



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

27th April 2010

RAY KENT
General Manager

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA



19 April 2010

Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

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

NOTE: Prior to the Council meeting there will be a bus tour for Councillors and the Executive team leaving the Club at 9.15am.

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)

- Ian Kelly from Castlereagh Macquarie County Council – Fruit Fly Control Contribution and Hudson Pear eradication program.
- Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation CEO and Walgett Aboriginal Medical Centre CEO

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19. Close of Meeting

3. Apologies

Nil

6. Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

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MINUTES

23 March 2010

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2010 COMMENCING AT 10:11AM
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PRESENT

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

Welcome to Visitors

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

Apologies

Nil

Public Forum Presentations

James Hereford-Ashley – President of Lightning Ridge Tourist Association

James provided a brief overview of the Lightning Ridge Tourist Association focusing on the following items:

- issues with funding, explained strategic goals, and the need to expand and diversify its membership as well as marketing and promotion.
- issues with the Visitor Information Centre extension.

Karla Castellanos and Matthew Stray – GMU

Provided a presentation on the Main Street beautification proposals for Walgett

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47/10 Main Street Beautification concept

Resolution:

That the general concept for the Main Street Beautification project be endorsed.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

- Clr Colless declared a pecuniary interest in item 24 – Future of the Walgett Saleyards.
- Clr Greenaway declared non pecuniary interest in item 20 – Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Invoice: Fruit Fly Control.
- Clr Keir declared a non pecuniary interest in item 23 – 2009/2010 Local Heritage Fund Grants.
- Clr Walford declared a pecuniary interest in item 15 – Community Partnerships Report.

48/10 Confirmation of Minutes - 23 February 2010

Resolution:

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 23rd February 2010 be confirmed but with an amendment to the Director's response to Question 5 from Councillor Greenaway which should read:
"The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that because of the complexity of the land register, and the qualifications that are required to complete a land register, the position of Lands Officer does not have the responsibility for the register."

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

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Mayoral Minutes

49/10 Walgett Shire Council Mayoral Minute – Coolibah Kids

MOTION:

That:

1. Council make available a two bedroom unit in the Arthur Street development to house a qualified Child Care Worker employed at Coolibah Kids Preschool and Long Day Care Centre
2. The initial term of the lease be three years, that is the term of the accreditation.
3. The rent for the unit be charged at 30% of the market rent.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

AMENDMENT:

1. Council make available a two bedroom unit in the Arthur Street development to house a qualified Child Care Worker employed at Coolibah Kids Preschool and Long Day Care Centre
2. The initial term of the lease be three years, that is the term of the accreditation.
3. The rent for the unit be a “pepper corn” rent.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

AMENDMENT LOST

Original motion put.

MOTION CARRIED

Motions of which Notice has been given

Nil

Presentation of Petitions

Nil

Councillors Question with Notice

Nil

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50/10 Minutes of Meeting of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)

Resolution:

That the minutes be noted.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

51/10 Minutes of Walgett Interagency meeting

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Walgett Interagency meeting held 9th February 2010 be noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

52/10 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Minutes – December 2009

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held on 16 December 2009.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

53/10 Minutes of the Flood Management Authorities Quarterly Meeting

Resolution:

1. Council note the Minutes of the quarterly meeting of Floodplain Management Authorities held on 26 November 2009.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

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54/10 Minutes of Namoi Peel Customer Service Committee Meeting

Resolution:

1. That Council note the Minutes of the meeting of Namoi-Peel Committee held on 10 February 2010.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

55/10 Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee

Resolution:

1. That Council note and adopts the recommendations of the meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee on 18 February 2010 as follows:

- a. Temporary Road Closure Morilla & Opal Streets (MR426) Lightning Ridge for Easter Festival;
- b. Temporary Road Closure Fox Street (HW18) and Wee Waa Streets Walgett for Anzac Day; and
- c. Temporary Road Closure Wilson Street (HW12) and Walgett Street Collarenebri for Anzac Day.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

56/10 Minutes of the December 2009 Meeting of the Rowena Precinct Committee

Resolution:

1. That the Minutes of the December meeting of the Rowena Precinct Committee be noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

57/10 Council Decisions Action Report – 23.02.10

Resolution:

That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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58/10 Report on Reserve Trust Funds

Resolution:

That a report be brought back to Council on what funds are held in each of our Reserve Trust Funds.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

59/10 Internally Restricted Funds

Resolution:

That:

1. Council remove \$31,500.00 from the internally restricted aerodrome reserve.

2. Council remove the following from internally restricted reserves:

* Flood Protection	\$210,000.00
* Walgett Shire Stormwater Management	\$234,179.00
* Levee Bank Maintenance	\$14,000.00
* Kerb and Gutter renewal	\$50,000.00
* Walgett Industrial Design	\$7,000.00
* Miners Contribution Road	\$6,000.00
* Economic Development	\$15,000.00

3. Council increase the leave liability reserve by \$100,000.00.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

11:52am Clr Walford left the meeting

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60/10 Externally Restricted Funds

Resolution:

1. That Council remove the following from externally restricted reserves and reallocate to similar areas:

* Art Start Funding	\$2,300.00
* Reclaim the Night	\$ 255.00
* Youth Activities	\$4,038.00
* WAL	\$5,000.00

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

11:55am Clr Walford returned to the meeting

61/10 Cash on Hand Investment Report as at 28 February 2010

Resolution:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 28 February 2010 be received.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12:00pm Clr Murray left the meeting

62/10 Draft Human Resource Proposals

Resolution:

That Council adopts the three proposed strategies as part of its overall HR long term strategic development

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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63/10 Draft Emergency Services Leave Policy

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Emergency Services Leave Policy as presented.
2. Notes the Emergency Services Leave Procedures as presented.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

12:02pm Clr Murray returned to the meeting

64/10 Tourism Branding

Resolution:

That:

1. Council endorses the commencement of a tourism promotion campaign as outlined in the report.
2. A report outlining proposed expenditure on tourism in 09/10 be brought to the next meeting.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

65/10 Community Partnerships Report

Resolution:

That this matter be deferred until the April Council meeting.

Moved: Clr Greenway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

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66/10 Report on Youth Development and Services – November 2009 to February 2010

Resolution:

That:

1. The report on Youth development and Services for the period November 2009 - March 2010 be noted.
2. The Walgett Shire Youth Council Minutes be noted.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

67/10 Land Register

Resolution:

1. The Council adopts the Land Register attached to this report and that it continue to be maintained.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

68/10 Policy – Building near Council Utility Systems

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Adopt the policy titled "Building Near Council Water, Sewerage or Stormwater Systems".

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

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69/10 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager from December 2009 to February 2010 inclusive.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

70/10 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Invoice for Fruit Fly Control

Resolution:

That this matter be deferred until the April Council meeting.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

71/10 Local Approvals Policy, Proposed exemption to Permit Camping at the Burren Junction Bore Baths

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Endorse a draft clause to amend the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy to exempt camping at the Burren Junction Bore Baths site (lot 49, DP 40744 and lot 1, DP 181329) from requiring approval under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 if the site is owned by Walgett Shire Council.
2. Notify the public of the draft amended Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy through the Lightning Ridge News and the Walgett Spectator.
3. Place the draft amended Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy on public exhibition and invite written submissions from the public on the draft policy.
4. Write to the Burren Junction Precinct committee, the owners of the Junction City Hotel and the Burren Junction Service Station and notify them that the draft amended Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy is on public exhibition and invite written submissions on the draft policy.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

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72/10 Soil Contamination, Walgett Airport Soil

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note that work on removing contaminated soil from the Walgett Aerodrome Pesticide Residue Pit to the Walgett Waste Depot has ceased.
2. Note that arrangements are being made to evaluate the effectiveness of mixing lime and/or uncontaminated soil with contaminated soil to reduce contamination levels to stage where the soil can be legally classified as "general waste".

Moved: Clr Marrtinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

73/10 2009/2010 Local Heritage Fund Grants

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the grants approved by the General Manager from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2009-2010, as per the recommendations of Council's Heritage Advisor.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12:46pm Clr Colless left the meeting

74/10 Future of the Walgett Saleyards

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Formalise a business partnership agreement with Clemson & Hiscox for three years with an option for renewal for a further three years.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12:58pm Clr Colless returned to the meeting

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75/10 The Future of Walgett Medical Centre Building

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Authorise the General Manager to sell the building (including public toilets) in an 'as is where is' condition.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

1:04pm adjourned for lunch

1: 35pm returned from lunch

76/10 Asset Management Policy

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Approve the Asset Management Policy effective 01 April 2010.
2. Approve the creation of an Asset Management Group chaired by Urban Infrastructure Services.
3. Consider providing a \$15,000 annual budget for the development and continuous improvement of Asset Management Plans and Strategies as a new expenditure proposal at the time of formulation of the 2010-11 budget.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

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77/10 Walgett Cemetery Memorial Garden proposal

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Approve the establishment of an Aboriginal Memorial Garden in Walgett cemetery for the purpose of reburial of Aboriginal human remains returned to the district from institutions, in the event that they cannot be reburied in their original burial locations
2. Initiate public consultation regarding the memorial garden development, with the aim of determining the location of the Aboriginal Memorial Garden.
3. Approve, in principle, expansion to the west and south of the currently fenced cemetery area of approximately 12,000m².
4. Consider funding cemetery extension in the formulation of 2010/11 budget.
5. Advise the Dharriwaa Elders Group of this decision.
6. Disseminate its decision to the public through Council's newsletter and newspaper notices.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

Questions Without Notice

Clr Keir

Question 1:

Has Barwon Cottage been reopened?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Barwon Cottage is not scheduled to reopen until April to allow for staff inductions to be completed.

Question 2:

Has anyone heard about a meeting regarding the standard of food and the Walgett IGA?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that he had not heard anything about the meeting. He further advised that the meeting could possibly be between our local IGA operators and their head office.

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Question 3:

In relation to SR7716, the bridge has collapsed and there is a 5 tonne limit on this road. I have received a lot of complaints about the Meadows Plains Road as well. What is happening?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised that the damage on this road has been put in as part of a flood claim to the RTA.

Question 4:

The damage to the play equipment in Gray Park, what is happening with this?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the issue has been reported to the Police.

Clr Murray

Question 1:

In relation to the Darling River Run, what has happened to Walgett being involved in this?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that she will take the question on notice and provide a response shortly.

Question 2:

What is happening with the Carinda pub?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that his staff have been unable to access Carinda because of the road conditions. He further advised that the action they plan to take is to pursue legal action against the owner.

Question 3:

When letters are sent into Council, how do we know that the issues in these letters are addressed?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that we are in the process of establishing a complaints register.

Question 4:

In relation to the Brewon Road and the low level bridges, are we able to do something about this?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised that staffing and time has prevented him from completing a Road Asset Management Plan where these bridges will be addressed.

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Question 5:

Can the Senior Health & Building Surveyor go back and do another inspection of the Walgett IGA?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that an inspection has just recently been carried out. He further advised that the inspections carried out are for food standards and do not address cosmetic looks. He further advised that people should lodge a complaint through the Food Authority website. There is a 1300 number and once the complaints are lodged they come back to Council.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

Why are we getting an inspector from Narrabri to inspect IGA?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that last year the Senior Health & Building Surveyor's wife worked at IGA and therefore another inspector was asked to come and do inspection at that time. That is no longer the case.

Question 2:

I understand that Susanne Jones has been appointed Senior Finance Officer, what qualifications does she have?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Susanne and her partner have property in the Shire and have been residents for over 7 years. She further advised that Susanne met all qualifications and addressed all the selection criteria.

Clr Smith

Question 1:

Has there been any word on our signs for the Collarenebri primitive camping ground?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the signs have just arrived and that she will check up on this matter.

Question 2:

I spoke with John Kennedy about the long grass in Collarenebri. Can Council ask John to have another look particularly at the Service Station?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that Council can write a letter if they feel that he is not servicing our Shire.

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Question 3:

In relation to Water meters, some of them in Collarenebri are hooked up and some are not. There is one property that I know of that has applied to be hooked up to the water connection and was refused and one more that I know of should be connected.

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory services advised that the specific reason why that property was refused was because it is located outside the Urban Zoning area. He further advised that the Councillor should advise the resident to write a letter explain their reasons for connection and that this request can be taken up to a Council meeting.

The General Manager also advised that Council can conduct an inspection of Collarenebri before its next Council meeting and asked Councillor Smith to frame Notice of Motion relating to the 2 properties that he feels need to connect to Council's water.

Question 4:

I have received a letter from the Collarenebri Preschool asking for kerb and guttering out the front of their preschool?

Response:

The General Manager advised that this request will be put in a new expenditure proposal to be considered for the 2010/11 budget.

Clr Lane**Question 1:**

Where are we up to with the local markets at Lions Park? It was reported in the Newspaper that each market stall was being charge \$100 for the year to hold a stall?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the park is on a crown reserve and it is a requirement for a temporary licence of \$100 that each user is to pay this.

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he was not aware of this situation and that quite possibly there could be an issue with the person or organisation running the event and not wanting to be responsible for each user.

Clr Colless**Question 1:**

In relation to the Carinda road, why is it taking so long to open these roads and also can we liaise with the residents on this road as to when it will be open or what the process is for reopening?

Response:

The General Manager advised he will take the question on notice for the Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services.

Question 2:

The signage to Bourke, where is it?

Response:

The General Manager advised he will take the question on notice for the Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services.

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Question 3:

In relation to the Skatepark, what is happening with the slump in the blocks?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that a staff member has been asked to inspect and report on this.

Clr Martinez**Question 1:**

Can we have a costing to seal the netballs courts so that it can be included as a new expenditure in budget?

Response:

The General Manager advised that an estimate will be prepared.

Question 2:

Is there any word on supermarket for Lightning Ridge?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that preliminary plans have been submitted and that pre-lodgement discussions have taken place, but other than that nothing further has happened.

Question 3:

Is there any progress on the Cumborah Shed?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that he attended a meeting with residents. He further advised that residents were to come back to Council after they have conducted a local meeting. He further advised that the community seem to be split on what they would like to see the money spent on.

Question 4:

In relation to the completion of the pipe work on the Lightning Ridge Swimming Pool and the additional cost of works to the pool which was to be included in the first price. How are we going to fix this?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that there was generic concept plan completed and this was discussed with Mr Mallouk. He further advised that there was a change in the location of the pipe.

Question 5:

In the original report it stated that Mr Mallouk would be supplied with a blueprint to enable him to hook up the water?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the connection is already hooked up. He further advised that the problem is inside the Lightning Ridge pool complex and that Mr Mallouk advised that this is his area.

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Question 6:

How much of the 15 % overhead have we got left and can we provide the pool this to enable them to get a plan so they can complete the project?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure services advised that it is \$15,000. The General Manager also advised that we should hear from the pool operator so that a report can be provided for the next council meeting.

Question 7:

In relation to the Visitor Centre, is there any plan for the Council to be in partnership more so than just in funding ie employed staff? Any chance that we can put it into next year's budget for funds for a staff member?

Response:

The General Manager advised that the Lightning Ridge Tourism Association can put in a submission to be included into next year's budget.

Clr Greenaway

Question 3:

In relation to the finishing off of the Visitor Centre upgrade and not being able to go ahead with the second round of Infrastructure funding until it is completed. Could we advance pay the Lightning Ridge Tourism Association and deduct it from the funding that they receive.

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the Federal Government has approved reallocating savings from other projects to enable the extension to be completed.

3:03pm Clr Walford left the meeting

3:04 pm Clr Walford returned to the meeting

Clr Lane suggested that the Mayor and he meet with the Lightning Ridge Tourism Association.

