REQUEST – GLENGARRY, GRAWIN, SHEEPYARD MINERS ASSOCIATION INC***

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager

**FILE NUMBER:**

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### **Summary:**

To provide advice to the Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc with regards establishing a bore water supply at Glengarry.

### **Background:**

Council received a letter dated 7 November, 2013 from the Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc requesting advice as to how to procure the necessary funding for the construction of a bore at Glengarry. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

### **Current Position:**

The request has been referred to the Member for Barwon Hon Kevin Humphries MP for advice with regards the availability of State funding.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Letter from Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc

### **Stakeholders:**

Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc and local residents

### **Governance issues:**

TBA

### **Environmental issues:**

TBA

### **Financial Implications:**

The Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc has obtained a quote from NSW Office of Water in the sum of \$365,000.

### **Legal Issues:**

TBA

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

The Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc letter has been referred to the local State Member for advice with regards State funding avenues which may be available.

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| <b>Water Supply Request – Glengarry Grawin Sheeppyard Miners Association Inc</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Glengarry, Grawin Sheeppyard Miners Association be advised that their request for advise has been referred to the State Member for Barwon seeking an indication of State funding sources available.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



## **Glengarry, Grawin, Sheepyard Miners Association Inc.**

P.O. BOX 63, GRAWIN, VIA WALGETT, N.S.W. 2832.  
Phone/Fax 0268 293744. Email: ggsma4@bigpond.com

ABN: 97 722 551 430 Inc. No: Y24265228

7<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The Councillors  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Sir,

***Re: Water supply for Grawin, Glengarry and Sheepyards***

With regards to the current drought conditions, this association is looking into the construction of an artesian bore at Glengarry. We believe that this is the only long term solution to the increasing regularity of water shortages due to lack of rain, and we are seeking support from the Walgett Shire Council.

Some 600 ratepayers reside in the area, and many are facing considerable hardship without potable water, which puts their health and well being at risk.

Bushfires are highly likely, and should one occur, the Rural Fire Service would not have any water to extinguish a fire.

All the local dams are dry and the only water available is from the bore at Cumborah, 35 kilometres from Sheepyards. This bore is not free flowing and takes considerable time to reset after use, so it would take a big part of a day to fill a tank and complete the round trip.

NSW Office of Water has provided a quote for \$365,000 for the construction of a bore to a depth of 680 metres, valid for 6 months, and we are seeking funding for the bore.

We would like Council's advice on how to procure the necessary funding.

We request that this letter be tabled at the next Council meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Fletcher  
President GGSMA Inc

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

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Don Ramsland – General Manager

**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1455

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### **Summary:**

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

#### **1. Local Government Referendum Contributions – Full Refunds for NSW Councils**

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) have advised that they will refund all money expended on the constitutional recognition referendum campaign to Councils, as the referendum was cancelled at short notice. LGNSW anticipate that all funds should be returned to Councils by the end of November 2013.

#### **2. Extension for Submission of Council's 2012/13 Financial Statements**

Following the IGA fire Council requested an extension of time to submit Council's 2013/13 financial statements. Local Government NSW have granted Council an extension until 29 November 2013 to submit the financial statements.

#### **3. Financial Assistance for Emergency Water Cartage to Grawin Opal Fields**

On 12 September 2013 Council wrote to Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Minister for Primary Industries regarding financial assistance towards emergency water cartage to Grawin Opal Fields. Council have received a response from the Minister who advised that the NSW Government are prepared to provide financial assistance to cart water to the Grawin Opal Fields from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 in an emergency.

Financial assistance has been offered for a maximum (long term average) volume of up to 5 kilolitres per day up to a maximum of \$1,500 per week. Council would be required to pay for the first \$3.73 per kilolitre of water carted. Council would also be expected to meet the full cost of carting quantities in excess of five kilolitres per day as a long-term average.

When Council was last involved in this scheme in 2009, 140,200 litres of water were supplied at a cost of \$5,167.60 which attracted a subsidy from DPI of \$3,227.02.

**4. Media Release from Kevin Humphries MP – Labor & The Greens Threaten Future of Community Facilities and Local Businesses in Barwon**

On 21 October 2013 Kevin Humphries MP distributed a Media Release regarding the Labor & Greens parties opposing an amendment implemented by the Liberals & Nationals to ensure local community facilities and businesses continue to operate. A copy of the Media Release is attached.

**5. Media Releases from the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP – NSW Government Announces Drought Preparedness and Support Package**

On 30 October 2013 Katrina Hodgkinson MP distributed a media release advising assistance measures to help primary producers in North West NSW to deal with adverse seasonal conditions as well as long-term drought preparedness measures. A copy of the Media Release, which details the assistance available, is attached. This includes a reference to the water carting subsidy to Grawin.

On 20 November 2013, details of a further drought relief package was released by Minister Hodgkinson MP which applies specifically to the Shires of Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett. A copy of the Minister's media release is also attached.

| <b>Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – General Manager</b>                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Recommended:</b></p> <p>That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted:</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Media Release from Kevin Humphries MP

Media Release from Katrina Hodgkinson MP dated 30 October 2013

Media Release from Katrina Hodgkinson MP dated 20 November 2013

## Media Release

### Kevin Humphries MP

Minister for Mental Health | Minister for Healthy Lifestyles | Minister for Western NSW



Monday 21 October 2013

### **LABOR & THE GREENS THREATEN FUTURE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND LOCAL BUSINESSES IN BARWON**

A political stunt from Labor and the Greens threatens the ongoing operation of local community facilities and businesses, believes Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries.

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government recently introduced a minor Amendment in Parliament to ensure local community facilities and businesses can continue to legally operate – but Labor and the Greens have opposed it," Mr Humphries said.

He named the Coonabarabrn Showground Trust and Narrabri Rifle Club as just two local examples of groups potentially affected by the move.

"This Amendment was in response to a recent Court decision which called into question the legality of up to 7,000 community and commercial facilities operating on Crown land in NSW.

"These facilities, including CWA Halls, Scout and Girl Guide Halls, recreational sporting clubs, Surf Life Saving Clubs, Rural Fire Service buildings, and local businesses including kiosks, cafes and restaurants on Crown reserves, make a valuable contribution to our communities.

"Without a minor change to existing laws, many of our valued community operations and local businesses would be considered legally invalid and may be forced to close.

"This will cause will cause untold disruption as many local businesses will be unable to legally trade because they will not have a valid tenure.

"With beach and bushfire season approaching, this reckless political stunt from the Labor-Greens alliance is jeopardising the operation of Rural Fire Service brigades and Surf Lifesaving Clubs across NSW.

"The Government's common-sense Amendment enables our valuable community facilities and businesses to continue operating on Crown land.

"I call on Labor and the Greens to stop playing petty politics and to get behind our important community groups and local businesses in Barwon operating under secondary tenures on Crown land.

**Media Contact: Georgina Poole (02) 6752 5002**



**The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP**  
**Minister for Primary Industries**  
**Minister for Small Business**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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Wednesday 30 October 2013

**NSW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES DROUGHT  
PREPAREDNESS AND SUPPORT PACKAGE**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has today announced a suite of immediate assistance measures to help primary producers in North West NSW deal with adverse seasonal conditions as well as longer-term drought preparedness measures.

The in-drought and drought preparedness measures include:

- a new **\$20 million Farm Innovation Fund** to provide producers with loans at concessional interest rates for in-drought and drought preparedness, replacing the previous Special Conservation Loan scheme;
- **\$4.4 million** to fund phase three of the popular **Cap and Pipe the Bores program**; and
- **\$6 million** of Commonwealth and NSW Government funding for the **Mallowa Creek Water Supply Project**, to guarantee stock and water supply for a group of landholders between Moree and Collarenebri.

Today's announcement also includes immediate measures back-dated to 1 July 2013, to assist landholders in the Bourke, Walgett and Brewarrina Local Government Areas, which are currently impacted by drought. These include:

- the waiver of Livestock Health and Pest Authority rates;
- the deferral of Special Conservation Scheme loans by the Rural Assistance Authority on a case-by-case basis; and
- allocation of funding for Walgett Shire Council for cartage of drinking water to the Grawin Opal Fields, which suffers from water shortages.

Ms Hodgkinson said in addition to today's announcement, the NSW Government is actively considering other measures to assist landholders.

"We want to help producers be prepared for adverse seasonal conditions rather than simply assisting after the fact but, it is clear to me is that producers in North West NSW are dealing with an extraordinary situation," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"I understand many of these producers have had just two seasons in the last 10 years free of either drought or flood.

"Our farmers are the best in the world but it is immensely difficult to sustain any business and sufficiently prepare for drought when dealing with such dreadful conditions."

Ms Hodgkinson said the new **\$20 million Farm Innovation Fund** will enable producers to undertake works to prepare for drought and undertake in-drought measures.

"This new **Farm Innovation Fund** will make it more attractive for farmers to prepare their properties for future seasonal conditions while also remaining flexible to respond to scenarios like the one currently facing primary producers in North West NSW," Ms Hodgkinson said.

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"This initiative will assist primary producers to identify and address risks to their enterprise, improve permanent farm infrastructure and ensure long-term productivity and sustainable land use by providing access to loans at concessional interest rates.

"In order to access these funds, landholders will need to develop a satisfactory management plan which will be required to include strategies for managing such risks as adverse seasonal events and climatic variability, market prices and disease."

Ms Hodgkinson said producers could undertake drought preparedness and in-drought measures, including:

- cleaning and de-silting dams;
- planting of perennial species; and
- construction of on-farm infrastructure like sheds, grain and fodder storage and fencing.

The NSW Government has written to the Commonwealth requesting it match the **\$4.4 million** funding commitment for the continuation of the **Cap and Pipe the Bores program**.

