



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

25th AUGUST 2009

AGENDA

RAY KENT
General Manager



18th August, 2009

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

We will have a Citizenship Ceremony and a presentation commencing at 9.30am, followed by a morning tea.

Further note that, following the close of the meeting, the Main Street Consultants would like to have a discussion with Councillors.

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

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

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

28 July 2009

RAY KENT
General Manager

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE ROWENA
HALL ON TUESDAY 28 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10:10 am**

PRESENT

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

Apologies

Nil

Public Forum Presentations

Tanya Cameron spoke on the following:

- Would like to thank Council and staff for the work that is taking place around the town of Rowena.
- Apology for Mr Ken Stump as president of the Precinct Committee not being available to attend the meeting today.
- Precinct Committee is concerned about irrigable rates. Members of the community have irrigation licences and are paying considerable sums. The Committee will be keeping an eye on this situation.
- Concerned with the lack of communication between the Shire and the Precinct Committee. There is a need for more communication to get information out to the community.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Greenaway declared a pecuniary interest in item 28 – Tenders Plant Hire

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in item 28 – Tenders Plant Hire

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

| 211/09 | Confirmation of Minutes |
|---|-------------------------|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Council Meeting held 23 June 2009 be confirmed.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Walford</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

Nil

Mayoral Minute

| 212/09 | Mayoral Minute to leave until closed session |
|---|--|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That the Mayoral Minute – Annual performance review of General Manager be dealt with in closed session.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Keir</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

Motions of which Notice has been given

| 213/09 | Communication Workshop |
|---|------------------------|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That Council facilitate three coordinated communication workshops annually between various government and non-government agencies in the township of Walgett.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Keir</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

| 214/09 | Bank Reconciliation Statement |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That a Bank Reconciliation Statement be included in the business paper each month.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Colless</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

Presentation of Petitions

Nil

Questions without Notice**Counsellor Greenaway****Question 1**

Is block 8A Fox Street, Walgett a rateable block and if so who is responsible for the rates?

Response:

The Director of Corporate & Community Services advised that in 2003/2004 the land was included in the assessment for Mr McLean but no rates were paid for the additional land. In 2004 it was removed from his assessment.

There are no rates currently being paid on the land at this time. The land is currently included in the estate of the late Mr Ashton. In order to finalise this matter Mr McLean or Mr Mylan would need to approach the estate with their request. Council will levy rates in future.

Question 2

Do Councillors agree to the following split up of the \$193,000 Community Infrastructure Grant (CIG)?

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Walgett | \$60,000 |
| Lightning Ridge | \$ 40,000 – received a good deal in the budget |
| Collarenebri | \$23,000 – received a generous share last CIG split up |
| Burren Junction | \$20,000 |
| Rowena | \$18,000 – lost \$4,500 from allocated amount in last CIG split up |
| Cumborah | \$12,000 |
| Carinda | \$20,000 – small amount in budget and in last CIG split up |

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community suggested that this question be held over until item 15 – Regional Infrastructure Grant Program update report is dealt with in the business paper. Councillors agreed.

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

Reports of Delegates and Representatives

215/09 Walgett School Education Board Annual General Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

1. That the minutes of the Walgett School Education Annual General Meeting 24 June 2009 be noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

216/09 Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee

Resolution:

1. That Council notes and adopts the recommendations of the meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee held on 18 June 2009.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

217/09 Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee

Resolution:

1. That council note the minutes of the Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee meetings held 11 February 2009 and 25 June 2009.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

218/09 North West Weight of Loads Group

Resolution:

1. That Council note the minutes of the North West Weight of Loads Group 2 March 2009 meeting.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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| 219/09 | NSW Rural Fire Service North West Zone Service Level Agreement Meeting |
|---|--|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That Council note the minutes of the North West Zone NSW Rural Fire Service meeting held in accordance with the Service Level Agreement with its constituent councils.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Murray</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

Reports of Officers

| 220/09 | Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee Minutes of Meeting |
|---|---|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That the minutes of the July meeting of the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee be noted.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Martinez</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

| 221/09 | Rowena Precinct Committee – Minutes of Meeting |
|---|--|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That the minutes of the July meeting of the Rowena Precinct Committee be noted.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Smith</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

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| 222/09 | Council's Code of Conduct |
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>That the following amendments be made to Council's Code of Conduct:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a new point (e) be added to Section 8.1 (Token gifts and benefits) as follows "goods, products or services provided to all attendees at a conference/meeting where attendance by an official has been authorised" a new subsection 8.5 (a) as follows: "No council official shall accept a gift or benefit of any kind, regardless of value, from persons seeking the exercise of a council's decision making discretion or who have sought the exercise of the council's decision making discretion within the previous 12 months". <p>Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Lane</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |
| 223/09 | Disclosure of Interests in Written Returns |
| <p>Resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the report be noted. <p>Moved: Clr Smith Seconded: Clr Lane</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |
| 224/09 | Walgett Shire Early Childcare Services |
| <p>Resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Walgett Shire Early Child Care Services report be accepted. That Council lobby CareWest Inc for additional funding and support for all childcare centres in Walgett Shire. <p>Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Martinez</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

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| 225/09 | Investment Report as at 30 June 2009 |
| Resolution: 1. That the investment report as at 30 June 2009 be received. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Greenaway CARRIED | |
| 226/09 | Country and Regional Living Expo Marketing Strategy |
| Resolution: 1. That the Country and Regional Living Expo Marketing Strategy be accepted and a report to Council on the experience be presented to Council at the September meeting. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Keir CARRIED | |
| 227/09 | Request for Financial Subsidy from Lightning Ridge Miners Association |
| Resolution: That: 1. Council investigates further the possibility of the levy being applied by another party such as the Department of Lands or the LRMA directly, prior to allocating any funds for this purpose. 2. A further report on the subject be placed before the September Council Meeting. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Walford CARRIED | |

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| 228/09 | Regional Infrastructure Grant Program Update Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the following projects be funded by the \$193,000 provided under the Federal Government Regional Infrastructure Program <p>Moved: Clr Smith Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p> <p>AMENDMENT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Regional Infrastructure Grant funding be split up in the following amounts: <table> <tr> <td>Walgett</td><td>\$60,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lightning Ridge</td><td>\$40,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Collarenebri</td><td>\$23,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Burren Junction</td><td>\$20,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rowena</td><td>\$18,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cumborah</td><td>\$12,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Carinda</td><td>\$20,000</td></tr> </table> That the Precinct Committees make recommendation to Council on how the money is to be spent. <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Smith</p> <p>CARRIED AND BECAME MOTION</p> <p>AMENDMENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Regional Infrastructure Grant funding be split up in the following amounts: <table> <tr> <td>Walgett</td><td>\$60,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lightning Ridge</td><td>\$40,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Collarenebri</td><td>\$23,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Burren Junction</td><td>\$20,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rowena</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cumborah</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Carinda</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Come By Chance</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr> </table> That the Precinct Committee make recommendation to Council on how the money is to be spent. <p>Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Lane</p> <p>CARRIED AND BECAME MOTION</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | | Walgett | \$60,000 | Lightning Ridge | \$40,000 | Collarenebri | \$23,000 | Burren Junction | \$20,000 | Rowena | \$18,000 | Cumborah | \$12,000 | Carinda | \$20,000 | Walgett | \$60,000 | Lightning Ridge | \$40,000 | Collarenebri | \$23,000 | Burren Junction | \$20,000 | Rowena | \$15,000 | Cumborah | \$15,000 | Carinda | \$15,000 | Come By Chance | \$5,000 |
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| Come By Chance | \$5,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 229/09 | Development And Complying Development Certificate Applications |
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| <p>Resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during June 2009 be noted. <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Keir</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

| 230/09 | Crown Land Assessment, Walgett |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to respond by writing to the Program Manager Land Administration, Central Region, Department of Lands and state, regarding the area of Crown land located 5km north west of Walgett off the Castlereagh Highway (predominantly part of Reserve R26028 for Travelling stock), advising that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is expected that under any future Local Environmental Plan the land will most likely be zoned "RU1 Primary Production" 2. Council regards the key attributes of the land as including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) It's location at the intersection off the Castlereagh and Kamilaroi Highways (b) It's location at the end of the Narrabri to Walgett railway line (c) The area encloses the Walgett wheat silo (d) Public ownership (e) Reasonable distance from the Walgett urban area and rural residences 3. Council believes that the land shows a mix of attributes that are likely to be of significant benefit to any future development involving the transport, storage or processing of bulk items. Examples of potential developments requiring such attributes include any value adding industry utilising grain, extension of the existing wheat silo facilities, new grain handling facilities and bulk transport depots (stock, grain, fertilisers, and chemicals). There are no immediate plans for such developments but it appears to be in the public interest that the land remains available should the need arise in the future. In that context it would be best if the land remained in Crown control with an expectation that it should be made available for any suitable and legitimate development which would benefit the local and state economy. <p>Moved: Clr Colless Seconded: Clr Murray</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

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| 231/09 | Fire Damaged Heritage Building, Collarenebri |
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| Resolution: | |
| That Walgett Shire Council resolve to: | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the report dated 18 May 2009 prepared by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison regarding proposed heritage buildings located on lot 3 section 4, DP 7692622. Adopt the recommendations contained in that report, as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) Remove the former Denyer's Store building from the draft Heritage Schedule to allow for demolition and re-use of materials.(b) Retain the former bakery building on the Heritage Schedule and allow the owner to undertake modifications that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Retain as much as possible of the existing fabric and outline of the building.* Retain the outline of the existing building and ovens. | |
| Moved: | Clr Greenaway |
| Seconded: | Clr Smith |
| CARRIED | |

| 232/09 | Local Approvals Policy |
|--|------------------------|
| Resolution: | |
| That Walgett Shire Council: | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy, as publicly exhibited from 22 May 2009 to 3 July 2009.2. Write to the Director General of the Department of Local Government seeking approval for part of the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy relating to exemptions from the necessity to obtain approval.3. If approval is obtained from the Director General of the Department of Local Government, then give public notice of the adoption of the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy via advertisements in the Lightning Ridge News and the Walgett Spectator. | |
| Moved: | Clr Walford |
| Seconded: | Clr Martinez |
| CARRIED | |

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| 233/09 | Rural Addressing Status Report |
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| Resolution: | |
| That Walgett Shire Council: | |
| 1. | |
| Note the report on the status of the rural addressing project provided by Walgett Shire Council's GIS Co-ordinator. | |
| 2. | |
| Note the five written submissions received from rural landholders regarding issues associated with the rural addressing project. | |
| 3. | |
| Write to the Geographical Names Board of NSW, including a copy of GIS Co-ordinator's report on the status of the rural addressing project (as submitted to the 28 July 2009 meeting of Walgett Shire Council) and request that the board amend locality boundaries within Walgett Shire so that: | |
| (a) | |
| The property "Rugby" is moved from the locality of Collarenebri to Lightning Ridge, as per the map in attachment 8. | |
| (b) | |
| The properties "Muttapun" and "Sorrento" are moved from the locality of Cumborah to Lightning Ridge, as per the map in attachment 9. | |
| (c) | |
| The property "Chelmsford" is moved from the locality of Burren Junction to Rowena, as per the map in attachment 10. | |
| (d) | |
| the property 'Ibon' is moved from the locality of Collarenebri to Rowena. | |
| 4. | |
| Write to all parties who made written submissions regarding issues associated with the rural addressing project and advise them of this resolution | |
| Moved: | |
| Clr Keir | |
| Seconded: | |
| Clr Murray | |
| CARRIED | |

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| 234/09 | Development Application – Supermarket, Lightning Ridge |
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| Recommendation: | |
| 1. | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to approve Development Application 2009005 in the name of Gary Lawrence for a shopping complex on Lot 3 DP 40628, lot 150 DP 45069, lot 160 DP725281 and lot 79 DP 43258 subject to the conditions of development consent listed in Attachment H. |
| Moved: | Clr Walford |
| Seconded: | Clr Smith |
| AMENDMENT: | |
| 1. | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to approve Development Application 2009005 in the name of Gary Lawrence for a shopping complex on Lot 3 DP 40628, lot 150 DP 45069, lot 160 DP725281 and lot 79 DP 43258 subject to the conditions of development consent listed in Attachment H. |
| 2. | That the condition of development consent ACC016 be removed. |
| Moved: | Clr Martinez |
| Seconded: | Clr Smith |
| CARRIED AND BECAME MOTION | |
| AMENDMENT: | |
| 1. | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to approve Development Application 2009005 in the name of Gary Lawrence for a shopping complex on Lot 3 DP 40628, lot 150 DP 45069, lot 160 DP725281 and lot 79 DP 43258 subject to the conditions of development consent listed in Attachment H. |
| 2. | That the condition of development consent ACC016 only apply to the front of the development and the church residence on Lot 3 DP 40628, Lot 50 DP 45069 and Lot 78 DP 43257. |
| Moved: | Clr Greenaway |
| Seconded: | Clr Murray |
| For: | Clr Greenaway, Clr Woodcock, Clr Lane, Clr Smith, Clr Keir, Clr Walford, Clr Murray, Clr Colless |
| Against: | Clr Martinez |
| CARRIED | |

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DRAFT CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 prescribes the following conditions of development consent.

98. Compliance with Building Code of Australia and insurance requirements under the Home Building Act 1989

- (1) For the purposes of section 80A (11) of the Act, the following conditions are prescribed in relation to a development consent for development that involves any building work:
 - (a) that the work must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia,
 - (b) ~~in the case of residential building work for which the Home Building Act 1989 requires there to be a contract of insurance in force in accordance with Part 6 of that Act, that such a contract of insurance is in force before any building work authorised to be carried out by the consent commences.~~
- (2) This clause does not apply:
 - (a) to the extent to which an exemption is in force under clause 187 or 188, subject to the terms of any condition or requirement referred to in clause 187 (6) or 188 (4), or
 - (b) to the erection of a temporary building.
- (3) In this clause, a reference to the *Building Code of Australia* is a reference to that Code as in force on the date the application for the relevant construction certificate is made.

98A. Erection of signs

- (1) For the purposes of section 80A (11) of the Act, the requirements of subclauses (2) and (3) are prescribed as conditions of a development consent for development that involves any building work, subdivision work or demolition work.
 - (2) A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out:
 - (a) showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and
 - (b) showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and
 - (c) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.
 - (3) Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.
 - (4) This clause does not apply in relation to building work, subdivision work or demolition work that is carried out inside an existing building that does not affect the external walls of the building.
 - (5) This clause does not apply in relation to Crown building work that is certified, in accordance with section 116G of the Act, to comply with the technical provisions of the State's building laws.
 - (6) This clause applies to a development consent granted before 1 July 2004 only if the building work, subdivision work or demolition work involved had not been commenced by that date.
- Note.** *Principal certifying authorities and principal contractors must also ensure that signs required by this clause are erected and maintained (see clause 227A which currently imposes a maximum penalty of \$1,100).*

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CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY COUNCIL

The following development consent conditions are imposed by Council.

Conditions related to operations

GENERAL

Gen 020.

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

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

Gen 030.

Council is to be immediately informed in writing if arrangements for work are changed.

Reason: To enable Council to maintain an accurate record of approvals granted.

Gen 040.

Prior to commencing any building works a Construction Certificate must be obtained from Council to authorise construction.

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

Gen 050

In addition to plans, elevations and sections, the application for a Construction Certificate is to include the following information:

- (a) All structural details including specifications, tie-down and bracing plans and slab design details.
- (b) Details of all proposed fittings and fixtures, fixed equipment, Food Act compliance measures and Fire Safety measures.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Gen 070.

Occupancy of the building is not to take place until the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) has carried out a final inspection and an Occupation Certificate issued. All required trade certifications are to be available to the PCA before the final inspection will be carried out.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and to restrict the use of the premises until the terms of the Development Consent have been complied with so as to ensure the health and safety of occupants of the building.

CONSOLIDATION

Sub 021.

The following lots are to be consolidated into one (1) title before an Occupation Certificate for the use of the buildings can be issued.

Lot 79, DP 43258.

Lot 150, DP 45069

Lot 160, DP 725281.

Reason: To ensure that the development occurs on a single lot which is appropriate to the nature of the proposed development.

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Sub 120.

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

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

Sub 130.

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

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

APPROVED PLANS

Pln 010.

The development shall be implemented in accordance with:

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

except as amended by the conditions of this development consent.

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

Hrs 010.

The approved hours of operation for this development are Monday to Sunday, 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Reason: To protect and preserve the amenity of the locality.

DISABLED BUILDING ACCESS

Dis 030.

Provision of access and facilities is to be made for access by Disabled in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Dis 040.

At least two (2) disabled car parking spaces shall be provided within the proposed car park. The parking space is to have minimum width of 3.8m, with the signage and marking complying with the requirements of AS 2890.1 *Parking facilities-Part 1: Off-street car parking*. A continuous accessible path of travel complying with the requirements of AS 1428.1 *Design for access and mobility*, is to be provided from the parking space to the building.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

VENTILATION

Ven 010.

Provide an approved system of mechanical ventilation in accordance with the requirements of Part F4.5(b) of the Building Code of Australia.

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Reason: To provide adequate ventilation and to ensure that there are no adverse affects on the occupants or the building.

Ven 020.

Kitchen exhaust installations must not be discharged into an enclosed ceiling space.

Reason: To ensure that kitchen gases are not retained in the ceiling space.

PARKING & TRAFFIC

Par 001

A minimum of 76 car parks must be maintained for the development.

Reason: To ensure that car park spaces are maintained at the level proposed in the application, and at a level which is appropriate for the nature and scale of the development.

Par 020.

The off street car parking area is to be sealed and car parking bays clearly line-marked to comply with AS2890.1-1993 (Parking Facilities – Part 1: Off-street car parking).

Reason: To ensure off street parking is maintained in an appropriate manner.

Par 025

Carpark lighting is to comply with the requirements of AS 2890.1 1993. (Parking Facilities – Part 1: Off-street car parking).

Reason: To ensure that car park lighting does not interfere with adjoining properties.

Par 030.

Parking facilities, including two (2) disabled car parks, are to comply with Part D3.5 of Building Code of Australia and the requirements of Australian Standard 2890.1 – Parking Facilities – Off-street Car Parking.

Reason: To enable use of the car space by people with disabilities and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

ACCESS

Acc 010.

Any damage caused to kerb, guttering crossovers and/or footpaths during building operations shall be rectified by the developer to the satisfaction of Walgett Shire Council's Director of Urban Infrastructure.

Reason: To ensure that public infrastructure is maintained.

Acc 015.

The developer is establish access to Morilla Street shall from the car park located on lot 79 DP43258 and access to Kaolin Street from the car park located on lot 3 DP 40628.. Construction materials and methods are to be to the satisfaction of Walgett Shire Council's Director of Urban Infrastructure.

Reason – To ensure that appropriate access is provided for delivery trucks and the cost of upgrading access is borne by the developer.

Acc 016.

The developer is to meet the cost of reconstruction of Kaolin Street adjoining lot 150 DP45069, lot 78 DP 43257 and lot 3 DP 40628 to enable access for heavy vehicle traffic delivering goods to the site. This will include providing kerbing, guttering and driveway crossovers for the development site. Construction materials and methods are to be to the satisfaction of Walgett Shire Council's Director of Urban Infrastructure.

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Reason – To ensure that appropriate access is provided for delivery trucks and the cost of upgrading access is borne by the developer.

Acc 017.

The developer is to establish a footpath from the car park located on lot 3, DP 40628 to the entry of the shopping complex located on lot 150 DP 45069. Construction materials and methods are to be to the satisfaction of Walgett Shire Council's Director of Urban Infrastructure.

Reason – To ensure that there is pedestrian access from the isolated car park to the front of the shopping complex and that the cost of establishing this access is borne by the developer.

Acc 040.

All loading and unloading activities relating to the use of the premises are to be carried out wholly within the site.

Reason: To ensure the amenity of the area is maintained and minimise the potential for interference with traffic flow on public streets.

Acc 050.

The developer is to meet the cost of and be responsible for the construction of vehicular entrances and exits in accordance with Council's requirements.

Reason: To provide appropriate access to the site.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Env001.

A designated wash bay is to be established for the cleaning, washing or degreasing of rubbish disposal bins. The bay shall be provided with a hose cock, sealed surface and interceptor or silt collection pit appropriate for the operations. The bay shall also be located at least five (5) metres from the property boundary.

Reason: To minimise the potential for odours associated with bins to have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

Env 005.

A 3 metre high barrier is to be established and maintained between the loading bay and adjoining lot 78 DP 43257. The barrier must block light and reduce the potential for noise transmission to the satisfaction of Walgett Shire Council's Director of Planning and Regulatory Services division.

Reason: To minimise the potential for noise and light to adversely impact the residence located on Lot 78 DP43257.

Env 020.

The land surrounding any structure must be graded to divert surface water clear of existing and proposed structures and neighbouring properties.

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

Env 040.

No increase or interference with the amenity of the area is to be created by reason of any process or operation on the premises causing the emission of noise, dust, smoke or any other pollution discharge.

Reason: To prevent pollution from detrimentally affecting the public or environment.

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FOOD PREMISES

Foo 011.

The fit out and operations of the food premises must comply with the requirements of:

- (a) Food Safety Standards.
- (b) Australian Standard 4674-2004 *Design Construction and Fit Out of Food Premises*.
- (c) The NSW Food Act 2003.
- (d) Council's Policy for Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste and Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Guidelines issued by the Department of Water and Energy – April 2009.

Reason: To ensure that the building conforms to the relevant performance requirements of the Building Code of Australia and Food Act 2003.

Foo 020.

Plans and specifications showing floor layout and design of all food preparation, food service, food storage, dining area, garbage disposal area, construction and method of installation of all fittings and fixtures, together with floor, wall and ceiling finishes are required prior to Council issuing a Construction Certificate.

Reason: To comply with AS 467-2004 Design, construction and fit-out of food premise, and Building Code of Australia.