3:06 Clr Murray left the meeting

78/10 Move into Closed Session

Resolution:

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

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3:08pm Clr Murray returned to the meeting

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79/10	Engagement of Casual Employee
Resolution: 1. That the report be received. Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Smith CARRIED	
80/10	UIS-02-10 - Installation of Water Meters in Lightning Ridge and Carinda Tender
Resolution: That: 1. The tender of Cornish Property Services in the amount of \$40,927.50 exc. GST and \$53.50/ hour excluding GST for additional work be accepted for the installation of water meters in Lightning Ridge and Carinda and a period of 18 weeks be adopted for the contract period. 2. Council initiates the public information strategy regarding the installation of water meters, its associated maintenance obligations and introduction of user charges to householders. Moved: Clr Smith Seconded: Clr Walford CARRIED	
81/10	UIST-03-10 – Management of Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool Tender
Motion: 1. That we retender the Management of both the Walgett and Collarenebri Swimming Pools. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Martinez AMENDMENT: 1. That Council accepts the tender of Riley Aquatic Management Pty, Ltd. for the Walgett Swimming Pool amounting to \$482,482 (GST inclusive) over the period of 3-years effective 01 September 2010. 2. That the grounds of the pool area be maintained for the whole 12 months Moved Clr Colless Seconded: Clr Smtih AMENDMENT BECAME MOTION AND WAS CARRIED	

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82/10	UIST-04-10 – Management of Collarenebri Swimming Pool Tender
Resolution:	
1. That Council accepts the tender of Riley Aquatic Management Pty Ltd. for the Collarenebri Swimming Pool amounting to \$407,310 (GST inclusive) over the period of 3-years effective 01 September 2010	
2. That the grounds of the pool area be maintained for the whole 12 months	
Moved: Clr Colless	
Seconded: Clr Greenaway	
CARRIED	

83/10	Footpath Replacement Programme Walgett
Recommendation:	
That Council:	
1. Not accept any tender.	
2. Negotiate with the lowest tenderer.	
3. Increase the budget for the footpath replacement programme in 2010/11 to \$400,000.00.	
Moved: Clr Colless	
Seconded: Clr Keir	
CARRIED	

Clr Smith presented a letter regarding a staff member's employment.

The General Manager advised that it is not appropriate for the letter to be addressed in a meeting of Council. He further advised that this is a staffing issue which he is dealing with.

Questions Without Notice

Clr Smith

Question 1:

Why do we have staff coming from Walgett to the Collarenebri agency?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that it is currently to fill a gap at the agency due to sick leave. She further advised that this is not a permanent situation.

Question 2:

Have we got enough casual staff in Collarenebri? I know of 2 that are currently in other jobs.

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised yes.

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

84/10	Move back into Open Session
Resolution: That Council return to Open Session. Moved: Cllr Greenaway Seconded: Cllr Walford CARRIED	

The meeting closed at 3:50pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 27th April 2010

Mayor

General Manager

DRAFT

23 March 2010

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Confirmation of Council Minutes – 23 March 2010
Recommendation: 1. That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 23 rd March 2010 be confirmed. Moved: Seconded:

8. Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

1. ***COLLARENEBRI TOWN HALL (D1002226) RESERVE TRUST – REIMBURSEMENT OF HIRE FEE TO COLLARENEBRI CWA***

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

Summary:

This report recommends a donation of the \$100 hire fee for the use of the Town Hall for Collarenebri CWA under Section 356 Donation.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Collarenebri CWA are planning a function titled “Art across the Generations” to be held on 17th April 2010. They have paid \$350 on 15/3/2010 – Receipt No: 145124 for the hire of the Collarenebri Town Hall. There is a \$250 bond that is refundable upon no damage incurred from the event and a \$100 hire fee for the day – not refundable.

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve (D1002226) containing the Collarenebri Town Hall. As the Reserve Trust Manager affairs must be kept separate from Councils, a hire fee must be paid by the applicant.

Walgett Shire Council’s Plan of Management states hire fees for the combined area of the Collarenebri Town Hall are \$100 per day. Given that the Collarenebri CWA are a not for profit organisation a donation for \$100 from Council is recommended.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Council’s List of Fees for hiring Halls, Showgrounds, Sportsgrounds – adopted 23 June 2009 by Council.

Stakeholders:

Department of Land and Property Management (LPMA)
Collarenebri CWA
Community of Collarenebri and district

Financial Implications:

The hire fee received will be placed in the Collarenebri (D1002226) Trust Account to be reinvested back into the reserve.

Collarenebri Town Hall (D1002226) Reserve Trust – Reimbursement of Hire Fee to Collarenebri CWA

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve a donation of \$100 to Collarenebri CWA for the hire fee of the combined area of the Collarenebri Town Hall – Section 356 Donation.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Letter from Collarenebri CWA dated 6th April 2010

Extract from Council's Management Plan – Fees and Charge 2009/2010

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Attachment One

I RECEIVED 08 APR 2010

**COLLARENEBRI CWA
PO BOX 92, COLLARENEBRI 2833**

**President: Margaret Bow
Secretary: Laura Simpson
Hon. Treasurer: Yvonne Muller – Telephone 02 67562547 (BH) 02 6756 2547**

**The General Manager,
Walgett Shire Council,
PO Box 31,
WALGETT 2832**

Dear Sir,

Re: Senior Citizens Week

Collarenebri is planning a Senior Citizens Week Function, titled "Art Across the Generations" to be held at the Collarenebri Town Hall on Saturday 17 April 2010.

It would be appreciated if Council could give consideration to the reimbursement of the \$100 hire charge for the Hall as a contribution to our seniors.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



**Yvonne Muller,
Hon Treasurer.**

6th April, 2010.

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Attachment Two

SHOWGROUNDS, SPORTS GROUNDS

ACTIVITY	FEE OR CHARGE	GST	BENEFIT	PRICING POLICY
Bond – Refundable Showgrounds	\$1000.00 per user Cost of any cleaning/ repairs after function, and loss of keys to be borne by hirer. Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account.	No	Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable
Bond – Refundable Sports Grounds	\$250.00 per user Any excess cost of any cleaning / repairs after function and loss of keys to be borne by hirer. Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account.	No	Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable
Bond – Refundable For all Halls	\$250.00 per user Cost of any cleaning/ repairs after function and loss of keys to be borne by hirer. Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account	No	Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable
Kitchen (includes use of cool room, bain marie, microwave, freezer etc)	Bond \$250.00 Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account Fee \$35.00 per day	No Yes	Private Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable Hire Fee
Gazebo	Bond \$100.00 Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account Fee \$10.00 per day	No Yes	Private Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable Hire Fee
Travelling Microphone Any event	\$250.00 Bond Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account Fee \$10.00 per day per unit	No Yes	Private Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable Hire Fee

Walgett Shire Council Fees 2009 / 2010 Adopted on 23rd June 2009

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SHOWGROUNDS, SPORTS GROUNDS

ACTIVITY	FEE OR CHARGE	GST	BENEFIT	PRICING POLICY
Chairs & Tables Bond Refundable	\$100.00 Bond	No	Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable
Chairs	Fee \$1.00 each per day	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Tables	Fee \$5.00 each per day	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Cool Room Showground / Racecourse	Fee \$35.00 per day	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Electricity / Camping Showground / Racecourse/ Sportsgrounds (maximum of 7 days for booked events only)	Individual \$5.00 per day Organisation \$10.00 per day	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Line Marking Sportsgrounds	Fee \$250.00 per season (12 Month Period)	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Floodlights Bar and Surrounding Area Showground/ Racecourse (maximum of 7 days for booked events only)	Fee \$15.00 per day \$30 minimum charge per booking	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Floodlights Showground / Racecourse Arena	Fee \$37.00 per day	Yes	Private	Hire Fee
Floodlights Sports Grounds	Fee \$25.00 per night \$250.00 per season	Yes Yes	Private	Hire Fee Hire Fee
Sanitary Bins	Fee \$25.00 per bin per booking	Yes	Private	Hire Fee

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HALLS

ACTIVITY	FEE OR CHARGE	GST	BENEFIT	PRICING POLICY
Bond – Refundable For all Halls	\$250.00 per user Cost of any cleaning/ repairs after function and loss of keys to be borne by hirer. Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account	No	Private	100% Cost Recovery Bond Refundable
Function – Collarenebri	Per day \$100.00 Combined \$50.00 Supper Room \$70.00 Main Hall	Yes	Private	Hire Fees
Meetings – Collarenebri	Per day \$5.00 Meeting Room \$15.00 Supper Room \$70.00 Main Hall	Yes	Private	Hire Fees
Function – Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction	Per day \$25.00 Combined \$15.00 Main Hall \$15.00 Supper Room	Yes	Private	Hire Fees
Meetings – Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction	Per day \$8.00 Main Hall \$8.00 Supper Room	Yes	Private	Hire Fees

COUNCIL CHAMBERS / MEETING ROOM

ACTIVITY	FEE OR CHARGE	GST	BENEFIT	PRICING POLICY
Council Chamber / Meeting Room (Non profit organisations are exempt)	\$50.00 per day Meeting room \$70.00 per day Back of Council Chambers \$100.00 per day Council Chambers.	Yes	Private	Hire Fees

Walgett Shire Council Fees 2009 / 2010 Adopted on 23rd June 2009

9. Mayoral Minutes

Nil

10. Motions of which Notice has been given

Notice of Motion – Connection to Collarenebri Water Supply

Motion:

1. That the application's to connect to the Collarenebri Urban Water Supply for Lot 68 DP 722945 and Lot 762 DP 762860 be reviewed.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded:

Notice of Motion – Inclusion of Health & Allied practitioners in Councils Newsletter

Motion:

1. That the Shire include in its quarterly newsletter the names and professions of all health & allied practitioners in the Shire.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded:

11. Presentation of Petitions

2. *PETITION – OPENING HOURS OF WALGETT LIBRARY*

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 09/1384

Summary:

All petitions received are placed before Council for noting.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The attached petition, signed by approximately 100 young persons, states:

“We need the library open on week-ends and Monday afternoon.”

Currently the opening hours are:

Day	Time
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10am to 5pm
Wednesday	1pm to 5pm
Thursday	9am to 5pm
Friday	1pm to 5pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett residents

Financial Implications:

Extending opening hours will incur additional staff costs.

Petition – Opening Hours of Walgett Library

Recommendation:

That:

1. The petition be received.
2. The request for extended opening hours be considered as a new expenditure proposal during the formulation of the 2010/11 Budget.
3. A notice be placed in the Walgett Library advising of Council's resolution in respect of the petition.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachment:

Petition

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We need the library open on weekends and monday afternoon.

Name	Age	Town
✓ Stevie	9	Walgett
✓ Shania	13	Walgett
Shannah	12	Walgett
telika	13	Walgett
Cassandra	12 12	Walgett
learnna	12	Walgett / Sydney
✓ Victor	11	Walgett
Anthony	17	Walgett
✓ latoya	13	Walgett
Shaun	14	Walgett
Jacob	16	Walgett
✓ Adrian	13	Walgett
✓ Daniel	13	Walgett
Stewart	13	Walgett
Jermaine	10	Walgett
✓ kyle Hunt	13	Walgett
Robert	9	
Stewart	13	Walgett
Kyesha	12	Walgett
Shanna	13	
Carol Kennedy	11	Walgett
✓ Mikey	12	Walgett Walgett
Dawn		Walgett - Sat mornings please.
Ray Bennett	41	Walgett
Patricia murphy	8	Walgett
Wendy		Walgett
Kyesha	12	Walgett
Kaylah	12	Walgett
latoya		Walgett
Celeon	89	Walgett

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Lillie. Ricardo	9	Walgett
Lydia. Parker	10	Walgett
Mary Parken	10	Walgett
Martika	11	walgett
Kyesha	12	walgett
Kyesha	12	walgett
Shammi	12.	Walgett-
Robert	9	Walgett
Tammy	13	Walgett.
Rakay	13	Walgett.
Keely	13	Walgett -
Shania	13	walgett
Kyesha	12	walgett
Martika	11	walgett
Brake	10	walgett
Shaquell	14	walgett

Emma 12

Libby 8

pebbles 0

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Shania

13

Walgett

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17/09/09

Name	Age
HAYDEN	12
Jorden	12
Shaquell-Walford	14
Lily R.	8
Bronte H	10
Lydia P	10
Georgia	7
Unveinn	9
Wendy	11
Rayla	7
Barbara Kennedy	10
Patricia	7
Timothy	12
Shannon Kennedy	15
gregory	16
Alfie	12
Emma	12
Daniel	13
Stewart	13
Jabbar	10
Tommy	13
Katrina	13
Elisha	13
Keely	10
Mary parker	4

22/09/09.

Joe-Kennedy
Barbara Kennedy
Lydia Parker 10)
Tiara Puffy
Shannah Murray
Manea Kauri
Lakkari Kauri
Bauny
Craydon

WED: 10/03/10.

Siara Kennedy

Theresa Murray

Deborah Doeld

~~Telagh Hickey~~

Telagh Hickey

Cassie

Bronte Hiscox

Sam McKenzie

Nick Hay-McKenzie

Flynn Boyyer

Ruby Marath

Clodia Lagon

Sophie Hay Mackenzie

Lydia Parker

Georgie Bowyer

Georgia Hiscox

Bronte Hiscox

Fri 12/3/10.

~~Thurs 11/03/10~~

COOKING.

Deborah Dodd

Aileen Wylie

Seun Wylie

Memo Dodd

Duncan Dodd.

Jacob T

Owen M

~~Trish~~
Margaret

~~Erin~~
Clayton Kennedy

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Cohen

Michael

Dennis

Charlotte Dennis

Tessa Dennis

Jaiden

Robert

greg

Q f O f 7

Jermaine Jones

COX

Isobel Whiteman

Charlie Whiteman

Zach Whiteman

Hannah Whiteman

Keith & Sarah Whiteman

12. Councillors Questions with Notice

Clr Smith

Question 1:

What stage are we up to with house numbering in Collarenebri?

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advises that initiation of house numbering in Collarenebri has been delayed due to the diversion of the GIS Coordinator to mapping tasks associated with the recent Narran River flood.

He further advises that completion of the project is likely to depend on the allocation of a budget in 2010-2011 of \$20,000 for house numbers for all urban properties.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

What is the position that Council is in to date regards selling the flats in Euroka Street (were to be sold to help pay for the new units?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advises that Council's Solicitor has prepared the agency documents and sent them to local Walgett Agents (Kelly's Real Estate and Clemson & Hiscox) on 5 April 2010.

He further advises that the Solicitor's are still waiting to receive back these documents from the agents.

Question 2:

What results has Council had in rectifying the problem of water which lays on the Skate Board Park cement slab?

Response:

The Director Corporate Services advises that a report has been provided in this agenda.

Question 3:

Who is the new supervisor of Namoi House & when will Barwon Cottage be fully operational?

Response:

The Director Corporate Services advises that Marinos Anagnostopoulos is the new Coordinator at Namoi House.

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Barwon Cottage 2nd round interviews are to be held early next week. As soon as appointments are made the Cottage will be fully operational. Children's services are re-commencing on Monday 19 April 2010.

Question 4:

Has Council made any progress towards the removal of the derelict carport/old lube bay in Wilson Street Collarenebri, commonly known as Bruce's Garage?

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advises that a "notice of intention" to issue order number 2 under section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 was issued to OD and MJ Cridge as the land owners of lot 1, DP 186099 on 8 March 2010. The notice indicated that Walgett Shire Council was proposing to issue an order requiring the demolition of "the wind and fire damaged carport that adjoins the footpath".

The notice was returned by Australia Post marked "Returned to Sender", "Refused". A re-inspection on 14 April 2010 showed that the building remains in a derelict state. A demolition order will be issued at the earliest opportunity.