Regional Assistance Advisory Committee Chair, David Palmer, said while the Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett Local Government Areas will receive the interim assistance measures, the committee will continue to closely monitor surrounding districts.

"Landholders have told me that in parts of the North West, farmers simply haven't had the opportunity to recover from the millennium drought," Mr Palmer said.

"The insidious nature of drought and the effect it has on the community was on stark display when we visited the region last week.

"Recognition on the part of the Minister, following the advice of RAAC, is acknowledged."

Ms Hodgkinson will meet with Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce, and Queensland Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Dr John McVeigh tomorrow to discuss broader drought policy.

"Key among my discussions with Minister Joyce will be developing an accelerated depreciation scheme to encourage drought preparedness, increasing flexibility in Farm Management Deposits, enabling better access to the Transitional Farm Family Payment and the potential for interest rate subsidy assistance," Ms Hodgkinson said.

For further detail on the assistance measures, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 02 6391 3000.

**MEDIA: Julian Luke 0427 561 592**

Wednesday 20 November 2013

## **ADDITIONAL IN-DROUGHT SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR NORTH WEST NSW**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson have today announced a package of emergency in-drought support measures for primary producers and communities in North West NSW.

The NSW Government has allocated \$7.6 million to the emergency support measures for the Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett local government areas, which includes:

- ☐ **up to \$20,000** per producer in the form of a **Transport Assistance Reimbursement**, back-dated to 1 July 2013;
- ☐ **up to \$30,000** per producer for **Emergency Water Infrastructure Grants**, which the Commonwealth Government has indicated it will match;
- ☐ additional funding for the **Rural Support Worker Program** and a **drought incident co-ordinator**;
- ☐ the waiving of **Western Lands Lease payments**;
- ☐ the waiving of **Wild Dog Destruction Board rates**; and
- ☐ **Transport Subsidies for Animal Welfare**, focused on stock going to sale or slaughter where there is significant risk to animal welfare, which will remain while drought conditions persist.

Mr Stoner said the package of assistance package, which follows drought preparedness and in-drought support measures announced on 30 October 2013, is recognition of the plight many landholders in North West NSW currently face.

“Landholders and communities in North West NSW are currently dealing with extraordinarily difficult circumstances,” Mr Stoner said.

“While the NSW Government is moving towards preparing farmers for drought rather than providing in-drought crisis support, there is currently a critical need to provide immediate assistance,” he said.

Ms Hodgkinson said the package brings NSW into line with assistance provided in drought-stricken areas of Queensland and is in addition the assistance measures announced on 30 October 2013, which include:

- ☐ a new **\$20 million Farm Innovation Fund**, to provide primary producers with loans at concessional interest rates for in-drought and drought preparedness measures;
- ☐ **\$4.4 million** to fund phase three of the popular **Cap and Pipe the Bores program**

□ the deferral of **Special Conservation Scheme** and **Natural Disaster loans** by the Rural Assistance Authority on a case-by-case basis; and

□ deferral of **Livestock Health and Pest Authority rates** for producers in the Brewarrina, Walgett and Bourke local government areas.

Ms Hodgkinson said many of the producers in North West NSW have prepared to the best extent possible.

“However, this scenario clearly illustrates that no matter how well producers may prepare for drought, it is impossible to completely drought-proof a property,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Primary production is critical to these communities and the NSW Government recognises that helping farmers will assist to preserve the social and economic fabric of the community at large.

“I have been acutely aware of the situation facing primary producers and rural communities in North West NSW and have worked as quickly as possible to develop a package of preparedness and in-drought support measures.”

Regional Assistance Advisory Committee Chair David Palmer said the committee will continue to monitor seasonal conditions across NSW and will provide feedback and advice to the NSW Government as required.

For more information, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593



## **CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT REPORT**

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

### **Summary:**

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 31 October 2013.

### **Background:**

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

### **Current Position:**

As at 31 October 2013 the operational bank account's balance was \$644,850.73. The reconciliation of this balance is:

#### **Operational Account Bank Reconciliation As at 31 October 2013**

|                                                                |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                | \$                    |
| <b>Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 1 October 2013</b>     | <b>(6,842.11)</b>     |
| Add: Receipts                                                  | 4,300,937.47          |
| Add: Recalled Investments                                      |                       |
| Less: New Investments                                          |                       |
| Less: Payments                                                 | (3,660,182.63)        |
| <b>Closing Ledger Balance as at 31 October 2013</b>            | <b>633,912.73</b>     |
| <br><b>Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 October 2013</b> | <br><b>644,850.73</b> |
| Add: Receipts not banked                                       | 10,726.09             |
| Unidentified                                                   | (206.18)              |
| Less: Payments not presented                                   | (21,457.91)           |
| <b>Closing Balance of Bank Account</b>                         | <b>633,912.73</b>     |

3 Term Deposits were recalled to the value of \$1,500,000.00.

No new Term Deposits were made.

2 transfers were made from the BOS account to the value of \$1,200,000.00.

1 transfer was made to the BOS account to the value of \$800,000.00.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

As at 31 October 2013 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$15,000,000.00. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

|                                                    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Term Deposits                                      | \$15,000,000.00 |
| Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) | \$ 0.00         |

The values for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values at 30 September 2013 and were supplied by the ANZ Group. The CDO's are at a N/A value. Legal proceedings against Lehman Brothers are in progress to reclaim a portion of the value invested.

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 24 Hour Online Account Balance | \$ 1,061,203.89 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|

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

|                 |                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 09/1772-02/0011 | October 2013 bank reconciliation ledger 11.5010 |
| 09/1460-03/0001 | Investments Report to Council 2013/2014         |

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council

### **Financial Implications:**

As per report

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

Nil

### **Conclusion:**

As at 31 October 2013 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$16,695,116.62 represented by:

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Reconciled Operational Account Balance | \$ 633,912.73   |
| Investments                            | \$15,000,000.00 |
| 24 Hour Online Saver Account           | \$ 1,061,203.89 |

|                                                                 |
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| <b>CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2013</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 October 2013 be received.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Cash on Hand and Investment Report

| Investment Institution                                      | Type of Investm.  | Term | Rate % | Ref    | Reset Date | Maturity Date          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|--------|--------|------------|------------------------|
| <b>Term Deposits</b>                                        |                   |      |        |        |            |                        |
| Credit Union Australia                                      | Term Deposit      | 273  | 4.20   | 827/13 |            | 27-Nov-13              |
| National Australia Bank                                     | Term Deposit      | 182  | 4.10   | 840/13 |            | 27-Nov-13              |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit      | 182  | 4.00   | 846/13 |            | 04-Dec-13              |
| National Australia Bank                                     | Term Deposit      | 189  | 4.09   | 847/13 |            | 11-Dec-13              |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit      | 189  | 4.00   | 848/13 |            | 18-Dec-13              |
| NAB                                                         | Term Deposit      | 189  | 4.08   | 851/13 |            | 18-Dec-13              |
| NAB                                                         | Term Deposit      | 188  | 4.14   | 852/14 |            | 08-Jan-14              |
| ING                                                         | Term Deposit      | 188  | 4.28   | 853/14 |            | 08-Jan-14              |
| ING                                                         | Term Deposit      | 209  | 4.09   | 854/14 |            | 05-Feb-14              |
| Bankwest                                                    | Term Deposit      | 91   | 3.50   | 858/14 |            | 06-Nov-13              |
| Bankwest                                                    | Term Deposit      | 182  | 3.90   | 859/14 |            | 12-Feb-14              |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit      | 182  | 3.90   | 860/14 |            | 12-Feb-14              |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit      | 98   | 3.70   | 861/14 |            | 04-Dec-13              |
| Westpac                                                     | Term Deposit      | 103  | 3.95   | 862/14 |            | 11-Dec-13              |
| Westpac                                                     | Term Deposit      | 103  | 3.95   | 863/14 |            | 11-Dec-13              |
| ING                                                         | Term Deposit      | 174  | 3.92   | 864/14 |            | 17-Feb-14              |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit      | 63   | 3.40   | 866/14 |            | 06-Nov-13              |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit      | 63   | 3.40   | 867/14 |            | 06-Nov-13              |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit      | 63   | 3.29   | 871/14 |            | 13-Nov-13              |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit      | 63   | 3.39   | 872/14 |            | 20-Nov-13              |
| IMB                                                         | Term Deposit      | 63   | 3.45   | 873/14 |            | 20-Nov-13              |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit      | 63   | 3.27   | 874/14 |            | 20-Nov-13              |
| Bankwest                                                    | Term Deposit      | 105  | 3.45   | 875/14 |            | 15-Jan-14              |
| Suncorp                                                     | Term Deposit      | 98   | 3.60   | 876/14 |            | 15-Jan-14              |
| Commonwealth Bank                                           | Term Deposit      | 182  | 3.40   | 877/14 |            | 16-Apr-14              |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit      | 203  | 3.85   | 878/14 |            | 07-May-14              |
| Bank of Queensland                                          | Term Deposit      | 147  | 3.80   | 879/14 |            | 19-Mar-14              |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society                        | Term Deposit      | 84   | 6.60   | 880/14 |            | 22-Jan-14              |
|                                                             |                   |      |        |        |            | <b>\$15,000,000.00</b> |
| <b>Floating Rates Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO)</b> |                   |      |        |        |            |                        |
| Zircon Finance Ltd                                          | Floating Rate CDO |      | 0.00   |        |            | 20-Sep-14              |
| <b>Morgan Stanley Aces SP</b>                               | Floating Rate CDO |      | 0.00   |        | 20-Mar-12  | 20-Jun-15              |
| Hellum Capital Ltd                                          | Floating Rate CDO |      | 0.00   |        |            | 23-Jun-14              |
|                                                             |                   |      |        |        |            | <b>\$0.00</b>          |
|                                                             |                   |      |        |        |            | <b>\$15,000,000.00</b> |
|                                                             |                   |      |        |        |            | <b>\$1,061,203.89</b>  |
|                                                             |                   |      |        |        |            | <b>\$16,061,203.89</b> |

Term Deposit Ledger Balance  
24 hour Online Bank Account

Note that this is a separate interest bearing account linked with the Main Bank Account  
Investment Report as at 31 October 2013

**Note that this is a separate interest bearing account linked with the Main Bank Account Investment Report as at 31 October 2013**

Investment Report as at 31 October 2013

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

8.2.25. 6/11/13

**Shane Roberts**  
Senior Finance Officer

Prepared and Reconciled by Julie McKeown  
Assistant Rates Clerk

11/11/13.