Foo 030.

Arrangements are to be put in place by the applicant for the collection, storage, and removal of garbage and unwanted materials from site on a regular basis. All garbage is to be stored in animal proof containers screened from public view and situated so as not to cause a nuisance to the occupants of the building or neighbouring properties.

Reason: To maintain the amenity of the site and surrounds.

Foo 040.

All commercial kitchens must be provided with a kitchen exhaust hood that complies with the provisions of AS/NZS 1668.1 *Mechanical ventilation in buildings*, and AS 1668.2 where applicable.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

FIRE SAFETY

Fir 060.

Fire Safety Equipment as per the attached Fire Safety Schedule, shall be installed and maintained on the premises and be the subject of the required annual Fire Safety Statement

FIRE SAFETY SCHEDULE.

The following fire safety services are to be installed in the building:

- (a) **Fire Hose Reels** complying with the requirements of Part E1.4 of the building code of Australia and AS 1121 "Fire Hose Reels", and AS 2441 "Fire Hose Reels Installation".
- (b) **Portable Fire Extinguishers** complying with the requirements of Part E1.6 of the Building Code of Australia and AS 2444 "Fire Extinguishers Selection".
- (c) **Exit signs** complying with the requirements of Part E4.5 of the Building Code of Australia and AS 2293, "Emergency Evacuation Lighting". Such lighting to be located at each designated exit from the buildings.
- (d) **Emergency Lighting** complying with the requirements of Part E4.2 of the Building Code of Australia and AS 2293.1 "Emergency Evacuation Lighting".

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- (e) **An automatic smoke detection and alarm system** complying with the requirements of Specification E2.2a (Clauses 3 or 4 as applicable) of the Building Code of Australia and AS 1670.1 and AS 3786.

On completion of the building and at least once in each period of twelve months following completion, the owner shall cause council to be furnished with Certification that each essential fire service installed in the building is capable of performing to a standard not less than they were originally required to achieve and perform to a standard not less than that determined using the corresponding Part I.1 Building Code of Australia provisions.

Conditions related to construction

SITING/SETOUT

Set 010.

The owner of the property is to ensure that any building is constructed:

- (a) to meet the setback requirements of the approved plans,
- (b) to be located within the confines of the lot., and;
- (c) so that it does not interfere with any easements or covenants upon the land.

Reason: To avoid any buildings being erected in a location where it would be inappropriate.

Set 040

The wall of the building is to be fire rated or set back from the property boundary in accordance with the requirements of Specification C1.1 of the Building Code of Australia.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the fire safety provisions of the Building Code of Australia.

CONSTRUCTION

Con 010

The applicant shall ensure that noise pollution is minimised during the course of construction. The use of power tools and/or similar noise producing activities shall be limited to the following hours:-

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| Weekdays | 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. |
| Weekends & Public Holidays | No construction activities are to take place. |

Reason: To ensure that public amenity is not unduly affected by noise.

Con 020.

All works are to be executed in a good and workmanlike manner and all materials are to be installed as per manufacturers' instructions and any applicable Australian Standards.

Reason: To ensure that the building work is completed in accordance with the approval and is in a safe and healthy condition for use by occupants.

Con 030.

The builder shall provide a temporary sanitary service to the building site before building operations are commenced.

Reason: To provide effective sanitation of the site during building construction.

Con 040.

All construction materials, sheds, skip bins, spoil, temporary water closets etc, shall be kept wholly within the property and not placed on public land or in a position that may result in materials/debris being washed onto the roadway or into the stormwater drainage system.

Reason: To preserve the amenity of the locality and protect stormwater systems.

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Con 050.

Temporary kerb and gutter crossings shall be installed to protect existing kerbs, channels and/or laybacks. Such protection shall consist of timber, concrete, steel or the like and shall not cause any diversion or build-up of drainage flow. Materials that could cause interference with councils drainage system shall not be used.

Reason: To ensure that Council's stormwater system is protected.

Con 070.

All footings and/or slabs shall be constructed as per engineer's details.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Con 080.

All timber framing shall comply with the NSW Timber Framing Manual and the Building Code of Australia.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Con 090.

All steel framing shall comply with Part B1 of the Building Code of Australia and associated standards.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Con 110.

Engineer's detail of the roof trusses with a truss layout plan, are to be submitted and approved by Council prior to any roof construction work commencing.

Reason: To ensure structural efficiency of the roof trusses.

Con 120.

All glass installation shall comply with the requirements of AS 1288 *Glass in buildings*, and AS 2047 *Windows in buildings*, as applicable. The installer shall provide certification that the glazing complies with the requirements of AS 1288 and AS 2047 immediately following installation.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Con 130.

All wet areas are to be waterproofed in accordance with Australian Standard 3740-2004. *Waterproofing Standards*.

Reason: To ensure that the waterproofing of the wet areas comply with the relevant Australian Standards and the Building Code of Australia.

Con 140.

All external lightning is to be positioned and directed so as to prevent the intrusion of light to the adjoining premises.

Reason: To prevent the intrusion of light onto adjoining premises.

Con 210.

All electrical work must be carried out by a licensed electrician in accordance with Australian Standard 3000 – SAA Wiring Rules and Australian Standard 3002.

Reason: To ensure compliance with Australian Standards.

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TERMITE CONTROL

Ter 010.

Treatment against termites is to be carried out in accordance with AS 3660.1. Upon completion of the selected method of treatment:

- (a) a certificate is to be issued to Council by the licensed installer of the system certifying that the system installed is in accordance with the specific requirements of Council and AS3660.1 *Termite management*.
- (b) A durable notice must be permanently fixed within the meter box indicating:
 - The method of protection
 - The date of installation of the system
 - Where a chemical barrier is used, it's life expectancy as listed on the National Registration Authority label ; and
 - The need to maintain and inspect the system on a regular basis.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER

Plu 010.

Before any plumbing, stormwater or sewer drainage works are commenced an Activity Application and Annexure accompanied by a diagram of proposed works and the appropriate fees is to be submitted and approval granted in accordance with the requirements of Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council's On Site Sewage Management Guidelines, Australian Standard 3500.1-4 and the Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Plu 035.

Hydraulic services are to be designed and approved by Council prior to the issue of a construction certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Plu 040.

Provision shall be made for a water meter upstand within the confines of the property to be accessible to Council at all times.

Reason: To provide access for periodic water meter reading.

Plu 060.

The top of the buildings overflow relief gully (ORG) shall be a minimum 150mm below the lowest sanitary fixture or the buildings finished floor level, whichever is the lowest and a minimum 75mm above the finished surrounding ground level.

Reason: To prevent ingress of surface stormwater into the sewer and ensure compliance with Australian Standard 3500 Plumbing and Drainage Parts.1-4 and the Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Plu 070.

All plumbing and drainage works are to be carried out by licensed tradesmen.

Reason: To ensure compliance with AS: 3500-2003. Plumbing and Drainage Parts.1-4 and the Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

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Plu 080.

All plumbing and drainage works are to be completed in accordance with Australian Standards 3500.1-4 and the NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Reason: To ensure that plumbing and drainage works are completed in a professional manner.

Plu 130.

The land surrounding the completed building is to have a drainage system so that:-

- (a) It is graded to divert surface water to the street, and clear of existing and proposed structures and adjoining premises, or
- (b) It is to be collected and drained via a gravity system to a Council stormwater line, or
- (c) Disposed of in a manner, which will not create any additional nuisance to adjoining properties.

Reason: To minimise the potential for detrimental impacts to buildings or neighbouring properties.

Plu 140.

Where the proposed building works necessitate the cutting-in of new stormwater outlets into the existing street kerb, the Applicant and plumbing/drainage contractor shall ensure that the following procedures are adopted.

- (a) A kerb adaptor suitable for the particular kerb profile and capable of withstanding vehicular loadings is to be utilised,
- (b) Create the opening in the kerb by use of either a saw cut or bored hole only – breaking out the kerb by impact methods is not permitted,
- (c) The kerb adaptor is to be kept flush with the top and outside face of the kerb, and
- (d) The fixing of the kerb adaptor and filling in of side gaps is to be undertaken by the use of an epoxy resin – mortar or concrete is not to be used.

Reason: Requirement of Council as the Road Authority.

Plu 150.

All new heated water installations shall, at the outlet of all sanitary fixtures used primarily for personal hygiene (bath, shower and hand basins) deliver heated water not exceeding 50° C.

Notes:

- 1. Temperature control devices require routine maintenance and performance testing. Information on maintenance can be found in AS 4032.2 *Thermostatic mixing valves*.
- 2. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the routine maintenance is carried out.

Reason: Temperature limits are required to minimise the risk of scalding.

Plu 160.

Roof water is to be disposed of:

- (a) By piping to the street gutter.

Reason: To alleviate any potential stormwater problems with respect to the buildings on the allotment or adjoining allotments.

Plu 165.

All gas installations and gas tanks are to comply with the requirements of AS5601-2002 (Gas Installations).

Reason: To ensure compliance with AS 5601-2002 (Gas Installations).

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Env 010.

Run-off and erosion controls must be implemented before construction, and maintained to prevent soil erosion, water pollution or the discharge of loose sediment on surrounding land, as follows:

- (a) divert uncontaminated run-off around cleared or disturbed areas,
- (b) erect a silt fence to prevent debris escaping into drainage systems or waterways,
- (c) prevent tracking of sediment by vehicles onto roads,
- (d) stock pile topsoil, excavated material, construction and landscaping supplies and debris within the site.

Reason: To prevent pollution from detrimentally affecting the public or environment.

INSPECTIONS

The applicant is to advise Council of the name and address of the body nominated to act as the Principal Certifying Authority, on the "Notice of Commencement Form" forty eight (48) hours prior to work commencing.

Inspections at the completion of stages as indicated below are required to be carried out by the Principal Certifying Authority. **Work must not proceed past any inspection stage until approval is given by the Certifier.**

Critical Stage Inspections – Class 6.

- At the commencement of the building work.
- After the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.
- Footings/piers and slab after placement of moisture barrier, reinforcement and prior to pouring of any concrete.
- Underfloor drainage prior to pouring concrete.
- On completion of blockwork/brickwork and prior to core filling.
- On completion of plumbing pipe installation (hot & cold water service) prior to covering.
- Prior to covering any sewer or stormwater drainage pipe work and connection points.
- Installation of septic tanks and effluent lines prior to backfilling.
- All external sewer drainage prior to covering in trenches, clearly visible and under hydrostatic test.
- Final Inspection of Fire Service installations
- Final Inspection after completion of all works and prior to occupation of the building.

Reason: Occupation Certificates cannot be issued if the Principal Certifying Authority does not carry out the designated inspections, and to ensure compliance with the approved plans.

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ADVISORY NOTES

NOTE: OPAL MINING DISTURBANCE

Opal mining and prospecting operations may have been previously carried out on, or below, the land, which is the subject of this consent, or on adjoining lands. The developer should make their own enquiries to determine whether the land being developed might be adversely affected by such activities, prior to proceeding with the development.

Reason: There are no official records of the extent of opal mining workings within the Lightning Ridge area. It is in the interest of the developer to ensure that there is no evidence that the land is detrimentally affected by mining activity.

NOTE: COVENANTS

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

Reason: To avoid breaching the requirements of any covenant.

END.

12.33pm Clr Walford left the meeting

| 235/09 | Development Application – Primitive Camping Ground Walgett |
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| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That Walgett Shire council approve the Development Application for a Primitive Camping Ground at Trevallion Park, Walgett, in accordance with conditions of development consent recommended by Chalmers Paige town planning consultants.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Colless Seconded: Clr Martinez</p> <p>For: Clr Keir, Clr Colless, Clr Woodcock, Clr Martinez, Clr Lane, Clr Murray, Clr Greenaway, Clr Smith Against: Nil</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

12.37pm Clr Walford returned to the meeting

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236/09 Development Application – Primitive Camping Ground Collarenebri

Resolution:

1. That Walgett Shire Council approve DA 2009019 proposed Primitive Camping Ground and Caravan Dump Point at the Sports Ground, Collarenebri, in accordance with conditions of development consent recommended by Chalmers Paige town planning consultants.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

For: Clr Keir, Clr Colless, Clr Woodcock, Clr Martinez, Clr Lane, Clr Murray, Clr Greenaway, Clr Smith, Clr Walford.

Against: Nil

CARRIED

237/09 Development Application – Skateboard Park - Collarenebri

Resolution:

1. That Walgett Shire Council approve Development Application 2009015, proposed Skateboard Park at Collarenebri, in accordance with conditions of development consent recommended by Chalmers Paige, consultant town planners.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Lane

For: Clr Keir, Clr Colless, Clr Woodcock, Clr Martinez, Clr Lane, Clr Murray, Clr Greenaway, Clr Smith, Clr Walford.

Against: Nil

CARRIED

12.44pm Clr Smith and Clr Lane left the meeting

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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| 238/09 | Lightning Ridge Water Standpipe Installation |
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| Resolution: | |
| 1. That Council defer the introduction of stand pipe water charges until a new user pay pricing regime is implemented in July 2010. | |
| Moved: Clr Martinez | |
| Seconded: Clr Walford | |
| CARRIED | |

12.46pm Clr Smith and Clr Lane returned to the meeting

| 239/09 | Memorandum Of Understanding – Water Utilities Sharing Group |
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| Resolution: | |
| That: | |
| 1. Council nominates Councillor Woodcock as member of the first Management Board. | |
| 2. Council appoint the Director of Urban Infrastructure Services as the official technical representative to the Technical Sub-Committee of the Water Utilities Resource Sharing Group. | |
| 3. Council authorises the General Manager to advise the Minister of Water and Energy for information of the formation of the Water Utilities Sharing Group and to forward a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding to the Minister. | |
| Moved: Clr Colless | |
| Seconded: Clr Keir | |
| CARRIED | |

| 240/09 | Sale of 26 Euroka Street, Walgett |
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| Resolution: | |
| That Council: | |
| 1. Not sell the 575 square metres currently utilised as Works Depot parking area. | |
| 2. Continue using the 575 square metres of land for Works Depot parking | |
| 3. Set fair market value as \$90,000 for the 1574 square metres now currently occupied by Mr. Les Greene | |
| Moved: Clr Greenway | |
| Seconded: Clr Colless | |
| CARRIED | |

12.52pm Clr Keir and Clr Greenaway left the meeting

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| 241/09 | Tenders Plant Hire |
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| Resolution: | |
| 1. | That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for E08007 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW - <ul style="list-style-type: none">* MJ & GD Barton Transport* Coates Hire* RGT Cochrane* JWF & Y Muller* Ausroad Systems* J & J Fielding |
| Moved: | Clr Lane |
| Seconded: | Clr Martinez |
| CARRIED | |

12.53pm Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting

12:54pm Clr Keir returned to the meeting

| 242/09 | Roads & Traffic Authority – REPAIR Program |
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| Resolution: | |
| 1. | That Council note the 2009/10 Regional Roads REPAIR Program funding of \$400,000 awarded to MR333 Walgett - Carinda Road Reconstruction and Sealing Project |
| Moved: | Clr Walford |
| Seconded: | Clr Smith |
| CARRIED | |

Questions without Notice

Clr Greenaway:

Question 1:

Why have other councils put in lots of application for funding for the REPAIR program and our council hasn't?

Response:

The Director, Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that irrespective of how many applications are lodged, the total amount of funds that are available per Council each year is \$300,000.

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Question 2:

The organisation chart lists Maxine Muldoon as a casual. What does this mean?

Response:

The Director of Corporate and Community Services responded that the position need to be filled quickly so a casual was appointed until such time as the position can be advertised properly and filled with a permanent staff member. She further advised that the appointed casual is able to apply for the permanent appointment.

Question 3:

What has happened to the sign at the corner of Clarke's road and Rowena Lane?

Response:

The Director of Rural Infrastructure and Support Services responded that he was unsure of the reasons and would take the question on notice.

Question 4:

Margaret Webber has resigned from her position with the Historical Society and is moving in about 1 month to Dubbo. Would it be appropriate that Council present Mrs Webber with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work?

Response:

The General Manager responded that this could be arranged with a morning tea in association with the next Council meeting.

Clr Lane

Question 1:

Council previously had a budget for small trees for people who wanted to plant on nature strips. Is this service still available? If so, can Council purchase trees from Forestry in Dubbo to hand out for planting?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that there are no trees available at present. There was \$20,000 allocated in last year's budget. He will look into this matter and advise what is available.

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Clr Martinez

Question 1:

Cumborah had \$6,000 allocated from the infrastructure projects monies, where has it been allocated to be spent? The residents have been told that they will be getting a wood fired BBQ which will only able to be used for 5 months of the year and they feel that a shaded seating area would be a better idea.

Response:

The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that Murdi Paaki is attending to the works in Cumborah and has had discussions with residents in the area and they have agreed on what projects need to be undertaken. She will seek advice as to what has been agreed.

Clr Smith:

Question1:

A resident currently removes rubbish on the road from Collarenebri to Walli. Could Council please install a rubbish bin so that she can dispose of the rubbish and then have the garbage truck empty it on his rounds?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services indicated that he will attend to this.

Question 2:

The old bake house has been cleaned up nicely. The house which is currently owned by Mary Marshall is in a bad state of repair. If they aren't covered by insurance how can Council go about requesting that this be cleaned up?

Response:

The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services advised that some orders have been issued regarding this. He further advised that he will take the question on notice and report back to Council.

Question 3:

The old age home at Collarenebri which is located on Walgett Street is still very sloppy after rain, due to the use of wheelchairs on this property. Can this problem be addressed?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services indicated that he was under the impression the work had been completed. He further advised that he will look into this matter and advise the Council.

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Clr Murray

Question 1:

What happened with the health inspection of IGA Walgett?

Response:

The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services advised that the inspector was quiet happy with the tidy up which has been carried out. The major food safety issues have been addressed. There will be a follow up undertaken in due course.

Question 2:

With regard to the Sheepyard Inn, has the inspector been out to inspect ?

Response:

The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services advised that the Senior Health and Building Surveyor has undertaken at least 1 inspection. The Director advised that he will forward a minute on the current status to Councillors.

Question 3:

Father Riley's touch football competition has not been allowed on the No.1 oval. Are they going to be permitted to resume use of the oval in the future?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that there are no issues relating to the touch football competition. There is a watering system currently being installed and when that is complete they will be able to return to using the grounds.

Question 4:

With regard to the Walgett Festival what has happened to the Bulldust to Bitumen Festival?

Response:

The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that the Bulldust to Bitumen Festival hasn't been active for some time and that the organisers were approached to combine resources with the Festival to which they agreed.

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Question 5:

Local clubs and hotels in Walgett met earlier this month to discuss the Alcohol Liquor Accord. Has Council had an input in this?

Response:

The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that an Agreement was reached but that a formal document has not been delivered to date. The Director further advised that when the document arrives it will be submitted to the Mayor and General Manager for signing.

Clr Colless further advised that Council was represented at the meeting by himself, the Mayor, Clr Murray and the Director Corporate and Community Services

1.23pm Adjourned for lunch

2.01pm Resumed meeting

| 243/09 | Lightning Ridge Bush Safari |
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| <p>Resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Mayor to write to the Minister for Police objecting to the way a member of the Force has established a rival Bush Safari out of Dubbo. <p>Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

| 244/09 | Closed Session |
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| <p>Resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(a)(c)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> personnel matters concerning particular individuals information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it <p>Moved: Clr Greenway Seconded: Clr Colless</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

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| 245/09 | Tourism Branding Expression of Interest |
| Resolution: | |
| That: | |
| 1. Council appoint Busy Street as its preferred agency. | |
| Moved: | Clr Martinez |
| Seconded: | Clr Murray |
| CARRIED | |
| 246/09 | Walgett CBD Beautification Report |
| Recommendation: | |
| That: | |
| 1. Council, having considered the submissions, nominate GM Urban as its preferred firm to undertake the Walgett CBD design. | |
| Moved: | Clr Keir |
| Seconded: | Clr Walford |
| AMENDMENT: | |
| That: | |
| 1. Council, having considered the submissions, nominate GM Urban as its preferred firm to undertake the Walgett CBD design. | |
| 2. Staff present to the August Council meeting an estimated budget ceiling to implement the Walgett CBD Design and advise where it fits into the budget. | |
| Moved: | Clr Lane |
| Seconded: | Clr Walford |
| CARRIED | |

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| 247/09 | Council Housing Report |
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| Resolution: | |
| That: | |
| 1. | Reserve prices for Council dwellings to be sold be as follows: Arthur Street 3 Bedroom unit- \$240,000 Lot 31 DP 226373 Arthur Street 2 Bedroom units - \$216,000 Lot 31 DP 226373 32 Euroka Street - \$100,000 Lot k DP 414481 |
| 2. | Asking prices for Council dwellings to be sold be as determined by the General Manager having regard to the advice of agents and where appropriate, the development costs. |
| 3. | The occupants of the following positions be eligible to occupy Council housing at a subsidised rent: General Manager Directors Roads and Bridges Engineer Urban Utilities Engineer Records Manager Finance Manager Town Planner Senior Health & Building Surveyor Health and Building Surveyor Human Resources Officer |
| 4. | The occupants of the following positions be offered initial tenancy in the new units: General Manager Roads and Bridges Engineer Urban Utilities Engineer Records Manager |
| 5. | The General Manager be authorised to offer one of the units, which are proposed for sale, for rental to a Government Department for a term of 12 months. |
| Moved: | Clr Lane |
| Seconded: | Clr Walford |
| CARRIED | |

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| 248/09 | Swimming Pool Tender |
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The tender of Riley Aquatic Management Pty, Ltd is not accepted. 2. Council re-tender the operational management of Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool for 3 years. 3. The tender specification provide that the operator will retain the proceeds of kiosk sales while Council retains entrance fees <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Smith</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |
| 249/09 | Walgett Shire Council Mayoral Minute – Annual Performance Review of General Manager |
| <p>Resolution:</p> <p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council conduct the formal Performance Review meeting with the General Manager at the end of the August Council meeting to be held in Walgett Tuesday 25th 2. Any questions of the General Manager to be forwarded in writing by the Mayor prior to close of business Friday 7th August 3. The General Manager respond to questions and address other relevant matters in a Confidential Report to the August Council meeting 4. A "written statement" prepared pursuant to Section 7.10 of the General Manager's contract be provided to the General Manager prior to the September Council meeting. <p>Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Walford</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | |

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| 250/09 | Open Session |
| Resolution: 1. That Council return to Open Session. Moved: Cllr Murray Seconded: Cllr Smith CARRIED | |

The meeting closed at 3.20pm
To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 25th August 2009

Mayor

General Manager

Recommendation:

1. That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th July 2009 be confirmed.

8. Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

1. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WALGETT SHOWGROUND TO UNDERTAKE ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructure Services
AUTHOR: Danielle Osborne – Assets Officer
FILE NUMBER: 195/04/00/00

Summary:

An application was submitted to the Public Reserves Management Fund through the Department of Lands for financial assistance to carry out an upgrade of the electrical system at the Walgett Showgrounds and Racecourse Reserve. This work was viewed as an O H& S issue. The Walgett Show Society obtained a quote of \$26,161.75 for the work.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The Showground and Racecourse Reserve is used by a variety of parties including the Show Society, Jockey Club, Bushman's Carnival, and the Walgett Pony Club who hold their annual camp in August. The kitchen in particular is hired out for various functions on a user pay basis.