13. Reports of Delegates and Representatives

3. *WESTERN DIVISION GROUP OF THE SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW - MINUTES*

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 09/61

Summary:

Minutes of meetings of bodies of which council is a member are placed before Council for information and consideration.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Minutes of the meeting held in Bourke in March 2010 are attached.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Councillors

Financial Implications:

Nil

Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW - Minutes

Recommendation:

1. That the Minutes be received.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachment:

Minutes of the meeting of the Western Division Group held 1-2 march 2010

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WESTERN DIVISION GROUP OF THE
SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW

2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Minutes



March 1-2, 2010



Hosted by Bourke Shire Council

Celebrating 50 years

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

EXECUTIVE 2009/2010

President – Councillor Ray Longfellow
Mayor Central Darling Shire Council

Senior Vice President- Councillor Ray Donald
Mayor Bogan Shire Council

Vice Presidents- Councillor Lilliane Brady
Mayor Cobar Shire Council

Councillor Wulf Reichler
Deputy Mayor Brewarrina Shire Council

Executive Officer
Ruth Fagan

APOLOGIES

- Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, VCO, Governor of New South Wales

MINISTERS:

- Senator The Hon Penny Wong MP, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Water
- The Hon Peter Garrett MP, Federal Minister for Environment Heritage and the Arts
- The Hon Kristina Keneally MP, Premier of New South Wales
- The Hon Barbara Perry, Minister for Local Government
- The Hon Tony Kelly, MP Minister for Planning

OTHERS:

- Duncan Gay, MLC NSW National Party
- Sussan Ley, Federal Member for Farrer
- Barry O'Farrell, NSW Liberal Leader
- Danny O'Connor, CEO Greater Western Area Health
- Kevin Humphries, MP Member for Barwon
- Des Manwaring, Mayor of Lachlan Shire
- Mr George Cowan, General Manager Lachlan Council,
- Mr Tim Hazell, General Manager Central Darling Shire

ATTENDEES

Hon. Christine Robertson, MLC

MEMBER COUNCILS:

Balranald Shire Council:

- Cr Ron Mengler, Mayor, Cr Jeffrey Mannix Cr Peter Lawler, General Manager, Mr Chris Littlemore

Bogan Shire Council:

- Cr Ray Donald, Mayor, Cr Jim Hampstead, OAM, Deputy Mayor, Cr Leo Dutton, Mr Michael Brady, General Manager

Bourke Shire Council:

- Cr Andrew Lewis, Mayor, Cr Robert Stutsel, Deputy Mayor, Cr Barry Holman, Cr Wally Mitchell, Cr Cecil Dorrington, Cr Sally Davis, Mr Geoff Wise, General Manager

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Brewarrina Shire Council:

- Cr Matthew Slack-Smith, Mayor, Cr Wulf Reichler, Deputy Mayor, Cr Jenny Barker, Cr Robert Wason, Cr Angus Geddes, Cr Angelo Pippas, Ms Glenda Tasker, General Manager, Mr George Warne, Assistant General Manager,

Broken Hill City Council:

- Cr Wincen Guy, Mayor, Cr Neville Gasmier, Deputy Mayor, Cr Robert Algate, Mr Frank Zaknich, General Manager

Carrathool Shire Council:

- Cr Peter Laird, Mayor, Cr Margaret Merryless, Mr Ken Croskell, General Manager

Central Darling Shire Council:

- Cr Ray Longfellow, Mayor & President, Western Division Group, Cr Graham Wellings, Deputy Mayor, Cr Clive Linnett OAM, AFSM

Cobar Shire Council:

- Cr Lilliane Brady, Mayor, Cr Greg Martin, Deputy Mayor, Cr Robert Sinclair, Cr Marsha Isbester, Cr Angela Webb, Mr Ray Smith, General Manager

Hay Shire Council:

- Cr Michael Rutledge, Mayor, Cr Peter Dwyer Deputy Mayor, Cr John Treloar, Mr Allen Dwyer, General Manager

Lachlan Shire Council:

- Cr Margaret Weale, Mr Brian Tickle, Director Corporate Services

Moree Plains Shire Council:

- Cr Dave Aber, Cr Michael Montgomery, Mr Murray Erbs, Director Engineering Services

Walgett Shire Council:

- Cr Ian Woodcock, Mayor, Mr Ray Kent, General Manager

Wentworth Shire Council:

- Cr Margaret Thomson, Mayor, Cr William Wheeldon, Mr Peter Kozlowski, General Manager

LOCAL MEMBERS:

- Mr John Williams, MP, Member for Murray-Darling
- Mr Mark Coulton, MP, Member for Parkes
- Mr Kevin Humphries MP, Shadow Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, Aboriginal Affairs and Western NSW

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW

- Councillor Bruce Miller, President, Mr Bill Gillooly, AM, Secretary General, Mrs Lillian Tiddy, Manager of Workplace Solutions, Mr Peter Coulton Director Corporate Services, Ms Fay Doud, Media Officer, Mrs Shaun McBride Strategy Manager, Finance and Infrastructure Planning, Christian Morris, Senior Consultant Employment Solutions

OTHERS:

- Mr Geoff Woods, Western Lands Commissioner Land and Property Management Authority

- Mr Peter Dearden, Western Regional Manager - Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Paul Smith, Manager – Region West, Rural Fire Service
- Mr Daryl Green Western CMA
- Mr Rory Treweeke, Western CMA
- Magistrate Roger Clisdell, Bourke Court House
- Inspector Detective Brett Greentree, Darling River Local Area Command
- Mr Andrew Greenaway, Regional Specialist Tourism NSW
- Dr Ian Cameron, CEO Rural Doctors Network

SPONSORS:

Telstra

Mr Darren C Smith, Area General Manager – Telstra Country Wide Western

Local Government Procurement

Mr Brian O'Mara, General Manager

Country Energy

Mr Derrick Hines, Account Manager – Government, Ms Alison Rhoades, Mr Peter Halliwell

Komatsu

Mr Kelly Boucher, Mr Grant Ardent, Mr Andrew Egan, Mr Knox Walmsley

CJD Equipment

Mr Troy Dalby, Mr Stuart Watt

Downer EDI Works

Mr Theo Dinakis, Mr Carl Kringle

Westrac

Mr John Bynon, Mr Michael Geale and Mr Matt Howard

SESSION 1

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Councillor Ray Longfellow called the proceedings to order for the commencement of the 2010 Annual Conference and a welcome to country.

WELCOMES:

Mayor of Bourke Andrew Lewis welcomed delegates and guests to Bourke and the 2010 Annual Conference.

OFFICIAL OPENING AND ADDRESS:

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC addressed and opened the Conference on behalf of Minister Tony Kelly.

She spoke on the NSW Government's aims for local government. These included encouraging good civic leadership, strong community consultation and working together resulting in representative democracy at all levels.

ADDRESSES:

The following guests made addresses to delegates on a variety of relevant issues.

- Magistrate Roger Clisdell, Bourke Magistrate on Children's Sentencing
- Councillor Bruce Miller, President Shires Association of NSW
- Mr John Williams MP, State Member for Murray-Darling

Nominations for the Executive Positions of the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW opened.

The Conference adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and reconvened at 11.00am.

SESSION 2

FORMAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS:

STANDING ORDERS:

MOTION: That the standing orders as printed in the business paper be adopted. Moved Cobar, Seconded Bogan	CARRIED
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APOLOGIES:

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted. Moved Bourke, Seconded Cobar	CARRIED
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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

2009 Annual Conference

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2009 Annual Conference held in Balranald on 1-3 March 2009, as distributed, be adopted. Moved Bogan, Seconded Bourke	CARRIED
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2009 Mini Conference

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2009 Mini Conference held in Sydney on 1 June 2009, as distributed, be adopted. Moved Bourke, Seconded Cobar	CARRIED
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2009 Mid Term Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2009 Mid Term Meeting held in Cobar on 15 October 2009, as distributed, be adopted. Moved Cobar, Seconded Brewarrina	CARRIED
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President, Councillor Ray Longfellow read out the President's Report which had been distributed with the Agenda.

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This President's report for 2009 is written with a great deal of enthusiasm for all that has been achieved in the past 12 months and eagerness to achieve more in the future. Thank you for your support for the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW during 2009 and for supporting the new initiative in the appointment of a part-time Executive Officer, Ruth Fagan.

As you know we had a long look at the Association in June 2009 and came up with a working document to implement.

The appointment of a part-time Executive Officer last September has raised the profile of the Association and allowed research to be CARRIED on into a number of challenges which face the region.

The adoption of a Business Plan in October has given some focus but there is still much to be done. In the past few months your Executive has been working with the EO on three main issues: being Air Services to the Western Region, a review of the criteria for the Financial Assistant Grants and the designation of a Minister for the Western Region.

In pursuing these matters we have endeavoured to meet with the Premier on two occasions without success but we will continue to take these issues up with other Ministers and heads of Departments in the next 12 months to get some action.

Since September, eight Media Releases have been distributed to 40 print, radio and television outlets in the West of the State which has led to a higher profile for the Association and more issues will be brought to the attention of the Region's residents as we move on.

The Association faces a milestone when it celebrates 50 years in October and I would like to commend to you the new constitution and a name change which, I hope, will take us into the next 50 years.

I would also like to thank the Executive Ray Donald, Lilliane Brady and Wulf Reichler for their support.

MOTION: That the President's Report be adopted.

Moved Central Darling, Seconded Bourke

CARRIED

Executive Officers Report:

The Executive Officer referred to her report and asked that it be adopted.

MOTION: That the Executive Officer's Report, be adopted.

Moved: Wentworth, Seconded Brewarrina

CARRIED

1. Name Change for Organisation

There was general discussion about the names submitted for adoption.

Motion: That the Association adopt the name or Option (d) NSW Western Division of Councils

Move by Balranald and Seconded by Moree

Amendment: to adopt Option (a) Western Division Councils of NSW

Moved by Brewarrina and Seconded by Bourke

CARRIED

INCORPORATION

The Executive Officer said there had been some investigation into Incorporation but more needed to be done. This required quite a lot of research and information from legal sources. She said she hoped to put together information on the benefits and risks of Incorporation for the organisation for further discussion at the October meeting.

ANNUAL FEES

Motion: That the annual fees remain the same and the Executive Officer prepare a plan and budget for the Mini Conference in June.

Moved Bogan, seconded Cobar

CARRIED

CONSTITUTION

The Executive Officer and Incorporation Committee presented a constitution for adoption. There was general discussion and some changes made to the draft. Broken Hill was included as a full member.

Changes were made to the Representations including allowing two voting delegates to represent Councils and one delegate for Associates Tibooburra and Silverton.

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT:

As at 31/12/09

Balance B/forward	\$21,178
Income	<u>\$24,194</u>
	\$45,372

Expenditure	\$13,644.30
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Balance	\$31,727.70
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President, Councillor Ray Longfellow referred to the Financial Report.

MOTION: That the Financial Report, be adopted.

Moved: Bogan, Seconded Bourke

CARRIED

Nominations for Executive positions closed at 1:00pm

The Conference adjourned for lunch at 12.35pm and reconvened at 1.35pm.

SESSION 3

Chaired by Councillor Ray Donald, Senior Vice President

ADDRESS:

The following guests made addresses to delegates on a variety of relevant issues:

- Dr Ian Cameron, CEO NSW Rural Doctors Network
- Detective Inspector Brett Greentree, Western Area Command, Bourke
- Mr Murray Erbs, Director Engineering Services Moree Plains
- Mr Peter Dearden, Regional Director RTA
- Representative from Komatsu

The Conference adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.30pm and reconvened at 3.45pm.

SESSION 4 – Chaired by Councillor Andrew Lewis

ADDRESS:

- Mr Peter Coulton, Director Corporate Services LGSA

Standing orders were suspended while a discussion was held on One Association

Mayor of Carathool Shire Council, Peter Laird said it was important the Shires Association moved forward and there was a need to investigate the procedure for best representation.

The President of the LGSA Bruce Miller provided a Motion which had been put forward at other division meetings.

One Association Model

1. That a small taskforce be established (excluding the current and former President) under an independent chair, supported by expertise in Association law, to develop models and transitional arrangements for the establishment of a single industry Association with the terms of reference to be determined by the Secretary General
2. That the Shires Executive be requested to discuss this resolution as part of the current Executive Tour with all the divisions
3. That the Local Government Association be kept informed of this discussion and the outcomes of this discussion.
4. That the models be prepared for presentation to the Constitutions Convention on July 7/8 2010.

Moved Bogan, seconded, Carathool

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:

Bourke Mayor Andrew Lewis announced that Councillor Ray Longfellow was elected President, Mayor of Cobar Lilliane Brady Senior Vice President and Brewarrina Deputy Mayor Wulf Reichler and Broken Hill Deputy Mayor Councillor Neville Gasmier were elected Vice Presidents.

Category; Water Management

Motion 1/10 Wentworth Shire Council - Water Trading

MOTION: "That the Shires Association of NSW urgently makes representations to State and Federal Governments to develop a policy that allows water trading to occur only between parties who primarily operate in Australia or who are majority Australian owned companies."

Moved Wentworth, seconded Balranald

CARRIED

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Motion 2/10 - Cobar Council – Increased water allocation

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Councils provides a letter of support for the Cobar Shire Council's endeavours to seek an increase in the town's annual water allocation.

Cobar / Moree

CARRIED

Motion 3/10 Carathool Shire- Murray Darling Basin Cap

Motion: That the Shires Association of NSW object strongly to the Federal Government and the Murray Darling Basin Authority regarding the unfair clawback of water for the environment under the new Murray Darling Basin cap and insist that more detailed and rigorous analysis of the social and economic impacts of the cap is undertaken in conjunction with affected communities.

Rory Treweek Western CMA spoke to this motion and said the Murray Darling Basin Authority was going to release the SDLs (Sustainable Diversion Limits) at the end of June and this would change water allocation management across the whole basin. They would give precedence to the environment rather than people. There would be public consultation on July 1. The Act would be introduced into Parliament in 2011 and not implemented until 2014.

Moved Carathool / Hay

CARRIED

Motion 4/10 Motion from Bogan Shire Council: - Infrastructure

MOTION: That the Shires Association continues to lobby the Federal Government, the New South Wales State Government, and Oppositions, to invest more resources into infrastructure development, particularly in the areas of transport and water storage

Moved: Bogan/ Central Darling

CARRIED

Motion 5/10 Lachlan Shire Council- Water Restrictions

MOTION: That the Western Division requests the NSW State Government in consultation with the Local Government and Shires Association to develop and introduce a standard set of water restriction criteria for use by Councils across the State.

Moved Lachlan, Seconded Cobar

CARRIED

Motion 6/10 Broken Hill Water and Sewerage Pricing – IPART Review

Motion: That the Western Shires Association make urgent representation to the Minister for Water and the Water and Sewerage Pricing – Country Energy (water) IPART Review in support of Council's submission to IPART objecting to a possible 370% increase in projected revenue and related Council and community cost impacts proposed by Country Energy.

Broken Hill/ Cobar

CARRIED

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Category Mining Royalties

Motion 7/10 Cobar Council - Royalties to Regions Scheme

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Councils indicate its full support of the efforts of the NSW Association of Mine Related Councils Inc in developing a policy, similar to that introduced in Western Australia for the distribution of a percentage of mining royalties, collected by the NSW State Government to rural and Regional NSW .

The Member for Murray Darling John Williams said the National Party was working on a similar policy.

Moved Cobar/ Bourke

CARRIED

Letters are to be forwarded to the Shires Association the State Government and Opposition

Category- Law and Order

Motion 8/10 Wentworth – Stronger penalties

MOTION: "That the Shires Association of NSW writes to the NSW Attorney General seeking stronger penalties for offenders who carry out minor criminal activities and that further penalties apply to repeat offenders."

Wentworth/ Broken Hill

CARRIED

Motion 9/10 Wentworth- Rehabilitation Program

MOTION: "That the Shires Association of NSW writes to the NSW Attorney General seeking funding to establish a rehabilitation program for young offenders who carry out minor criminal activities and that the program include mandatory components of schooling, community work and repayments of damage caused to individuals and communities "

Wentworth / Hay

CARRIED

Motion 10/10 Wentworth Council – Law and Order Strategy

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Shires include in the draft Business Plan the development of a comprehensive regional law and order strategy to address the criminal behaviour manifested in our communities by adult and young offenders.