## **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME ROUND 1 2013-2014**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services

**AUTHOR:** Stephen Holland

**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14

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### **Summary:**

This report informs the council of a letter from the Goodooga – Lightning Ridge CWA expressing its disappointment at not receiving funding for the annual wool day and recommends that Council confirm its previous decision in this matter.

### **Background:**

At its August meeting the Council considered applications from community organisations for funding under the Community Assistance scheme. An application from the Goodooga – Lightning Ridge CWA for funding of \$2,000 for their annual wool day event was not approved. The CWA has now written to Council expressing its disappointment at not being approved for funding.

### **Current Position:**

In its letter, the Goodooga – Lightning Ridge CWA state that the actual funds disbursed to community organisations come from the sale of wool fleeces and that the council contribution subsidises the lunch for invited guests. In support of refusing the application, the report stated that council should make donations directly to community organisations rather than through a third party organisation. It is believed the clarification provided by the CWA that the funds are directed to subsidising the lunch does not assist the application to meet the program criteria.

In its application, the CWA response to the criteria; 'How will the project/activity benefit the Walgett Shire Community and what are the main target groups' detailed the organisations that it provided funding to including Royal Far West, Yawarra Meemie and Lightning Ridge diving competitors.

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

Community Assistance Scheme Policy and program criteria  
Goodooga – Lightning Ridge CWA application

### **Governance issues:**

It is believed more appropriate that the Council in disbursing funds to community organisations is in a position to directly assess the merits of each recipient.

### **Environmental issues:**

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

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Community.

**Financial Implications:**

The current budget for the two rounds of this program was reduced from \$16,000 in the previous year to \$10,000.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

That the Council approve a donation to this group.

**Conclusion:**

It is believed that the clarification provided by the CWA in relation to their application for funding does not support a review of the decision and it is recommended that the CWA be advised that the Council's determination of its application remains as advised.

| Community Assistance Scheme Round 1 2013 / 2014                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>2. That the Council confirm its previous advice in relation to the application from Goodooga – Lightning Ridge CWA being unsuccessful.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

Nil

## **WALGETT LIBRARY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE OF OPERATIONAL HOURS**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate and Community Services  
**AUTHOR:** Stephen Holland – Director Corporate Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1763

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### **Summary:**

This report highlights the feasibility of Library and Visitor Information Centre operation hours during the summer months in Walgett.

### **Background:**

The Library and Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in Walgett have been operating every Saturday morning from 10am – 1 pm for the last several years with two (2) library staff and one (1) VIC staff on duty.

During the cooler months visitor numbers to the Library and the VIC are quite high with both visitors and locals utilising both services.

### **Current Position:**

During the past 8 week period (October – November) it has been noticeable that during the summer months that visitor numbers to the VIC and residents utilising the Library on Saturday mornings have declined.

The following table details the change in visitor numbers to both the Library and VIC.

| <b>PERIOD ( 8 weeks)</b> | <b>Visitor Information Centre patrons</b> | <b>Walgett Library patrons</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Aug- Sep</b>          | 89                                        | 87                             |
| <b>Oct- Nov</b>          | 12                                        | 22                             |

Following discussions with the Senior Library Officer and Manager Community Development it is believed that it would be preferred to close both the Library and VIC on Saturdays and for the Walgett Library to remain open until 6pm on three weekdays.

As such it is proposed that Council close the Library and Visitor Information Centre on Saturday mornings from December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 – February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 and that Saturday morning openings resume through the autumn and winter months.

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

Walgett Shire Council Community Strategic Plan

### **Governance issues:**

Council would inform community through notices on the venue and in the weekly Council Column.

### **Environmental issues:**

There are no environmental issues in relation to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Community, Tourists travelling through the Shire.

**Financial Implications:**

There will be a small reduction in staff costs with the removal of penalty rates for the Library and a reduction of 3 hours labour for the VIC.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Continue to operate both services on Saturdays.

**Conclusion:**

It is believed that the level of patronage for both the Library and the VIC during the warmer months does not warrant opening the Library and the VIC during this period. The report recommends that both venues be closed on Saturdays and in the case of the Library that the additional hours (3) are allocated to opening the Library until 6pm on three (3) days per week.

| Walgett library and Visitor Information Centre proposal for operational change of hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the opening hours for the Visitor Information Centre and Library be amended to exclude Saturday mornings for the period , December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 – February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014.</li><li>2. That the opening hours for the Walgett Library be extended to 6.pm on three( 3) days per week.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

Nil



## **SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive Services  
**AUTHOR:** Megan Glascott – Economic Development Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 00/0000

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### **Summary:**

This report relates to a request from Ms Lucy Di Paolo for a sponsorship contribution to the production of her book 'Fragile Black Heart'. The report recommends that the Council consider the request for sponsorship.

### **Background:**

Ms Lucy Di Paolo is the daughter of a former Lightning Ridge resident, Marisol Torres who after visiting Lightning Ridge extensively, purchased a camp and resided there from 2000. Ms Di Paolo has undertaken a book and photographic project recording her mother's story and those of other miners and identities in the Lightning Ridge and other mining camp areas. She is expecting the book to be launched at Easter next year and is seeking sponsorship to complete the project.

### **Current Position:**

Ms Di Paolo has written to Council seeking sponsorship towards the production of 200 copies of her book titled 'Fragile Black Heart'. She advises that the total production cost is \$8,000 and that she has sourced ten (10) sponsorships of \$400 from Lightning Ridge businesses to date. Whilst not requesting a specific amount from Council she notes that the project shortfall is \$4,000 at this stage. A copy of her letter and associated documentation is attached for additional information.

Council is not permitted under the Local Government Act to provide sponsorship on a personal basis unless it advertises its intent for twenty eight (28) days. The act requires that any sponsorship opportunities be available to all as is the case with the community contributions scheme. If Council was to participate by way of a contribution to this project it would need to be via a commercial type arrangement and not a community sponsorship. In this regard Ms Di Paolo advises that she would provide a sponsorship contract and would require the sponsorship by mid December.

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

Local Government Act  
Letter and supporting documentation from Ms Di Paolo

### **Governance issues:**

Council is required to provide equal opportunity to all residents for sponsorship opportunities with the exception of specific commercial arrangements.

**Environmental issues:**

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

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Residents  
Ms Di Paolo

**Financial Implications:**

This would relate to the amount of any sponsorship provided should Council resolve to participate in the project. If funded it is suggested that this be from the Tourism and Marketing budget 11.3763.2250.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

The matter is submitted for Council decision.

**Conclusion:**

The request for sponsorship does not contain a specific amount and this type of project is not usually something that council would become involved in at such a late stage. The matter is submitted to Council for consideration as to whether it wishes to make a sponsorship contribution to the project.

| Sponsorship Request                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the Council consider the request for sponsorship from Ms Di Paolo for her book project titled "Fragile Black Heart".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:** Letter and associated documentation from Ms Di Paolo

Dear Don,

My name is Lucy Di Paolo and I am a freelance photo journalist working in Metropolitan Melbourne. I am writing to you in support of a 50 page proposed book titled 'Fragile Black Heart'. I am aiming for 200 books at a cost of \$40. This is how much each book will cost to have it at the highest level. My budget is 8,000 which does not include my travel time, accommodation and organisation, phone calls, emails, including website, Ebooks and promotion.

I have personally approached Lightning Ridge businesses and received ten who are willing to sponsor the book for \$400 and in return their logo is published at the back of the book along with 2 other pages of acknowledgements. Also there will be media and radio interviews, hard cover books, Ebooks translated in Chinese for international publicity.

Unfortunately I have not reached my goal to publish 200 limited edition coffee table books and am short \$4000. If you were to kindly sponsor me with any kind of donation from the Walgett Council, I will be able to produce and give as much publicity to Lightning Ridge to attract more tourism. Any donation is a tax deduction.

I believe the book will be of great interest to historians, gemmologists, researchers, art lovers, tourists, miners I have photographed for the exhibition and others interested in the opal mining industry.

I will donate 5% with every book sold to Yawarra Meami women's group, (the name means 'Watch over Girls' in the local Aboriginal language) and outreach community centres in Lightning Ridge.

Inspired by my late mother, I have produced a collection of photographs and a 30 minute film about the people of Lightning Ridge, NSW. My mother, originally from Spain, escaped to Lightning Ridge seeking solace and spiritual renewal after the failure of her 27 year marriage. The collection resulted in a successful exhibition titled 'Fragile Black Heart', the story of my personal journey to discover why the black opal lured my mother, just as it does so many others, to abandon the security and comforts of mainstream urban society for life in this harsh and remote mining town. The exhibition documents and celebrates the freedoms, cultures and characters of 'The Ridge'. The photographs portrays an honest and realistic approach to the harsh and remote landscape surrounding the locals. Please see attachments.