The quote received from the electrician identified two areas needing attention

\$20,129.75 to replace the old circuit breakers and safety switches
\$6,032.00 for the kitchen upgrade.

The kitchen upgrade required immediate attention as there was too much load on the single phase causing bad earthing and people receiving shocks through the copper piping. This was viewed as an OH&S issue. Consequently Council's contribution to the upgrade was the payment of \$6,032.00 for urgent repairs.

Correspondence from the Minister for Lands (on behalf of the Public Reserves Management Fund) have offered Council a grant of \$6,000 and a loan of \$14,000 towards the cost of the electrical upgrading works at the Showgrounds.

Provision of the grant is subject to acceptance of the loan and the Trust undertaking to complete the project. The loan is offered on terms as set out in Annexure A which includes interest of 7.5% over a seven year period. The offer will lapse if the Trust does not accept this offer by 31st August 2009.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Application for funding to Department of Lands
Letter dated 3rd June 2009 from Department of Lands offering the grant

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council (as Reserve Trust Manager)

Financial Implications:

The grant is subject to Council accepting the loan. The O H & S issues were high risk requiring immediate attention. This could have affected our Public Liability policy.

Recommendations:

That:

- 1. Council accept a grant of \$6,000 and loan of \$14,000 from the Public Reserves Management Fund to upgrade the electrical system at the Walgett Showground.**
- 2. Provision be made in the General Fund financial estimates for 2010-2011, and the following 6 years, for the repayment of the \$14,000 loan.**

Attachments

Annexure A Loan Terms
Quote from Nicholas Schiller Electrical Contractor

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1. The loan is repayable by seven equal annual instalments of principal with interest at 7.5% per annum, calculated daily on the outstanding balance, interest to commence from the date the loan is advanced.
2. The first instalment will fall due one year from the date the loan is advanced.
3. The project should be completed within twelve months and a certificate or a report submitted to the department indicating that the works have been satisfactorily completed and the funds fully expended.
4. Both the grant and the loan is an appropriation between government related entities made under an Australian law and will not be subject to the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Trusts should be able to claim input tax credits for any GST paid for goods and services acquired during the project.
 - Unless otherwise expressly stated, the estimated costs of the project and any other monetary amounts set out in this Agreement are stated exclusive of GST.
 - The estimated cost of the project and the amount of funding is calculated by determining the project costs, less any input tax credits to which the Crown reserve trust will be entitled.
 - If GST applies to any supply made under this Agreement, the supplier may recover from the other party an amount on account of that GST liability within 14 days of providing a tax invoice to the other party or as otherwise agreed between the parties.
 - No payments will be made to the Crown reserve trust until the Crown reserve trust has provided to the Department of Lands a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) or clear evidence supported by law as to why no ABN is required.
 - The expressions "Australian law", "GST", "input tax credit" and "tax invoice" have the meanings given to those expressions in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

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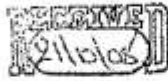
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Nicholas Schiller

Lic No: 201966C

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Electrical Contractor



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P.O. Box 128

Walgett NSW 2832

Ph: 0438 931 068

Fax: 02 6828 1219

20th October 2008

Walgett Shire Council
Att: Danielle

Dear Danielle

Please find enclosed quotation for following electrical works at the Walgett Showground

Pole No 1: Transformer pole

Pole No 2: Meter box - upgrade main switch from 50 amp to 80 amp 3 phase main switch. **Total Price \$151.50**

Pole No 3: Replace old fuses with circuit breakers and safety switches, install 4 x 15 amp power points each on it own safety switch and replace old 3 phase outlet with new outlet on side of board. **Total Price \$1,223.50**

Pole No 4: Replace old fuses with circuit breakers and safety switches, install 4 x 15 amp power points each on it own safety switch and replace old 3 phase outlet with new outlet on side of board. **Total Price \$1,223.50**

Pole No 5: In good order has just been done.

Pole No 6: Replace 2 power points, replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

Pole No 7: Replace 2 power points, replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

Pole No 8: Replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

Pole No 9: Replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

Pole No 10: Replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

Pole No 11: Replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

Pole No 12: Replace old circuit breakers to safety switches and put each power point on its own circuit. **Total Price \$942.50**

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Pole No 13: No box on pole
Pole No 14: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker to each outer building.
Total Price \$388.75
Mushroom: Replace 2 mushroom heads with 4 outlets in each with power point on residual current device. Total Price \$2,652.50
Pole No 15: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker and safety switch and put each power point on own circuit. Total Price \$1,049.00
Pole No 16: Replace box on pole, new main & 6 x 15 amp power points each on own circuit and replace earthing. Total Price \$1,260.50
Pole No 17: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker and safety switch and put each power point on own circuit. Total Price \$1,049.00
Pole No 18: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker and safety switches & replace 6 x 15 amp power points each on own circuit. Total Price \$1,133.50
Pole No 19: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker and safety switches & replace 6 x 15 amp power points each on own circuit. Total Price \$1,133.50
Pole No 20: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker and safety switches & replace 6 x 15 amp power points each on own circuit. Total Price \$1,133.50
Pole No 21: Replace old circuit breaker with new circuit breaker and safety switches & replace 6 x 15 amp power points each on own circuit. Total Price \$1,133.50

Kitchen upgrade from single phase to 3 phase, balance the circuit, upgrade earthing and water bond and remove old sub mains. Total Price \$6,032.00
The kitchen upgrade requires immediate attention as there is too much load on the single phase which causes bad earthing and people getting shocked through the copper piping.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this quotation, if you have any queries please call.

Work has been done.

Regards
Nick Schiller

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9. Mayoral Minutes

2. **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MAYORAL MINUTE**

COUNCIL MEETING: 25 August 2009

SUBJECT: Nomination of the Western Division Group of the Shires Association to the Western Lands Advisory Council

Summary:

Council needs to express a preference in respect of the three nominees for a vacancy on the Advisory Council which the Minister fills on the recommendation of the Western Division of the Shires Association.

Discussion (including issues and background):

At the June 2009 meeting of Council (see attached report) it was resolved as follows:

“That Councillor Murray be nominated by Council to be a Western Division Group nomination to the Minister for Land’s Western Lands Advisory Council”.

The Western Division Group nominate two members to the Advisory Council with the sole current member being Councillor Linnett of Central Darling Shire.

Three nominations have been received to fill the vacancy (Councillor Murray; Councillor Ron Mengler from Balranald Shire and Councillor Andrew Lewis from Bourke Shire) and their Resumes are attached.

Council preferences are to be advised to the Secretary of the Western Division Group of Councils by the 28th August.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Residents within the Western Division

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council's preferences for the Western Division Group of Council's nominee to the Western Lands Advisory Council be as follows: 1. Councillor Murray 2. Councillor Lewis 3. Councillor Mengler.**

Attachments

1. WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MAYORAL MINUTE

COUNCIL MEETING: 23rd June 2009

SUBJECT: Nomination to Western Lands Advisory Council

Summary:

The Western Division Group of the Shires Association nominates two members to the Western Lands Advisory Council. There is currently one Local Government vacancy and Council has the option of supporting a nominee from Bourke Shire Council or nominating its own candidate for consideration by the Western Division Group.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The Western Lands Advisory Council has the following functions:

- To advise the Minister on matters relevant to the objects of the Western Lands Act 1901
- To advise the Minister on matters affecting the administration of the Western Division
- To consult with people and organisations that have an interest in any matter affecting the administration of the Western Division

One of the Western Division Group's nominees (Councillor Wayne O'Mally from Bourke Shire) has resigned from the Advisory Council leaving Councillor Clive Linnett of Central Darling Shire as the only Local Government representative.

Councillor Murray has previously been a member of the Advisory Council (representing the NSW Farmers Western Division Council) and is prepared to be nominated for membership once more. Councillor Andrew Lewis of Bourke Shire Council has also been nominated.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Residents and lessees within the Western Division

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

1. That Councillor Murray be nominated by Council to be a Western Division Group nomination to the Minister for Land's Western Lands Advisory Council.

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Attachments: Letter from the Secretary of the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW; Department of Lands description of the Western Lands Advisory Council.

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MAYOR, CR ANDREW LEWIS

"SPRINGVALE"

BOURKE NSW 2840

DOB: 26th July 1960
ADDRESS: "SPRINGVALE"
BOURKE NSW 2840
PHONE: 02 68 747 621
MOBILE: 0429 722 480

BACKGROUND

Married to Lorraine Jackson since 23rd April 1983 with three (3) children one (1) deceased.

Business Interests

My wife and I own and operate WLL Grazing Property "Springvale" and "Lochnagar" near Enngonia comprising 22,000ha which at present is stocked with 950 head of cattle and 2,000 head of sheep.

We also own and operate a 125ha Gypsum Mining Lease which produces and supplies 15,000 tonne of product per year.

We own two (2) Road Train Tipper combinations.

Education

- ❖ Gulgong Infants & Primary School 1966-1972
- ❖ Hurlstone Agricultural High School 1973 - 1975
- ❖ Gulgong High School 1976 - 1977
- ❖ School Certificate 1976

Positions held in various associations

- ❖ Chairman Enngonia Branch NSW Farmers Association – 1997- 2004
- ❖ Councillor Western Division Council of NSW Farmers Association – 1998- 2003
- ❖ Vice President Bourke P&A Show Committee 2000-2001
- ❖ NSW Farmers Representative on Ministers Kangaroo Management Advisory Committee 1999 – 2003
- ❖ Captain Enngonia District Rural Fire Brigade 2000 – 2003
- ❖ Vice Chairman Western Division NSW Farmers Association 2002 – 2003
- ❖ Councillor Bourke Shire Council 2002 – Current
- ❖ Deputy Mayor Bourke Shire Council 2007-2008
- ❖ Mayor Bourke Shire Council 2008 – Current
- ❖ Director of Bourke Rural Lands Protection Board 2006 - 2008

Benhar Pty Ltd Mengler Family Trust.

Benhar
Via Euston
NSW
2737

Phone: 03)50263782
Fax: 03)50263782
Mobil 0428591543

Name Ronald Lindsay Mengler

Current Employment ;

Self Employed grazier

Qualification;

Farming related training and qualifications.

Areas of Expertise and Skills;

Knowledge of national & regional Impacts on Communities.
Understanding of rural business and economy.

Courses Include;

Administration Geelong University.
Mental Health.

Other Business/Industry or community representation;

- > Current Mayor & Deputy Mayor –Shire of Balranald [3] years.
- > Councilor— Shire of Balranald [14] Years.
- > 1995 to 2001 Committee member of the Lower Murray Darling Rangeland Management Plan.
- > 1997 to 2001 Committee member of the Murray Darling Water Management Plan.
- > 1999 to 2003 Committee Member Southern Mallee Regional Planning Committee [clearing and cultivation]
- > Community Involvement includes representation of local committees relating to Balranald Shire Council. Eg; Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area TSAC/CMC Committee, Rural Financial Counselling Services Wentworth & Balranald..
- > Regular Attendances ,NSW Shires Ass, NGA of local Government, ACL Federal government Forum, National local Roads & Transport Congress, Western Division Shires Ass, Murray Darling Ass. RAMROC Eighteen Regional councils.
- > Local Community Involvement includes ;
Robinvale Secondary College School Councilor [2] years .
Euston Public School P.C.President for [4] years
Robinvale Tennis Committee Member and Tournament Director, Court Captain . [5] years.
Euston Junior Football President { 5] years.
Foundation Member of the Euston Senior Football Club as Secretary / Treasure [3] years.
Robinvale Basketball Ass. Committee Member [5] Years President [2] years

Melissa Brown

From: Raymond Kent [RKent@Walgett.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 July 2009 10:17 AM
To: Melissa Brown
Subject: Resume of GA Murray - nominee to Western Division Advisory Board

Dear Tim,
Resume follows:

Gustavus (Bill) Murray
"Coonong", Walgett NSW 2832
0428 253 555
g.a.murray@bigpond.com

Self employed primary producer (18,000 hectares of Western Lands) with 40 years experience in grazing, dryland farming, irrigated farming and sheep feed lotting.

Board member of the Walgett Special One Co-operative for 4 years. The Co-operative is a community owned and operated organization that provides the grain industry with marketing services and value adding opportunities.

Executive Councillor for NSW Farmers for 8 years.

Chair of the Western Division Council of NSW Farmers for 4 years

Ministerial appointed representative for NSW Farmers on the Western Division Advisory Board for 2 years.

Walgett Shire Council related memberships/representation as follows: Barwon Darling Alliance; Bushfire Management Committee; Rural Bushfire Group Management; Lightning Ridge Mining Board; Mungindi Menindee Advisory Committee; Walgett Community College Board.

Regards
Ray

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10. Motions of which Notice has been given

Nil

11. Presentation of Petitions

Nil

12. Councillors Questions with Notice

Councillor Greenaway

1. Could Council be informed of the break-up of how the \$52,000 was spent, that was Burren Junction's allocation in the first round of the Federal Governments Infrastructure Funding ?

Response:

Burren Junction funds are not totally expended at the present time because the project is not complete but current commitments are – shading in two areas with seats within the baths enclosure, additional showers and maintenance to path between baths and showers, new basin external to toilets.

2. Is it correct that there could be a grant of \$250,000 available for beautification of the main street of Collarenebri?

Response:

No specific main street funding appears to be available at the moment. Council currently has an application for funding submitted for \$2.1 million which includes a component of approximately \$88,000 for work on Collarenebri Main Street. We are still waiting to see if the application is successful.

13. Reports of Delegates and Representatives

3. ***LIGHTNING RIDGE MINING BOARD DRAFT MINUTES***

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services

AUTHOR: Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin

FILE NUMBER: 135/02/01/03

Summary:

Minutes of external bodies are generally placed before Council for noting and discussion where appropriate.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The draft minutes of the Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting held on 28 May 2009 are attached.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council, public.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council:

1. **Note the draft minutes of the Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting held on 28 May 2009.**

Attachments

A – Draft minutes of Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting held on 28 May 2009

Attachment A – Draft minutes of Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting held on 28 May 2009

1. Attendance

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| Date: | 28 May 2009 |
| Time: | Meeting commenced at 10.35am |
| Location: | Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club |

Members / Alternate Present

| Name | Title / Position |
|---------------------------------|--|
| John Jobling | Independent Chairperson |
| Lindsay Gilligan | Deputy Chairperson, Department of Primary Industries (DPI) |
| James Hereford-Ashley | Board Secretary, DPI |
| Maxine O'Brien | Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd (LRMA) |
| Sebastian Deisenberger | Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd (LRMA) |
| Pat Fletcher | Glengarry Grawin Sheeppark Miners Association Inc (GGSMA) |
| Louise Crites | New South Wales Farmers Association (NSWFA) |
| Jon Pocknell | Narran-Warrambool Pastoralists Association Inc. |
| John Leeks – <i>Alternate</i> | DPI – Mineral Resources, Titles |
| Fred Mallouk – <i>Alternate</i> | LRMA |
| Mark Holland – <i>Alternate</i> | LRMA |
| Andrew Bell – <i>Alternate</i> | Department of Lands |

Invitees

| Name | Representing |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pam Welsh | DPI – Regional Director, North West |
| Janet Town | DPI – Mine Safety Operations |
| Peter Downes | Department of Planning |
| Peter Smith | Department of Lands |
| Shaun Baker | Department of Lands |
| Matthew Goodwin | Walgett Shire Council |
| Ormie Molyneux | LRMA |
| Leslie Baker | GGSMA |
| Neil Warden | NSWFA (Landholder – 'Wee Warra') |

Apologies

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| Bill Murray | Walgett Shire Council |
| David Lane | Walgett Shire Council |
| Geoff Woods | Department of Lands |
| Nick Deshon | NSWFA |

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Chairperson welcomed guests attending at the request of individual members, including Neil Warden, Shaun Barker and Osmie Molyneux.

2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on the 12 February 2009 were accepted.

3. Actions Summary

| Ref | Action | Responsible |
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| O4.0 | Crown Trusts – Landholder Compensation Fund 1. Documentation provided by NSWFA to be circulated to members. 2. Compensation Sub Committee to re-convene and Secretary to report findings to the Chair. | NSWFA |
| A2.0 | Restricted area on "Wyoming", Policy/Gazetted Reserves Draft Policy – Establishment and Review of Policy Reserves to be circulated by DPI to members prior to the next meeting. | DPI |
| I8.1 | Proposal to Identify Miners Entering Landholder's Property DPI to report on the feasibility of providing detailed information to landholders that would aid in the identification of persons on their property. | DPI |
| M3.0 | Open cuts in Derelict Areas DPI to seek to amend the section 175 order to restrict Class G Mineral Claims to a maximum of 2 per title holder. | DPI |
| N1.0 | NSWFA Discussion Paper DPI – ESB to present written response at next Board meeting. | DPI |
| N2.0 | Advertising Campaign DPI to present a detailed outline of the intended campaign, with an emphasis on content, to the WSC tourism officer. | DPI |
| N3.0 | Road Fund Revenue LRMA to follow-up with WSC. | LRMA |
| O3.0 | NSWFA & Narran – Warrambool Pastoralists Association, Compensation Assessment, Request for Ministerial Support DPI to seek confirmation of position by way of advice from the Minister. | DPI |
| 5.1 | Utility Application Western Land Lease (WLL) Board refer decision to WSC for advice, applicant to be notified. | Walgett Shire Council |
| 6.1 | NSWFA – Opal Field Management Plans Stay on agenda for discussion at next meeting. | NSWFA |
| 6.2 | Applications for Western Land Leases (WLL) over Mining Purpose Lease (MPL) DOL to be notified. | DOL |
| 8.1 | Compensation Applications & Payments – 26/3/09 "Lone Pine" Refer landholder to WSC. | Walgett Shire Council |

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4. Agenda Items

NSWFA requested that action item O4.0 Crown Trusts be dealt earlier than indicated in the agenda as Neil Warden is attending for the purpose of observing and contributing to discussion associated with landholder compensation. In the absence of any objections, the Board agreed to hear the matter as the first action item.

O4.0 Crown Trusts – Landholder Compensation Fund

A report by DPI showed that the Landholder Compensation Fund is not at a sustainable level and that liabilities substantially exceeded assets and both a top-up is required as well as a change in the formula that determines the level of compensation. The DPI had convened a meeting with miners and landholders to develop and review options to restore this fund to a more balanced position to be able to recompense landowners and to cover other liabilities. Notwithstanding DPI's best endeavours, the initial meetings between the miners and the farmers' representatives could not reach agreement on a revised compensation payment formula. The level of compensation is a matter between miners and landholders to resolve. In the normal course of events, DPI would play no part in determining the level of compensation.

At the request of either the miners or the landholders, the Mining Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court (LEC) can determine the appropriate level of compensation.

If the parties cannot agree then the current compensation formula defaults to the formula set by the Mining Warden in 1991 which would involve substantially less compensation to landowners. If this were to be the case, the payments to the land holders would be reduced until a determination could be made by the LEC.

The Chair confirmed a duty to report the position of the fund to the Minister at the completion of the 2008/2009 financial year.

NSWFA withdrew support for the recommendations adopted by the Board on the 12 February 2009 claiming that its support was based on incomplete information. The Chair confirmed that the approved recommendations should stand as no alternative has been developed.

Neil Warden then addressed the Board. He advised that the fund had been working well for over a decade and it was established by agreement between miners and farmers. Both parties gained benefits from the agreement and a substantial amount of goodwill enabled the process to work well. The agreement was written to account for a deficit, with any shortfall being accounted for by an increase in the amount of compensation paid per mineral claim for the following year. If this was adhered to, the fund would not be in deficit.

DOL expressed concern that the Compensation Scheme needed to be addressed in the short term and eventually overhauled. The Chair requested that the sub-committee reconvene prior to the end of the 2008/09 financial year.

Action:

1. Documentation provided by NSWFA to be circulated to members.
2. Compensation Sub Committee to re-convene and Secretary to report findings to the Chair.

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The Chair acknowledged the presence of NSW DPI Regional Director, Pam Welsh described her role which included offering assistance with broader regional issues, emergency management, coordination of government agencies and access to all of the DPI Divisions. Contact can be made with Ms Welsh through the local DPI office.

A2.0 Restricted area on "Wyoming", Policy/Gazetted Reserves

Members agreed to change the item to 'Policy & Gazetted Reserves', as the reference to 'Wyoming' property is not relevant to the review process.