NOTE: Council believes that a concerted regional effort can make a difference when previous attempts have produced mixed results.

Wentworth/Broken Hill

CARRIED

Motion 11/10 Bogan Shire Council -Police

MOTION: That the NSW LGSA make representation to the Minister for Police to make it compulsory for Senior Police, appointed to country positions, to reside within that Local Area Command.

Bogan/ Cobar

CARRIED

CATEGORY ENVIRONMENT

Motion 12/10 Wentworth Council- Container Deposit

MOTION: "That the Western Division Group of Shires writes to the Shires Association of NSW requesting that it lobby for the speedy positive resolution of the implementation of container deposit legislation."

Wentworth/ Bourke

CARRIED

Category- Rural Fire Service

Motion 13/10 Wentworth Council- Fire Warning declarations

MOTION: "That the Shires Association of NSW make representations to the State Government to develop appropriate policy and legislative changes to ensure that any fire declarations are made at a regional level."

Wentworth/ Bogan

CARRIED

Motion 14/10 Bogan Shire Council: Rural Fire Service Emergency Warnings

MOTION: That a review of the new emergency warnings be CARRIED out so that the catastrophic warning triggers the need to evacuate as the fire puts life at serious risk.

Bogan / Hay

CARRIED

Category Services

Motion 15/10 and 16/10 Cobar Shire Council – Electricity Charges

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Councils calls on the NSW State Government to introduce a subsidy for all low income earners to offset the impending disproportionate increase in electricity charges recently approved by IPART.

Broken Hill- Electricity Pricing- Country Energy IPART Review

That the Western Shires Association make urgent representations to the NSW Minister for Energy and Electricity Pricing- Country Energy- IPART Review requesting that serious consideration is given in the IPART Review to the real social and economic cost impacts that any significant increase in electricity pricing will have on the communities of the Western Division in particular during this decade of sustained drought conditions, economic and social disadvantage and community dislocation.

Broken Hill/ Cobar

CARRIED

Motion 17/10 WITHDRAWN

Category Roads

Motion 18/10 Cobar Council – Allocation of road funding

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Councils support Cobar Shire Council in seeking clarification of the allocation and subsequent expenditure of State and Federal Government road funding on local shire roads.

RTA Regional Manager Peter Dearden said this information was available from the Department and he was willing to explain it at some time in the future.

Motion 19/10 Cobar Council: Increased Road Funding

MOTION That the Western Division Group of Councils lobbies the State and Federal Governments for increased road funding for rural and remote councils,

Cobar/Bourke

CARRIED

Motion 20/10 Cobar Council – Funding for Wooltrack

MOTION That the Western Division Group of Councils continues to lobby the State and Federal Governments for reclassification and funding for the 'Wool Track' and extend an invitation to relevant federal ministers to visit Far West NSW and travel the length of the 'Wool Track'.

Cobar/ Brewarrina

CARRIED

Motion 21/10 Carathool Council: - Newell Highway Speed

Motion: That the Shires Association of NSW demand that the Roads and Traffic Authority reinstate the 110kmh speed zone on the Newell Highway

Carathool/ Bourke

CARRIED

Motion 22/10 Brewarrina Shire Council –alternative Adelaide transport route

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Shires supports the concept of a priority western national route extending from the Port of Bundaberg in Queensland to Adelaide, South Australia, via Goodooga and Brewarrina Town to effectively provide the most direct route between the ports and allow an alternative to the Newell Highway.

Brewarrina Shire Council is to initiate a study to advance the proposal.

Brewarrina/ Cobar

CARRIED

Category Community

Motion 23/10 Carathool Shire Council – Daylight Saving

Motion: That the Shires Association of NSW urge the NSW Government to cease the operation of the extended daylight saving time frame and return to the original time frame of last Sunday in October to first Sunday in March, which was utilised at the 1976 referendum, the basis on which daylight saving was introduced on a permanent basis in NSW.

Carathool/ Bogan

CARRIED

Motion 24/10 Bogan Shire Council - State Emergency Services

MOTION: That the State Emergency Services Senior Managers located in Wollongong ensure that they fully take into account local knowledge conveyed by local people at the location of the flooding prior to issuing directives to these effected communities.

Bogan/ Carathool

CARRIED

Motion 25/10 Bogan Shire Council - Residential Addresses

MOTION: That all emergency service agencies and Government Departments requesting addresses of residents ensure that the provisions of rural addresses are available for the operators to locate the area of the call, or have the information provided on the forms being sent out.

Bogan/ Carathool

CARRIED

Motion 26/10 Broken Hill – Digital Television Network

Motion: That the Western Shires Association make urgent representations to Senator Stephen Conroy- Minister for Communications acknowledging the recent announcement of future implementation of satellite service to provided full high definition digital television to viewers in regional black spot areas and requesting confirmation that the new digital services will be fully operational and accessible as part of the switch over to digital only services and will be in place before analogue services are switched off in each regional broadcast licence area.

Broken Hill/ Wentworth

CARRIED

Motion 27/10 Broken Hill – High speed Broadband Access

Motion: That the Western Shires Association make representation to the Minster for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Stephen Conroy acknowledging the plan to build a national broadband network and request a commitment to make high speed broadband fully available to remote and regional areas in the Western Division of NSW.

Broken Hill/ Wentworth

CARRIED

Category Health

Motion 28/10 Bogan Shire Council: Locum Fees

MOTION: That the State Government and NSW Health carry out an urgent investigation into the charges Health Services (Hospitals) need to pay to attract locums.

Bogan/ Bourke

CARRIED

CATEGORY GOVERNMENT

Motion 29/10 Brewarrina Shire Council: Resources

MOTION: That the Western Division requests the LGSA to allow longer response times for any surveys that it conducts, taking into consideration the lack of capacity of smaller councils, already overstretched by cost-shifting.

Brewarrina/Cobar

CARRIED

The Conference adjourned for Day 1 at 5.21pm.

SESSION 5 – Chaired by Mayor Lilliane Brady

ADDRESSES:

The following guests made addresses to delegates on a variety of relevant issues.

- Mr Mark Coulton, Member for Parkes
- Mr Derrick Hines, Country Energy
- MS Lillian Tiddy- Manager Workplace Solutions LGSA
- Mr Andrew Greenway Regional Partnership Specialist Tourism NSW
- Mr Kevin Humphries , Member for Barwon and Shadow Minister for 10am Morning tea

SESSION 6 – Chaired by President Ray Longfellow

- Darren Smith General Manager, Telstra Countrywide Western NSW
- Peter Gibbs, FAHCSIA Dubbo

LATE MOTIONS:

MOTION 30/10 – Bourke Council – Health

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of Shires Association of NSW write to the Premier and Minister for Health and to the NSW Shire's Association emphasizing the importance of Regional Base Hospitals being developed around "communities of common interest" and to clearly delineate the lack of accessibility to oncology and dialysis facilities in the Western Division.

Bourke/ Lachlan

CARRIED

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Motion 31/10 Bourke Council – Government

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW write to the Premier and Minister for Local Government and to the NSW Shire's Association requesting that the Local Government Act be amended to allow Council By-Elections to fill a casual vacancy to be held by pre-polling and postal vote only, without the opportunity for casting votes at polling booths on election day. If this option is not acceptable state wide, or if an opportunity is necessary for it to be trialed, then it initially be introduced for Councils within the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW.

Some concern was expressed that this would take away decision making by Councils as to how they wanted to conduct elections and the impending Review of Local Government Elections may offer some alternatives.

Bourke/ Wentworth

Defeated

Motion 32/10 Bourke Council – Water Management

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW write to the Premier and Minister for Water and to the NSW Shire's Association requesting that weirs on the Barwon Darling River System be raised and equipped with fish ladders and carp traps.

Bourke/Carathool

CARRIED

Motion 33/10 Bourke Council – Air Services

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW make representation to the Premier, Leader of the NSW Opposition, State Minister for Transport, State Members for Barwon & Dubbo and to the NSW Shires Association seeking political commitments prior to the 2011 State Election for the Government to underwrite financial support to reactivate Commercial Air Services to the isolated rural communities of Cobarr, Bourke, Coonamble, Walgett and Lightning Ridge, and indicate that the Western Division of Shires Association are eager to work cooperatively with all appropriate people to get these services re-established.

Bourke/ Brewarrina

CARRIED

Motion 34/10 Bourke Council – National Parks

MOTION: That the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW request the NSW Shires Association to seek political commitments from all major political parties prior to the 2011 State Election for the Government to guarantee that all land purchased in the future by State Government for conversion to National Parks to have a condition of Land Acquisition that Local Government Rates will continue to be paid on the National Parks land by the State Government.

Bourke/ Carathool

CARRIED

Broken Hill Continuation of Outback Regional Tourism Organisation (ORTO)

Motion: That the Western Shires Association make concerted representations to the NSW Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Tourism and Minister for Regional Development urging the NSW Government to support the regions tourism industry development being ORTO by the way of grants, through other government departments such as the State and Regional Development, Premiers Department and Treasury and not out of the tourism budget.

Brewarrina /Moree

CARRIED

Motion 35/10 Brewarrina- Regional Television coverage

Motion: That representation is made through LGSA to encourage mainstream public free to air TV channels to provide news coverage to the entire area within their broadcasting range, where part of the reception area lies outside the state boundaries.

Brewarrina/ Bourke

CARRIED

MOTION 36/10 2010 CONFERENCE

That 2010 Annual Conference of the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW is hosted by the Bourke Shire Council.

Moved Cobar, Seconded Central Darling

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING- Mini Conference

Discussion was held about a venue for the Mini Conference in Sydney on May 31, 2010

Suggestions included State and Regional Development Offices, Wentworth, Menzies. John Williams offered to follow up on the possibility of holding something at Parliament House. The Executive Officer will follow these leads up and organise a guest speaker for the Meeting.

The President thanked the Bourke Council and Staff for their organizing of the Conference and the sponsors for their generosity.

He congratulated the incoming executive of Neville Gasmier, Lilliane Brady and Wulf Reichler and thanked former Senior Vice President Ray Donald for his work over the past few years.

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

There being no further business, President, Councillor Ray Longfellow closed the Conference at 12.37pm.



Western Division Councils of NSW

CONSTITUTION

Adopted March 2010

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History

1. The name of the organisation is the Western Division Councils of NSW

It was resolved at a meeting held at the RSL Hall, Hillston on Friday 21 October, 1960, of representatives of Shire Councils wholly or partly within the Western Division of the State of New South Wales to form an Association designated The Western Division Group of the Shires Association of New South Wales, to function within the organisation of the Shires Association of New South Wales.

A review of the rules of the Association and a shortening of the name was conducted and adopted at the Annual Conference on March 1, 2010.

Objects

2. Objectives of the Association –

(i) To consider the needs of the local government areas and of the communities of the Western region and of making known those needs to the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments.

(ii) To submit to such governments requests for financial assistance, policy changes and additional resources for the region or member councils.

(iii) To strengthen the role of Local Government in regional affairs, particularly where the region may be affected by the Commonwealth or New South Wales government policy, guidelines, legislation and regulations.

(iv) To encourage the councils of the region to work together and co-operate on projects of joint interest.

(v) To advance the interests of the region and work for the economic and social development of the Region.

(vi) To encourage closer co-ordination among Local, State and Commonwealth Governments for the promotion and benefit of the region.

(vii) To investigate opportunities and networking to share resources, skills, knowledge and procurement for the betterment of our individual communities.

(viii) To respect the operational autonomy of each Local Government Area.

Members

3. (i) The Association shall consist of the following member councils: -

- Balranald
- Bogan Shire Council
- Bourke Shire Council
- Brewarrina Shire Council
- Broken Hill
- Carrathool
- Central Darling
- Cobar Shire Council

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Lachlan
Moree Plains
Walgett Shire Council
Wentworth

Associates Tibooburra Village Committee
Silverton Village Committee

Representation

4. Each member council will be represented by two delegates entitled to one vote each. Associates have one voting delegate.
5. Delegates shall be appointed by the Member Councils.
6. Where a delegate of a council is unable to attend a meeting of the association, the council may be represented by an alternate delegate appointed by the member council. Such a representative may, during the absence of a delegate of council, act in the delegate's place.

Executive of the Association

7. The Executive shall consist of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and two Executive members which will include the elected representative of the "J" Division of the New South Wales Shires Association.
8. The officials shall be elected from among the delegates each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). An election shall also be held for any casual vacancy occurring among the officials and the officials so elected shall hold their office until the next AGM.
9. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Executive, the Western Division Chairman's Council will be responsible for the financial management of the organisation.
10. The Association shall hold meetings at a time and place as determined by the Executive in the months of March, June and October. The Chairman may convene a special meeting of the Association. The Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the March meeting. Executive meetings will be held from time to time as determined by the Executive.
11. The Executive Officer shall notify each member council and delegates of meetings not less than seven (7) days before each meeting and the nature of the business to be dealt with at that meeting.
12. The Executive Officer shall forward the Minutes of each meeting to each member and delegate not more than one month after the meeting.
13. At every meeting of the Association the Chairman shall preside, but if the Chairman is not present or is unwilling to act then the Deputy Chairman shall preside, or if they are not present or unwilling to act, the members shall elect a Chairman from those delegates present to preside at that meeting, subject to a quorum being present.

14. Any elected Delegate of a member council may attend and speak at meetings of the Association. Any senior officer of a council, which is a member, may also attend and speak at meetings of the Association with the permission of the member council.

Quorum

15. A quorum shall consist of a majority of member councils. A proxy cannot represent a delegate, except in accordance with Clause 8, nor can a single delegate hold the right of two votes.

Business of Meetings/ Conferences

16. The business conducted at a meeting of the association shall consist of:-
- (i) Minutes of previous meeting
 - (ii) Matters of which notice has been given by a member council or delegate;
 - (iii) Matters, which the Chairman thinks, fit to submit to the meeting;
 - (iv) Consideration of any recommendations or reports by the Executive Officer
 - (v) Matters of which verbal late notice is given by a member council or delegate at the commencement of business of the meeting only with the agreement of all delegates and on matters of urgency;
 - (vi) matters of which written late notice has been given by the Executive Officer no later than close of business on the day preceding the meeting only with the agreement of all delegates and on matters of urgency; and
 - (vii) Otherwise as the Association decides
 - (viii) The Executive Committee shall, subject to any direction from the Group deal with any matters arising between meetings
17. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 where such does not conflict with this Constitution. The Chairman shall have both a deliberative vote as a delegate and in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote at all meetings.
18. Any member council has the right to voluntarily withdraw from any particular issue or project for which the other member councils wish to proceed.
19. (i)The Association shall for the mutual benefit of the areas of the member councils have power, in accordance with this Constitution, to:-
- (a) Make submissions or representations to the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments or any departments of those governments in respect of the interests of the member councils;
 - (b) Carry out the objectives of the Association; and
 - (c) Receive funds in respect of:

- Executive Officer of the Association,
- The execution of projects or studies agreed to by the member councils.

(ii) The above shall not affect the right of an individual member council acting in its own right on these matters, provided notice is given by the member council at the association meeting at which the matter was discussed. If the member council was not present at the meeting then upon receipt of the minutes of that meeting, the member council should advise the Executive Officer in writing of their position as soon as possible.

(ix) The control, regulation, and maintenance of the exercise of these powers are vested in the meeting of delegates in accordance with this Constitution.

Year

20. The Association's year shall commence on 1st January and terminate on 31st December.

Finance

21. The Association may seek to levy each of the member councils for specific projects provided that consent of all the said councils in which case non-contributing councils shall be excluded from any special benefits, which may accrue to contributing councils.
22. The Association shall place all moneys received by it in a bank account held in trust at the Chairman's Council and it shall use such monies for the purpose of and subject to the terms of this Constitution.
23. The accounts of the Association shall be kept according to the same principles as the accounts of a member council and in such books and form as are approved by the auditors of the Chairman's Council.
24. The Executive shall appoint an independent auditor, who shall annually audit the accounts of the Association. The cost of the audit shall be borne by the Association and funded from member contributions and the levy be set at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual Report

25. The Chairman shall submit an Annual Report to each of the member councils with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Co-operation

26. For the purpose of performing any powers, duties or functions, the Association may use the services of any employee of a member council if prior approval of the council is obtained.