The 200 limited edition books will be finished in time for Easter 2014. There will be an account and contract set up for your sponsorship and it will be required by middle December. I will be organizing a book launch signing with media publicity including radio interviews and newspaper editorials in Lightning Ridge and in Melbourne.

PLEASE NOTE: the sample book is at the women's group community centre (opposite bowling club) on Morilla St Lightning Ridge till 1st December. Please have a look at your convenience. Please visit my website [lucydipaolo.com](http://lucydipaolo.com) for more information and pictures. My mobile is 0404869659.

Kind Regards,  
Lucy Di Paolo  
[Lucydipaolo.com](http://Lucydipaolo.com)

# My Story

## Mining rites

Visiting her mother's outback town to fulfil a promise, **Lucy Di Paolo** discovers some unexpected gems

**M**y mother, Marisol Torres, came with her family to Australia from Madrid, Spain, in the early 1960s. She married at 21 and had two children – my brother, Phil, and me.

After 27 years, my parents' marriage ended and Mum began the study of lapidary – the cutting, polishing and engraving of stones. Her fascination with opals took her to the New South Wales outback town of Lightning Ridge. She would often drive her Ford Fiesta to "the Ridge" with her two dogs, Ginger and Lorenzo, and in early 2000 she bought a small campsite there for \$2000. It included a used caravan and a corrugated iron shed.

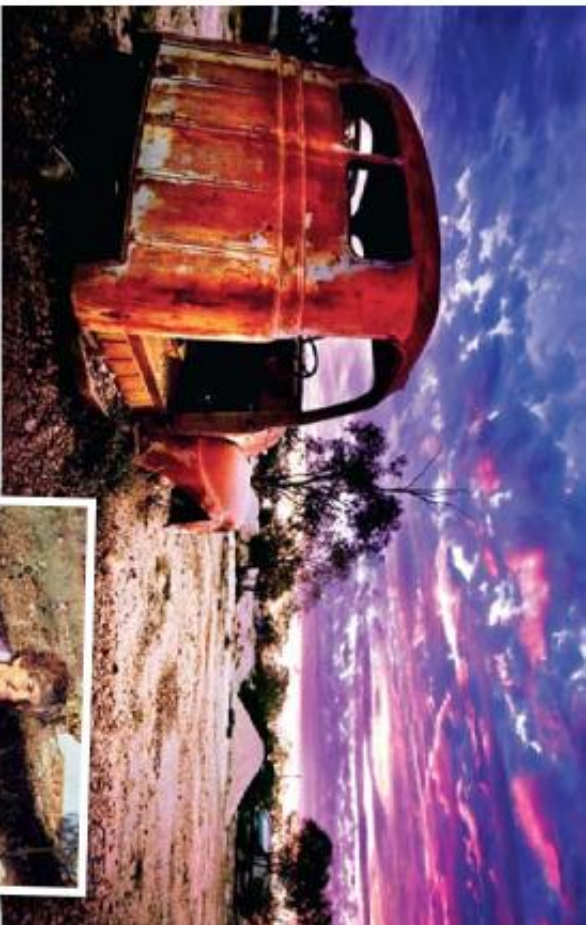
There were no luxuries – she would go to the bore baths for a hot shower – but she was closer to

nature and had a chance to find black opals and make some money.

My mother was a beautiful, adventurous Spanish woman, with dark hair and hazel eyes, but she was also quiet and shy. Early in the Ridge years, she kept to herself, but later, she started going to the neighbourhood centre to socialise.

She would also travel to Grawin, about 55km west, and "speck" for opal: going through truckloads of rubble dumped by full-time miners. It was her dream to mine, but her naivety and romanticised get-rich-quick thinking cost her. She was ripped off and never made her mark. But she retained a sense of humour and a beguiling smile.

Then, just as friendships began to blossom, she was diagnosed with cancer and had to return south for treatment. She had intentions to cook paella as a special treat for her Ridge friends, but died too soon. In her honour, my aunt Marisa and



The beauty of Lightning Ridge lies in its stark grandeur (above); the writer's mother, Marisol Torres (right)

I fulfilled her desire when we visited the Ridge in March last year. We also learnt a bit about the place she'd come to call home.

People who mine the Ridge come from a cross-section of society, from lawyers to travellers. Looks don't mean much: it can be hard to tell who's the multimillionaire and who's the destitute hopeful. Opals lured Sebastian and Hanna Deisenberger – 50 and 48 – from Germany 14 years ago; they plan me a two-year stay but became permanent residents.

Fourth-generation miner Anthony Melonas and his business partner,



Victor Johnson, both 38, are called "Designer Miners" by locals, because of their well-groomed hair and expensive after shave.

Then there's Malcolm "Nudie" Holland, 75, who – apart from safety helmet and boots – mines in the buff. He believes clothes are a hazard: "I'd rather be naked and live the life that I want." Malcolm migrated from England aged 33. He went up to Lightning Ridge to visit a mate who mined for opals; he's

Lucy Di Paolo, 40, is a Victoria-based photographer whose portraits of Lightning Ridge locals were recently on exhibition in Bundanong. See [lucydi Paolo.com](http://lucydi Paolo.com).





**Visitors are seduced by the Ridge's treasure: opals**

now been at the Ridge for 47 years.

Neil Schellnegger, 45, moved to the area with his parents when he was a child. He lives with his son, Luke, outside town in a typical corrugated iron home with tanks for water, a log fire and a caravan. Luke is a shy 19-year-old who enjoys helping out his dad. They haven't had much luck over the past couple of years, but their passion for opals overrides disappointment. They love the lifestyle, the peace and tranquillity.

Danny Hatcher, 38, is a second-generation miner and president of the Lightning Ridge Miners' Association. He's an exuberant, optimistic man, driven by finding the ultimate opal. "It's an obsession," he explains. "Once you start opal mining you don't want to do anything else... There is always the potential for finding a million dollars. Nothing beats it."

Kim Wiesenberger, 33, is one of the few female miners in the Ridge. She's lived in the area all her life

and has been mining full time since 1994. She likes to work alone, drilling eight to ten hours a day. There are many more men than women in Lightning Ridge, yet Kim claims, "a good man is as hard to find as a good opal".

Then there's Tom Boyes, who's been in Lightning Ridge for 40 years: "As soon as

I saw the town, I knew it was my kind of place."

When he started mining he would dig by hand, removing dirt with buckets and spotting opals by candlelight. He'd throw away the blue opals and hunt for the more valuable green and red ones. Now approaching 72, Tom's hung up his pick and hard hat. He never married, but he doesn't get lonely. "I've got quite a few good mates," he says, "and my dog, Blue Boy."

While travelling solo through Australia, Heather Landini, 59, stopped in Moree and asked a mechanic where to go next: west to Lightning Ridge or east to Inverell. She hasn't left the Ridge since.

It's a place where dreams – spiritual or material – can be fulfilled; a place, as my mother found, for one last gamble in life. ■

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***MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2013***

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

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**Portraits of Freedom Travelling Exhibition**

In February 2015 Australia will recognise the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Ride. To promote this event, a Travelling Photographic Exhibition will tour the country and Council has been invited to host the 'Portraits of Freedom' travelling exhibition when it visits Walgett. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase the library extension to the community which now provides the capacity to host exhibitions of this size. The exhibition comprises approximately 70 x A3 portraits and footage of the 1965 and 2011 Freedom Rides. Council has been requested to provide a 'letter of support and commitment to exhibit' to the event organisers, 'Koori Connect'. When the actual exhibition dates are advised, it is proposed to promote the event through Council's community noticeboard and the Council newspaper column.

| <b>Matters generally for Brief mention or Information Only</b>                                                   |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the information be noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## **RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND USE STRATEGY DISCUSSION PAPER**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning & Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Director Planning & Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/256-02

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### **Summary:**

A draft Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper has been prepared. It is recommended that Council resolve to place the discussion paper on public exhibition.

### **Background:**

At a meeting held on 27 August 2013 Walgett Shire Council resolved to engage GHD to prepare the Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy for \$22,000.

The preparation and adoption of a 'Rural Residential Strategy' is a prelude to submitting a planning proposal to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to rezone land in the vicinity of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri to enable it to be used for rural residential land use.

### **Current position:**

Katrina Burbige, a senior planner with the Coffs Harbour office of GHD has prepared a draft document titled 'Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper' November 2013. Councillors have been provided with copies of this document:

- Via an e-mail from the Director Planning & Regulatory Services.
- As an attachment for the Council meeting business paper, accessible via Councillors Ipads (hard copies will be provided for Councillors Greenaway and Walford).

The purpose of the discussion paper is outlined within the document on page 1, as follows:

*This Discussion Paper is the first step in identifying potential land for rural residential development in the vicinity of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. It has been prepared to generate debate and discussion for the community of Walgett. This paper will assist in the process of land identification in consultation with the community of Walgett. This paper provides the community with a reference for managing the growth of Walgett Shire in a sustainable manner whilst minimising potential land use conflicts.*

A key element of the discussion paper is identifying environmental constraints affecting the land under consideration. Examples of constraints that have been considered include:

- Flood prone land – assessed as low, medium or high velocity flood areas using LIDAR data supplied by NSW Land and Property Information.
- Bush fire prone vegetation – using NSW Rural Fire Service bush fire prone land mapping.
- Endangered ecological communities – using NSW Office of Environment & Heritage mapping.
- Heritage items.
- Contaminated land.

- Mining land.
- Sensitive land uses, such as game meat plants, airports, sewerage treatment plants, rubbish tips, irrigated intensive cropping areas, etc.