In the absence of an existing policy position it is not possible to conduct a review of existing reserves. DPI has prepared a draft policy document for the establishment and review of policy reserves. This is a simple process that would see requests for reserves put before the Board, if consensus is not reached then further agency advice is to be sought and then re-submitted to the Board for a final determination.

Action: Draft Policy – Establishment and Review of Policy Reserves to be circulated by DPI to members prior to the next meeting.

F6.1 Improved Engagement with Community, Landholders & Miners

LRMA has concerns on the merit and currency of this agenda item. As a representative group they have been excluded from these on-ground visits. This was despite one of the functions of the Board being to promote consultation between stakeholders.

The Deputy Chair confirmed the value of these activities and acknowledged the success of the visit to 'Springvale' Property. He thanked Jon Pocknell for his hospitality and input.

Action: It was agreed that this matter be included in General Information and Reports.

I6.2 Development of Mining on Barfield

DPI Environment & Sustainability Branch (ESB) have documented the process for the environmental assessment of future releases in order to satisfy the approval process for the grant of titles on 'Barfield' property. The paper entitled "Guidelines – general process for the determination of the environmental impact of Opal Prospecting and Mining in the Narran-Warrambool Reserve..." was circulated for comment and information.

DPI representatives noted that either of the industry associations or individual proponents could submit the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and a Rehabilitation Environmental Management Plan (REMP) that will be necessary before the prospecting and/or mining phases can commence.

It is expected that the 12 Opal Prospecting Blocks would be balloted for the 'Barfield' property by the middle of this calendar year. Those successful in the ballots would have their applications pending. In the interim industry associations were encouraged to undertake the assessments on behalf of their members and to consider making the results available across all of the Lightning Ridge opal mining industry.

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18.1 Proposal to Identify Miners Entering Landholders' Property

DPI has not progressed this proposal because of resource limitations. DPI invited landholders to present an initiative that would address the issue of unauthorised access.

LRMA saw little value in the proposal as it stood because it is subject to abuse. Reputable miners would be taking on this additional requirement but rogue elements would not be stopped. The industry is keen to see persons who are not legitimate miners excluded from the fields, as they are often associated with theft of equipment and ratting. In most instances landholders are aware of who are the reputable persons. Landholders retain the authority to question and report any activity that they believe is unlawful.

Landholders are notified as to who has registered title by virtue of the *Mining Act 1992*, requiring the name of the applicant and area being applied for to be served upon the landholder at time of application for an opal prospecting licence or mineral claim. The

LRMA and Neil Warden confirmed that this was the case; however the information provided was fairly limited. Under a previous arrangement for 'Wee Warra' property a monthly report was provided to Mr Warden, as the landholder, outlining a list of current title holders. This no longer happens but Neil Warden saw benefit from a report that had relevant spatial information relative to property or paddock boundaries.

DPI confirmed that this type of report was possible to produce from existing systems. Landholders can currently access online spatial data for the Lightning Ridge Mineral Claims District via the Opal Claims Systems Viewer (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/lightning-ridge/ocs-viewer)

Action: DPI to report on the feasibility of providing detailed information to landholders that would aid in the identification of persons on their property.

M3.0 Open cuts in Derelict Areas

A new class of mineral claim has been established to facilitate large scale open cut mining, limited to a maximum area of 2 hectares. This has been achieved by Ministerial order under Section 175 of the *Mining Act 1992*. Whilst the provision for the title is defined under the order, no title of this type will be granted until industry has been consulted to account for any operational issues associated with the proposed activity. This is likely to include a defined set of conditions associated with granting of permits as the Director General of DPI now is the determining authority on this matter.

LRMA has concerns that under the order the number of 2 hectare Class G mineral claims is unrestricted. This has the potential to see large areas of opal bearing ground being taken up by single entities to the detriment of other miners.

Action: DPI to seek to amend the section 175 order to restrict Class G Mineral Claims to a maximum of 2 per title holder.

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N1.0 NSWFA Discussion Paper

DPI's Environmental Sustainability Branch (ESB) has not been in a position to respond to the NSWFA discussion paper. It is still the intent of the Branch to prepare a written response that will contribute to the overall strategic direction of activities in the Narran-Warrambool Reserve.

Action: DPI – ESB to present written response at next Board meeting.

N2.0 Advertising Campaign

DPI has made contact with Walgett Shire Council's (WSC) Tourism Officer for the purpose of coordinating an advertising campaign, to promote an awareness of landholder's rights and the obligations of tourists when visiting the area. This would be targeted at national tourist groups including 4WD, campers, fossickers, and other tourists. The WSC has indicated that some funding may be available to deliver the campaign. WSC requires further information from DPI prior to commencing action.

Action: DPI to present a detailed outline of the intended campaign, with an emphasis on content, to the WSC tourism officer.

N3.0 Road Fund Revenue

LRMA has written to WSC seeking funding to maintain roads in the permissive occupancy that surrounds the township of Lightning Ridge. It received informal oral advice from a council representative, however they are still awaiting a written response.

The WSC observer confirmed that funds are being retained by WSC for the purpose of maintaining infrastructure, including roads. WSC is keen to transfer these funds to a more appropriate governing body, with the preferred option being the planned Reserve Trust.

Action: LRMA to follow-up with WSC.

O1.0 Ross Slack-Smith, Maintenance of Roads & withdrawal from Landholder compensation fund.

Ross Slack-Smith resumed participation in the landholder compensation fund after withdrawing earlier in the year.

LRMA presented a written request to the Board, seeking that once a landholder withdraws from the collective agreement that can not rejoin until the next calendar year. This was based on the fact that landholders notify the Board annually that they want to participate in the scheme. The Board supported this position and endorsed the request.

This item is to be removed from the agenda.

O2.0 NSWFA Guidelines for the application of the Road Fund

The authority to collect the levy is derived by Ministerial Order in accordance with special conditions. DPI administers the levy under the delegation of the Director General as per section 219A of the *Mining Act 1992* and this has been confirmed through a recent Section 175 gazettal.

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03.0 NSWFA & Narran – Warrambool Pastoralists Association (NWP), Compensation Assessment, Request for Ministerial Support

The NSWFA and the NWP are keen to see a review of the level of compensation paid by the miners to the landholders. They have requested that funds be made available to them so that they can better present their case to the Land and Environment Court that, as of 7 July 2009, is the body that determines compensation under the Mining Act 1992.

Action: The Minister be specifically advised of the associations' request.

05.0 LRMB Operation (House Keeping)

Secretary presented a brief summary of the current Board constitution from 2004, outlining the relationships that exist within its charter of operation.

5. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes for those Items not included in the Action Log

5.1 Utility Application Western Land Lease (WLL)

Mr Noel Hodges and others seek approval for the connection of electricity to a number of Western Lands Leases (WLL). The request satisfies all requirements of the Board's electricity connection policy, with the exception of 'the connection is generally in accord with any policies that may emerge from the development of the proposed Walgett Shire Council Local Environment Plan (LEP)'.

WSC is in the process of circulating an interim policy aimed at addressing power utility connection. This will be provided to the Board in the near future.

Action: Board refer request to WSC for advice and the applicant is to be notified.

6. Correspondence In/Out where not relating to Agenda Item

6.1 NSWFA – Opal Field Management Plans

NSWFA presented a brief paper requesting the Board review existing Opal Field Management Plans with a specific focus on liability, rehabilitation, stock & land management requirements, mine waste disposal, environment, OH&S requirements, access, and puddling.

DPI noted that some of these are covered by other instruments including, *Mining Amendment Act 2008*, *Access Management Plans (AMP)* and *Mine Health & Safety Act 2004*.

Action: Refer for discussion at the next meeting.

6.2 Applications for Western Land Leases (WLL) over Mining Purpose Lease (MPL)

DOL sought advice from the Board for two pending WLL applications over existing MPL sites. There were no objections as both applications satisfied existing Board policy.

Action: DOL to be notified.

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7. New Business

Nil

8. General Business

8.1 Compensation Applications and Payments

Payments approved as per schedule, with the exception of;

- 17/11/09 – At 'Weetalibah' property - 2 ewes killed by dog and the dog owner was identified by ranger and issued with a Penalty Infringement Notice. This is now a civil matter between landholder and identified owner.
- 26/03/09 – At 'Lone Pine' property - A Suffolk ewe, was hit by vehicle on Shire Road.

Action Refer landholder to WSC.

8.2 Road Fund Applications and Payments

Payments approved as per schedule.

8.3 Rehabilitation Levy Applications and Payments

Payments approved as per schedule.

8.4 Mullock Dump Levy Applications and Payments

Payments approved as per schedule.

8.5 Clearing and Cultivation Applications

NIL

9. Other Business

Nil

10. General Information and Reports

Matters noted with nil reports or actions associated with the following items;

10.1 Camps on Claims

10.2 Mullock Dumps

10.3 Hudson Pear

10.4 Compliance Audits (Environment, Safety, & Titles)

11. Next Meeting

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10.1 Close – The meeting closed at 1pm

14. Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

15. Reports of Officers

4. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON NSW COUNCILS 2007/2008

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 004/14/04/25

Summary:

The Minister for Local Government has released the annual publication which provides a number of key indicators of performance for Councils.

Discussion (including issues and background):

For the purpose of presentation of information, Councils are categorised into 11 Groups. Walgett is included in Group 10, along with 23 other Councils. Attached are schedules for a range of Indicators for the Group 10 Councils along with a description of how the indicators are constructed.

Some key indicators for Walgett are shown below along with the average for the Group 10 Councils.

| Outstanding Rates and Annual Charges | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Walgett | 15.94% | 10.57% | 7.89% |
| Group Average | 7.38% | 7.82% | 7.45% |

Indicates the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on liquidity and the effectiveness of Council's debt recovery. For Rural Councils it is expected that outstanding rates and annual charges should be <10%.

| Unrestricted Current Ratio | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Walgett | 3.99 | 3.59 | 3.16 |
| Group Average | 2.79 | 2.76 | 3.14 |

A measure of liquidity gained by dividing current assets less all current external restrictions by current liabilities less current specific purpose liabilities. In 2007/08, Walgett had \$3.16 of unrestricted current assets on hand to cover every \$1.00 of unrestricted current liabilities. A ratio between 1.5 and 2.0 is considered satisfactory.

| Debt Service Ratio | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Walgett | 3.80 | 1.86 | 1.86 |
| Group Average | 3.69 | 3.03 | 5.87 |

Net debt servicing cost as a percentage of income from continuing operations. A ratio <10% is satisfactory. A ratio > 20% is of concern.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Comparative Information on NSW Local Councils 2007/08 - DLG

Stakeholders:

Council, residents and ratepayers.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received

Attachments:

Extracts from "Comparative Information on NSW Local Government Councils 2007/08"

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| Albury | 4 | 7 | URM | 49,321 | 313.2 | 157.5 | 1.27 | 2.10 | 4.47 |
| Armidale | 4 | 6 | URS | 24,684 | 4,234.9 | 5.8 | -0.04 | 5.45 | 5.34 |
| Dumaresq | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashfield | 2 | 3 | UDM | 41,833 | 8.3 | 5,040.1 | 0.62 | 0.49 | 36.96 |
| Auburn | 3 | 4 | UDL | 70,986 | 32.5 | 2,184.2 | 3.28 | 0.68 | 49.71 |
| Ballina | 4 | 7 | URM | 40,932 | 484.9 | 84.4 | 1.04 | 2.73 | 3.37 |
| Balranald | 9 | 16 | RAM | 2,514 | 21,699.9 | 0.1 | -1.59 | 6.69 | 4.02 |
| Bankstown | 3 | 5 | UDV | 179,657 | 76.8 | 2,339.3 | 0.81 | 0.66 | 31.87 |
| Bathurst | 4 | 7 | URM | 37,686 | 3,818.2 | 9.9 | 0.93 | 3.45 | 3.52 |
| Regional | | | | | | | | | |
| Bega Valley | 4 | 7 | URM | 32,655 | 6,277.6 | 5.2 | 2.15 | 2.62 | 4.18 |
| Bellingen | 11 | 18 | RAV | 13,071 | 1,602.0 | 8.2 | 0.44 | 2.58 | 3.68 |
| Berrigan | 10 | 17 | RAL | 8,446 | 2,066.6 | 4.1 | 0.75 | 1.33 | 2.61 |
| Blacktown | 3 | 5 | UDV | 284,692 | 240.0 | 1,186.2 | 1.20 | 2.60 | 26.48 |
| Bland | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,385 | 8,559.8 | 0.7 | -0.63 | 2.66 | 1.43 |
| Blayney | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,972 | 1,524.7 | 4.6 | 1.08 | 2.37 | 2.03 |
| Blue | 7 | 12 | UFL | 76,088 | 1,431.7 | 53.1 | -0.34 | 1.27 | 6.46 |
| Mountains | | | | | | | | | |
| Bogan | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,012 | 14,608.6 | 0.2 | -0.79 | 11.66 | 1.04 |
| Bombala | 9 | 16 | RAM | 2,635 | 3,944.4 | 0.7 | 0.02 | 1.42 | 3.34 |
| Boorowa | 9 | 16 | RAM | 2,342 | 2,578.6 | 0.9 | -0.60 | 1.83 | 1.79 |
| Botany Bay | 2 | 3 | UDM | 37,813 | 21.7 | 1,742.5 | 0.23 | 1.76 | 34.91 |
| Bourke | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,091 | 41,678.6 | 0.1 | -4.09 | 29.39 | 2.10 |
| Brewarrina | 8 | 15 | RAS | 1,944 | 19,189.3 | 0.1 | -1.81 | 59.52 | 1.18 |
| Broken Hill | 4 | 6 | URS | 20,074 | 170.4 | 117.8 | -0.77 | 6.22 | 2.43 |
| Burwood | 2 | 3 | UDM | 32,860 | 7.1 | 4,628.2 | 1.26 | 0.39 | 45.15 |
| Byron | 4 | 7 | URM | 30,866 | 566.7 | 54.5 | 0.62 | 1.55 | 6.70 |
| Cabonne | 11 | 18 | RAV | 12,940 | 6,026.0 | 2.1 | 0.54 | 2.29 | 2.06 |
| Camden | 6 | 11 | UFM | 52,142 | 201.3 | 259.0 | 1.88 | 1.31 | 8.01 |
| Campbelltown | 7 | 13 | UFV | 147,460 | 312.3 | 472.2 | -0.35 | 2.68 | 17.56 |
| Canada Bay | 3 | 4 | UDL | 70,619 | 19.8 | 3,566.6 | 2.14 | 0.33 | 24.81 |
| Canterbury | 3 | 5 | UDV | 137,755 | 33.6 | 4,099.9 | 0.16 | 0.57 | 42.72 |
| Carrathool | 9 | 16 | RAM | 2,915 | 18,939.6 | 0.2 | -2.30 | 5.92 | 3.26 |
| Central | 9 | 21 | RTM | 1,987 | 53,508.6 | 0.0 | -3.21 | 36.21 | 2.89 |
| Darling | | | | | | | | | |
| Cessnock | 4 | 7 | URM | 48,985 | 1,966.4 | 24.9 | 0.66 | 3.47 | 2.38 |
| Clarence | 4 | 7 | URM | 50,596 | 10,441.2 | 4.8 | 0.71 | 4.79 | 2.38 |
| Valley | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobar | 10 | 22 | RTL | 5,143 | 45,609.0 | 0.1 | -0.09 | 10.53 | 2.26 |
| Coffs Harbour | 4 | 7 | URM | 68,992 | 1,175.1 | 58.7 | 1.48 | 3.56 | 4.85 |
| Conargo | 8 | 15 | RAS | 1,736 | 8,750.9 | 0.2 | -0.91 | 1.26 | 1.43 |
| Coolamon | 9 | 16 | RAM | 4,155 | 2,432.5 | 1.7 | 0.20 | 1.27 | 1.29 |
| Cooma- | 11 | 18 | RAV | 10,142 | 5,183.0 | 2.0 | 0.73 | 1.69 | 7.86 |
| Monaro | | | | | | | | | |
| Coonamble | 9 | 16 | RAM | 4,263 | 9,926.3 | 0.4 | -2.02 | 25.40 | 1.47 |
| Cootamundra | 10 | 17 | RAL | 7,527 | 1,523.6 | 4.9 | -0.32 | 3.57 | 1.83 |
| Corowa | 11 | 18 | RAV | 11,434 | 2,328.2 | 4.9 | 1.06 | 1.10 | 2.49 |
| Cowra | 11 | 18 | RAV | 12,924 | 2,809.9 | 4.6 | -0.18 | 6.03 | 2.65 |
| Deniliquin | 4 | 6 | URS | 7,673 | 129.9 | 59.1 | -1.38 | 2.83 | 2.49 |
| Dubbo | 4 | 7 | URM | 39,787 | 3,427.8 | 11.6 | 0.48 | 10.33 | 2.39 |
| Dungog | 10 | 17 | RAL | 8,413 | 2,251.2 | 3.7 | 0.03 | 2.15 | 1.48 |
| Eurobodalla | 4 | 7 | URM | 36,771 | 3,421.7 | 10.7 | 1.24 | 4.44 | 5.34 |
| Fairfield | 3 | 5 | UDV | 187,362 | 101.6 | 1,844.1 | -0.10 | 0.62 | 48.21 |
| Forbes | 10 | 17 | RAL | 9,727 | 4,719.8 | 2.1 | -0.73 | 6.73 | 1.57 |
| Gilgandra | 9 | 16 | RAM | 4,625 | 4,836.0 | 1.0 | -0.62 | 12.56 | 1.11 |

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| Glen Innes Severn | 10 | 17 | RAL | 9,042 | 5,486.9 | 1.6 | 0.29 | 5.32 | 1.88 |
| Gloucester | 9 | 16 | RAM | 4,971 | 2,951.6 | 1.7 | 0.14 | 3.56 | 2.42 |
| Gosford | 7 | 13 | UFV | 162,388 | 940.2 | 172.7 | 0.09 | 1.68 | 5.49 |
| Goulburn Mulwaree | 4 | 6 | URS | 27,327 | 3,220.4 | 8.5 | 0.40 | 2.20 | 3.62 |
| Great Lakes | 4 | 7 | URM | 34,359 | 3,375.4 | 10.2 | 1.01 | 3.06 | 3.38 |
| Greater Hume | 11 | 18 | RAV | 10,206 | 5,741.2 | 1.8 | -0.35 | 1.64 | 1.98 |
| Greater Taree | 4 | 7 | URM | 47,242 | 3,731.9 | 12.7 | 0.95 | 4.27 | 2.97 |
| Griffith | 4 | 6 | URS | 24,937 | 1,640.5 | 15.2 | 0.28 | 3.75 | 12.79 |
| Gundagai | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,813 | 2,457.7 | 1.6 | 0.03 | 1.79 | 1.11 |
| Gunnedah | 11 | 18 | RAV | 11,968 | 4,993.9 | 2.4 | -0.53 | 10.14 | 1.41 |
| Guyra | 9 | 16 | RAM | 4,411 | 4,394.7 | 1.0 | -0.25 | 10.21 | 0.76 |
| Gwydir | 10 | 17 | RAL | 5,407 | 9,452.8 | 0.6 | -1.03 | 2.50 | 1.41 |
| Harden | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,683 | 1,869.0 | 2.0 | -0.68 | 3.32 | 1.95 |
| Hawkesbury | 6 | 11 | UFM | 62,211 | 2,775.9 | 22.4 | -0.23 | 1.92 | 5.71 |
| Hay | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,476 | 11,328.3 | 0.3 | -0.72 | 4.20 | 2.34 |
| Hills | 7 | 13 | UFV | 168,026 | 400.6 | 419.4 | 1.19 | 0.27 | 22.30 |
| Holroyd | 3 | 4 | UDL | 95,130 | 40.3 | 2,360.5 | 0.48 | 0.82 | 33.58 |
| Hornsby | 7 | 13 | UFV | 158,285 | 462.3 | 342.4 | 0.74 | 0.30 | 23.64 |
| Hunters Hill | 2 | 2 | UDS | 14,031 | 5.7 | 2,461.6 | 0.80 | 0.54 | 16.43 |
| Hurstville | 3 | 4 | UDL | 77,684 | 22.7 | 3,422.2 | 0.50 | 0.49 | 31.98 |
| Inverell | 11 | 18 | RAV | 16,246 | 8,605.9 | 1.9 | -2.20 | 5.31 | 1.73 |
| Jerilderie | 8 | 15 | RAS | 1,677 | 3,375.4 | 0.5 | 0.44 | 1.83 | 2.99 |
| Junee | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,051 | 2,030.6 | 3.0 | 0.75 | 5.38 | 3.65 |
| Kempsey | 4 | 6 | URS | 28,566 | 3,378.6 | 8.5 | 0.06 | 9.27 | 2.53 |
| Kiama | 4 | 6 | URS | 20,095 | 257.8 | 77.9 | 1.11 | 1.17 | 4.36 |
| Kogarah | 2 | 3 | UDM | 55,861 | 15.5 | 3,603.9 | -0.17 | 0.34 | 32.58 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 3 | 4 | UDL | 106,807 | 85.4 | 1,250.7 | -0.18 | 0.11 | 21.40 |
| Kyogle | 10 | 17 | RAL | 9,686 | 3,589.0 | 2.7 | -1.76 | 5.83 | 3.12 |
| Lachlan | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,814 | 14,973.3 | 0.5 | 0.43 | 14.89 | 1.38 |
| Lake Macquarie | 5 | 9 | URV | 193,092 | 642.8 | 300.4 | 0.01 | 2.35 | 4.17 |
| Lane Cove | 2 | 3 | UDM | 32,047 | 10.5 | 3,052.1 | -0.38 | 0.21 | 19.81 |
| Leeton | 11 | 18 | RAV | 11,683 | 1,167.3 | 10.0 | 0.53 | 4.45 | 4.38 |
| Leichhardt | 2 | 3 | UDM | 51,855 | 10.5 | 4,938.6 | 0.74 | 0.84 | 13.35 |
| Lismore | 4 | 7 | URM | 44,668 | 1,290.1 | 34.6 | 0.10 | 3.74 | 3.88 |
| Lithgow | 4 | 6 | URS | 20,694 | 4,566.7 | 4.5 | 1.19 | 3.06 | 3.83 |
| Liverpool | 7 | 13 | UFV | 172,932 | 305.4 | 566.2 | -0.40 | 1.33 | 30.70 |
| Liverpool Plains | 10 | 17 | RAL | 7,849 | 5,085.8 | 1.5 | -1.26 | 9.50 | 1.46 |
| Lockhart | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,288 | 2,895.3 | 1.1 | 2.73 | 1.32 | 1.16 |
| Maitland | 4 | 7 | URM | 66,530 | 391.7 | 169.8 | 0.47 | 2.62 | 3.31 |
| Manly | 2 | 3 | UDM | 39,677 | 14.4 | 2,755.3 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 12.46 |
| Marrickville | 3 | 4 | UDL | 76,284 | 16.5 | 4,623.3 | -0.05 | 1.50 | 25.93 |
| Mid-Western Regional | 4 | 6 | URS | 22,093 | 8,705.2 | 2.5 | -2.14 | 2.72 | 3.70 |
| Moree Plains | 11 | 18 | RAV | 14,300 | 17,927.7 | 0.8 | 0.20 | 19.35 | 2.12 |
| Mosman | 2 | 2 | UDS | 28,152 | 8.7 | 3,235.9 | 2.09 | 0.10 | 13.78 |
| Murray | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,941 | 4,344.6 | 1.6 | 0.29 | 2.84 | 2.06 |