Termination of Membership

27. A council may withdraw from membership of the Association on giving written notice to the Association. When such a termination takes effect the Constitution remains in force among the remaining members of the Association.

Alterations to Constitution

28. Alterations or amendments may only be made to this Constitution by the three quarters majority agreement of all member councils present and entitled to vote.

Termination of the Association

29. Upon the termination of the Association, any debts and liabilities of the Association shall be discharged out of the assets of the Association. The balance of the assets shall be given or transferred to the member councils remaining, immediately before the termination of the Association in the manner determined at the final meeting of the Association, or failing agreement, to be divided equally between all member councils.

Adopted Western Division Council Conference, Bourke, March 1, 2010

4. NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/65

Summary:

Council is a member of the North West Weight of Loads Group. This report provides the minutes of their December 2009 and March 2010 committee meetings.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Council is a member of the North West Weight of Loads Group (NWWOLG). NWWOLG provides an enforcement capability to Council to police the compliance of heavy vehicle operators with statutory vehicle mass limits. The Group works in cooperation with RTA compliance officers, however their operations are not limited to State Highways.

Moree Plains Shire Council administers the Group and all financial transactions occur through their accounts. Walgett is invoiced quarterly when it is not in credit.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Minutes of NWWOLG 7 December 2009; 1 March 2010

Stakeholders:

All Heavy Vehicle Operators in Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Nil

North West Weight of Loads Committee - Minutes
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Council note the minutes of the North West Weight of Loads Group.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Minutes – 7 December 2009
Minutes – 1 March 2010

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REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS QUARTERLY MEMBER MEETING HELD IN THE GWYDIR SHIRE CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2009 @ 10.55AM.

START: 10:55AM

PRESENT: Cllr Tim Wannan (Moree) Della Barnes (Moree) Cllr Kevin Kneipp (Inverell), Cllr Denis Todd (Warrumbungle), Greg Kable (Warrumbungle), Bruce Schwartz (NSWFA), Wayne Kerr (Gunnedah), Cllr Leon Mills (Gunnedah), Paul Keech (Narrabri), Cllr Robyn Faber (Narrabri), Leonnard Hattenfels (Moree), Greg May (Moree), Richard Jane (Inverell), Robert Cavanagh (Cavanaghs Transport), Ian Taylor (Walgett), Cllr Angela Doering (Gwydir), Alan Kerr (Gwydir), Rex Glencross-Grant (UNE), Noel Hoare (Former Industry Rep.), Vanessa Menzie (Glen Innes Severn), Cllr Bob Tremain (Gwydir), Greg Moran (Inverell Consultant), Murray Erbs (Moree), David Wolfenden (Moree)

i. APOLOGIES

Walter Davey (RTA), Ken Walsh (RTA), Cllr Ron Fernance (Moree), Michael Kildea (Sydney), Alan Boardman (Moree), Simon Heung (Tasmania), Peter Farrell (Nowra)

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies from Walter Davey (RTA), Ken Walsh (RTA), Cllr Ron Fernance (Moree), Michael Kildea (Sydney), Alan Boardman (Moree), Simon Heung (Tasmania), and Peter Farrell (Nowra) be accepted.

RESOLVED: (Tremain/Faber)

ii. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the meeting held on MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

RESOLVED: - (Faber/Schwartz)

iii. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009

NIL

iv. GUEST SPEAKER- MR REX GLENCROSS-GRANT

Mr. Glencross-Grant was at the inception of NWWOL (26th November 1979) and was responsible for the day to day operations until 1983. Mr. Glencross-Grant is now a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Engineering at the University of New England in Armidale.

Following the presentation there was a Q & A session.

At the conclusion of the Q & A session, Chairperson Cllr Wannan presented Mr. Glencross-Grant with a Moree Plains Shire Council mug and key ring as a token of appreciation from the NWWOL group.

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v. REPORTS

REPORT TITLE:	1. INSPECTORS VERBAL REPORT
REPORT FROM:	NWWOL INSPECTOR
FILE NUMBER:	94-3404
LETTER NO:	

INTRODUCTION:

This report is to update the committee on the operations carried out by the inspectors over the past quarter.

REPORT:

Inspector 016 gave a verbal report on behalf of the WOL Inspectors.

- The last 12 months have been fairly consistent for the WOL inspectors.
- The range of loads have also been fairly consistent, mainly wheat, gravel and machinery.
- In alignment with the above two points, breach numbers have been fairly consistent, there has only been a slight increase in the breaches issued in the 4-8 tonne overweight bracket.
- The recent harvest was a bit patchy and slower than anticipated, especially in the southern region of the NWWOL area.
- The equipment that the inspectors use has been travelling well; scales have all been calibrated for this year.
- Both crews now have new vehicles and the inspectors have found that they are getting more mileage out of the fuel tanks.
- Procedures are all working well at the moment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Inspectors Verbal Report be received for information.

RESOLVED: (Kneipp/Tremain)

Clr Tremain seconded with question: Gwydir Shire Council is looking at introducing Road Trains in certain areas of the shire and questioned the inspectors about the amount of activity on the particular road in question?

Inspector 016 advised that traffic on the road in question was fairly quiet with most operators sticking to the rules.

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REPORT TITLE: 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

REPORT FROM: ASSET MANAGER

FILE NUMBER: 94-3404

LETTER NO:

INTRODUCTION:

This report is to outline the 2009/2010 first quarter financial reports with the breakdown of expenditure for each member council. A draft copy of the financial reports was included in the business paper.

BACKGROUND:

Revenue received from the State Debt Recovery Office for the 2009/10 first quarter is as follows:

April 2009: \$10,557.00

May 2009: \$ 9,315.00

June 2009: \$ 9,800.00

Total \$29, 672.00

The above amounts have been apportioned to the appropriate councils.

RECOMMENDATION: That the draft first quarter financial reports for 2009/2010 be received for information.

RESOLVED: (Todd/Kneipp)

REPORT TITLE: 3. STATISTICAL REPORT

REPORT FROM: ASSET MANAGER

FILE NUMBER: 94-3404

LETTER NO:

INTRODUCTION:

The statistical information details the breach breakdown by weight, the number of trucks stopped, weighed and breached, the NWWOL group breach trend, and the number of trucks stopped by shire.

These statistics show the breach trend is on par with the same time last year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the fourth quarter statistical draft reports be received for information.

RESOLVED: (Mills/Schwartz)

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vi. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The impact on breach trends should councils allow HML vehicles onto their roads?

Clr Faber (Narrabri) queried the possible impact of the NWWOL group breach trend should councils in the NWWOL group start to allow HML vehicles onto their roads?

In reply, David Wolfenden (Moree) advised the group that this was a murky issue and still a work in progress for many councils. Under HML management, operators are required to stick to the load limits or their registration is taken away immediately. However, there will still be a need for WOL inspectors to weigh and breach vehicles that are not HML accredited vehicles.

Richard Jane (Inverell) noted that within all shires, structures such as bridges/culverts etc are often an issue along HML routes. Councils more often than not, need to replace many bridges/culverts etc so they can accommodate the ever increasing weight of longer and larger trucks however this becomes a cost issue very quickly and further delays approval of HML routes.

vii. NEXT MEETING

1st March 2010- Inverell Shire Council @ 10:30am

CONCLUSION: There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.15pm

ACTION LIST PERTINENT TO NWWOL GROUP OPERATIONS

TASK	RESPONSIBLE BODY	COMPLETION DATE
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REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS QUARTERLY MEMBER MEETING HELD IN THE GWYDIR SHIRE CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2010 @ 10.45AM.

START: 10:45AM

PRESENT: Cllr Kevin Kneipp (Inverell), Cllr Michael Scherf (Glen Innes Severn), Bruce Schwartz (NSWFA), Phil Marshall (Narrabri), Cllr Robyn Faber (Narrabri), David Carter (Moree), Geoff Girard (Moree), Richard Jane (Inverell), Robert Cavanagh (Cavanaghs Transport), Ian Taylor (Walgett), Alan Kerr (Gwydir), Cllr Bob Tremain (Gwydir), David Coulton (Gwydir), David Wolfenden (Moree), Della Barnes (Moree), Cllr Ron Fernance (Moree), Bob Woodward (ATA- Consultant), David Coonan (ATA)

Deputy Chairperson Cllr Kevin Kneipp chaired the meeting. Cllr Kneipp welcomed everyone to the Inverell Shire and thanked Inverell Shire for hosting the meeting. Cllr Kneipp also introduced and welcomed the guest speakers from the Australian Trucking Association- Mr. David Coonan and Mr. Bob Woodward.

i. **APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Tim Wannan (Moree), Cllr Denis Todd (Warrumbungle), Vanessa Menzie (Glen Innes Severn) Murray Erbs (Moree), Ken Walsh (RTA), Kevin Tighe (Warrumbungle), Geoffrey Colless (Walgett), Paul Keech (Narrabri), Greg May (Moree), Len Hattenfels (Moree)

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies from Cllr Tim Wannan (Moree), Cllr Denis Todd (Warrumbungle), Vanessa Menzie (Glen Innes Severn) Murray Erbs (Moree), Ken Walsh (RTA), Kevin Tighe (Warrumbungle), Geoffrey Colless (Walgett), Paul Keech (Narrabri), Greg May (Moree), Len Hattenfels (Moree) be accepted.

RESOLVED: (Tremain/Schwartz)

ii. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2009**

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the meeting held on MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2009 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

RESOLVED: - (Schwartz /Faber)

iii. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2009**
NIL

iv. **GUEST SPEAKERS - MR. DAVID COONAN & MR BOB WOODWARD FROM THE AUSTRALIAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION.**

Mr Coonan and Mr Woodward gave a presentation entitled 'Freight and your Community'. A copy of the presentation is attached as an appendix.

Following the presentation there was a Q & A session.

At the conclusion of the Q & A session, Deputy Chairperson Cllr Kevin Kneipp presented Mr

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Coonan and Mr Woodward with a small gift each as a token of appreciation from the NWWOL group.

v. REPORTS

REPORT TITLE:	1. INSPECTORS VERBAL REPORT
REPORT FROM:	NWWOL INSPECTOR
FILE NUMBER:	94-3404
LETTER NO:	

INTRODUCTION:

This report is to update the committee on the operations carried out by the inspectors over the past quarter.

REPORT:

Inspector 015 gave a verbal report on behalf of the WOL Inspectors.

- Since the December meeting things have been travelling along fairly smoothly
- There was a fair bit of movement in February 2010
- The inspectors have been noticing an increased number of b-doubles off route in the Gywdir and Inverell Shires
- Camping overnight continues to be a useful tool in catching the "early bird" over loaders.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Inspectors Verbal Report be received for information.

RESOLVED: (Fernance/Tremain)

REPORT TITLE:	2. FINANCIAL REPORT
REPORT FROM:	ASSET MANAGER
FILE NUMBER:	94-3404
LETTER NO:	

INTRODUCTION:

This report is to outline the 2009/2010 second quarter financial reports with the breakdown of expenditure for each member council.

BACKGROUND:

Revenue received from the State Debt Recovery Office for the 2009/10 second quarter is as follows:

October 09:	\$ 4,286.00
November 09:	\$ 7,476.00
December 09:	\$22,931.00
Total	\$34, 693.00

The above amounts have been apportioned to the appropriate councils.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the draft second quarter financial reports for 2009/2010 be received for information.

RESOLVED: (Tremain/Schwartz)

REPORT TITLE: 3. STATISTICAL REPORT

REPORT FROM: ASSET MANAGER

FILE NUMBER: 94-3404

LETTER NO:

INTRODUCTION:

The statistical information details the breach breakdown by weight, the number of trucks stopped weighed and breached, the NWWOL group breach trend, and the number of trucks stopped by shire.

RECOMMENDATION: That the second quarter statistical draft reports be received for information.

RESOLVED: (Tremain/Schwartz)

vi. GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ Innaugural Meeting of the Australia Wide Rural Road Group: 15th March 2010

Alan Kerr (Gwydir) strongly suggested that the NWWOL committee members think about fuel excise issues and try to link productivity in rural and regional areas to costs of fuel excise.

Clr Robyn Faber (Narrabri) mentioned that in doing so, one must be careful to take in all aspects of the shire, e.g. through traffic, tourism, heavy vehicles and so on.

➤ Business Paper and Reports

Clr Bob Tremain (Gwydir) asked that the business paper and relevant attachment be put out a little sooner if possible.

vii. NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th June 2010- Narrabri Shire Council @ 10:30am

NB: there was a possibility that this meeting would clash with the NSW Shires Association Conference however that conference is being held from 31st May- 2nd June 2010.

Deputy Chairperson declared the meeting closed and wished all a safe journey back to their home towns.

CONCLUSION: There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm

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Attachment 1

“Freight and your Community”


Presented by:
David Coonan
National Manager Policy
Australian Trucking Association

North West Weights of Loads Group

Freight and your community

David Coonan
National Manager Policy
Australian Trucking Association

1 March 2010

The ATAA logo is positioned at the top right of the slide. Below it, there are three small images: a green and white truck, a white truck with a red stripe, and a white truck with a red stripe.

Australian Trucking Association

- National peak body
 - unites entire trucking industry.
 - single, authoritative voice.
 - not funded by government.
- Members are state and sectoral trucking associations (such as NatRoad), TWU and national companies.
- Aim – A safer and more efficient industry.

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What people think about the trucking industry

- According to an Austroads survey:
 - 79 per cent of Australians think large trucks are a major or minor concern.
 - 44 per cent think there are too many trucks.
 - 18 per cent say they experience trucks exceeding the speed limit or tailgating on a daily basis.

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But it's not all bad...

- 81 per cent of Australians agree that trucks are really important to the economy.
- 61 per cent that 'we need to put up with trucks because there is no real alternative'.
- 55 per cent believe that truck drivers are more tolerant and less aggressive than car drivers.

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Your community

- Is concerned about:
 - Road safety.
 - Amenity.
 - Environment.
 - Costs of living in the area.
- Wants:
 - A good lifestyle.
 - High quality services.
 - Convenient shopping.
 - Lean local costs.



Community goods and services

- Food = delivery trucks.
- Building materials = delivery trucks.
- Basic Services = service trucks.
- Consumer goods = delivery trucks.
- Health services = delivery trucks.
- Council services = council trucks.
- Employment = truck dependency.



Conclusion

Trucks are necessary for our community's existence.

Even rail needs trucks to function.




Measuring truck impacts

- Safety exposure and amenity = Number of trips per 1000 tonnes.
- Energy consumption = fuel used to move 1000 tonnes on a 1000 kilometres lead.
- Cost of trucks using local roads = Road wear per 1000 tonnes.
 - Road wear can be measured in terms of equivalent standards axles (ESA).





RELATIVE DAMAGE CONCEPT

Equivalent Standard Axle Load






18000 - lbs (8.2 tons) → Damage per Pass = 1

- Axle loads bigger than 8.2 tons cause damage greater than one per pass
- Axle loads smaller than 8.2 tons cause damage less than one per pass
- Load Equivalency Factor (L.E.F) = $(\text{Tons}/8.2 \text{ tons})^4$





Common council & service trucks

Three axle rigid trucks up to 22.5 tonnes gross mass.

Two axle rigid trucks up to 15 tonnes gross mass.



Two axle truck impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 143.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 479.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 6578.





Three axle truck impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 74.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 347.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 4144.





Truck and Dog impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 30.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 201.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 3060.



Six axle Semi Trailer impacts

= at general mass limits

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 42.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 257.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 3948.