Chapter 8 of the discussion paper evaluates the significance of the various constraints identified and includes a series of “Land Suitability Analysis” maps for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. These maps are colour coded to rank the suitability of areas in a range from “highly suitable” through to “highly unsuitable”.

### **Proposed public consultation:**

There are two key groups proposed to be subject to consultation regarding the discussion paper, as follows:

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| Government agencies | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NSW Office of Environment &amp; Heritage.</li> <li>2. NSW Department of Planning &amp; Infrastructure.</li> <li>3. NSW Roads &amp; Maritime Services.</li> <li>4. NSW State Emergency Service.</li> <li>5. NSW Department of Primary Industries, including the following divisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of Water.</li> <li>• Agriculture.</li> <li>• Western Lands Commission, Crown Lands Division.</li> <li>• Mineral Resources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. NSW Rural Fire Service.</li> <li>7. Border Rivers, Namoi and Western Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs). Note that the functions of the CMAs transition to the North West Local Land Service (LLS) from January 2014.</li> <li>8. Essential Energy.</li> <li>9. Telstra.</li> <li>10. Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Note that the Country Regional Network (CRN) is owned by TfNSW and managed by contracted rail infrastructure manager, John Holland Rail.</li> </ol> |
| Public              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Precinct committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightning Ridge</li> <li>• Collarenebri</li> </ul> </li> <li>12. Community working parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walgett</li> <li>• Lightning Ridge</li> <li>• Collarenebri</li> </ul> </li> <li>13. Local Aboriginal Lands Councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walgett</li> <li>• Lightning Ridge</li> <li>• Collarenebri</li> </ul> </li> <li>14. NSW Farmers</li> <li>15. Lightning Ridge Miners Association</li> <li>16. Dharriwaa Elders Group</li> <li>17. Real estate agents</li> <li>18. Rural landholders within 5km radius of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walgett</li> <li>• Lightning Ridge</li> <li>• Collarenebri</li> </ul> </li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                            |



It is proposed public consultation will be undertaken for a minimum of sixty days, which includes:

- Letters to the government agencies listed in the table above (Stage 3A in Attachment B).
- Letters to all landowners within a 5km radius of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri (Stage 3C, Task 1 in Attachment B).
- An information session hosted by GHD during the exhibition period (Stage 3C, Task 2 in Attachment B).
- Advertising the public exhibition of the discussion paper and information session within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.
- Making the discussion paper available as a pdf file via Council's web site.
- Providing a public display hard copy of the discussion paper at the Council office at Walgett, Walgett library, Lightning Ridge library and Council office at Collarenebri.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

'A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals', NSW Department of Planning, July 2009.

Directions for LEP preparation issued by the Minister for Planning (Section 117 directions).

Various Department of Planning and Infrastructure circulars and guidelines regarding LEP development.

**Governance issues:**

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

to exercise community leadership

to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development

to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions

to engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community

to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights

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

**Environmental issues:**

As noted previously, the discussion paper identifies environmental constraints affecting the land under consideration. Chapter 8 evaluates the significance of constraints and includes a series of "Land Suitability Analysis" maps for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri ranking the suitability of areas from "highly suitable" in steps through to "highly unsuitable".

**Stakeholders:**

The public, landholders, Walgett Shire Council, Department of Planning & Infrastructure, State government agencies.

### Financial Implications:

Council has allocated a budget of \$20,000 (excluding GST) for the rural residential strategy.

### Alternative Solutions/Options:

Do nothing:- This option has not been recommended as Council has previously resolved to pursue the rezoning of land in the vicinity of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri for rural residential purposes. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) has indicated that Council needs to undertake community consultation and prepare a land use strategy, prior to submitting a planning proposal to the Department for the rezoning of the land. Doing nothing would be likely to prevent Council from receiving DoPI support for any proposed rezoning.

### Conclusion:

Public exhibition of the Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper will enable Council to obtain feedback from the community and government agencies on areas identified as potentially suitable for rural residential land use in the vicinity of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.

### Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper

#### Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Adopt and endorse the Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper.
2. Undertake public consultation regarding the Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper for a minimum of 60 days, including:
  - Letters to all relevant government agencies.
  - Letters to all landowners within a 5km radius of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.
  - An information session hosted by GHD during the exhibition period.
  - Advertising public exhibition of the discussion paper and information session in the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News
  - Making the discussion paper available as a pdf file via Council's web site.
  - Providing a public display hard copy of the discussion paper at the Council office at Walgett, Walgett library, Lightning Ridge library and Council office at Collarenebri.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### Attachments:

A – Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper (*provided under separate cover*)

B – Project stages from GHD quote Aug 2013 (*following*)

## Attachment B

## 4.3 Stage 3 - Early Stakeholder Consultation – Expressions of Interest

| STAGE                                            | ACTIONS/TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>3A: Agency Consultation</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write to the relevant government agencies on the issue of rural residential development in order to obtain their input regarding the draft Rural Residential Land Strategy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>3B- Public Exhibition of Discussion Paper</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicly exhibit the Discussion Paper to gain a better understanding of the wants and needs of the community and gauge any developer interest for rural residential land.</li> <li>Council will place the draft Discussion Paper on exhibition including on its web site for discussion and comment.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>3C: Consultation</b>                          | <p>GHD has developed a consultation strategy that best enables the community/community representatives to engage with the project team. Council will place the draft Discussion Paper on exhibition for discussion and comment. The public consultation will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task 1 - GHD will write to the key stakeholders (including landowners and developers) that have already made contact with Council as well as all landowners within a 5km radius of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri, on the issue of rural residential development in order to obtain their interest in being involved in the draft Rural Residential Lands Strategy. GHD suggests that each key stakeholder be given an opportunity to respond in writing or to attend a short interview at the Council offices by prior appointment. GHD will format a letter for Council to send to all relevant residents and stakeholders.</li> <li>Task 2: <i>Information session:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>During the exhibition-</i> GHD will attend one - two (2-hour) information sessions (in the form of an open house) at a central location in Walgett to seek community input on the draft Discussion Paper and gain any expression of interest.</li> <li>Sessions will be during business hours and/or in the evening. The two sessions will be on the same day.</li> <li>The information sessions will be staffed by the project Manager and it is assumed that Council staff will also attend.</li> <li>The session will include displays outlining the discussion paper and its process and content will be presented at each information session.</li> <li>Community members interested in providing a submission will be given feedback forms to provide written comments to Council. General feedback and comments will be noted by GHD and Council staff and a debrief will be held at the end of each session to compare feedback.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>3D: Site Inspections</b>                      | <p>Following the information session, GHD's project manager would also undertake a site visit of key areas accompanied by Council planning staff. This will enable GHD to have a clear understanding of the history, constraints and opportunities of the rural residential land in the LGA and possibly inspect any early EOI's.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Outputs:**

- Agency consultation and Public consultation including information sessions
- Field inspections of key sites and issues.

#### 4.4 Stage 4 – Rural Residential Land Use Strategy

| STAGE                                                    | ACTIONS/TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 4A: Review EOI's and choose candidate areas              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ GHD will review all EOI's for Rural Residential land against the planning principles and criteria established in Stage 2 and GHD will recommend tentative locations for greenfield rural residential areas if they can be identified and are warranted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                         |
| 4B: Present candidate areas for discussion               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ GHD will have a teleconference with Council to discuss the findings of the candidate areas.</li> <li>▶ Based on the above, GHD will recommend tentative locations for greenfield rural residential areas if they can be identified and are warranted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                           |
| 4C: Recommend Appropriate Zones                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Based on the above, GHD will recommend the appropriate land use zones in accordance with the Standard Instrument. These zones will be presented on maps and will be accompanied by a set of land uses consistent with the Standard LEP.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4D: Assessment Against Legislation                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ GHD will assess the proposed rural residential areas against current relevant legalisation including the SEPP (Rural Lands) and Section 117 directions.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4E: Rural Residential Actions                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ GHD will present a set of actions to initiate land use change. This may include any further studies that will be needed such as contamination assessments etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4F: Development of draft Rural Residential Land Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Upon completion of the above tasks, GHD will prepare a Draft Rural Residential Land Strategy for review by Council.</li> <li>▶ The work undertaken as part of Stages 4 above will be compiled into a single, plain English document and illustrated where appropriate with colour graphics, including photographs and mapping. The plan would be prepared in consultation with Council officers</li> </ul> |
| 4G: Review by Council                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The GHD team would provide Council with the Draft Rural Residential Land Strategy for review.</li> <li>▶ GHD will supply Council with three hard copies and one electronic copy of the draft document.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4H: Council Staff teleconference                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ GHD will have a teleconference with Council staff to discuss any changes to the draft document.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4J: Revised Draft Assessment                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Based on the outcomes of the initial Council review, GHD will refine the 1st draft.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

#### Outputs:

- ▶ Draft Rural Residential Land Strategy

4.5 Stage 5 - Exhibition and Finalisation of Draft Strategy

| STAGE                                                                            | ACTIONS/TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 5A: Public consultation                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Council will place the draft Rural Residential Strategy on exhibition including on its web site for discussion and comment.</li><li>▶ The Council will supply the submissions received from the community and State agencies and provide them to GHD once the exhibition has closed.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5B: Final Rural Residential Land Release Strategy and Agricultural Land Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Note the feedback from the public consultation and clarify any proposed changes to the Strategy with Council staff after the exhibition. A</li><li>▶ Revise the draft Rural Residential Land Strategy consistent with the outcomes of the exhibition in consultation with Council.</li></ul> <p><i>Note: GHD has made no allowance for major reviews of the Strategy at this late stage. It is assumed that if a major review is required at this stage will need to be negotiated as a variation. In addition GHD has made no allowances for more than 20 submissions.</i></p> |

Outputs:

- ▶ Final Rural Residential Land Strategy

## **LOCAL HERITAGE FUND GRANT APPLICATION**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matthew Goodwin – Director Planning and Regulatory Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 13/215

### **Summary:**

An application for a grant from Council's Local Heritage Fund has been received for proposed works at the Tattersall's Hotel Collarenebri. It is recommended that Council resolve to approve the requested grant.