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| Murrumbidgee | 9 | 16 | RAM | 2,571 | 3,505.1 | 0.7 | -0.64 | 9.03 | 2.80 |
| Muswellbrook | 11 | 18 | RAV | 16,039 | 3,405.6 | 4.7 | 0.72 | 4.76 | 2.44 |
| Nambucca | 11 | 18 | RAV | 18,735 | 1,492.8 | 12.6 | 0.63 | 5.73 | 2.75 |
| Narrabri | 11 | 18 | RAV | 13,503 | 13,030.7 | 1.0 | -1.22 | 9.16 | 1.66 |
| Narrandera | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,166 | 4,116.6 | 1.5 | -1.45 | 9.36 | 2.05 |
| Narromine | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,717 | 5,263.6 | 1.3 | -0.92 | 15.83 | 1.46 |
| Newcastle | 5 | 9 | URV | 150,357 | 187.1 | 803.6 | 0.96 | 2.13 | 7.05 |
| North Sydney | 2 | 3 | UDM | 62,842 | 10.5 | 5,985.0 | 1.16 | 0.19 | 19.28 |
| Oberon | 10 | 17 | RAL | 5,278 | 3,628.0 | 1.5 | -0.12 | 2.11 | 3.72 |
| Orange | 4 | 7 | URM | 37,333 | 284.8 | 131.1 | 0.15 | 4.37 | 3.70 |
| Palerang | 11 | 18 | RAV | 13,419 | 5,167.6 | 2.6 | 3.51 | 0.85 | 5.65 |
| Parkes | 11 | 18 | RAV | 14,836 | 5,958.0 | 2.5 | -0.26 | 7.18 | 2.00 |
| Parramatta | 3 | 5 | UDV | 157,775 | 61.0 | 2,586.5 | 1.31 | 0.81 | 34.52 |
| Penrith | 7 | 13 | UFV | 177,686 | 404.9 | 438.8 | -0.03 | 2.35 | 12.34 |
| Pittwater | 2 | 3 | UDM | 56,920 | 90.4 | 629.6 | 0.16 | 0.31 | 8.68 |
| Port Macquarie- Hastings | 4 | 8 | URL | 72,440 | 3,686.1 | 19.7 | 1.55 | 2.58 | 3.33 |
| Port Stephens | 4 | 7 | URM | 64,698 | 858.9 | 75.3 | 1.51 | 2.88 | 3.99 |
| Queanbeyan | 4 | 7 | URM | 38,593 | 172.4 | 223.9 | 2.14 | 2.60 | 11.16 |
| Randwick | 3 | 5 | UDV | 128,435 | 36.3 | 3,538.2 | 0.48 | 1.23 | 26.33 |
| Richmond Valley | 4 | 6 | URS | 22,471 | 3,051.3 | 7.4 | 1.02 | 5.79 | 1.99 |
| Rockdale | 3 | 4 | UDL | 98,070 | 28.2 | 3,477.7 | 1.09 | 0.49 | 35.77 |
| Ryde | 3 | 4 | UDL | 102,609 | 40.5 | 2,533.6 | 0.63 | 0.28 | 31.66 |
| Shellharbour | 4 | 7 | URM | 64,296 | 147.4 | 436.2 | 1.20 | 2.32 | 9.79 |
| Shoalhaven | 5 | 8 | URL | 92,880 | 4,531.0 | 20.5 | 0.88 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Singleton | 4 | 6 | URS | 23,258 | 4,895.8 | 4.8 | 1.54 | 2.65 | 2.63 |
| Snowy River | 10 | 17 | RAL | 7,727 | 6,029.2 | 1.3 | 0.96 | 0.83 | 5.58 |
| Strathfield | 2 | 3 | UDM | 34,580 | 13.9 | 2,487.8 | 3.12 | 0.29 | 46.14 |
| Sutherland Shire | 3 | 5 | UDV | 213,917 | 333.6 | 641.2 | -0.06 | 0.61 | 9.40 |
| Sydney | 1 | 1 | UCC | 168,682 | 26.7 | 6,317.7 | 4.24 | 1.27 | 24.69 |
| Tamworth Regional | 4 | 7 | URM | 56,532 | 9,713.2 | 5.8 | 0.83 | 6.91 | 2.07 |
| Temora | 10 | 17 | RAL | 5,986 | 2,802.2 | 2.1 | -0.93 | 1.42 | 1.71 |
| Tenterfield | 10 | 17 | RAL | 6,834 | 7,332.0 | 0.9 | -0.09 | 6.99 | 2.80 |
| Tumbarumba | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,672 | 4,392.2 | 0.8 | -0.29 | 2.32 | 3.31 |
| Tumut | 11 | 18 | RAV | 11,238 | 4,566.1 | 2.5 | -0.33 | 3.27 | 3.28 |
| Tweed | 5 | 8 | URL | 84,325 | 1,309.2 | 64.4 | 2.01 | 2.94 | 4.29 |
| Upper Hunter | 11 | 18 | RAV | 13,594 | 8,102.7 | 1.7 | 0.09 | 3.09 | 2.18 |
| Upper Lachlan | 10 | 17 | RAL | 7,329 | 7,114.0 | 1.0 | 0.18 | 1.40 | 2.58 |
| Uralla | 10 | 17 | RAL | 5,987 | 3,229.8 | 1.9 | -0.20 | 5.79 | 2.72 |
| Urana | 8 | 15 | RAS | 1,286 | 3,357.4 | 0.4 | -1.82 | 3.42 | 2.30 |
| Wagga Wagga | 4 | 7 | URM | 60,857 | 4,825.2 | 12.6 | 1.22 | 4.10 | 3.58 |
| Wakool | 9 | 16 | RAM | 4,416 | 7,519.7 | 0.6 | -1.78 | 2.20 | 2.82 |
| Walcha | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,304 | 6,266.9 | 0.5 | 0.04 | 5.77 | 1.82 |
| Walgett | 10 | 17 | RAL | 7,078 | 22,336.1 | 0.3 | -2.68 | 28.18 | 6.19 |
| Warren | 9 | 16 | RAM | 2,812 | 10,760.3 | 0.3 | -2.73 | 12.11 | 0.87 |
| Warringham | 3 | 5 | UDV | 140,917 | 149.4 | 943.2 | 0.64 | 0.33 | 14.41 |

Table A2 - Profile of council area in alphabetical order

| Council | DLG Group no | Aust. Class'n Numeric Code | Aust. Class'n Alpha Code | Estimated Resident Population at 30 June 2007 | Area (km ²) | Population Density (pop'n/area) At 30 June 2007 | Population Growth (5yr Average) % | ATSI Pop'n % | NESB Pop'n % |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Warrumbungle | 11 | 18 | RAV | 10,093 | 12,379.6 | 0.8 | -1.18 | 7.62 | 2.53 |
| Waverley | 2 | 3 | UDM | 65,108 | 9.2 | 7,077.0 | 0.60 | 0.32 | 22.22 |
| Weddin | 9 | 16 | RAM | 3,762 | 3,409.8 | 1.1 | -0.37 | 1.59 | 1.76 |
| Wellington | 10 | 17 | RAL | 8,250 | 4,113.1 | 2.0 | -1.07 | 15.23 | 2.28 |
| Wentworth | 10 | 17 | RAL | 7,149 | 26,268.6 | 0.3 | 0.01 | 9.04 | 2.70 |
| Willoughby | 2 | 3 | UDM | 68,387 | 22.5 | 3,039.4 | 1.55 | 0.12 | 30.45 |
| Wingecarribee | 4 | 7 | URM | 44,862 | 2,688.8 | 16.7 | 0.68 | 1.25 | 5.58 |
| Wollondilly | 6 | 11 | UFM | 41,831 | 2,556.6 | 16.4 | 1.52 | 1.89 | 5.45 |
| Wollongong | 5 | 9 | URV | 195,768 | 684.0 | 286.2 | 0.44 | 1.69 | 13.95 |
| Woollahra | 2 | 3 | UDM | 53,990 | 12.3 | 4,389.4 | 0.29 | 0.20 | 18.49 |
| Wyong | 7 | 13 | UFV | 143,988 | 745.6 | 193.1 | 0.89 | 2.72 | 4.40 |
| Yass Valley | 11 | 18 | RAV | 14,112 | 3,998.4 | 3.5 | 2.50 | 1.80 | 4.19 |
| Young | 11 | 18 | RAV | 12,535 | 2,693.7 | 4.7 | 1.01 | 2.57 | 2.59 |

Table 1.1 – Average rate per assessment – residential

| Group | Council | 2005/06 \$ | 2006/07 \$ | Variation % | 2007/08 \$ | Variation % |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 10 | Berrigan | 420.65 | 442.86 | 5.3 | 506.58 | 14.4 |
| | Bland | 326.41 | 318.91 | -2.3 | No Data | N/A |
| | Blayney | 360.12 | 384.88 | 6.9 | 402.10 | 4.5 |
| | Cobar | 299.14 | 293.95 | -1.7 | 350.14 | 19.1 |
| | Cootamundra | 457.58 | 494.40 | 8.0 | 517.15 | 4.6 |
| | Dungog | 483.14 | 505.56 | 4.6 | 508.56 | 0.6 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 450.64 | 471.05 | 4.5 | 501.44 | 6.5 |
| | Gwydir | No Data | 132.60 | N/A | 294.66 | 122.2 |
| | Junee | 389.46 | 403.20 | 3.5 | 401.67 | -0.4 |
| | Kyogle | 529.61 | 549.78 | 3.8 | 575.64 | 4.7 |
| | Lachlan | 275.04 | 261.68 | -4.9 | 228.96 | -12.5 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 381.00 | 394.18 | 3.5 | 403.91 | 2.5 |
| | Murray | 419.28 | 424.98 | 1.4 | 428.52 | 0.8 |
| | Narrandera | 370.74 | 392.90 | 6.0 | 420.94 | 7.1 |
| | Narromine | 333.69 | 364.96 | 9.4 | 419.79 | 15.0 |
| | Oberon | 373.76 | 395.38 | 5.8 | 403.53 | 2.1 |
| | Snowy River | No Data | 592.09 | N/A | 574.21 | -3.0 |
| | Temora | 356.08 | 373.41 | 4.9 | 386.93 | 3.6 |
| | Tenterfield | 270.22 | 277.21 | 2.6 | 289.66 | 4.5 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 387.34 | 387.08 | -0.1 | 398.23 | 2.9 |
| | Uralla | 416.92 | 453.81 | 8.8 | 469.75 | 3.5 |
| | Walgett | 246.24 | 269.53 | 9.5 | 243.52 | -9.6 |
| | Wellington | 439.55 | 454.67 | 3.4 | 485.59 | 6.8 |
| | Wentworth | 414.32 | 429.54 | 3.7 | 465.47 | 8.4 |
| | Group average | 370.42 | 418.98 | 13.1 | 433.82 | 3.5 |

Table 1.2 – Average rate per assessment – farmland

| Group | Council | 2005/06 \$ | 2006/07 \$ | Variation % | 2007/08 \$ | Variation % |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 10 | Berrigan | 1,553.65 | 1,611.92 | 3.8 | 1,477.30 | -8.4 |
| | Bland | 1,993.98 | 2,055.59 | 3.1 | No Data | N/A |
| | Blayney | 1,903.23 | 1,993.51 | 4.7 | 2,010.30 | 0.8 |
| | Cobar | 1,418.13 | 1,441.60 | 1.7 | 1,498.58 | 4.0 |
| | Cootamundra | 1,482.95 | 1,541.83 | 4.0 | 1,595.06 | 3.5 |
| | Dungog | 1,353.94 | 1,402.78 | 3.6 | 1,716.85 | 22.4 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 1,368.72 | 1,414.81 | 3.4 | 1,434.07 | 1.4 |
| | Gwydir | No Data | 3,311.86 | N/A | 3,237.49 | -2.2 |
| | Junee | 1,301.63 | 1,377.20 | 5.8 | 1,467.94 | 6.6 |
| | Kyogle | 1,021.95 | 1,072.35 | 4.9 | 1,100.00 | 2.6 |
| | Lachlan | 1,862.07 | 1,863.31 | 0.1 | 2,026.91 | 8.8 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 2,764.21 | 2,929.77 | 6.0 | 3,059.13 | 4.4 |
| | Murray | 1,770.41 | 1,802.67 | 1.8 | 1,821.50 | 1.0 |
| | Narrandera | 2,638.38 | 2,682.10 | 1.7 | 2,723.10 | 1.5 |
| | Narromine | 2,567.05 | 2,623.02 | 2.2 | 2,629.21 | 0.2 |
| | Oberon | 1,042.94 | 1,053.42 | 1.0 | 1,103.66 | 4.8 |
| | Snowy River | No Data | 1,455.95 | N/A | 1,441.18 | -1.0 |
| | Temora | 1,348.00 | 1,369.85 | 1.6 | 1,392.72 | 1.7 |
| | Tenterfield | 848.51 | 1,020.23 | 20.2 | 998.33 | -2.1 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 1,207.43 | 1,299.39 | 7.6 | 1,345.79 | 3.6 |
| | Uralla | 2,414.71 | 2,463.90 | 2.0 | 2,601.20 | 5.6 |
| | Walgett | 2,808.63 | 3,395.15 | 20.9 | 3,382.93 | -0.4 |
| | Wellington | 2,321.90 | 2,382.40 | 2.6 | 2,461.00 | 3.3 |
| | Wentworth | 1,112.62 | 1,138.75 | 2.3 | 1,142.15 | 0.3 |
| | Group average | 1,499.42 | 1,752.78 | 16.9 | 1,818.30 | 3.7 |

Table 1.3 – Average rate per assessment – business

| Group | Council | 2005/06 \$ | 2006/07 \$ | Variation % | 2007/08 \$ | Variation % |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 10 | Berrigan | 1,032.70 | 1,075.47 | 4.1 | 992.50 | -7.7 |
| | Bland | 699.52 | 723.11 | 3.4 | No Data | N/A |
| | Blayney | 669.57 | 712.72 | 6.4 | 740.10 | 3.8 |
| | Cobar | 604.81 | 621.99 | 2.8 | 635.74 | 2.2 |
| | Cootamundra | 1,432.35 | 1,452.45 | 1.4 | 1,521.74 | 4.8 |
| | Dungog | 520.55 | 537.43 | 3.2 | 648.65 | 20.7 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 967.39 | 1,095.11 | 13.2 | 1,058.05 | -3.4 |
| | Gwydir | No Data | 321.78 | N/A | 416.67 | 29.5 |
| | Junee | 947.37 | 1,082.84 | 14.3 | 1,086.71 | 0.4 |
| | Kyogle | 778.80 | 794.52 | 2.0 | 828.05 | 4.2 |
| | Lachlan | 384.06 | 401.91 | 4.6 | 388.03 | -3.5 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 884.50 | 1,165.17 | 31.7 | 1,233.53 | 5.9 |
| | Murray | 453.38 | 588.34 | 29.8 | 585.69 | -0.5 |
| | Narrandera | 617.65 | 671.16 | 8.7 | 720.87 | 7.4 |
| | Narromine | 1,154.25 | 2,278.91 | 97.4 | 1,266.67 | -44.4 |
| | Oberon | 483.72 | 506.98 | 4.8 | 525.35 | 3.6 |
| | Snowy River | No Data | 1,104.58 | N/A | 1,021.24 | -7.5 |
| | Temora | 925.82 | 923.08 | -0.3 | 1,016.81 | 10.2 |
| | Tenterfield | 647.83 | 669.53 | 3.3 | 659.57 | -1.5 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 355.10 | 311.48 | -12.3 | 384.00 | 23.3 |
| | Uralla | 387.88 | 464.29 | 19.7 | 200.91 | -56.7 |
| | Walgett | 466.93 | 189.19 | -59.5 | 167.84 | -11.3 |
| | Wellington | 808.51 | 836.30 | 3.4 | 885.02 | 5.8 |
| | Wentworth | 1,317.71 | 3,116.16 | 136.5 | 2,535.85 | -18.6 |
| | Group average | 839.40 | 831.46 | -0.9 | 720.76 | -13.3 |

Table 1.4 – Outstanding rates and annual charges

| Group | Council | 2005/06 % | 2006/07 % | 2007/08 % |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 10 | Berrigan | 4.51 | 4.01 | 4.17 |
| | Bland | 9.87 | 9.27 | No Data |
| | Blayney | 4.65 | 4.12 | 5.82 |
| | Cobar | 8.73 | 8.87 | 6.56 |
| | Cootamundra | 6.96 | 15.18 | 14.10 |
| | Dungog | 2.92 | 3.12 | 4.62 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 9.09 | 15.78 | 6.95 |
| | Gwydir | No Data | 9.04 | 10.41 |
| | Junee | 6.95 | 5.74 | 6.22 |
| | Kyogle | 8.09 | 9.41 | 10.55 |
| | Lachlan | 9.45 | 9.45 | 5.47 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 7.18 | 6.55 | 7.44 |
| | Murray | 4.56 | 3.45 | 5.72 |
| | Narrandera | 5.42 | 6.04 | 5.82 |
| | Narromine | 6.29 | 8.84 | 6.95 |
| | Oberon | 5.90 | 5.92 | 5.25 |
| | Snowy River | No Data | 8.12 | 7.62 |
| | Temora | 2.09 | 2.25 | 2.61 |
| | Tenterfield | 6.03 | 7.19 | 7.66 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 4.26 | 3.46 | 2.67 |
| | Uralla | 5.67 | 6.39 | 11.19 |
| | Walgett | 15.94 | 10.57 | 7.89 |
| | Wellington | 4.15 | 4.17 | 3.95 |
| | Wentworth | 18.52 | 14.25 | 20.18 |
| | Group average | 7.38 | 7.82 | 7.45 |

Table 2.1 – Sources of income from continuing operations

| Group | Council | Rates and annual charges | | User charges and fees | | Interest # | |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | 2006/07 % | 2007/08 % | 2006/07 % | 2007/08 % | 2006/07 % | 2007/08 % |
| 10 | Berrigan | 38.04 | 38.22 | 13.13 | 10.85 | 4.96 | 4.61 |
| | Bland | 29.78 | No Data | 9.72 | No Data | 5.22 | No Data |
| | Blayney | 44.48 | 37.95 | 14.81 | 30.76 | 4.00 | 0.05 |
| | Cobar | 15.94 | 17.15 | 38.69 | 34.11 | 4.27 | 2.15 |
| | Cootamundra | 36.60 | 35.77 | 17.39 | 14.47 | 4.13 | 4.81 |
| | Dungog | 33.14 | 34.32 | 8.46 | 8.25 | 4.23 | 3.90 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 29.65 | 31.55 | 12.63 | 15.57 | 2.54 | 3.02 |
| | Gwydir | 26.40 | 30.13 | 23.88 | 18.86 | 1.61 | 2.07 |
| | Junee | 26.13 | 26.19 | 23.41 | 24.60 | 1.67 | 2.25 |
| | Kyogle | 28.96 | 27.46 | 19.68 | 22.55 | 4.33 | 4.74 |
| | Lachlan | 17.77 | 19.88 | 9.76 | 10.17 | 7.11 | -0.39 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 34.60 | 34.53 | 17.74 | 22.05 | 4.05 | 5.45 |
| | Murray | 36.83 | 32.66 | 20.73 | 19.24 | 3.14 | -0.38 |
| | Narrandera | 33.65 | 35.43 | 15.40 | 14.28 | 6.53 | -1.38 |
| | Narromine | 38.22 | 35.62 | 11.24 | 9.39 | 3.85 | 1.60 |
| | Oberon | 23.51 | 24.64 | 28.83 | 39.84 | 4.60 | -14.74 |
| | Snowy River | 28.36 | 26.36 | 34.64 | 35.08 | 3.76 | 3.98 |
| | Temora | 28.66 | 28.21 | 20.75 | 14.77 | 2.43 | 2.30 |
| | Tenterfield | 26.98 | 32.13 | 17.75 | 18.87 | 3.87 | -7.46 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 36.58 | 30.28 | 21.54 | 19.14 | 3.71 | 1.71 |
| | Uralla | 29.06 | 26.78 | 10.35 | 17.97 | 2.44 | -3.03 |
| | Walgett | 23.65 | 29.01 | 17.35 | 20.05 | 3.22 | 2.26 |
| | Wellington | 29.23 | 32.23 | 19.16 | 17.01 | 5.44 | 3.17 |
| | Wentworth | 31.02 | 33.08 | 17.81 | 13.29 | 3.25 | 5.24 |
| | Group average | 29.82 | 29.91 | 18.45 | 19.51 | 4.10 | 1.41 |

See note p63.