Six axle Semi Trailer impacts

= at higher mass limits with road friendly suspension

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 37.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 226.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 3700.



B-double impacts

= at general mass limits

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 26.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 195.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 3224.



B-double impacts

- at higher mass limits with road friendly suspension

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 23.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 173.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 2990.



B-triple impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 17.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 152.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 2448.



Type one road train impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 21.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 202.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 2856.



AB-triple impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 16.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 176.

Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 2400.



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BAB-quad impacts

Number of trips per 1000 tonnes = 13.

ESA's per 1000 tonnes = 161.

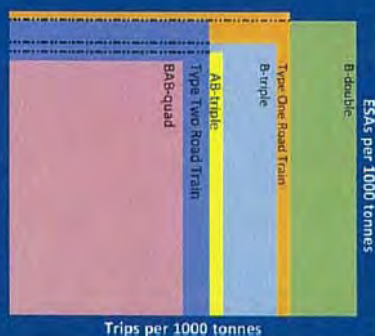
Fuel required to move 1000 tonnes 1000kms = 2106.



In comparison:



In comparison:



Heavy Vehicle Information and Demonstration Day

28 August 2009


All footage filmed under controlled conditions on closed roads.



High productivity vehicles

- More than one-third of the freight task undertaken by the trucking industry is interstate.
- The interstate non-bulk freight task is growing rapidly, at about four per cent per year.
- At this rate, interstate non-bulk freight will double in about 18 years.
- Moreover, interstate non-bulk road freight is growing even more rapidly.¹¹

11 Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, 2008 Freight Movement and Modelling in Road Freight




Safety versus vehicle configuration

Accident by VEHICLE CONFIGURATION

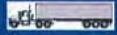







Vehicle Configuration	2005	2007	FREIGHT Task 2005 (Tonne-Kms.)	FREIGHT Task 2007 (Tonne-Kms.)
B-Doubles	~18.0%	~22.0%	~40.0%	~45.0%
B-Semi-Axis	~12.0%	~15.0%	~15.0%	~18.0%
B-Road Train	~68.0%	~63.0%	~45.0%	~37.0%

Legend: B-Doubles, B-Semi-Axis, B-Road Train



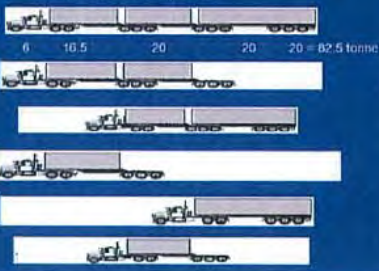
Modular vehicles

Single Integrated Unit		Maximum 42.5 tonnes GML
B-double Integrated Unit		Maximum 62.5 tonnes GML
B-triple Integrated Unit		Maximum 82.5 tonnes GML
A-triple Integrated Unit		Maximum 80 tonnes GML
Trail to road train integration		Maximum 70 tonnes GML
Triple road train integration		Maximum 110.5 tonnes GML
B-triple road train integration		Maximum 110.5 tonnes GML




Modular high productivity vehicles

- Modular combinations can disconnect into sub units.
- for example a B-triple can:



6 10.5 20 20 = 62.5 tonnes



Conclusion

- The alternative to safer more productive trucks, is more and more smaller trucks and therefore more damage with an associated and unacceptable escalation of road safety risks.
- This is not a community acceptable outcome



Conclusion

- We are asking local government to work with industry to get the right answers for your community.
- At the request of some NSW shires we are planning another hands on demonstration day similar to the one held at Narrandera – let me know if you are interested in attending.



Attachment 2

“ATA Fuel Based Charging Policy”

Presented by:
David Coonan
National Manager Policy
Australian Trucking Association


FUEL-BASED CHARGING

Australian Trucking Association policy



A new charging scheme- why?


- COAG want a more direct charging scheme
 - More accurately charge individual users for their road impact.
 - Improve road funding, ensuring there is enough money going to the right places.



•Regulators preferred option:

MASS-DISTANCE-LOCATION CHARGING


- Significant work, like data, cost inputs and feasible technology are a long way off being developed.
- Using telematics, it will be VERY expensive for industry and complicated to administer.
- Requires an unbalanced high level of accuracy from the road user, especially compared to road supply side information.



• Alternative scheme:


FUEL-BASED CHARGING

- Industry should pay the same amount in total as currently charged, as under PAYGO methodology.
- Change **how** operators are charged:
 - Lower registration charges (say \$400)
 - Increased cents/litre part of the road-user charge (fuel credit goes down)
 - Shift from fixed to variable charge.
- Important: Change how roads are funded
 - Revenue goes back to roads built for heavy vehicles.
 - Improve local government funding = address last mile issues.



Fuel-based charging framework

- The vehicle fleet is split into two classes to cover different road wear characteristics:
 - Class A: 2 axle rigs, SPV, buses.
 - Class B: 3 axle rigs and all articulated vehicles.
- The road network is classified by level of access available:
 - 8 classifications: GA, BD, long BD, B triple, type 1 RT, long type 1 RT, type 2 RT and long type 2 RT.
 - Classification in this way has already been directed by COAG, under PBS.
 - The higher the level of access provided, the greater potential claim for road funding.




Estimated numbers

Fuel-based charging

- Registration: \$400
Each truck and/or trailer
- Estimated road-user charge
Class A: 24 cpl
Class B: 30.9 cpl

Compared to current scheme

- Registration:
\$5,310 (6 axle semi)
\$12,214 (9 axle B-double)
- Road-user charge 21.7 cpl




Estimated annual costs

Current scheme

- 6 axle semi: \$15,189 (89,000kms)
- 9 axle B-double: \$35,263 (179,000kms)

Fuel-based charging


- 6 axle semi: \$14,855
- 9 axle B-double: \$34,000



Estimated annual costs

High and low km operators- change in charge

- Low 6 axle semi (44,450kms): \$2,422 less
- High 6 axle semi (133,350km): \$1,754 more
- Low 9 axle B-double (89,500kms): \$6,141 less
- High 9 axle B-double (268,400kms): \$3,604 more



What this means for operators

- **Transparent charging:**
 - Cost relates to use, fuel excise is a variable charge that will change with behaviour.
 - Business systems accommodate fuel costs and customers are conscious of fuel prices.
- **Lower fixed costs:**
 - Flexible use of vehicle fleet.
 - Improved cash flow.




Revenue

Money earned from heavy vehicles goes back to roads for heavy vehicles.

Money directed into three avenues:

- 1) **Common costs**
Access fee for using the road. The heavy vehicle proportion of this is paid through registration directly to state governments.
- 2) **Maintenance**
- 3) **Construction**

Drawn from fuel excise revenue, distributed to state and local governments.




Infrastructure

- **Maintenance**
Automatically paid out, based on past expenditure undertaken by state and local governments. Takes into account network size, traffic volumes and heavy vehicle impacts.
- **Construction**
Available on application basis, based on benefit-cost analysis, taking into account community service obligations.
Amount of funding linked to level of access provided- financial incentive to upgrade roads for HV's.






Scheme Benefits: infrastructure funding arrangements

- Targeted funding for where heavy vehicles go.
- Road managers have a financial incentive to increase access.
- Impact of HV use will be compensated with maintenance funding stream.
- Secures funding for local government for HV access.
- Strategic allocation of construction funds- ensures best investment.






Scheme benefits: operator and administration

- Administratively simple, hard to cheat.
- Low implementation costs.
- Closer matching of behaviour and charge.
- Charges can be accurately estimated by operators and communicated to customers.
- Encourages efficient vehicle use and fuel consumption, improving the delivery of the national freight task.



Australian Trucking Association

Thank you












Attachment 3

“ATA Truck Impact Chart as at May 2009”

Presented by:
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National Manager Policy
Australian Trucking Association

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AUSTRALIAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION Truck Impact Chart May 2009 *

	GCM	Payload	Load Status			No Tires per 1000 tonnes	ESA's per 1000 tonnes	Norm Fuel/100k for 1000k lead	Driver Requirement	Overall Length (metres)	Low Speed Swept Path (metres)	Referenced Static Roll Stability	High Speed Dynamic Tracking	Emissions /1000 tonnes
			0%	50%	100%									
	Two Axle Rigid GML	15.0	7.00	0.42	1.16	2.93	143	479	23	6578	186%			153%
	Two Axle Rigid Euro4	15.5	7.63	0.43	1.33	3.50	132	519	23	6072	171%			141%
	Three Axle Rigid GML	22.5	13.12	0.51	1.27	3.58	77	316	28	4312	100%			100%
	Three Axle Rigid Euro4	23.0	13.69	0.53	1.46	4.16	74	347	28	4144	96%			96%
	Six Axle Artic GML	42.5	24.13	1.14	2.03	4.96	42	257	47	3948	55%			92%
	Six Axle Artic HML (RF)	45.5	27.13	1.14	2.03	4.96	37	226	50	3700	48%			86%
	Six Axle Artic CML (Non-RTS)	43.5	25.13	1.14	2.27	5.29	40	258	48	3840	52%			86%
	Six Axle Artic HML (Non-RTS)	45.5	27.13	1.14	2.18	6.05	37	267	50	3700	48%			86%
	Truck & Dog (6 Axle - NSW)	43.0	33.09	1.10	2.07	7.06	31	253	49	3038	40%			70%
	Truck & Dog (7 Axle)	50.0	34.19	1.10	1.96	5.57	30	201	51	3080	36%			71%
	B-double GML	82.5	52.44	1.16	2.51	7.72	20	178	60	2720	26%			63%
	B-triple HML (RF)	90.5	60.44	1.16	2.51	7.72	17	152	72	2448	22%			57%
	B-triple GML (Non-RTS)	84.5	54.44	1.16	2.90	8.94	19	181	68	2822	26%			61%
	B-triple HML (Non-RTS)	90.5	60.44	1.16	2.86	10.47	17	198	72	2448	22%			57%
	AB-triple GML	98.0	64.20	1.18	2.90	9.78	16	178	75	2400	21%			56%
	AB-triple HML (RF)	107.5	72.70	1.18	2.90	9.78	14	154	79	2212	18%			51%
	AB-triple CML (Non-RTS)	101.0	66.20	1.18	3.00	10.47	16	187	76	2432	21%			56%
	AB-triple HML (Non-RTS)	107.5	72.70	1.18	3.30	12.80	14	196	79	2212	18%			51%
	Type 1 R/train - GML	79.0	47.77	1.20	2.77	8.41	21	202	68	2856	27%			66%
	Type 1 R/train - HML (RF)	83.0	53.77	1.20	2.77	8.41	19	183	72	2736	26%			63%
	Type 1 R/train - CML (Non-RTS)	81.0	49.77	1.20	2.86	9.12	21	217	69	2898	27%			67%
	Type 1 R/train - HML (Non-RTS)	85.0	53.77	1.20	3.08	10.59	19	225	72	2736	26%			63%
	Type 2 R/train - GML	115.5	71.41	1.26	3.51	11.85	15	197	80	2400	19%			56%
	Type 2 R/train - HML (RF)	124.5	80.41	1.26	3.51	11.85	13	171	83	2158	17%			50%
	Type 2 R/train - CML (Non-RTS)	117.5	73.39	1.26	3.61	12.55	14	194	81	2268	18%			53%
	Type 2 R/train - HML (Non-RTS)	124.5	80.41	1.26	3.98	15.12	13	214	83	2158	17%			50%
	BAB Quad - GML	119.0	77.97	1.21	3.20	11.16	13	161	81	2106	17%			49%
	BAB Quad - HML (RF)	130.0	88.37	1.21	3.20	11.16	12	149	85	2040	16%			47%
	BAB Quad - CML (Non-RTS)	121.0	79.37	1.21	3.90	11.82	13	170	82	2132	17%			49%
	BAB Quad - HML (Non-RTS)	130.0	89.37	1.21	3.72	15.01	12	195	85	2040	16%			47%

The B-triple, AB-triple, & the BAB-Quad are based on modular vehicle units as agreed by ATA General Council.

For further information contact ATA on 02 6253 6900

* The data in this table is provided for general information and does not take into account your specific circumstances. You should obtain professional engineering advice before taking action.

5. WESTERN SLOPES DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1263

Summary:

Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee is instituted under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989. This report provides Council with the minutes of the June, September and December 2009 meetings.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee is instituted under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989. It is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring preparedness for and coordinating the response to emergencies at the district level. It incorporates the Local Emergency Management Areas of Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid Western, Narromine, Warren, Warrumbungles, Walgett and Wellington Councils.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee Minutes, June, September, December 2009

Stakeholders:

All emergency response agencies
All persons in Western Slopes District

Financial Implications:

Nil

Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Council note the minutes of the Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee meetings held June, September and December 2009.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee Minutes – June 2009
Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee Minutes – September 2009

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WESTERN SLOPES DEMC – MEETING MINUTES – 18 JUNE 2009



WESTERN SLOPES DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – 18 JUNE 2009

Meeting venue: Rural Fire Service – Dubbo HQ

Meeting opened at: 13:30 hours.

PRESENT:

NAME	AGENCY
Geoff McKECHNIE	Chairman - NSW Police Force
Stuart DAVIES	DEMO (Executive Officer)
Clr. Anne JONES	Wellington Council
Les CLARKE	VRA
Darrel DIAL	Jemana Gas Networks
Ashley WIELINGA	Warren Shire Council
Paul DODD	ARTC
Nigel THOMAS	Ambulance Service
Greg MARKWICK	Department of Primary Industries
Phil SOUTHWELL	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Chris DRUCE	GWAHS - Health
Martin HOLMES	Defence
Stephen CASHEL	Australian Red Cross
David FELTON	NSW Fire Brigades
Gordon HILL	Rural Fire Service
Steve CLAYTON	Dubbo City Council
Carmen DWYER	DECC
Grant CLISSOLD	Engineering - Department of Commerce
Don GARMAGE	Coonamble Shire Council
David THOMAS	Country Energy
Myles HUMPHRIES	Gilgandra Shire Council
David MONK	State Emergency Service
Brett SMITH	NSW Police Service
Total: 23	

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WESTERN SLOPES DEMC – MEETING MINUTES - 18 JUNE 2009

OBSERVERS:

Name	Agency
Ingo STEPPAT	GWAHS - Health
Stephen McGUINNESS	NSWFB
Kel WISE	DEMO – Far West District
Total: 3	

GUEST / PRESENTATION:

Name	Agency
NIL	
Total:	

Meeting total: 26

1. APOLOGIES:

Name	Agency
Steve BRADSHAW	DEOCON – NSW Police Force
Chris EVANS	Engineering - Department of Commerce
Graham MILGATE	Volunteer Rescue Association
Geoff HOLLIS	Jemana Gas Networks
Mark SHERVASHIDZE	Department of Community Services
Stewart McLEOD	Dubbo City Council
Peter HALLIWELL	Country Energy
Bob GERAGHTY	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Neil HARRIS	NSWFB
Geoff KIEHNE	St John Ambulance
Bryson REES	Wellington Council
Paul GALLAGHER	Narromine Shire Council
Ian TAYLOR	Walgett Shire Council
John BRENNAN	Country Energy
Andrew DRUMMOND	Mid Western Regional Council
Total: 15	

BUSINESS ITEM:

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

It was moved:	Acceptance of all apologies.
MOVED: David FELTON	
SECONDED: Paul DODD	CARRIED

BUSINESS ITEM:

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

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WESTERN SLOPES DEMC – MEETING MINUTES - 18 JUNE 2009

The Chairman asked all in attendance to provide a self introduction.

BUSINESS ITEM:

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES for meeting held on 05/03/2009.

The DEMO advised that the meeting minutes had not been completed and distributed to members, due to DEMO workloads.

The Committee agreed to suspend the confirmation of the minutes until the September 2009 meeting.

Minutes for DEMC meeting 05/03/2009 not confirmed at meeting.