### **Background:**

In a letter dated 13 August 2013 Walgett Shire Council wrote to 58 land owners with items listed as local heritage items in Schedule 5 of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013. Letters were sent to owners/managers who are individuals, companies or community groups, but not those who are a public authority (eg. State Government, Council).

The letter indicated that grants of between \$500 and \$5,000 were available from the Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund for 2013-2014 to with conservation and maintenance works on heritage buildings and places. Owners are required to at least match Council's contribution.

At a meeting held on 22 October 2013 Council resolved to:

**Disperse \$20,000 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2013-2014 in the following manner:**

- (a) \$1,000 to Lightning Ridge Historical Society for cleaning and painting roof of hospital gallery & Spicer's hut, 7 Morilla St, Lightning Ridge.
- (b) \$4,000 to Oliver Hall to repair the roof and western wall of a cottage at 35 Slacksmith St, Burren junction.
- (c) \$2,500 to Brian and Kay Gibbons to repair termite damage to the Moongulla outbuildings, Collarenebri.
- (d) \$4,000 to Best Employment to repair termite damage and paint external timberwork at the old post office at 63 Fox St, Walgett.
- (e) \$3,300 to Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repair the interior walls of the St John the Evangelist Church at Colin St, Carinda.
- (f) \$5,200 to Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repair roof, repair guttering and paint exterior of St Peters Anglican Church, Walgett.

### **Current position:**

Under the Local Heritage Fund agreement with the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) for 2011-14, Council will be reimbursed up to one third (33%) of the grants that it distributes. In that context Council can fund up to \$25,500 in grants and receive up to \$8,500 financial support from OEH. Council must submit a claim at the end of the financial year to obtain OEH funding. A key requirement of the funding agreement is that grants be dispersed with regard for the recommendations of Council's Heritage Advisor.

As noted above, \$20,000 was allocated to grants from the local heritage fund at a Council meeting held on 22 October 2013. This leaves a residual amount of \$5,000 which can be

allocated to any local heritage projects identified and recommended by Council's Heritage Advisor during 2013-2014.

After recent consultations with Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, Jacqui Smith (on behalf of owner Neil Fletcher) has lodged an application for a \$5,000 grant to renovate the kitchen floor and paint the front building façade of the Tatersall's Hotel at Collarenebri.

Council's Heritage Advisor has indicated that he recommends that the requested grant be made.

**Relevant Reference Documents:**

Report of the Community Based Heritage Study of Walgett Shire, April 2008.  
Heritage schedule in the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013.

**Governance issues:**

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

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

**Environmental issues:**

Grants from the Local Heritage Fund are one of the most significant methods by which Council facilitates the retention and conservation of local heritage items.

**Stakeholders:**

Public, affected land owners, Walgett Shire.

**Financial implications:**

Council has established a 2013-2014 budget for the grant income and expenditure associated with the operation of the local heritage fund. The proposed expenditure is within the budget provided, as noted above.

**Alternative solutions/options:**

Decline to offer grant:- Council could decline to offer a local heritage fund grant. This has not been recommended as owners of heritage items and people concerned about heritage would probably perceive this as an adverse outcome.

Vary the grant amount:- Council could increase or decrease the amount of the local heritage fund grant. In this context it is relevant to note that:

- \* There is a limited amount of funding available to Council from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

- \* The amount has been recommended by Council's Heritage Advisor with regard for the perceived heritage merits of this application.

**Conclusion:**

Local Heritage Fund grants are an important mechanism for Council to facilitate the maintenance of local heritage items by landowners.

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| <b>Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Grant Application – Tattersall's Hotel</b> |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> |
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| <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:</p> |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Offer a grant of \$5,000 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2013-2014 to renovate the kitchen floor and paint the front building façade of the Tattersall's Hotel at Collarenebri, subject to the standard NSW Office of Environment and Heritage funding agreement.</li></ol> |
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| <p><b>Moved:</b></p> |
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| <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |
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**Attachments**

Nil



## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2013/031 – CUMBORAH COMMUNITY HALL**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Matt Clarkson, Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** DA2013/031

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### **Summary:**

Development Application 2013/031 for a Community Hall at Cumborah has been lodged.

It is recommended that Council resolve to approve Development Application 2013/031 subject to the recommended conditions of development consent.

### **Background:**

On 22 October 2013 Council's Projects Officer, Sylvester Otieno, submitted Development Application 2013/031 on behalf of Walgett Shire Council as the landowner for a Community Hall at Cumborah. Proposed cost of works was listed as \$135,000.

Council's Consent Authority Conflict of Interest Policy states that where a development is between \$100,001 and \$5,000,000 in value, or written objections are received, the Development Application will be subject to:

- An **assessment prepared** by Council staff not involved in compiling the application documentation.
- An **assessment review** by an appropriately skilled independent party, such as external planning consultants or planners from another Council.
- **Determination** by Council.

### **Current Position:**

In line with Council's Consent Authority Conflict of Interest Policy:

- a) Development Application Report 2013/031 was prepared by Council's Town Planner, Matt Clarkson and reviewed by the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin.
- b) An independent assessment review was also conducted by Barnson in Dubbo.

Barnson's review of Development Application Report 2013/031 (Attachment B) stated that:

"It is our opinion that Council's assessment has addressed all the key issues in a reasonable and timely manner, and the recommendation for approval is supported subject to the draft set of conditions".

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

- \* Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- \* Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.
- \* Local Government Act 1993
- \* Council's Consent Authority Conflict of Interest Policy 2009.

**Governance issues:**

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

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

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

**Environmental issues:**

No significant environmental issues involved.

**Stakeholders:**

Public, Walgett Shire Council.

**Financial Implications:**

None known or expected.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Refuse Development Application 2013/031:- This is not recommended as the assessment report has been reviewed by a suitably qualified and experienced planning consultant, and found to be sound.

**Conclusion:**

That it would be appropriate to approve the Development Application subject to the recommended conditions of development consent.

**Development Determination 2013/031 – Cumborah Community Hall**

**Recommendation:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Approve Development Application 2013/031 in the name of Sylvester Otieno for a Community Hall at Cumborah St, Cumborah (Lot 3, DP 752679) subject to the recommended conditions of development consent.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**ATTACHMENTS: - PROVIDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER, SEE ANNEXURE.**

***MONTHLY FLOOD WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR  
ENGINEERING SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2013***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services

**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit - Director Engineering Services

**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress relating to the February 2012 flood restoration works as at 5 November 2013.

**Background:**

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

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

**Current Position:**

Council is waiting for responses from RMS for betterment funding and Grain flow for Beanbri Road rehabilitation works.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

RMS approved schedule.

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourists

**Financial Implications:**

As at 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013, \$10,653,503.87 has been spent from a total amount of \$11,623,727 provided in the February 2012 flood restoration works programme.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

| Monthly Flood Works Report from Director Engineering Services                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for November 2013.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

Flood restoration works progress summary.

Shire Roads

| Item No. |    | Work Order | Description of Works<br>(Road Name) | Amount to be contributed<br>by RMS | Amount to be Contributed<br>by Council | Amount spent<br>by Council | Total Expenditure<br>Up To<br>4/10/2013 | Total Expenditure<br>Up To<br>04/09/2013 By<br>RMS | Progress<br>in<br>% | Status    |
|----------|----|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| S<br>R   | 1  | 2284       | Franxton Road                       | \$36,769                           |                                        |                            | \$42,847.57                             | \$42,847.57                                        | 116.5               | completed |
| S<br>R   | 2  | 2285       | Belarra Lane                        | \$106,061                          |                                        |                            | \$90,571.01                             | \$90,571.01                                        | 85.4                | completed |
| S<br>R   | 3  | 2286       | Clarkes Lane                        | \$9,885                            |                                        |                            | \$11,966.97                             | \$11,966.97                                        | 121.1               | completed |
| S<br>R   | 5  | 2287       | Cryon Road                          | \$190,907                          |                                        |                            | \$172,878.29                            | \$172,878.29                                       | 90.6                | completed |
| S<br>R   | 12 | 2288       | Millie Road                         | \$143,025                          |                                        |                            | \$181,538.75                            | \$181,538.75                                       | 126.9               | completed |
| S<br>R   | 13 | 2289       | Woodvale Road                       | \$111,256                          |                                        |                            | \$120,828.19                            | \$120,828.19                                       | 108.6               | completed |
| S<br>R   | 14 | 2290       | Baroona Road                        | \$91,346                           |                                        |                            | \$90,885.55                             | \$90,885.55                                        | 99.5                | completed |
| S<br>R   | 15 | 2291       | Pokataroo Road                      | \$50,030                           |                                        |                            | \$27,632.16                             | \$27,632.16                                        | 55.2                | completed |
| S<br>R   | 16 | 2292       | Mercadool Road                      | \$145,698                          |                                        |                            | \$139,080.34                            | \$139,080.34                                       | 95.5                | completed |
| S<br>R   | 19 | 2293       | Springs Road                        | \$3,630                            |                                        |                            | \$3,630.00                              | \$3,630.00                                         | 100.0               | completed |
| S<br>R   | 21 | 2294       | Meadow Plains<br>Road               | \$17,000                           |                                        |                            | \$25,549.09                             | \$25,549.09                                        | 150.3               | completed |
| S<br>R   | 24 | 2295       | Marlbone Road                       | \$20,716                           |                                        |                            | \$25,438.76                             | \$25,438.76                                        | 122.8               | completed |