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Table 2.1 – Sources of income from continuing operations

| Grants | | Contributions | | Other revenues | | Total revenue | Total revenue |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 |
| % | % | % | % | % | % | \$,000 | \$,000 |
| 27.78 | 28.54 | 7.09 | 11.89 | 9.00 | 5.89 | 15,549 | 16,188 |
| 43.03 | No Data | 10.13 | No Data | 2.12 | No Data | 18,664 | No Data |
| 23.64 | 20.45 | 10.46 | 9.09 | 2.60 | 1.70 | 9,721 | 11,507 |
| 35.08 | 38.92 | 4.92 | 6.70 | 1.10 | 0.96 | 20,451 | 20,654 |
| 40.06 | 39.92 | 0.31 | 3.74 | 1.51 | 1.29 | 12,516 | 13,235 |
| 40.94 | 35.44 | 10.10 | 15.74 | 3.14 | 2.35 | 14,729 | 15,435 |
| 48.44 | 40.60 | 2.86 | 5.45 | 3.87 | 3.80 | 18,755 | 18,557 |
| 43.57 | 34.27 | 0.46 | 7.53 | 4.09 | 7.16 | 21,147 | 20,822 |
| 42.54 | 39.08 | 3.28 | 4.58 | 2.98 | 3.31 | 10,889 | 11,273 |
| 31.38 | 36.55 | 14.96 | 8.34 | 0.69 | 0.36 | 18,462 | 20,755 |
| 51.70 | 58.08 | 11.99 | 10.79 | 1.66 | 1.47 | 28,300 | 26,395 |
| 37.29 | 31.22 | 4.77 | 4.86 | 1.55 | 1.88 | 16,761 | 17,952 |
| 23.87 | 33.76 | 13.10 | 13.24 | 2.32 | 1.48 | 14,813 | 17,551 |
| 35.13 | 41.26 | 6.84 | 7.22 | 2.45 | 3.18 | 15,245 | 15,262 |
| 40.10 | 42.45 | 3.60 | 8.21 | 3.00 | 2.72 | 14,070 | 15,596 |
| 21.80 | 23.42 | 20.19 | 25.85 | 1.07 | 0.99 | 13,309 | 13,537 |
| 26.33 | 24.83 | 4.87 | 6.00 | 2.04 | 3.74 | 18,770 | 20,385 |
| 39.93 | 49.32 | 3.80 | 1.66 | 4.42 | 3.75 | 11,381 | 12,058 |
| 40.64 | 45.63 | 8.53 | 7.99 | 2.24 | 2.85 | 13,992 | 13,172 |
| 31.68 | 43.55 | 5.05 | 4.08 | 1.44 | 1.23 | 17,965 | 23,821 |
| 55.70 | 46.12 | 0.74 | 10.59 | 1.71 | 1.56 | 12,771 | 13,817 |
| 46.40 | 35.32 | 7.88 | 11.54 | 1.51 | 1.82 | 25,161 | 19,880 |
| 35.53 | 35.16 | 7.00 | 9.64 | 3.63 | 2.79 | 21,049 | 20,061 |
| 32.31 | 37.81 | 8.08 | 7.79 | 7.54 | 2.79 | 16,118 | 16,038 |
| 37.56 | 37.89 | 7.42 | 8.74 | 2.65 | 2.54 | 422,872 | 393,951 |

Table 2.5 – Unrestricted current ratio

| Group | Council | 2005/06 % | 2006/07 % | 2007/08 % |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 10 | Berrigan | 1.33 | 1.51 | 3.00 |
| | Bland | 1.65 | 3.80 | No Data |
| | Blayney | 3.42 | 2.98 | 2.70 |
| | Cobar | 3.96 | 2.30 | 3.58 |
| | Cootamundra | 3.92 | 5.47 | 4.13 |
| | Dungog | 1.75 | 2.08 | 3.36 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 1.87 | 2.26 | 1.53 |
| | Gwydir | No Data | 1.02 | 1.23 |
| | Junee | 4.70 | 3.42 | 1.99 |
| | Kyogle | 4.09 | 4.71 | 5.74 |
| | Lachlan | 2.01 | 3.28 | 3.74 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 5.29 | 6.06 | 3.83 |
| | Murray | 2.68 | 2.24 | 2.40 |
| | Narrandera | 4.62 | 4.12 | 11.42 |
| | Narromine | 3.76 | 4.23 | 3.34 |
| | Oberon | 5.08 | 3.41 | 7.27 |
| | Snowy River | No Data | 1.73 | 1.58 |
| | Temora | 3.98 | 2.99 | 3.02 |
| | Tenterfield | 4.52 | 4.76 | 5.07 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 4.13 | 2.63 | 3.46 |
| | Uralla | 0.82 | 0.64 | 1.24 |
| | Walgett | 3.99 | 3.59 | 3.16 |
| | Wellington | 3.71 | 5.80 | 8.49 |
| | Wentworth | 1.90 | 2.76 | 2.20 |
| | Group average | 2.79 | 2.76 | 3.14 |

Table 2.6 – Debt service ratio

| Group | Council | 2005/06 % | 2006/07 % | 2007/08 % |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 10 | Berrigan | 5.74 | 6.65 | 52.39 |
| | Bland | 0.00 | 0.00 | No Data |
| | Blayney | 3.73 | 3.76 | 2.62 |
| | Cobar | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Cootamundra | 2.59 | 2.35 | 2.35 |
| | Dungog | 2.72 | 3.24 | 10.12 |
| | Glen Innes Severn | 6.40 | 4.73 | 8.33 |
| | Gwydir | No Data | 6.98 | 5.76 |
| | Junee | 4.08 | 4.47 | 4.25 |
| | Kyogle | 1.87 | 1.87 | 3.52 |
| | Lachlan | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Liverpool Plains | 1.81 | 1.48 | 2.00 |
| | Murray | 8.95 | 6.41 | 5.69 |
| | Narrandera | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| | Narromine | 0.67 | 0.96 | 2.23 |
| | Oberon | 1.16 | 1.17 | 0.99 |
| | Snowy River | No Data | 1.07 | 2.38 |
| | Temora | 4.07 | 0.47 | 0.17 |
| | Tenterfield | 2.38 | 1.52 | 1.60 |
| | Upper Lachlan | 3.42 | 2.85 | 3.07 |
| | Uralla | 4.79 | 6.74 | 6.19 |
| | Walgett | 3.80 | 1.86 | 1.86 |
| | Wellington | 4.68 | 8.84 | 9.48 |
| | Wentworth | 10.91 | 6.27 | 8.58 |
| | Group average | 3.69 | 3.03 | 5.87 |

5. FAR WESTERN ACADEMY OF SPORT

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 135/02/00/00

Summary:

Ms Kathy Barber, Executive Officer of the Far Western Academy of Sport, has requested the opportunity to address Council on the role and activities of the Academy.

Discussion (including issues and background):

For the information of Councillors the July 2009 edition of the Academy's Newsletter is attached. Ms Barber will be making a Power Point presentation at the Council meeting.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Residents

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.

Attachment:

July 2009 edition of the Newsletter of the Far Western Academy of Sport



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NETBALL NEWS

Australian Indigenous Side



FWAS Netball Squad athlete Corrine Towney and FWAS coach Janet Mason recently returned home after touring New Zealand with the Australian U17's Indigenous Schoolgirls side.



The squad departed for New Zealand on the 1st June and returned on the 10th June. While in New Zealand the side played against teams from New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Cook Islands and Pacifica.



NIB Games

The FWAS Netball Squad recently attended a two day training camp in Warren on the 27th and 28th June. The camp was in preparation for the upcoming NIB Games to be held in Maitland from the 22nd – 24th July.



FWAS Squad: Corrine Towney, Nikki McWhirter, Zara Cain, Shaye Cain (Coonabarabran), Barbie Kirby, Sam Gordon (Brewarrina), Tegan Starr, Chloe Wighton (Gilgandra), Tayla Martin, Laura Horton (Nyngan), Nikki Hanzel-Fuller (Warren) and Jade Clarke (Trangie)

TENNIS NEWS

Coonabarabran Tournament



The FWAS Tennis Squad recently attended the inaugural Coonabarabran Junior Tennis Tournament held on the 31st May. The tournament is the first of three tournaments the FWAS athletes will attend as a squad.

On Saturday, the day before the tournament the FWAS squad attended a development afternoon with Head Coach Ken Wray in Coonabarabran. The squad was also joined by 14 members of the Louis Tennis Academy from Gunnedah. The players were put through their paces and practiced their singles tournament play in preparation for the tournament.

The FWAS players played well in the tournament on the Sunday with three athletes claiming Runners Up in their age division. Those players included Damian Lewis (Nyngan) Runner Up in the U17 Boys, Imogen Morrissey (Coonabarabran) Runner Up in the U17 Girls and Bridget Bennett (Tottenham) Runner up in the U11 Girls.



The FWAS would like to thank Tennis NSW and the Coonabarabran Tennis Club for organising such a great event and the club for looking after the FWAS athletes.

Nyngan Training Day and Tottenham Tournament



The FWAS squad attended a development day in Nyngan on the 21st June. The athletes were de briefed on their performance at Coonabarabran and the areas that they can improve in their singles tournament play.

Assistant Coaches David Macintosh and Cathy Lewis worked on preparing the athletes for the upcoming Tottenham Tennis Tournament.

Athletes practiced their singles and doubles tournament play throughout the day.

The FWAS athletes will attend a development afternoon in Warren on Thursday 23rd July before competing in the Tottenham Tennis Tournament on the 24th and 25th July.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Following the success of the 2008 October Football Development Camp the FWAS will be holding another camp during the July School Holidays, 21st – 23rd of July in Warren.

The camp is aiming to identify and develop talented footballers in the Far West as well as developing coaches.

The cost of the camp is \$100.00 per participant which covers all meals and accommodation while in camp as well as expert coaching. All players will receive a football as part of the package.

From the camp we are hoping to select a squad of 13-15 athletes to Sydney during the January school holidays to play against the University of NSW junior development squads.

Football NSW will be conducting a Junior Football Certificate coaching course for all interested coaches and parents involved in football. The cost of the course is \$140.00. We also invite people involved in the Far West to attend the camp to learn from the experienced head coaches appointed by Football NSW and the University of NSW.

For more information please contact the FWAS on (02) 6847 3638 or you local Football Association.

Far West Academy of Sport Football Camp



- When:** Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd July
- Where:** Victoria Park - Warren
- Time:** Start - 12:30pm Tuesday
Finish - 12:00pm Thursday
- Who:** Male and Female Football players in the Far West aged between 11-16
- Cost:** \$100.00 (this includes quality coaching, all meals and accommodation and a football)

Coach Development

Football NSW will be conducting a Junior Football Coaching Certificate Course during the camp. The camp is aimed at local coaches working with junior players in the region and will cost \$140.00. We also encourage coaches in the Far West to attend the camp to learn and work alongside the experienced and qualified coaches.



FWAS News – July 09

The 13th Annual Ronny Gibbs 7's Netball and Rugby League Tournament

U14's & Opens Division in both sports

Bourke
Wednesday 26th August

FWAS Rugby League and Netball
Coaching staff will be present on the day
Scouting for 2010 Talent ID Programs.

Students from school years 7-12 are welcome.

Prizes for winners and runners-up will be awarded.

For more information contact
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RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS



The FWAS would like to congratulate the members of the CRL Far West Academy program who played in the 2009 CRL Championships recently. Macauley Dawson, David Watson, Jim Delboux and Khaleb Whitehurst all from Cobar played in the Group XI U15's side while Jacob Neill from Nyngan was captain of the U16's Group XI side.

From the championships Jacob was selected in the southern country side to play against the northern country side in Mingara. From this game the Country NSW team would be selected. Unfortunately for Jacob he narrowly missed out on being selected in the NSW Country side.

The CRL Far West Academy Rugby League program has come to end for the 2009/10 season. The trials for the 2009/10 program are scheduled for the 25th October.

CLAY TARGET NEWS

The FWAS will be hosting a Junior Clay Target Shooting Camp this week starting on Friday 10th July starting at 6:30pm and concluding on Sunday 12th July at 2:00pm.

The camp will be held in Warren and will be overseen by Graeme Boyd, National Coach Director and Garth Hosking from the NSW Clay Target Association.

The camp is for junior shooters up to U21 years of age. The cost of the camp is \$50 and this includes quality coaching, all meals and accommodation while in camp and clay targets and some shell support.

We also invite officials/coaches to attend the camp and learn from the experienced coaches. There will be a coach development session on Saturday for coaches/officials in attendance. There is no cost for coaches/officials to attend.

For further information please contact the FWAS on (02) 6847 3638.

Far West Academy of Sport Junior Clay Target Shooting Camp

When: Friday 10th - Sunday 12th July

Where: Warren Clay Target Range

Time: Start - 6:30pm Friday
Finish - 2:00pm Sunday

Who: Junior Shooters up to U21 years

Cost: \$50.00 (this includes quality coaching, all meals and accommodation)

Coach Development

We would also like to invite officials/coaches to attend the camp and learn from the experienced coaches. On Saturday evening there will be a 2 hour coach development session. There is no cost for adults to attend.

COACH THE COACH CONFERENCE

The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) recently held its coach the coach conference in Bathurst from the 1st - 3rd May 2009. The conference attracted over 70 people from around the region.

Four members of the FWAS coaching staff; Bob Townsend, John Rodis, Sharon Nott, David Macintosh along with FWAS development officer Matthew Thompson attended the conference. The three day conference covered various topics including sports psychology, strength training, functional training, endurance training, fitness testing, core strength and flexibility.

A highlight of the conference was the dinner on the Saturday night. Special guests Brett Cocksedge and Nick North spoke to those in attendance about their experience in sport. Brett has worked in basketball for most of his life working with various NBL sides, American University teams, Basketball NSW and the Australian Institute of Sport. While Nick is a current WRAS scholarship holder and is one of the up and coming junior triathletes in Australia.



L-R - Rebecca Neale (DASR), Simon Wienarski (DASR), Sharron Nott, David Macintosh, Matthew Thompson, John Rodis, Bob Townsend

The FWAS wishes to thank all our program supporters

NSW Sport and Recreation
Mundi Paaki Regional Enterprise
Wagga ICC
Dubbo Youth Foundation
Netball NSW
Tennis NSW
Bowls NSW
JNJGF
ITT Waste and Waste Water
Straits Mining Services
Country Rugby League



Regional Councils in the Far West

Warren
Bourke
Brewarrina
Cobar
Nyngan
Darling Downs
Walgett
Coonamble
Broken Hill



Athlete FWAS Friends of the Academy Sponsors - for their assistance in sponsoring local athletes, assisting them with membership levies.

LONE STAR UPDATE

Brent Todd from Tottenham set two new PB's at his recent school athletics carnival in shot put and long jump. He increased his shot put by over a metre. Brent will attend the CHS Western Area Athletics Championships in late July.

Brett has also received some exciting news being invited to participate in the Australian Youth Paralympic Games which are to be held in Melbourne from the 5th - 11th October. The event is expected to attract interest from athletes from the USA, Great Britain, Asia and New Zealand.

The FWAS wish Brett all the best at the CHS Western Area Championships and the Games in October.

FWAS basketball athletes Stevie Smith and Daniel Pracy have completed their first year of the WRAS basketball program. Along with Stevie and Daniel, Shay Naden and Robert Newey played in the NSW Country Tournament held recently. All athletes played well for their respective teams.

Swimmers Georgia Baker, Craig and Thomas Field are doing dry land training for preparation for the upcoming swimming season, while cricketers, Wade Potter and Nicola Harbison are looking forward to their training with the NSW Emerging Blues Squad which gets underway in August.

The 2009/2010 Lone Star program is now open for athletes in the Far West of NSW. The applications close on the 17th August 2009.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

May

Lone Star athlete Louis Hollman from Bourke has been named as the May athlete of the month for his great results in rugby union.

Louis recently secured a contract with Randwick Rugby Union Club and is playing Colts (U20) in the Tooheys New Shute Shield.

Louis is still maintaining his commitments with the U18 NSW Country side and is looking forward to touring to Japan later in the year with the team.

June

CRL Far West Academy Nyngan athlete Jacob Neill (left) has been selected as the June athlete of the month. Jacob has been a member of the rugby league program for three years.



Jacob was selected in the Group XI U16's side as captain and represented them at the CRL Junior Championships. The Group XI side were the winners of the Trophy Final defeating

Group 16 22-16. Jacob was also selected in the Southern NSW Country side and narrowly missed out on NSW Country selection.

COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

The FWAS is currently in the process of attending council meeting in the Far West making a presentation to local councillors to update them on the FWAS activities and to investigate ways the FWAS and council can work together to assist the talented athletes in the Far West.



The presentations have also doubled as an athlete function where the FWAS can promote the athletes that reside in their catchment area. The FWAS has visited the following local councils; Warrumbungles, Gilgandra, Cobar and Bourke. The FWAS plan to visit the remaining councils by the end of September.



FWAS Cobar Athletes and FWAS Staff

BOWLS NEWS



The FWAS held its 2009/2010 Bowls program trials in Nyngan on the 5th July. Due to the insufficient numbers in attendance the FWAS is reviewing the Bowls program.



Junior Bowlers

The FWAS planned to host an induction camp for the Bowls Squad on the 8th and 9th August. This will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers to conduct a program. If you play Bowls in the Far West and are interested in becoming part of the Academy you need to contact the FWAS by the 31st July. If there are less than 6 athletes the FWAS will be unable to run a program for 2009/2010. The program is open to athletes aged 12 -17 years in 2009.

MATTHEW FULLER MELBOURNE UPDATE

I have been enjoying the past 18 months living and training in Melbourne. My current tennis coach is in New York and I'm being coached by Sesan from America. He coaches national squads and a lot of the top ranked juniors in Victoria and Australia.

I play in a tournament at Geelong from the 10th – 12th July and this may give me the opportunity to play in the Victoria Pizzy, which is an annual competition between states and territories.

School over the past 18 months has been challenging and very interesting. I am achieving my goals that I set for tennis and my education and I am in the process of setting new goals for my education and tennis.

2009 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Due to the weather the FWAS Primary School Netball Challenge in Cobar had to be cancelled while the Coonamble day was rescheduled to the 1st July 2009.

Thirty teams from thirteen different schools travelled to Coonamble to participate in the day. Teams travelled from towns including, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Gulargambone, Nyngan, Walgett, Coonabarabran, Carinda, Baradine, Binnaway and Warren.

The FWAS would like to congratulate the schools on their performances and thank them for their support as well as the parents, umpires and volunteers who assisted during the day.

We would also like to thank the Coonamble Netball Association, Coonamble Shire for the use of the grounds and St Brigid's Coonamble for coordinating the canteen.

Results

Years 3/4

Winners – St Joseph's Nyngan White

Runners Up – St Joseph's Gilgandra 1

MVP – Shairmaine Lition (St Joseph's Nyngan White)

Years 5/6 Division 1

Winners – St Joseph's Walgett 1.

Runners Up – Nyngan Public 1.

MVP – Gloria Winters (St Joseph's Walgett 1.)

Years 5/6 Division 2

Winners – Warren Central

Runners Up – St Joseph's Nyngan White

MVP – Mableah Fuller (Warren Central)



Most Valuable Players – Shairmaine Lition, Gloria Winters and Mableah Fuller

FWAS FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY

The FWAS would like to thank the following business:

Tottenham Tennis Club – Tottenham

Collarenebri Club – Collarenebri

Joe Jones and Associates – Trangie

Caltex Coonabarabran – Coonabarabran

Jazz Em Up Hair Salon – Nyngan

Nyngan RSL and Civic Club – Nyngan

Western Plains Windows and Glass – Dubbo

Caltex Narrabri – Narrabri

And the following individuals:

Amanda Ferrari – Trangie

Gary and Jenny Wrigley – Warren



CALENDAR



JULY

- 1st Lone Star Applications Released
- 8th Peachey/Richardson Shield Finals – Rugby League
Dubbo
- 10th – 12th Junior Clay Target Shooting Camp
Warren
- 11th – 13th Netball NSW State Age Championships
Blacktown
- 21st – 23rd Football Development Camp
Warren
- 22nd – 24th NIB Games – Netball
Maitland
- 23rd – 25th Development Afternoon and Tottenham Tournament – Tennis
Warren/Tottenham

AUGUST

- 3rd – 5th Schools Development Tour – Basketball and Netball
Cobar/Bourke/Brewarrina
- 8th – 9th Induction Camp – Bowls
Warren
- 12th Ricky Walford Shield and Jenny Wright Shield – Rugby League and Netball
Walgett
- 13th Neville Thorn Shield – Rugby League
Walgett
- 17th Lone Star Applications close
- 16th – 21st JN/JGF Development Tour – Golf
Bourke/Brewarrina
- 22nd – 23rd Netball NSW 15's Tournament Selection Camp
Warren
- 26th Ronny Gibbs 7's – Rugby League and Netball
Bourke
- 30th Northern Inland State League Finals – Netball
TBA



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6. CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS OF SENIOR STAFF

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 295/01/16/00

Summary:

Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that:

“The general manager must, at least once annually, report to the council on the contractual conditions of senior staff.”

Discussion (including issues and background):

Section 332 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides as follows:

A council must determine: those positions within the organisation structure that are senior staff positions.

A council may not determine a position to be a senior staff position unless: (b) the total remuneration package payable with respect to the position is equal to or greater than the minimum remuneration package payable with respect to senior executive office (SES) holders whose positions are graded Level 1 (General Management).