MOVED: N/A

SECONDED: N/A

4	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
4.1	<p>DEMC Membership: <i>Permanent Agenda Item:</i> DEMC policy – DEMC to review membership list annually at December meeting. No action at this meeting. Current membership List is attached.</p>
4.2	<p>Combined Western Slopes & Far West Workshop / Exercise at Ivanhoe – Major Rail incident. Exercise Debrief Report - Executive Recommendations to be managed by DEMC. DEMO provided update report. Still to meet with GWAHS (Chris DRUCE – new Disaster Coordinator GWAHS) and Ambulance.</p>
4.3	<p>“Dangerous Goods” License status – Patrick Portlink facility at Dubbo rail Yards: DEMO report. Still to be investigated with NSW Workcover, with assistance from DECC.</p>
5	<p>CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: DEMO verbal Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SIMS Project – Notification and invitations.• Swine Flu – SITREPS / Updates to DEMC members.• SEMC – Training Funds / Course & Activity List.• Recovery Management Arrangements.• DEMO Conference• EM-NSW established and relocation of staff to Homebush.• Agency reports received for DEMC.• SEMC – RTO issued “Transcripts of Academic Attainment”• GWAHS - Michelle Pitt letter to DEOCON re: Disaster

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	<p>preparedness & Residential Aged Care Facilities. (DEOCON issued recommendation to LEMCs – via email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWAHS requiring LEMCs to consider “EVENTS” at each LEMC meetings – GWAHS needs advance notice on upcoming events in LGA areas to assist their preparedness and resource planning. • NSW News Release – Premier Rees re: new appointment of State Emergency Recovery Controller (SERCON) <p>MOVED: Paul DODD SECONDED: Greg MARKWICK</p> <p><i>Correspondence Report be accepted.</i> CARRIED</p>
6	<p>PRESENTATION:</p> <p>HEALTH / GWAHS: Swine Influenza Operation – Local issues. Presentation by Chris DRUCE. Committee thanked GWAHS for an informative presentation.</p>
7	<p>DEMO REPORT:</p> <p>Verbal Report provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District EM Training – Program for 2009/2010. • SIMS roll-out (Spatial Information Management System): Update report from EICU – Department of Lands workshop held at Dubbo, 11 & 12 June 2009. • LEMC meeting report – all LEMCs have met. • Restructure – “Emergency Management NSW” • Exercise SODOR – Dubbo 16/06/2009. • DEMO Conference – Concentration on “Recovery Arrangements” • EM-NSW advised DEMOs that “Recovery Planning” will be a focus over the next 12 months. • DEMO deployed to Far North Coast Flood – Recovery assistance. • SERM Act & State Displan to be amended to cater for new RECOVERY arrangements. • Working Group working on all the other “non recovery” issues received in response to the invitation to comment of review of SERM Act and State Displan. Project ongoing. <p>MOVED: David FELTON SECONDED: Paul DODD</p> <p><i>DEMO Report be accepted.</i> CARRIED</p>

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8	GENERAL BUSINESS
8.1	<p>District Contact Directory Review: <i>Permanent Agenda Item</i></p> <p>Contact Directory distributed prior to meeting and at meeting for review and amendment of District Contact Directory.</p>
8.2	<p>LEOCON positions – Review: Approval of DEOCON. <i>Permanent Agenda Item</i></p> <p>NSW Police Force – Western Region policy is to review and appoint LEOCONs and Alternate LEOCONs at each DEMC meeting date. Current list is attached (Attachment No.2). Several changes on list. For committee member's information and Region Commanders / DEOCONs approval.</p>
8.3	<p>Emergency Risk Management Projects: Report from LEMC and DEMO. <i>Permanent Agenda Item</i></p> <p>UPDATE REPORTS FROM LEMO's & DEMO:</p> <p>Warren: Report adopted at LEMC meeting 05/05/2009. Displan – LEMO and DEMO to meet and finalise. LEMC meeting scheduled for 03/08/2009. ERM report to be presented at next DEMC meeting.</p> <p>Dubbo City: Project completed. Adpoted by LEMC. ERM report to be distributed to DEMC members for next DEMC meeting.</p> <p>Gilgandra: No change to last meeting.</p> <p>Wellington: No change to last meeting.</p> <p>Walgett: DEMO advised that he was unsure where the project was at presently. Nearing completion was the last advice that DEMO had received.</p>
8.4	<p>DEOC (Dubbo Showground site): Update Report</p> <p>Dubbo City Council & DEMO reported that some of the work had commenced and the other work orders were being finalised. DEMO and DCC – Steve CLAYTON to meet on site and finalise the location of computer and electricity outlets.</p> <p>DCC following-up the full grant allocation with EMA.</p> <p>Project ongoing.</p>
8.5	<p>DISTRICT DISPLAN:</p> <p>Update Report from DEMO. Review work on previous 'working draft' had commenced. Project will be delayed because of work associated with the District Rescue Committee – Rural Service Delivery Model project.</p> <p>Project ongoing.</p>

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8.6	<p>LEMCs Meeting – Events:</p> <p>EVENTS to be included on LEMC agendas as a permanent agenda item. Warrumbungle LEMC has raised some resistance to proposal. DEMO advised that is only the Major or large scale events that has to be reported.</p> <p>Committee endorsed previous action – this will be a permanent agenda item for LEMC meetings.</p>
8.7	<p>LEMC – Local Planning issue - Vulnerable Facilities / Nursing Homes & Aged Care facilities:</p> <p>Matter raised by GWAHS.</p> <p>Committee discussed issue.</p> <p>Chris Druce – GWAHS outlined GWAHS concerns with wording within many current facility plans and unrealistic expectations held by many facility owners.</p> <p>Committee agreed that LEMCs should work with local Health Service Managers / GWAHS staff and Facility owners to ensure that existing facility plans are consistent with the realities of local EM arrangements and resources.</p> <p>Committee requested that DEMO liaise with LEMOs / LEMCs are progress issue at local level.</p>
9	<p>MATTERS RAISED AT LEMC MEETINGS and/or by LEMOs - Submitted for attention of DEMC.</p> <p>No matters reported.</p>
10	<p>LEMO – LEMC REPORTS</p> <p>Reports received prior to DEMC meeting from: Warrumbungle; Walgett and Wellington.</p> <p>Copy of reports attached to agenda electronically sent to DEMC members.</p> <p>Coonamble: Raised the local concerns that Coonamble Ambulance Station where going to lose their 4WD vehicle.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the raised concerns were noted by himself and the DEMC but the issue needed to be addressed direct between Coonamble Shire Council and the NSW Ambulance Service.</p> <p>Ashley WIELINGA (Warren Shire Council) advised the committee that Warren Ambulance had previously had the same problem. The main issue explained to warren Shire was that the \$WD ambulances do not get sufficient work and mileages up and that this impacts upon lease conditions for the Ambulance Fleet.</p>

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11	AGENCY REPORTS Reports received prior to meeting from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Fire Service• Australian Rail & Track Corporation (ARTC)• DECC – Environment• NSWFB Copy of reports will be attached to meeting minutes and electronically sent to DEMC members.
12	MATTERS RAISED WITHOUT NOTICE ARTC: Paul DODD advised that there had been some internal changes to the ARTC Emergency Contacts List and that he would forward new listing to DEMO for distribution. DPI: Greg MARWICK advised that work was shortly to commence on raising the Wall height at Burrendong Dam. The work was part of improving Dam safety. Any additional information could be obtained direct from State Water. Mayor Anne JONES (Wellington Council) advised that council had been briefed on the upcoming project. The local emergency services at Wellington had been advised.
13	CONFIRM NEXT MEETING: Confirm date / location PROPOSED DATE: Thursday, 3 rd September 2009 PROPOSED VENUE: Possible venue was Dubbo Police Station – Western Region Operations Centre. DEMO to advise at a later date. MEETING CLOSED: 15:30hrs

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WESTERN SLOPES DISTRICT **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting – 03 SEPTEMBER 2009

Meeting venue: Rural Fire Service – Dubbo HQ

Meeting opened at: 13:30 hours.

PRESENT:

NAME	AGENCY
Steve BRADSHAW	Chairman - NSW Police Force
John MAYFIELD	Acting DEMO (Executive Officer)
Clr. Anne JONES	Wellington Council
Bryson REES	Wellington Council
Graham MILLGATE	VRA
Ashley WIELINGA	Warren Shire Council
Paul DODD	ARTC
Phil SOUTHWELL	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Chris DRUCE	GWAHS - Health
Martin HOLMES	Defence
Stephen CASHEL	Australian Red Cross
Gordon HILL	Rural Fire Service
Steve CLAYTON	Dubbo City Council
Ben WILLIAMS	Country Energy
Myles HUMPHRIES	Gilgandra Shire Council
Neil HARRIS	NSW Fire Brigades
Greg LEWIS	NSW Fire Brigades
David MONK	State Emergency Service
Mark SHERVASHIDZE	DOCs
Tony MATHEWS	RFDS
Andrew DUNKLEY	ABC Radio
Total: 21	

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OBSERVERS:

Name	Agency
Kel WISE	DEMO – Far West District
Tony BYRNES	DEMO - Peel
Total: 2	

GUEST / PRESENTATION:

Name	Agency
NIL	
Total:	

Meeting total: 26

1. APOLOGIES:

Name	Agency
Stuart DAVIES	DEMO
Greg MARKWICK	Department of Primary Industries
Carmen DWYER	DECC
Stewart McLEOD	Dubbo City Council
Peter HALLIWELL	Country Energy
Bob GERAGHTY	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Chris PATRICK	Ambulance Service of NSW
Geoff KIEHNE	St John Ambulance
John STONESTREET	Ambulance Service of NSW
Glenn HINTON	VRA
Total: 10	

BUSINESS ITEM:

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

It was moved: **Acceptance of all apologies.**

MOVED: Chris DRUCE

SECONDED: Bryson REES

CARRIED

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BUSINESS ITEM:

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chairman asked all in attendance to provide a self introduction.

BUSINESS ITEM:

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES for meeting held on 05/03/2009.

MOVED: Gordon HILL

SECONDED: Neil HARRIS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES for meeting held on 18/06/2009

MOVED: Chris DRUCE

SECONDED: Gordon HILL

4	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
4.1	<p>DEMC Membership: <i>Permanent Agenda Item:</i> DEMC policy – DEMC to review membership list annually at December meeting. Action for this meeting. Current membership List is attached. “DEMC Observer” status given to ABC Radio – Region Manager (Andrew Dunkley). Endorsed by committee via email and ABC advised 25/08/2009.</p>
4.2	<p>Combined Western Slopes & Far West Workshop / Exercise at Ivanhoe – Major Rail incident. Exercise Debrief Report - Executive Recommendations to be managed by DEMC. Action pending with GWAHS / Ambulance in consultation with DEMO Far West District.</p>
4.3	<p>“Dangerous Goods” License status – Patrick Portlink facility at Dubbo rail Yards: DEMO note: <i>DECC – Environment Functional Area Coordinator, Carmen DWYER has investigated the matter with Workcover and will report to DEMC.</i> As Carmen was an apology put over until next meeting</p>

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4.4	<p>LEMC – Local Planning issue: Vulnerable Facilities / Nursing Homes & Aged Care facilities.</p> <p>DEMO report:</p> <p>DEMO to meet with NSWFB – Station Officer Dubbo (Station 280). NSWFB – Station 280 has had several meetings with some facility owners in Dubbo.</p> <p>DEMO to have a meeting with LEMO Stewart McLeod and move forward proposal forthcoming from Dubbo City LEMC that a Dubbo based Facility Owners forum meeting be coordinated by Dubbo City Council.</p> <p>DEMO is proposing that the “Dubbo model” when structured and finalized to be used in other LEMC areas within the District.</p> <p>NSW Fire Brigades will have a more senior officer involved in this process.</p> <p>Mark SHERVASHIDZE (DOCS) endorsed this idea and stated that pre-planning was essential.</p>
4.5	<p>LEMCs Meetings - Permanent Agenda items: EVENTS</p> <p>DEMO Report:</p> <p>All LEMCs to include “Events” on LEMC Agendas as a permanent item.</p>
5	<p>CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:</p> <p>DEMO report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Contact Information / Restructure changes advice - NSW Ambulance Service. <i>Action: Included in DEMC and DRC Contact Directories and distributed to NSW Police LACs.</i> ▪ Retirement NSWFB - Captain Robert Hawkins at Narromine. <i>Information only – Farewell Function to be held 10/10/2009. Narromine Shire Council had special presentation at LEMC meeting on 20/08/2009.</i> ▪ New Training Forms – EM NSW. <i>Action: Information only. DEMO to use new forms associated with Training Records.</i> ▪ Final Expenditure Quotes / Orders for DEOC - Dubbo City Council – copies provided to EMA and DEMO. <i>Action: Information only.</i> ▪ AEMI Nomination Form: LEMO – Bryson Rees (Wellington) attend AEMI, Mt Macedon “Introduction to EM for Local Government” course. <i>Action: Information only – nomination forwarded to EM NSW.</i> ▪ Review of costs – AEMI Courses (email received from EM NSW) <i>Action: Distributed to all DEMC members via separate email.</i> ▪ LEMO / Agency reports received prior to DEMC meeting from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Warrumbungle LEMC ➤ Gilgandra LEMC ➤ Rural Fire Service

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	<p>➤ Environment Functional Area – Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) Action: <i>Distributed to DEMC members with Meeting Agenda.</i></p> <p>Moved: Anne JONES Seconded: Paul DODD</p> <p>Correspondence be accepted</p>
6	PRESENTATION: Nil at this meeting.
7	<p>DEMO REPORT: DEMO Report: <i>[Distributed to DEMC members with Meeting Agenda]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District EM Training – Program for 2009/2010. ▪ LEMC meeting report. ▪ Restructure – “Emergency Management NSW” ▪ Barwon Darling River Town Water Teleconference 26/08/2009. ▪ Presentation at EDO Meeting, NSW Police Force. ▪ Pilot Course – Managing an Emergency Operation course. DEMO facilitated on course in Sydney, 28-30/07/2009. ▪ EM NSW presentations at DEMC meetings – Enhanced Recovery Operations. ▪ Local / District Plan Audit and Table report. <p>Moved: Miles HUMPHRIES Seconded: Chris DRUCE</p> <p>DEMO report be accepted</p>
8	GENERAL BUSINESS
8.1	<p>District Contact Directory Review: <i>Permanent Agenda Item</i></p> <p>Contact Directory distributed prior to DEMC meeting for amendments if required</p>

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8.2	<p>LEOCON positions – Review: Approval of DEOCON. <i>Permanent Agenda Item</i></p> <p>NSW Police Force – Western Region policy is to review and appoint LEOCONs and Alternate LEOCONs at each DEMC meeting date. Current list is attached (Attachment No.2).</p> <p>For committee member's information and Region Commanders / DEOCONs approval.</p>
8.3	<p>Emergency Risk Management Projects: Report from LEMC and DEMO.</p> <p>Permanent Agenda Item UPDATE REPORTS FROM LEMO's to DEMC.</p> <p>DEMO report: No policy issued by EM NSW to date. LEMCs to use ERM study outcomes for strategic direction of LEMC.</p>
8.4	<p>DEOC (Dubbo Showground – Convention Centre): Update Report Dubbo City Council to provide update report.</p> <p>DEMO report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All purchase / job orders have been finalized and issued by Dubbo City Council. 2. Dubbo City Council was successful in obtaining the total grant money from EMA. (expenditure required special EMA approval because of local delays in finalizing the orders and completion of the work. 3. All nearing completion 4. All communications wiring completed 5. Expect EOC to be finalized end September 2009
8.5	<p>DISTRICT DISPLAN: DEMO Update Report: Project priority – DEMO to finalise prior to December 2009 DEMC meeting.</p>
8.6	<p>LOCAL DISPLANS: DEMO comment: Recommendation to DEMC that a Planning Audit to be undertaken and Report Table developed. This item and the Table to be a permanent DEMC agenda item and updated at each DEMC meeting. The meeting agreed with the proposal and requested that the DEMO implement this strategy.</p>