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|--------|----|------|---------------------|-----------|--|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|
| S<br>R | 24 | 2295 | Marlbone Road       | \$20,716  |  |            | \$25,438.76 | \$25,438.76 | 122.8 | completed |
| S<br>R | 27 | 2296 | Colrose Road        | \$19,456  |  |            | \$23,444.48 | \$23,444.48 | 120.5 | completed |
| S<br>R | 28 | 2297 | Wingadee Road       | \$10,140  |  | \$812.97   | \$19,079.30 | \$18,266.33 | 188.2 | completed |
| S<br>R | 31 | 2298 | Gungalman Road      | \$39,781  |  |            | \$30,285.17 | \$30,285.17 | 76.1  | completed |
| S<br>R | 38 | 2299 | Wanourie Creek Road | \$18,120  |  |            | \$13,264.08 | \$13,264.08 | 73.2  | completed |
| S<br>R | 40 | 2300 | Ginghet Road        | \$7,061   |  | \$3,912.74 | \$11,680.10 | \$7,767.36  | 165.4 | completed |
| S<br>R | 43 | 2301 | Bushs Road          | \$9,846   |  |            | \$6,323.59  | \$6,323.59  | 64.2  | completed |
| S<br>R | 45 | 2302 | Borehead Road       | \$7,914   |  |            | \$1,779.83  | \$1,779.83  | 22.5  | completed |
| S<br>R | 48 | 2303 | Boorooma Creek Road | \$25,252  |  |            | \$17,898.83 | \$17,898.83 | 70.9  | completed |
| S<br>R | 51 | 2304 | Millencowbah Road   | \$23,400  |  |            | \$23,985.09 | \$23,985.09 | 102.5 | completed |
| S<br>R | 52 | 2305 | Willis Road         | \$6,570   |  |            | \$7,395.32  | \$7,395.32  | 112.6 | completed |
| S<br>R | 53 | 2306 | Koomalah Road       | \$124,044 |  |            | \$47,398.46 | \$47,398.46 | 38.2  | completed |
| S<br>R | 57 | 2307 | Epping Road         | \$50,889  |  |            | \$49,370.09 | \$49,780.33 | 97.82 | completed |

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|--------|----|------|------------------------------|----------|--|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----------------|
| S<br>R | 59 | 2308 | Moomin Road                  | \$60,342 |  |            | \$62,413.51 | \$62,413.51 | 103.4 | completed      |
| S<br>R | 60 | 2309 | Marra Creek Road             | \$7,512  |  |            | \$3,300.00  | \$3,300.00  | 43.9  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 61 | 2310 | Cambo Road                   | \$34,365 |  |            | \$28,240.46 | \$28,240.46 | 82.2  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 64 | 2311 | Wimbledon Road               | \$26,028 |  |            | \$19,377.31 | \$19,377.31 | 74.4  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 67 | 2312 | Collarenebri<br>Mission Road | \$13,000 |  |            | \$180.01    | \$1977.55   | 15.21 | In<br>progress |
| S<br>R | 70 | 2313 | Lone Pine Road               | \$13,980 |  | \$1,718.37 | \$17,096.37 | \$15,378.00 | 122.3 | completed      |
| S<br>R | 71 | 2314 | Rossmore Lane                | \$8,100  |  |            | \$19,855.63 | \$19,855.63 | 245.1 | completed      |
| S<br>R | 72 | 2315 | Middle Route<br>Road         | \$17,496 |  |            | \$11,221.29 | \$11,221.29 | 64.1  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 73 | 2316 | Miralwyn Road                | \$10,554 |  |            | \$10,540.02 | \$10,540.02 | 99.9  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 77 | 2317 | Nedgera Road                 | \$11,009 |  |            | \$3,840.00  | \$3,840.00  | 34.9  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 79 | 2318 | Pagan Creek<br>Road          | \$5,916  |  |            | \$5,916.00  | \$5,916.00  | 100.0 | completed      |



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|--------|---------|------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|--|--|--------------|--------------|--------|----------------|
| S<br>R | 85      | 2319 | Tungra Road                                    | \$47,510    |  |  | \$38,956.28  | \$38,956.28  | 82.0   | completed      |
| S<br>R | 88      | 2320 | Fabians Road                                   | \$24,990    |  |  | \$14,356.87  | \$25,153.24  | 100.65 | completed      |
| S<br>R | 89      | 2321 | Belaba Road                                    | \$17,007    |  |  | \$15,394.69  | \$15,394.69  | 90.5   | completed      |
| S<br>R | 90      | 2322 | Fairview Road                                  | \$26,436    |  |  | \$14,791.99  | \$14,791.99  | 56.0   | completed      |
| S<br>R | 92      | 2357 | Strathmore Road                                | \$6,360     |  |  | \$6,105.69   | \$6,105.69   | 96.0   | completed      |
| S<br>R | 95      | 2323 | Banarway<br>Crossing Road                      | \$22,360    |  |  | \$24,271.65  | \$24,271.65  | 108.5  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 98      | 2324 | Lorne Road                                     | \$72,913    |  |  | \$77,865.06  | \$77,865.06  | 106.8  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 10<br>1 | 2325 | Wilby Wilby Road                               | \$1,084,467 |  |  | \$735,559.81 | \$760,763.48 | 70.15  | In<br>progress |
|        |         | 2387 | Kurrajong Road<br>under Wilby Wilby<br>Funding | \$350,000   |  |  | \$293,714.61 | \$293,714.61 | 83.9   | completed      |
| S<br>R | 10<br>2 | 2326 | Angledool Road                                 | \$244,548   |  |  | \$258,438.52 | \$258,438.52 | 105.7  | completed      |
| S<br>R | 10<br>3 | 2327 | Bugilbone Road                                 | \$130,824   |  |  | \$116,081.34 | \$116,081.34 | 88.7   | completed      |

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|        |         |      |                  |           |  |             |              |              |       |             |
|--------|---------|------|------------------|-----------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| S<br>R | 11<br>0 | 2328 | Kurrajong Road   | \$5,040   |  | \$10,000.00 | \$17,367.15  | \$7,367.15   | 344.6 | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>1 | 2329 | Narran Lake Road | \$20,170  |  | \$4,047.00  | \$26,233.88  | \$22,186.88  | 130.1 | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>2 | 2330 | Brewon Road      | \$72,024  |  |             | \$71,583.71  | \$71,583.71  | 99.4  | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>3 | 2331 | Binghi Road      | \$13,168  |  | \$2,639.95  | \$17,360.35  | \$14,720.40  | 131.8 | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>4 | 2332 | Bogewong Road    | \$24,378  |  |             | \$19,476.40  | \$19,476.40  | 79.9  | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>5 | 2333 | Aberfoyle Road   | \$18,266  |  |             | \$14,781.94  | \$14,781.94  | 80.9  | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>6 | 2334 | Goangra Road     | \$185,711 |  |             | \$136,686.27 | \$136,686.27 | 73.6  | completed   |
| S<br>R | 11<br>7 | 2335 | Beanbri Road     | \$499,530 |  |             | \$8,892.15   | \$9,563.43   | 1.91  | In progress |
| S<br>R | 11<br>8 | 2336 | Yarraldool Road  | \$140,365 |  |             | \$139,941.23 | \$139,941.23 | 99.7  | completed   |
| S<br>R | 12<br>1 | 2337 | Pian Creek Road  | \$156,948 |  |             | \$127,932.53 | \$127,932.53 | 81.5  | completed   |
| S<br>R | 12<br>2 | 2338 | Old Burren Road  | \$54,015  |  |             | \$91,376.97  | \$91,376.97  | 169.2 | completed   |
| S<br>R | 12<br>3 | 2339 | Rowena Road      | \$131,288 |  |             | \$75,917.48  | \$75,917.48  | 57.8  | completed   |

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|--------|---------|------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| S<br>R | 12<br>3 | 2339 | Rowena Road               | \$131,288          |                 |                 | \$75,917.48           | \$75,917.48           | 57.8         | completed |
| S<br>R | 12<br>4 | 2340 | Dundee Road               | \$52,470           |                 |                 | \$63,254.18           | \$63,254.18           | 120.6        | completed |
| S<br>R | 12<br>5 | 2341 | Glen Eden Road            | \$145,997          |                 |                 | \$150,200.65          | \$150,200.65          | 102.9        | completed |
| S<br>R | 12<br>6 | 2406 | Purtles Road              | \$53,486           |                 |                 | \$50,234.41           | \$50,234.41           | 93.9         | completed |
| S<br>R | 12<br>7 | 2342 | Boora Road                | \$21,870           |                 |                 | \$31,053.89           | \$31,053.89           | 142.0        | completed |
| S<br>R | 12<br>8 | 2343 | Camerons Lane             | \$36,389           |                 | \$6,000.00      | \$72,435.23           | \$66,435.23           | 199.1        | completed |
| S<br>R | 12<br>9 | 2344 | George Sands<br>Way       | \$131,640          |                 |                 | \$116,228.41          | \$116,228.41          | 88.3         | completed |
| S<br>R | 13<br>1 | 2345 | O'Neils Road              | \$59,754           |                 |                 | \$78,426.46           | \$78,426.46           | 131.2        | completed |
|        |         | 2346 | Tip Road                  | \$70,200           |                 |                 | \$63,214.15           | \$63,214.15           | 90.0         | completed |
|        |         |      | Emergency Works           | \$476,727          |                 |                 | \$476,727.00          | \$476,727.00          | 100.0        | completed |
|        |         |      | Council's<br>Contribution | -\$29,000          | \$29,000        |                 |                       | \$0.00                | 0.0          |           |
|        |         |      |                           | <b>\$5,844,947</b> | <b>\$29,000</b> | <b>\$29,131</b> | <b>\$4,811,592.57</b> | <b>\$4,840,925.67</b> | <b>82.82</b> |           |