Note: the current remuneration range for an SES Level 1 position within the State Public Service is \$144,800 to \$169,550. No Director within the Council receives remuneration at this level and, therefore, no Director can be deemed to be Senior Staff pursuant to the Act.

Section 334 (1) provides that “The position of general manager is a senior staff position”

The significance of officers being designated “senior staff” is that:

- “senior staff” must be appointed on performance based contracts of not less than 12 months and not more than 5 years.
- “The General Manager may appoint or dismiss senior staff only after consultation with the council.”

The Contract of the General Manager has been provided to Councillors.

The total remuneration of the General Manager in 2008/09 was \$149,812.15 comprising:

Salary paid - \$129,997.90
Superannuation - \$11,699.89
Private use of Council vehicle - \$5,000.00
Accommodation allowance - \$3,114.36

Relevant Reference Documents:

Local Government Act 1993
General Manager’s Contract of Employment

Stakeholders:

Councillors

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.

Attachments:

Nil

7. WALGETT COMMUNITY CAPABILITY FUND FINANCIAL REVIEW AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 015/06/01/00

Summary:

This report presents to Council a financial review of the Walgett Community Capability Fund as at 30 June 2009.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Walgett Shire Council acts as the administrative banker only for this program. The capability fund committee makes all decisions on allocation of funds.

Prior to 30 June 2009, Walgett Shire Council received all of \$625,000.00, including GST (\$575,000.00 Ex GST), for the Walgett Community Capability Fund.

To 30 June 2009, including GST, a total of \$310,300.00 was expended, leaving a balance of \$314,700.00 (\$286,090.00 Ex GST) to complete the projects prior to 30 December 2009.

Payments net of GST to date are for:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| • Gingie Reserve | \$142,090.91 |
| • Namoi Village | \$90,000.00 |
| • Administration fee for banker | \$50,000.00 |
| • Walgett Township | \$0.00 |

Relevant Reference Documents:

Australian Government Program Funding agreement with the Indigenous Coordination Centre.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

The balance of \$286,090.00 represents external restricted funds held as at 30 June 2009. The balance of the \$286,090.00 expenditure to be incurred in the 2009/2010 financial year needs to be added to the operational budget for 2009/2010.

Recommendations:

That:

- 1. Council notes the external restricted income balance for the Walgett Community Capability Fund of \$286,090.00 as at 30 June 2009.**
- 2. Council notes the reduction in the expenditure in the 2008/2009 Walgett Shire Council Operational Budget of \$286,090.00.**
- 3. Council approve the expenditure of \$286,090.00 in the 2009/2010 Walgett Shire Council Operational Budget in line with the funding arrangement.**

Attachments:

Nil

8. **REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FINANCIAL REVIEW AS AT 30 JUNE 2009**

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 150/06/01/00

Summary:

This report presents to Council a financial review of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program as at 30 June 2009

Discussion (including issues and background):

On the 17th April 2009 Walgett Shire Council received \$492,000 from the Federal Government for the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program. These projects need to be completed by 30 September 2009. As at 30 June 2009, \$19,160 had been expended with the Lightning Ridge Gem Park project completed. The balance of the projects, budgeted at \$472,840.00 need to be expended by 30 September 2009. The table below details the financial status of each project as at 30 June 2009.

| | Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program | | | |
|---------------|---|---------|---------|------|
| Revenues | | Actual | Budget | |
| 11.00348.0726 | Grant | 492,000 | 492,000 | 100% |
| | Sub Total | 492,000 | 492,000 | 100% |
| Expense | | | | |
| 11.03480.2768 | Walgett Primitive Camping Ground | 320 | 84,500 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2767 | Walgett Street Lighting | 0 | 43,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2769 | Lightning Ridge Skate Park | 0 | 72,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2770 | Lightning Ridge Gem Park | 4,500 | 4,500 | 100% |
| 11.03480.2771 | Lightning Ridge VIC Extension | 0 | 21,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2772 | LR Toilet upgrade at VIC | 0 | 10,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2773 | Collarenebri Primitive Camp | 320 | 65,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2774 | LR parks and cemetery | 0 | 17,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2788 | Collarenebri Playground and Skate Park | 7,856 | 67,000 | 12% |
| 11.03480.2789 | Burren Junction Bore Baths | 6,164 | 52,000 | 12% |
| 11.03480.2790 | Carinda Playground | 0 | 41,500 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2791 | Cumborah Parks | 0 | 6,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2792 | Rowena Park | 0 | 6,000 | 0% |
| 11.03480.2793 | LR Bike Rack | 0 | 2,500 | 0% |
| | Sub Total | 19,160 | 492,000 | 4% |

Relevant Reference Documents:

Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

The balance of \$472,840.00 represents external restricted funds held as at 30 June 2009.
The balance of the \$472,840.00 expenditure to be incurred in the 2009/2010 financial year needs to be added to the capital budget for 2009/2010.

Recommendations:

That:

1. Council notes the external restricted income balance for the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program of \$472,840.00 as at 30 June 2009.
2. Council notes the reduction in the expenditure in the 2008/2009 Walgett Shire Council Capital Budget of \$472,840.00.
3. Council approve the expenditure of \$472,840.00 in the 2009/2010 Walgett Shire Council Capital Budget in line with the funding arrangement.

Attachments:

Nil

9. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME DONATIONS -2009/2010 BUDGET

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate & Community Services
AUTHOR: Serena Stubbs – Senior Finance Officer
FILE NUMBER: 180/08/00/00

Summary:

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

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

Discussion (including issues and background):

Applications have been received from community organisations for financial assistance under the Community Assistance Scheme. The scheme was advertised shire wide, with applications closing 31 July 2009.

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

The Community Assistance Scheme objectives being to:

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

Generally, applications for financial assistance have been set at a maximum of \$500.00

Relevant Reference Documents:

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

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Various community organisations

Financial Implications:

An amount of \$15,000.00 has been provided for in the 2009/2010 Budget in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the first round of 2009/2010 as recommended below:-**

Summary of all applications:

| Community Assistance Scheme - Round 1 - July 2009 | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| | Organisation | Project | Request | Cost of Project / Activity | Recommendation | Stakeholders |
| 1 | Collarenebri Jockey Club | Annual Race Meeting - assist with cost of compulsory ambulance attendance | \$500.00 | \$40,000.00 (Total Race Meeting) | \$500.00 | Community |
| 2 | Goodooga CWA * (based in Lightning Ridge but called "Goodooga" for historical purposes) | Annual Wool Day lunch held in Sep/Oct 09 (major annual fundraiser) | \$2,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$500.00 | Community - especially children and women & medical scholarship |
| 3 | Walgett Jockey Club | Annual Race Meeting - assist with cost of compulsory ambulance attendance | \$500.00 | \$1,300 (Ambulance only costs) | \$500.00 | Community |
| 4 | Lightning Ridge Police Bush Safari | Transportation costs for television crew & equipment in the Oct09 Bush Safari | Not specified | Not specified | \$500.00 | Community/Shire promotion over Australia-wide television (Imparja) |
| 5 | Carinda & District Race Club Meeting | Donations to the club, Sponsorship and/or Prizes for the Race Club meeting on 25 July 2009 | Not specified | Not specified | \$250.00 | Carinda Community |
| 6 | Outback Air Race | RFDS Outback Air Race | \$100.00 | Not specified | \$100.00 | Community - donation to charity event supporting Flying Doctors |
| 7 | Women's Legal Services | Use of the Collarenebri Community Hall -Supper Room for a domestic violence workshop on 13 Aug 09 | \$15.00 (excluding cleaning and Bond) | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | Community - women |
| 8 | Rowena Progress Association ** | Rowena progress association Xmas in July (July 4 2009) | \$500.00 | Not specified | \$250.00 | Rowena public school children |
| 9 | St Joseph's Catholic School Parents & Friends Association | Music camps in Baradine for 20 students (students have passed an audition in order to gain entry) | \$1,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$750.00 | Walgett School children (from St Joseph's school choir) |
| 10 | Rowena CWA | To cover the cost of hiring Rowena Hall for meetings and functions for 2009/2010 | \$100 (approx) | \$100 (approx) | \$100.00 | CWA Members and (indirectly) the Community they support |
| 11 | Lightning Ridge Rural Fire Service | Cost of kitchen | \$500.00 | \$2000 - \$3000 | \$nil (Council already pay contributions to the RFS) | RFS Firefighters and (indirectly) the Community they support |
| 12 | Lightning Ridge Pistol Club | Construction of "eyebrow" baffles (which prevent accidental shots from being fired over the back mound). This is a requirement of new OH&S guidelines being introduced | \$3,400.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$nil (suggest the Pistol Club contact NSW Police for a contribution) | Pistol club members (56), visitors, competition shooters, police officer training |
| 13 | BAC Rugby League Walgett | Participation in annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Armidale (nomination fees, uniforms, accommodation, travel, and medical supplies) | \$2,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$500.00 | Community - Aboriginal men |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

| | Organisation | Project | Request | Cost of Project / Activity | Recommendation | Stakeholders |
|----|--|--|------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| 14 | Lightning Ridge Pre School | Payment of 2009/2010 Rates & Charges | \$2,407.39 | \$2,407.39 | \$nil | Lightning Ridge pre-school children (caters for 20 children per day aged 3-5 years) |
| 15 | Lightning Ridge Arts & Crafts Council | 2009 Spring Exhibition Art Prize | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | Community - local artists |
| 16 | Burren Junction Pre School | Outdoor craft storage and preparation area (due to new DOCS requirement to separate from food preparation areas) | \$500.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$500.00 | Burren Junction pre-school children (caters for 25 local families) |
| 17 | Rowena Community Oval | Insurance premium for the Rowena oval (Rowena Community Oval pay 50% and Rowena Progress Association pay 50%) | \$500.00 | \$800.00 | \$600.00 | Community in Rowena |
| 18 | Rowena Progress Association ** | Insurance premium for the Rowena oval (Rowena Community Oval pay 50% and Rowena Progress Association pay 50%) | \$500.00 | \$800.00 | | Community in Rowena |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | \$5,565.00 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Total 2009/2010 Budget | | \$15,000 | | | |
| | Remaining available for Round 2 | | \$9,435 | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | * Note - Goodooga CWA applied for funding in Jan 2009 but were rejected as it was believed that the branch fell under Brewarrina Shire | | | | | |
| | ** Note - Rowena Progress Association have submitted 2 applications for funding. Eligibility criteria is normally for one donation per financial year. | | | | | |
| | Recommendation is \$250 for Xmas in July and \$600 in total for insurance of the Rowena Oval | | | | | |
| | (for both Rowena Progress Association & Rowena Community Oval) | | | | | |
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10. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 180/01/01/00

Summary:

This report presents to Council the quarterly budget review for the period ending 30 June 2009

Discussion (including issues and background):

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

At the Council meeting on 17 June 2008, Council adopted the 2009-2014 Management Plan, which incorporated the 2008/2009 budget.

The adopted budget provides for an operating surplus of \$130,318 and a capital deficit of \$15,402,948. The October 2008, February 2009 and April 2009 Council meetings adopted variations to the original budget resulting in an operating surplus of \$1,011,759.00 and a capital deficit of \$14,059,680.00

Operating revenue and expenditure relates to supply of services, maintenance and repairs. Capital revenue and expenditure relates to additions and improvements to assets.

If the following variations are adopted the budget result will be an operating surplus of \$5,302,022.00 and a capital deficit of \$3,719,192.00.

As this report is produced prior to all end of financial year adjustments and prior to audit, figures provided are based on the best available information. Some items not disclosed include:

- Potential write-off of Lehman Brothers investments
- Depreciation information is based on estimated and not exact number of days calculations
- Possible Impairment of Assets
- Accrued Expenses
- Prepaid Expenses
- Accrual wages from last pay costing date to 30 June 2009
- Accrued Income

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

The General Purpose Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2009 produced after auditing compares actual expenditure to the original adopted budget, and material variances are disclosed in "Note 16. Material Budget Variations"

GENERAL FUND

Increase in operating expenditure/ Decrease in operating revenue:

- The National Crime Prevention Program Grant of \$150,000.00 was not received.
- The \$20,000.00 rural addressing grant should be received progressively in the 2009/2010 financial year.
- Food inspection income was \$1,000.00 less than budget.
- The heritage advisor's and projects grant of \$12,000.00 was not received during 2008/2009.
- Heavy use of plant and equipment on road works consumed an additional \$633,000.00 worth of diesel.
- Rural engineering administration on cost income was \$800,000.00 less than budgeted and is balanced by corresponding lower expenses.
- An election enrolment grant of \$5,000 was not received.

Decrease in operating expenditure/ Increase in operating revenue:

- Insurance refunds and OH&S incentive payments totalling \$23,000.00 were received.
- Cemetery revenue was \$15,000.00 above budget.
- Cemetery costs were \$47,000.00 below budget
- Cost savings of \$20,000.00 were achieved within environmental protection.
- Halls and Community Facilities maintenance expenditure was \$40,000.00 below budget
- No legal costs or minor tool expenses were incurred by the Planning and Regulatory Services Division, saving \$10,000.00.
- Council's contribution for noxious weeds control was \$10,000 less than the revised budget.
- Expected data acquisition cost associated with GIS maintenance was \$13,000.00 lower than budget.
- The Local Environmental Plan and the development control plan projects were partially completed during 2008/2009. The balance of \$20,000.00 will be recorded and reconciled as externally restricted funds as at 30 June 2009 and carried forward into the 2009/10 financial year.
- \$9,000.00 allocated to development application review was not needed.
- No buildings required demolition saving \$20,000.00.
- \$5,721.00 of a rural addressing grant remained unspent at 30 June 2009. This will be recorded as restricted funds as at 30 June 2009.
- Planning and Regulatory Services obtained costs savings in office expenses, subscriptions and professional equipment totalling \$12,000.00
- As advised in a separate report in Councils agenda Walgett Shire Council received advanced payments of \$674,230.00 as the general purpose component and \$413,216.00 as the road component of the Federal Assistance Grant. The roads component will be recorded as externally restricted funds as at 30 June 2009.
- Savings of \$77,000.00 have been achieved within tourism in the areas of marketing and promotion, advertising publications and signage as Walgett Shire Council investigates branding options. These funds will be required for new signs, new marketing strategies and promotions in the 2009/2010 financial year.
- The implementation of Council's electronic records management system is progressing and will be completed in 2009/2010. The \$28,000.00 not expended in 2008/2009 will cover the balance of implementation costs.

- \$34,000.00 allocated to the main street program was not expended but should be allocated to the costs of developing a new main street strategy in 2009/10 budget.
- An additional Department of Lands Grant of \$8,200.00 for the rural addressing program was received.
- The cost of community wireless internet access was not fully expended as the roll out was not completed as expected. \$13,000.00 was left unexpended. New IT managers have capacity to complete project and funds to be carried over.
- Additional youth grants and contributions were \$8,000.00 above associated expenditure. These items will require recording as externally restricted funds as at 30 June 2009.
- Vehicle running costs attributed to Corporate and Community Services for the Council bus were \$50,000.00 below budget, with lower kilometres travelled.
- An additional amount of \$1,280,764.00 was received from the RTA for ordered works and supplementary works.
- Additional use of plant earned an additional \$200,000.00.
- Rural engineering administration on cost expenses were \$800,000.00 less than budgeted and are balance by corresponding lower income.

Increase in capital expenditure/ Decrease in capital revenue:

- The resealing and line-marking of the Walgett and Lightning Ridge air strips cost \$70,000.00 more than budgeted.

Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:

- The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program at 30 June 2009 had a balance of \$472,840.00 unspent. This expenditure is provided for by an externally restricted grant and will need to be carried forward into the 2009/2010 financial year. A separate report to Council is included in the agenda.
- The Lightning Ridge Bore Baths Facility Upgrade is incomplete with an under expenditure of \$65,000.00
- The Burren Junction Bore Baths programmed work is complete with a saving of \$6,000.00
- The safety upgrade of the open storm water channels was not undertaken due to limited physical access to the site and lack of suitable contract equipment for the work. A saving of \$50,000.00 resulted.
- The Walgett footpath replacement program was under-expended by \$40,000.00.
- The watering system for Gray Park was still in progress on 30 June 2009. As the funds for these projects were supplied by grant funding the balance of \$45,017.00 will need to be recorded as restricted funds as at 30 June 2009 and carried forward into the new financial year.
- The Walgett CBD lighting project is under review and none of the \$100,000.00 was expended.
- The Lightning Ridge public toilet block has not been commenced at a budget of \$150,000.
- The Collarenebri pool shade structure was partially completed at 30 June 2009 with \$22,000.00 of its budget unspent.
- The Walgett Skate Park had commenced prior to 30 June 2009, with \$17,000.00 remaining in its budget. Funds to be carried over plus an additional \$15,000. It will need to be carried into 2009/10 budget.
- The Walgett Memorial Wall project is still undergoing discussion and negotiation with the community and nil of its budget of \$15,000.00 was expended.
- The \$70,000.00 allocated to the Collarenebri Aerodrome was not expended.
- The playground equipment ordered as part of the replacement program in June was not received until July. The budget balance of \$55,000 was expended very early in the 2009/2010 financial year. Costs have increased.
- \$905,000.00 allocated to the replacement of several items of heavy equipment were still in the early stages of the tendering process on 30 June, 2009.

- Rural Infrastructure had several projects in progress at 30 June 2009 with unexpended budgets totalling \$3,165,147.00. They were shire roads resealing (\$175,000.00), timber bridge replacement (\$495,260.00), shire road re-sheeting (\$216,289.00), Shire road re-shaping (\$150,881.00), MR 329 Construction (\$1,309,325.00), Pian creek bridge replacement (\$34,863.00), regional road resealing (\$306,580.00) and regional road bridge replacement (\$714,378.00). Most of these projects are associated with externally restricted grant income.

WATER FUND

Increase in operating expenditure/ Decrease in operating revenue:

- Additional water charge income of \$150,000.00 was not received pending the implementation of water meters.

Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:

- Carinda water mains replacement project has been completed coming in \$20,000 under budget.
- Lightning Ridge Meter replacement is incomplete with \$19,000.00 not expended in the 2008/2009 financial year.

Increase in capital expenditure/ Decrease in capital revenue:

- Walgett Water Meter replacement has commenced with \$27,000.00 expended.
- Collarenebri water replacement program has commenced ahead of schedule with \$8,000.00 being expended prior to 30 June 2009.

SEWER FUND

Decrease in operating expenditure/ Increase in operating revenue:

- \$20,000 savings in Collarenebri sewer operations were achieved.
- The budgeted surplus of \$100,000.00 in the Walgett Sewer fund was achieved and will be transferred to restricted reserves.

Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:

- Walgett sewer main replace program not commenced at a saving of \$200,000.00
- Collarenebri effluent pump station project not commenced, pending a review of available reserves.
- Fencing of the Collarenebri effluents ponds have been completed with a saving of \$15,000.00

DOMESTIC WASTE FUND

Decrease in operating expenditure/ Increase in operating revenue:

- A decrease in operational expenditure totalling \$47,000.00 was achieved at the Collarenebri, Carinda, Burren Junction, Rowena and Come-by-Chance waste tips. The Come By Chance Tip Cleanup will be completed in July 2009 with \$4,000 required to be carried forward.

Decrease in capital expenditure/ Increase in capital revenue:

- The Walgett Landfill hard standing area project was not undertaken with a saving of \$15,635.00

All other areas of income and expenditure are at expected levels for the second quarter of the year.

The financial position of the council as at 30 June 2009 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009

Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2008/2009 - 2012/2013

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Additional operating revenue of \$1,476,210 and reduced operating expenditure of \$2,509,340 will result in an operating surplus of \$5,302,022. A decrease in capital expenditure of \$5,531,466 will result in a capital deficit of \$3,719,192.