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8.7	<p>LEMC activities / Meeting Formats:</p> <p>DEMO has received feedback from several DEMC based agencies that they have concerns with LEMC meetings. These concerns rest around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agencies have multi representations at meetings.• Need to establish at meetings who is the Agency LEMC Member and who is “Meeting Observers”.• Meetings being conducted without quorum being in attendance.• LEMC meetings discussing non EM related issues.• LEMC meetings becoming the forum for agency representatives to raise issues that should have been discussed and finalized within the specific agency. <p>DEMO Comment:</p> <p>REFER – Business Paper No. 1 attached to this Agenda. It is an extract from the SERM Act (Schedule No 2) that covers meeting procedures.</p> <p>There has been a lot of past flexibility in how LEMC meetings are conducted to allow for them to function in our environment. In the current world of change, enhanced accountability; and resource availability it may be appropriate to review this level of flexibility and explore future directions for our LEMC operations.</p> <p>John MAYFIELD presented the meeting with the chart being used in Central West.</p> <p>David MONK spoke regarding LEMC meetings and stated that there are too many representatives attending the meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• there should only be one representative per agency and that others are observers and should not discuss matters that are before the committee• the chair of the LEMC should consider the structure and role of their committees• SES representatives on LEMCs are the local members and senior personnel are there for guidance only and have no voting rights
8.8	<p>Stock Transport MVAs Heavy Vehicle Roll-Over Incidents - Destruction of stock:</p> <p><i>DEMO Western Slopes comment:</i></p> <p>For information of DEMC.</p> <p>Matter was raised at District Rescue Committee meeting. Issue involves “local planning” so will be managed in the DEMC forum.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>Recent issues have been brought to the attention of DEMO Western Slopes. Several rescue agencies are not comfortable with existing arrangements in which Police have had to destroy stock and delays experienced with arrival of owner’s representatives /</p>

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	<p>Shire Council Rangers etc to perform destruction of injured animal's duties. DEMO Western Slopes has discussed issue with DPI Region Manager Greg MARKWICK (Dubbo) on 24/08/2009. DPI has indicated a willingness to sponsor meeting with appropriate Livestock Health and Protection Authority (LHPA) staff at Dubbo to discuss this issue. The recent restructure and combination of RLPB's into the new LHPA structure has resulted in a more resource extensive body.</p> <p>Proposed course of action being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting between DPI / LHPA / DEMO at Dubbo. 2. LHPA to be the 'lead agency' for livestock destruction at rescue incidents. 3. Discussion paper to be produced for DPI submission to the State Council – LHPA. 4. Discussion paper to be produced for SRB – procedural consistency across NSW. <p>RECOMMENDATION: <i>DEMO Western Slopes and DPI to handle matter 'out of session' and report back to DEMC.</i></p> <p>DEMO Stuart Davies to discuss with A/C Bradshaw</p>
9	<p>MATTERS RAISED AT LEMC MEETINGS and/or by LEMOs - Submitted for attention of DEMC.</p> <p>Phil SOUTHWELL expressed concerns re VRA losing the use of Police Radios</p>
10	<p>LEMO – LEMC REPORTS</p> <p>Reports received prior to DEMC meeting from: Warrumbungle Gilgandra.</p> <p>Copy of reports attached to agenda electronically sent to DEMC members.</p> <p>Gilgandra (Miles HUMPHRIES)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will compile the Plans Audit Lists <p>Warren (Ashley WIELINGA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings held since the last DEMC, a meeting is to be held prior to the next DEMC meeting <p>Dubbo (Steve CLAYTON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings held since last DEMC meeting.

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11	AGENCY REPORTS Reports received prior to DEMC meeting from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Fire Service• DECCW – Environment Copy of reports attached to agenda electronically sent to DEMC members. RFS (Gordon HILL) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spoke regarding the developments after the Victorian bushfires• The hazard reduction for the Sydney interface has been accelerated• There is a Sec44 Controllers briefing to be held at Homebush on 16/9• State OPEX to be held 30/9 at Homebush• Burrendong 300 volunteers attended the local exercise last weekend.
12	MATTERS RAISED WITHOUT NOTICE The GWAHS HealthPlan was endorsed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moved: Chris DRUCE• Seconded: Neil HARRIS GWAHS (Chris DRUCE) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H1N1 now not operational, vaccination program commencing October• Thanks to Stuart DAVIES for recommending acceptance to the recent AEMI “planning” course ABC (Andrew DUNKLEY) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Dubbo transmitter can now go direct to air and deliver local messages, this is a new asset for Dubbo and is an ongoing project for all areas.
13	CONFIRM NEXT MEETING: DATE: Thursday, 3 rd December 2009 VENUE: DEOC – Dubbo Showground Convention Centre.
	MEETING CLOSED: 1435 hrs

Minute recorder: DEMO, John Mayfield

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

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

Summary:

Rural Fire Service in Walgett Shire is managed by the North West Zone under a service level agreement (SLA).

Discussion (including issues and background):

The SLA meeting occurs quarterly and the minutes of its March 2010 meeting are attached.

Relevant Reference Documents:

North West Zone Service Level Agreement Meeting Draft Minutes

Stakeholders:

NSW Rural Fire Service - Walgett Brigades
Residents

Financial Implications:

Nil

NSW Rural Fire Service North West Zone Service Level Agreement Committee meeting
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Council note the draft minutes of the North West Zone Rural Fire Service meeting held on accordance with the Service Level Agreement with its constituent councils March 2010.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachment:

Minutes of the North West Zone Rural Fire Service Meeting

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North West Zone SLA Members

Your Ref:

Our Ref: SLA;HH172

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31 March 2010

Dear Members

MINUTES OF NORTH WEST ZONE SLA COMMITTEE MEETING 24 MARCH 2010

Please find attached a copy of the draft minutes of the SLA meeting held on the 24 March 2010 for your information.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact me.

Regards

Tony Place
Zone Manager

♦ Rural Fire Service Advisory Council

♦ Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee

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North West Zone Service Level Committee Meeting Minutes 24 March 2010

MEETING DETAILS: North West Zone SLA Committee Meeting

Meeting date: 24/03/10

Location: Coonamble FCC

Start 10.50

End: 11.45

Present:	Apology:
H Kennedy	I Taylor(Walgett Shire)
A Inglis	R Morse
D Arthur(Warren Shire)	M Webb
R Warren(Cble Shire)	
T Place	
G Primmer	
J Kennedy	

Next meeting: TBA

Venue: TBA

Item 1; Opening of Meeting

Meeting opened 10.50

Item 2; Apologies

See above

Item 3; Confirmation of previous minutes.

Previous minutes moved as a true record.

Moved; R Warren

Second; A Inglis

Carried

Item 4; Business Arising

Amendment to be made to previous minutes Warren Council workers have been advised **not to** use naked flame outside of sheds on a TOBAN day. Also D Arthur was not present at the meeting.

Councils reminded not to carry out any hot works on a TOBAN day.

Item 5; HR Reporting

Still having trouble getting the required information from Councils in regard to HR works done. R Warren to follow up Coonamble Shires works for both Coonamble and Quambone.

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Looking at doing some work at the Gingie and Namoi missions in Walgett and hope to have some Land Councils reps at the BFMC meeting to discuss what can be done.

Claims for reimbursement invoices are to be followed up ASAP so the claims can be submitted.

Item 6; Schedule 3 Review

New report is finally available. Next report will only list items that have changed.

3.05; brigade constitutions require following up.

Motion; that the Schedule 3 review be accepted

Moved; R Warren

Second; A Inglis

Carried

Item 7; Schedule 5 Review

No changes to the data. Not reviewed.

Item 8; 10/11 Budget proposal (briefing on increase for HR works for each Council)

Have bid \$15000- per Council in the 2010/2011 budget to do HR works, increase from the previous year of \$5000 per Council. Should not increase Councils contributions significantly.

Item 9; General Business

H Kennedy; require a cement slab/pad at the Warren HQ shed and light switch to finish off project. Operations Officer to follow up. The Warren EOC is having a kitchen installed by the SES- no funds are left from the RFS project.

Gunningbar Estate and road around the levee needs slashing.

Nevertire brigade area need to place an additional truck in the brigade area down south on a rural property- this issue has been discussed with the brigade. Hugh will discuss the issue further with the brigade and bring back their thoughts to the next SMT meeting. The brigade will be added to the list for a second tanker but no time frame can be given as there are still a large number of brigades in the Zone area who have no tankers at all and these are a higher priority at present.

A Inglis; Tooraweenah Rd needs slashing.

R Warren; Coonamble EOC- Coonamble Shire have agreed to carry out works and upgrade. Looking at resealing the RFS driveway again. Request for \$4000 upgrade has been approved by Council. RFS has installed a wireless router in the training room.

D Arthur; nil issues.

T Place; brigade amalgamations- Shingle Hut and Munna Munna in Coonamble district have been amalgamated. This was done at the brigade request. Other brigades will be looked at in the future. Amalgamations are only done at the brigades requests and are not forced amalgamations. Brigade amalgamations will see no loss of brigade equipment.

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Tanker insurance; with the increasing number of tankers in the Zone the insurance amount in the estimates bid will need to be increased, need to increase for sheds as well. Will contact all Councils prior to next years estimate/bids being prepared and get a more accurate figure on the insurance costs.

Shed mowing is RFS responsibility- RFS is willing for Council to be contracted and RFS charged back for the works. Shed maintenance is Councils responsibility. Walgett sheds need regular yard mowing.

Walgett EOC may activate shortly due to the floods in the District.

New zone stores shed will be built soon and will need work done to the front entry of the shed- i.e. bitumen. Will look at when Council tars the road and possibly get both jobs done at the same time.

Bogan District and zoning with the other three Councils was raised again. The Bogan SLA committee was approached last year and asked if they thought the District would be interested in Zoning, Bogan brigades have decided they don't want to Zone and the matter has not be pursued any further.

The tanker replacement program will enable all brigades to have a tanker in them by 2013.

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OUTSTANDING TASKS REGISTER:

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

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

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

Allocated To:	Task Description:	Due Date	Completed

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7. WALGETT LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/50

Summary:

Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) is instituted under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989. This report provides Council with the minutes of the March - April 2010 meetings convened to manage the March 2010 Flood Event near Lightning Ridge.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The LEMC met throughout the above event to ensure that all relevant agencies were thoroughly briefed and any issues or potential issues that arose could be resolved expeditiously. The minutes of the meetings were emailed to all member agency representatives generally within a few hours of the meetings taking place.

A debrief and 'Recovery Committee Assessment' LEMC meeting was in the process of being scheduled at the time of writing this report.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett local Emergency Management Committee Minutes, March - April 2010

Stakeholders:

All emergency response agencies
All persons in Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Nil

Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Council note the minutes of the Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee meetings held in association with the March 2010 Flood Event.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachment:

Minutes of the Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee (Under Separate Cover)

14. Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

15. Reports of Officers

8. *MEETINGS OF THE LIGHTNING RIDGE PRECINCT COMMITTEE - MINUTES*

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 09/1491

Summary:

Minutes of meetings of external bodies whose deliberations are relevant to council are placed before Council for consideration and noting.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Minutes of meetings of the Precinct Committee held in February and March 2010 are attached.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Council and Lightning Ridge residents

Financial Implications:

Nil

Meetings of the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee - Minutes

Recommendation:

1. That the Minutes of the meetings of the Precinct Committee be noted.

Moved:

Seconded:

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Attachments:

Minutes of the meetings of the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee held in February and March 2010.

<h1>Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee</h1>	
Held 23 February 2010 7:00pm	
At Lightning Ridge Bowling Club	
RECEIVED 06 APR 2010	
Minutes	
Present: Robert Jelbart, Maria Sorokoput, Danielle Osborne, Michael Taylor, Petrina Brown, Kym Briscoe	
Community Members: Mayor Cr Ian Woodcock, J & P Young	
Apologies: Barbara Mortiz. Alison Wheeler	
Minutes from Last Meeting	
Moved: Danielle Osborne	
2 nd Michael Taylor	
Treasurer Report	
Moved: Maria Sorokoput	
2 nd Kym Briscoe	
General Business	
Regional Infrastructure Grant Program Update Report,	
Mayor Woodcock addressed the meeting to bring the committee up to date with the distribution of Regional Infrastructure Grant Program and is as follows:	
The Lightning Ridge Men's Shed had been granted \$10,000 towards their project but as it did not meet the guidelines of the Regional Infrastructure Grant Program they were unable to receive the grant. The amount was then reallocated to The Australian Opal Centre and Lightning Ridge Visitors Information Centre.	
The Australian Opal Centre received \$20,000 and then a further \$7,000	
Lightning Ridge Motocross Club received \$10,000	
Lightning Ridge Visitors Information Centre received \$3,000.00	
Mayor Woodcock also spoke about the ways for community groups to seek funding from various sources and said that the Walgett Shire Council had employed Danielle Parker who was able to assist anyone seeking grants. He also said that the Lightning Ridge Bowling club could possibly benefit by becoming a Sporting Club as it would open the pathway to further grants that the sporting community could apply for. Mayor Woodcock then answered questions from the floor.	
Rob Jelbart thanked Mayor Woodcock for attending.	
Resignation letters were received from Maria Sorokoput resigning as Secretary/Treasurer	
Robert Jelbart resigning as Chairperson	
Kym Briscoe resigning as a committee member.	
Motion: Kym Briscoe thanked Robert Jelbart and Maria Sorokoput for all their work during the last year.	
Moved: Kym Briscoe	
2 nd Michael Taylor	
As none of the committee members present were willing to take over these positions it was agreed that we would have an AGM on Thursday 25 March 2010 with the two positions declared vacant. It was agreed by all present that the Lightning Ridge community must be reasonably happy with the Walgett Shire Council as they are not coming to our meetings	
Meeting closed 7:50pm	
Next meeting: Thursday 25 March 7:00pm	
Signed..... Robert Jelbart (Chairperson)	Signed..... Maria Sorokoput (Secretary/Treasurer)

Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee

Held 25 March 2010 7:00pm

At Lightning Ridge Bowling Club

RECEIVED 06 APR 2010

Minutes

Present: Robert Jelbart, Maria Sorokoput, Danielle Osborne, Michael Taylor,
Community Members: Herman Kreller

Apologies: Karin Thurston, Emma Rémond

Minutes from Last Meeting

Moved: Danielle Osborne

2nd Michael Taylor

General Business

CCTV

Herman Kreller asked what progress had occurred after a letter was sent in September 2009 to Walgett Shire Council and Mayor Ian Woodcock. He was informed that no reply was received by the committee. It was suggested that he had contact with Lightning Ridge counsellors to assess their response to Lightning Ridge having CCTV in the CBD and Lobby each of them to have included in the 2010-11 budget as the Precinct Committee had not been able to get any commitment to having any CCTV program put in place.

Resignation letter was received from Karin Thurston resigning as a committee member.

Danielle Osborne then took over the meeting to conduct election of Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer

Chairperson

Nominated: Michael Taylor

Proposer: Herman Kreller

2nd Maria Sorokoput

Secretary/Treasurer

Nominated: Herman Kreller

Proposer: Michael Taylor

2nd Robert Jelbart

A copy of these minutes to be sent to Westpac Lightning Ridge to authorize the change of signing on the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee Cheque account to Michael Taylor and Herman Kreller

There was a discussion that the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee went into recess for six months as there seemed to be little or not response from the community. It could reconvene if member felt that there were issues that needed to be address. Michael Taylor stated that the work of the Precinct Committee is still important and the necessity of the committee to continue was vital for Lightning Ridge even though we only seem to get real support when there were grants on the agenda.

Meeting closed 7:40pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 12 May 2010 @ 7:00pm

Signed.....
Robert Jelbart (Chairperson)

Signed.....
Maria Sorokoput (Secretary/Treasurer)