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Regional Roads

| Item No. |           | Work Order | Road name           | Amount to be Contributed by Council | RMS's Contribution | Total Expenditure to 4/10/2013 | %      | Status    |
|----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1        | RR329     | 2347       | MERRYWINE BONE ROAD | N/A                                 | \$3,822,345        | \$3,750,267.56                 | 98.11  | completed |
| 2        | RR333     | 2348       | CARRINDA ROAD       | N/A                                 | \$552,750          | \$693,906.02                   | 125.54 | completed |
| 3        | RR402     | 2349       | GINGIE/LLANILLO     | N/A                                 | \$628,763          | \$586,009.45                   | 93.20  | completed |
| 5        | RR426     | 2350       | SHERMANS WAY        | N/A                                 | \$29,480           | \$13,953.23                    | 47.33  | completed |
| 5        | RR426     | 2351       | RIDGE ROAD          | N/A                                 | \$55,228           | \$55,228.00                    | 100.00 | completed |
| 6        | RR457     | 2352       | GUNDABLOUI ROAD     | N/A                                 | \$348,161          | \$360,362.64                   | 103.50 | completed |
| 7        | RR7716    | 2353       | COME BY CHANCE      | N/A                                 | \$168,578          | \$179,377.19                   | 106.41 | completed |
|          | Emergency |            |                     |                                     | \$173,474.11       | \$173,474.11                   | 100.00 | completed |
|          |           |            | TOTAL               |                                     | \$5,778,779        | \$5,812,578.20                 | 100.58 |           |

| Summary        |                         |                             |               |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Road Hierarchy | Toad amount             | Expenditure up to 8/08/2013 | Status        |
| Local Roads    | \$ 5,844,948.00         | \$ 4,840,925.67             | 82.82%        |
| Regional Roads | \$ 5,778,779.00         | \$ 5,812,578.20             | 100.58%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 11,623,727.00</b> | <b>\$ 10,653,503.87</b>     | <b>91.65%</b> |

## ***MONTHLY RMCC WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2013***

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

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### **Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress relating to the RMCC works as at 6 November 2013.

### **Background:**

RMS has awarded a contract of \$6,189,483.53 for the 2013/2014 financial year. The scope of works involved in this contract are;

Resealing, heavy patching, geo textile work on SH29 west, shoulder widening on SH29 west, rehabilitation work on HW29 East Pian creek, flood works and routine works.

### **Current Position:**

Currently, two council teams are working on flood restoration works.

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

Nil

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Walgett Residents

**Financial Implications:**

As at 6 November 2013, \$2,374,800.03 has been spent from a total amount of \$6,189,483.53, provided in the 2013/2014 financial year budget.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue in monitoring the work progress of RMCC to ensure the works are completed within the guidelines.

| Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering Services – November 2013                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for November 2013.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

RMCC works summary.

The funding allocations for 2013/2014 RMCC works are \$6,189,483.53. The details are as follows:

| <b>SN</b> | <b>Description</b>                          | <b>Budget</b>              | <b>Expenditure Till<br/>2/10/2013</b> | <b>Status</b>                                                    |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1         | Resealing                                   | \$<br>1,240,000.00         | -                                     | Not started                                                      |
| 2         | Heavy patching                              | \$ 439,000.00              | \$ 438,417                            | Not started                                                      |
| 3         | SH29 west<br>Geotextile Rehab<br>final seal | \$ 275,483.53              | \$242,034.70                          | 95 %                                                             |
| 4         | HW29 west<br>widening                       | \$<br>500,000.00           | -                                     | WP sent to<br>RMS.<br>Environmental<br>memo under<br>preparation |
| 5         | HW29 east Pian<br>Creek rehab               | \$<br>1,050,000.00         | -                                     | TBA                                                              |
| 6         | Flood damage                                | \$<br>1,500,000.00         | \$ 999,804.32                         | 66.65 %                                                          |
| 7         | Routine works                               | \$<br>1,185,000.00         | \$ 694,544.01                         | 58.61 %                                                          |
|           | <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$<br/>6,189,483.53</b> | <b>\$ 2,374,800.03</b>                | <b>38.37 %</b>                                                   |

## ***GRAVEL FROM BULGLEBONE GRAVEL PIT- CAMP SITE PILLIGA BORE***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit - Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/190

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### **Summary:**

This report recommends that Council note and accept the request from the Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee for the use of gravel from the Bulglebone Gravel Pit to upgrade the Pilliga Bore Camp Site.

### **Background:**

The Buglebone Gravel Pit has two sections. The eastern side is owned by Narrabri Shire Council and western side is owned by Walgett Shire Council.

The Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee is intending to encourage tourism in the region. Part of the plans is to improve the Bore Camp Site by adding gravel to the camping area to create better all-weather access. Council has received an application for the use of gravel from the Bulglebone Gravel Pit free of charge.

### **Current Position:**

The Bulglebone Gravel Pit does not have enough gravel at present and the Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee is required to prepare for the gravel extractions.

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

Nil

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, residents and tourists.

### **Financial Implications:**

Cost of gravel & waiving of royalties.



**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Decline the request.

**Conclusion:**

The Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee has requested Council waive or donate the royalty charges for the gravel in the interests of tourism and it is recommended that Council assist the Committee in agreeing to their request for waiving the royalties on the gravel. The cost of gravel and of carting the gravel will be met by the Committee.

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| <b>Gravel From Bulglebone Gravel Pit- Camp Site Pilliga Bore</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b><br/>That Council note and agree to the request from the Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee to waive the royalties of 20 truckloads of gravel (at 33 tons per load) from the Bulglebone Gravel Pit.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee letter.

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Dear Mr Ramsland,

Thank you for your return phone call on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October re updated information about the Coonabarabran Mungindi Highway.

I am secretary of the Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee. The Committee aims to improve and encourage tourism in the region. Part of our plans for improvement include adding gravel to the camping area to create a better all weather surface for camp sites at the Pilliga Bore.

The Committee would like to cart gravel from Bullebone Gravel Pit which is in Walgett Shire and use this gravel for camp sites at the Pilliga Bore.

We would like to obtain 20 truck loads of gravel at 33 tons per load. The Committee are petitioning Walgett Shire to waive or donate the royalty charges for this gravel in the interests of tourism.

There are increasing benefits to Pilliga, Burren Junction and Walgett communities as more tourists visit and travel on the Spa Drive. Our Committee aims to upgrade the facility as donations are received from the travellers who stay at the Pilliga Bore. In turn, the flow on into the Pilliga and surrounding communities will benefit all.

We seek your good will in this venture.

Yours sincerely



Alan Ferguson

(Secretary Pilliga Bore Improvement Committee)

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## ***RMS - REGIONAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM-APPLICATIONS FOR 2014/2015***

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/86

### **Summary:**

Roads and Maritime Services invited applications for 2014/2015 Repair Programs. This report is for Council to note the lodgement of the applications.

### **Background:**

The REPAIR Program is one of two programs under which the State Government assists Councils in the management of their Regional Road Infrastructure. The second program is the Regional Road Block Grant Program which includes a supplementary component to replace the former 3 x 3 Council Determined Program.

The objective of the Repair Program is to provide additional assistance to undertake larger works of rehabilitation and development on Regional Roads to minimise the long term maintenance costs of these roads. This is commensurate with their function and usage.

Roads and Maritime Services invited applications for the 2014/2015 Regional Roads REPAIR Program. The applications were lodged on 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2013.

The proposed projects based on priority basis in the application are:

1. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing it with 200 mm thick road base and sealing with two coats on Carinda Road (RR333). The proposed section is Ch 0+900 (Bait Street) km to 64+800 km and the estimated total cost is \$866,750.
2. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing it with 200 mm thick road base and sealing with two coats on Gingi Road (RR402). The proposed section is Ch 15+090 km (SH29) km to 18+496 km and the estimated total cost is \$324,000.
3. Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick road base overlay for 5 km in length x 7m seal width on Gundabloui Road (RR457). The estimated total cost is \$844,134.

The RMS contribution for the Repair Program is \$400,000 (upper limit) and a 1:1 funding basis.

### **Current Position:**

The projects that were submitted for the 2013/2014 financial year but did not meet the selection criteria and have been re submitted for 2014/2015.

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

Request for proposals, Regional Roads REPAIR Program 2014/2015.

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Road safety.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, residents and other road users .

**Financial Implications:**

Neither of the three projects are currently proposed to be undertaken in 2014/2015. However, if successful, it would be anticipated that the difference between the upper limit of the repair programme of \$400,000 and the actual project cost would require reallocation from Council's Roads to Recovery Programme to permit work to proceed on any of the projects.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing

**Conclusion:**

**RMS**

**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the action taken to submit the applications for funding of the projects in the following order of priority:

1. Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick road base overlay for 5 km in length x 7 m seal width on Gundabloui Road (RR457). The estimated total cost is \$ 844,134.
2. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base and sealing with two coats on Carinda Road (RR333). The proposed section is Ch 0+900 (Bait Street) km to 64+800 km and the estimated total cost is \$ 866,750.
3. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base and sealing with two coats on Gingi Road (RR402). The proposed section is Ch 15+090 km (SH29) km to 18+496 km and the estimated total cost is \$ 324,000.
4. Provision be made in Council's Roads to Recovery Programme for any funding short fall.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments** – Provided under separate cover – see Annexure

**Questions for the next Meeting**

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**