Recommendations:

1. That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 30 June 2009 and adopt the attached changes.

Attachments:

Quarterly Budget Review

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | All Division Summary | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | General Manager - Ray Kent | | | | |
| | Original Budget | Amended Budget 02/08 | Actual Income/Costs | Recommended Changes | Amended Budget |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Members and Executive | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | (5,000) | 5,000 |
| Corporate & Community Services | 7,390,789 | 7,719,789 | 8,620,933 | 697,230 | 8,417,019 |
| Planning & Regulatory Services | 187,022 | 174,772 | 149,166 | (25,000) | 149,772 |
| Rural Infrastructure and Support Services | 11,501,348 | 15,128,645 | 16,593,494 | 1,093,980 | 16,222,625 |
| Urban Infrastructure Services | 5,015,389 | 5,025,056 | 4,705,639 | (285,000) | 4,740,056 |
| TOTAL | 24,099,548 | 28,053,262 | 30,069,232 | 1,476,210 | 29,534,472 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Members and Executive | 377,484 | 421,484 | 361,491 | 0 | 421,484 |
| Corporate & Community Services | 2,137,462 | 2,086,578 | 1,623,629 | (210,000) | 1,876,578 |
| Planning & Regulatory Services | 1,128,713 | 1,210,213 | 1,059,775 | (116,951) | 1,093,262 |
| Rural Infrastructure and Support Services | 12,651,499 | 15,719,156 | 14,073,009 | (1,908,389) | 13,810,767 |
| Urban Infrastructure Services | 7,674,072 | 7,304,359 | 6,814,717 | (274,000) | 7,030,359 |
| TOTAL | 23,969,230 | 26,741,790 | 23,932,622 | (2,509,340) | 24,232,450 |
| NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 130,318 | 1,311,472 | 6,136,610 | 3,985,550 | 5,302,022 |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 31 March 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | All Division Summary | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | General Manager - Ray Kent | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| CAPITAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Members and Executive | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate & Community Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planning & Regulatory Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rural Infrastructure and Support Services | 0 | 1,440,000 | 1,440,000 | 0 | 1,440,000 |
| Urban Infrastructure Services | 1,090,000 | 492,000 | 0 | 0 | 492,000 |
| TOTAL | 1,090,000 | 1,932,000 | 1,440,000 | 0 | 1,932,000 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Members and Executive | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate & Community Services | 26,666 | 26,666 | 28,380 | 0 | 26,666 |
| Planning & Regulatory Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rural Infrastructure and Support Services | 10,879,200 | 11,812,200 | 5,766,982 | (4,070,147) | 7,742,053 |
| Urban Infrastructure Services | 5,587,082 | 4,645,814 | 3,075,401 | (1,461,319) | 3,184,495 |
| TOTAL | 16,492,948 | 16,484,680 | 8,870,763 | (5,531,466) | 10,953,214 |
| NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (15,402,948) | (14,552,680) | (7,430,763) | 5,531,466 | (9,021,214) |
| NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (15,272,630) | (14,082,722) | (1,294,153) | 9,517,016 | (3,719,192) |

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Members and Executive | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Council and General Manager - Ray Kent | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Members and Civic | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 |
| TOTAL | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Members and Civic Donations | 377,484 | 421,484 | 361,491 | | 421,484 |
| TOTAL | 377,484 | 391,484 | 361,491 | 0 | 421,484 |
| NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (372,484) | (386,484) | (361,491) | 0 | (416,484) |
| CAPITAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Members and Civic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Members and Civic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (372,484) | (386,484) | (361,491) | 0 | (416,484) |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Corporate and Community Services | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Director of Corporate and Community Services - Carole Medcalf | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Community Services | 275,679 | 261,679 | 275,369 | | 261,679 |
| Corporate Management | 12,000 | 54,000 | 67,427 | | 54,000 |
| Financial Management | 61,500 | 96,500 | 129,036 | 23,000 | 119,500 |
| Interest Received | 460,000 | 750,000 | 831,593 | | 750,000 |
| Rates -Ordinary | 4,002,379 | 4,002,379 | 3,922,322 | | 4,002,379 |
| Tourism | 23,000 | 7,000 | 7,922 | | 7,000 |
| Untied Grants | 2,556,231 | 2,548,231 | 3,387,263 | 674,230 | 3,222,461 |
| TOTAL | 7,390,789 | 7,719,789 | 8,620,933 | 697,230 | 8,417,019 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Community Services | 1,149,366 | 1,162,366 | 809,690 | (133,000) | 1,029,366 |
| Corporate Management | 522,785 | 462,901 | 480,002 | | 462,901 |
| Financial Management | 58,960 | 58,960 | 57,234 | | 58,960 |
| Interest Received | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Rates -Ordinary | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Tourism | 406,351 | 402,351 | 276,703 | (77,000) | 325,351 |
| Untied Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2,137,462 | 2,086,578 | 1,623,629 | (210,000) | 1,876,578 |
| NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT | 5,253,327 | 5,394,327 | 6,997,305 | 907,230 | 6,540,441 |

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Corporate and Community Services | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Director of Corporate and Community Services - Carole Medcalf | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| CAPITAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Community Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance-General | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest Paid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates -Ordinary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tourism | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Untied Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Community Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate Management | 20,000 | 20,000 | 21,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Financial Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance-General | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest Received | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tourism | 6,666 | 6,666 | 7,380 | 0 | 6,666 |
| Rates -Ordinary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Untied Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 26,666 | 26,666 | 28,380 | 0 | 26,666 |
| NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (26,666) | (26,666) | (28,380) | 0 | (26,666) |
| NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 5,226,661 | 5,367,661 | 6,968,925 | 907,230 | 6,513,775 |

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Planning & Regulations | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Director of Planning & Regulatory Services - Matthew Goodwin | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Community Programs | 23,328 | 23,328 | 14,011 | (12,000) | 11,328 |
| Development Management & Support | 161,510 | 149,260 | 134,219 | (12,000) | 137,260 |
| Environmental Programs | 2,184 | 2,184 | 936 | (1,000) | 1,184 |
| TOTAL | 187,022 | 174,772 | 149,166 | (25,000) | 149,772 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Community Programs | 133,814 | 133,814 | 114,014 | (10,000) | 123,814 |
| Development Management & Support | 912,279 | 899,779 | 779,237 | (96,951) | 802,828 |
| Environmental Programs | 82,620 | 176,620 | 166,525 | (10,000) | 166,620 |
| TOTAL | 1,128,713 | 1,210,213 | 1,059,775 | (116,951) | 1,093,262 |
| NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (941,691) | (981,691) | (910,610) | 91,951 | (943,490) |
| CAPITAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Community Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Development Management & Support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Environmental Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Community Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Development Management & Support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Environmental Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (941,691) | (981,691) | (910,610) | 91,951 | (943,490) |

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Rural Infrastructure and Support Services | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Director of Rural and Support Services - Ian Taylor | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Emergency Services | 25,000 | 25,000 | 13,939 | 0 | 25,000 |
| Engineering Management | 2,289,180 | 2,289,180 | 1,484,633 | (800,000) | 1,489,180 |
| Plant Operations | 2,453,460 | 2,453,460 | 2,647,186 | 200,000 | 2,653,460 |
| Roads & Bridges | 6,733,708 | 10,361,005 | 12,447,736 | 1,693,980 | 12,054,985 |
| TOTAL | 11,501,348 | 15,128,645 | 16,593,494 | 1,093,980 | 16,222,625 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Emergency Services | 299,320 | 305,588 | 321,641 | | 305,588 |
| Engineering Management | 2,288,556 | 2,288,556 | 1,295,586 | (920,000) | 1,368,556 |
| Plant operations | 1,881,155 | 1,881,155 | 2,544,294 | 633,000 | 2,514,155 |
| Roads & Bridges | 8,182,468 | 11,243,857 | 9,911,488 | (1,621,389) | 9,622,468 |
| TOTAL | 12,651,499 | 15,719,156 | 14,073,009 | (1,908,389) | 13,810,767 |
| NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (1,150,151) | (1,444,243) | 2,520,484 | 3,002,369 | 2,411,858 |
| CAPITAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Roads & Bridges | 0 | 1,440,000 | 1,440,000 | 0 | 1,440,000 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 1,440,000 | 1,440,000 | 0 | 1,440,000 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Emergency Services | 0 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Plant, Equipment, Motor Vehicle Purchase | 1,440,000 | 1,440,000 | 535,138 | (905,000) | 535,000 |
| Roads & Bridges | 9,439,200 | 10,342,200 | 5,201,844 | (3,165,147) | 7,177,053 |
| TOTAL | 10,879,200 | 11,812,200 | 5,766,982 | (4,070,147) | 7,742,053 |
| NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (10,879,200) | (10,372,200) | (4,326,982) | 4,070,147 | (6,302,053) |
| NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (12,029,351) | (10,926,443) | (1,806,498) | 7,072,516 | (3,890,195) |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Urban Infrastructure Services | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Director of Urban Infrastructure Services -Siegfredo Coralde | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Engineering Management | 1,639,027 | 1,639,027 | 1,639,027 | 0 | 1,639,027 |
| Recreation & Community Assets | 186,840 | 246,507 | 113,506 | (135,000) | 111,507 |
| Properties | 330,973 | 330,973 | 329,961 | | 330,973 |
| Domestic Waste Management | 897,907 | 847,907 | 836,121 | 0 | 847,907 |
| Water Supplies | 1,305,910 | 1,305,910 | 1,146,127 | (150,000) | 1,155,910 |
| Sewerage Supplies | 654,732 | 654,732 | 640,897 | 0 | 654,732 |
| TOTAL | 5,015,389 | 5,025,056 | 4,705,639 | (285,000) | 4,740,056 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Engineering Management | 1,638,404 | 1,638,404 | 1,638,404 | | 1,638,404 |
| Recreation & Community Assets | 2,374,679 | 2,074,966 | 1,844,782 | (107,000) | 1,967,966 |
| Properties | 808,054 | 808,054 | 757,078 | | 808,054 |
| Domestic Waste Management | 897,078 | 847,078 | 785,069 | (47,000) | 800,078 |
| Water Supplies | 1,302,402 | 1,282,402 | 1,264,325 | | 1,282,402 |
| Sewerage Supplies | 653,455 | 653,455 | 525,058 | (120,000) | 533,455 |
| TOTAL | 7,674,072 | 7,304,359 | 6,814,717 | (274,000) | 7,030,359 |
| NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (2,658,683) | (2,658,683) | (2,109,078) | (11,000) | (2,290,303) |

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| WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL: | Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 | | | | |
| ORGANISATION DIVISION: | Urban Infrastructure Services | | | | |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | Director of Urban Infrastructure Services -Siegfredo Coralde | | | | |
| | Original | Amended | Actual | Recommended | Amended |
| | Budget | Budget 02/08 | Income/Costs | Changes | Budget |
| CAPITAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Engineering Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recreation & Community Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rural and Local Infrastructure Programs | | 492,000 | 492,000 | 0 | 492,000 |
| Properties | 1,090,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Waste Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water Supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewerage Supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,090,000 | 492,000 | 492,000 | 0 | 492,000 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Engineering Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recreation & Community Assets | 1,280,880 | 1,421,612 | 742,739 | (660,844) | 760,768 |
| Rural and Local Infrastructure Programs | | 492,000 | 19,160 | (472,840) | 19,160 |
| Properties | 3,333,042 | 2,243,042 | 2,147,602 | | 2,243,042 |
| Domestic Waste Management | 255,635 | 15,635 | 0 | (15,635) | 0 |
| Water Supplies | 377,525 | 133,525 | 118,504 | (17,000) | 116,525 |
| Sewerage Supplies | 340,000 | 340,000 | 47,396 | (295,000) | 45,000 |
| TOTAL | 5,587,082 | 4,645,814 | 3,075,401 | (1,461,319) | 3,184,495 |
| NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (4,497,082) | (4,497,082) | (2,583,401) | 1,461,319 | (2,692,495) |
| NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (7,155,765) | (7,155,765) | (4,692,479) | 1,450,319 | (4,982,798) |

11. CARRIED FORWARD PROJECTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 180/01/01/00

Summary:

This report presents to Council a list of programs and projects incomplete as at 30 June 2009, to be considered as carried forward items in the 2009/2010 budget.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The following projects were work in progress as at 30 June 2009. The dollar values listed are the amounts not expended in the 2008/2009 financial year. Items with “*” denote projects linked to externally restricted grants and contribution and previously committed projects.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| • Development Control Plan | \$20,000.00* |
| • Rural addressing program | \$5,721.00* |
| • Branding, advertising and signage | \$77,000.00 |
| • Electronic records management system | \$28,000.00 |
| • Main Street Program | \$41,000.00 |
| • Youth programs | \$ 8,000.00* |
| • Regional and local Community Infrastructure | \$472,840.00* |
| • Lightning Ridge Bore Baths Upgrade | \$65,000.00 |
| • Walgett Footpath replacement program | \$40,000.00 |
| • Gray Park watering system | \$45,017.00* |
| • Lightning Ridge Toilet block | \$150,000.00 |
| • Collarenebri pool Shade Structure | \$22,000.00 |
| • Walgett Skate park | \$32,000.00 |
| • Playground equipment | \$55,000.00 |
| • Shire Road resealing | \$175,000.00* |
| • Timber Bridge Replacement | \$495,260.00* |
| • Shire road re-sheeting | \$216,289.00* |
| • Shire road reshaping | \$150,881.00* |
| • MR 329 Construction | \$1,309,325.00* |
| • Pian Creek bridge replacement | \$34,830.00* |
| • Regional road resealing | \$306,580.00* |
| • Regional bridge replacement | \$714,378.00* |
| • Lightning Ridge water meter replacement | \$19,000.00 |
| • IT Collarenebri | \$13,000.00 |
| • Pesticide Pit Remediation | \$46,600.00 |
| • Plant Replacement | \$905,000.00 |
| • Walgett Cemetery Memorial Wall | \$15,000.00 |
| • Come By Chance Tip Operations | \$4,000.00 |

Relevant Reference Documents:

Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2009-2014

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendations:

1. That Council approve the completion of the works in progress as at 30 June 2009.
2. That Council carry forward the unexpended budget for these projects into the 2009/2010 financial year.

Attachments:

Nil

12. DEBT RECOVERY PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Bronwyn Newton- Finance Officer
FILE NUMBER: 180/04/04/00

Summary:

This report provides current progress on the Debt Recovery Action undertaken to recover outstanding arrears.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The total number of debts as at 11th August 2009 is 327 totalling \$1,163,260.76.

Walgett Shire Council and Simon Ravden Lawyers continue to have a good working relationship and are continuing to recover the outstanding arrears on Council's Rates.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Council – Debt Recovery Flow Report as at 11th August 2009
Summary Report Information Comparison Graph

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Council Ratepayers and Residents

Financial Implications:

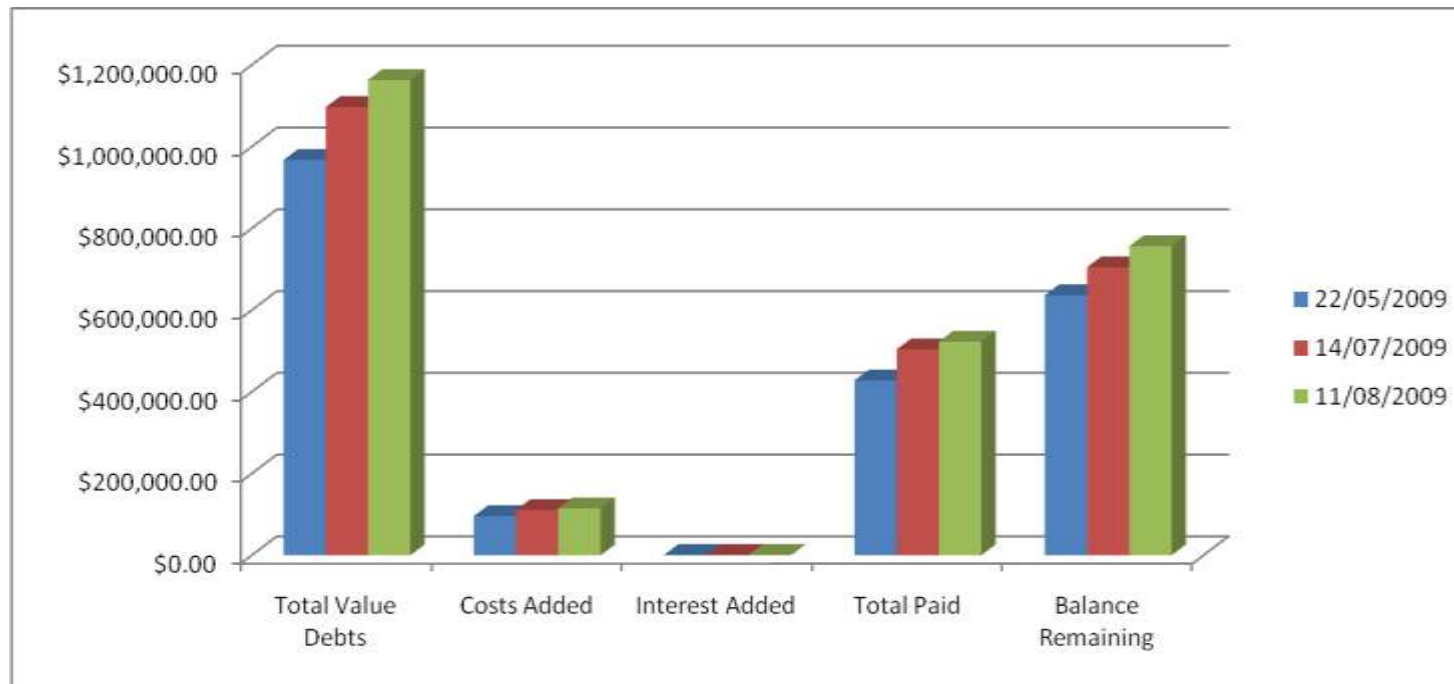
As at 11/08/2009, Walgett Shire Council has received a total of \$523,103.21 in outstanding rates arrears payments, being 44.97% of total outstanding arrears.

Recommendations

- 1. That council note the Debt Recovery Flow Report and the Summary Report Information Comparison Graph.**

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| Summary Report Information | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 22/05/2009 | 14/07/2009 | 11/08/2009 |
| Total Number Debts | 293 | 298 | 327 |
| Total Value Debts | \$967,353.95 | \$1,096,768.79 | \$1,163,260.76 |
| Costs Added | \$95,945.03 | \$110,981.23 | \$115,146.63 |
| Interest Added | \$1,068.36 | \$1,068.36 | \$1,068.36 |
| Total Paid | \$428,021.78 | \$503,869.59 | \$523,103.21 |
| Balance Remaining | \$636,345.56 | \$704,948.79 | \$756,372.54 |
| Recovery Rate | 44.25% | 45.94% | 44.97% |



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13. CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2009

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Julie McKeown – Finance Officer
FILE NUMBER: 180/02/01/00 and 180/01/00/00

Summary:

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 31 July 2009.

Discussion (including issues and background):

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

As at 31 July 2009 the operational bank account's balance was \$1,717,756.77. The reconciliation of this balance is as follows:

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------|
| | \$ | |
| Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 1 July 2009 | 2,983,345.27 | |
| Add: Receipts | 763,461.12 | |
| Add: Recalled Investments | 2,000,000.00 | |
| Less: New Investments | 500,000.00 | |
| Less: Payments | 3,529,049.62 | |
| Closing Ledger Balance as at 31 July 2009 | 1,717,756.77 | A |
| Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 July 2009 | 1,724,725.62 | |
| Add: Receipts not banked | 9,255.44 | |
| Less: Payments not presented | 16,224.29 | |
| Closing Balance of Bank Account | 1,717,756.77 | B |
| | Difference (A-B) | - |

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As at 31 July 2009 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$8,732,245.00. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Term Deposits | \$7,350,000 |
| Callable Range Accrual Notes | \$1,000,000 |
| Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) | \$ 382,245 |

The values disclosed for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values at 30 June 2008. The Department of Local Government and the Local Government Auditors Association has determined an annual independent valuation of these products as a requirement of the end of financial year process and reporting requirements. The next valuation will be as at 30 June 2010. Walgett Shire Council is currently in discussions with Council's Auditors and ANZ Nominees, the custodial body holding the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) to establish a valuation methodology.

On 16 July 2009, Walgett Shire Council received a circular from PPB Pty Ltd, the administrators of Lehman's Brother Limited, providing a status update. PPB Pty Ltd has been appointed Deed Administrators following the execution of a Deed of Company Arrangement. A Litigation Creditor Fund of \$43.2 million is being established. A dividend will be distributed to litigation creditors who can substantiate they received misleading advice from Lehman Brothers Limited. Substantiation would require legal advice on grounds for misleading advice and legal advice on the value of loss. Walgett Shire Council's portfolio with Lehman Brother's has always complied with the Local Government Investment Order. The Individually Managed Portfolio Agreement clearly states in clause 6.1 (a) (iii):

"does not guarantee the payment of any income or return or the repayment of capital invested in the portfolio."

With the lack of returns guarantee and the specific products in Walgett shire Council's portfolio that comply with the investment order it would be very difficult to demonstrate formal proof of any debt.

In addition, Walgett Shire Council's exposure from these products is relatively low. Legal costs associated with individual or class actions could exceed any potential dividend with proof of misleading advice being very difficult to establish.

Currently, three of the products are paying interest coupons on the original face value. In June 2009 a total of \$6,019.68 interest was received for the fourth quarter of the financial year. This provides an annualized return, on 30 June 2008 market value, of approximately 8.8%.

As at 31 July 2009 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$10,450,001.77 represented by:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Working Account Balance | \$1,717,756.77 |
| Investments | \$8,732,245.00 |

Recommendations:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 July 2009 be received.

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

| <u>Investment Institution</u> | <u>Type of Investment</u> | <u>Term (days)</u> | <u>Rate %</u> | <u>Ref</u> | <u>Reset Date</u> | <u>Maturity Date</u> | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Term Deposits | | | | | | | | |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 182 | 4.00 | 549/09 | | 04-Aug-09 | \$ | 300,000.00 |
| Suncorp Metway | Term Deposit | 112 | 3.81 | 571/09 | | 18-Aug-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Bank West | Term Deposit | 105 | 4.00 | 572/09 | | 11-Aug-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Westpac | Term Deposit | 95 | 4.00 | 573/09 | | 11-Aug-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 91 | 4.00 | 574/09 | | 25-Aug-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Savings & Loans Credit Union | Term Deposit | 91 | 3.90 | 575/09 | | 01-Sep-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Bank of Western Australia | Term Deposit | 97 | 4.00 | 576/09 | | 08-Sep-09 | \$ | 300,000.00 |
| Bank of Queensland | Term Deposit | 88 | 4.25 | 579/09 | | 22-Sep-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Maquarie Bank | Term Deposit | 90 | 4.45 | 580/09 | | 28-Sep-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Maquarie Bank | Term Deposit | 91 | 4.35 | 581/10 | | 06-Oct-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Westpac | Term Deposit | 91 | 4.30 | 582/10 | | 06-Oct-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Local Government Financial Services | Term Deposit | 91 | 4.10 | 583/10 | | 06-Oct-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| AMP Banking | Term Deposit | 119 | 4.25 | 584/10 | | 10-Nov-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| IMB Ltd Financial Services | Term Deposit | 90 | 4.20 | 585/10 | | 12-Oct-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Savings & Loans Credit Union | Term Deposit | 90 | 4.00 | 586/10 | | 13-Oct-09 | \$ | 250,000.00 |
| Citibank | Term Deposit | 92 | 4.17 | 587/10 | | 21-Jul-09 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Callable Range Accrual Notes (CRAN) | | | | | | | | |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia bond | Term Deposit | 92 | 7.50 | 577/09 | 16-Sep-09 | 16-Dec-10 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Royal Bank Canada bond | Term Deposit | 92 | 7.70 | 578/09 | 16-Sep-09 | 16-Mar-11 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| Floating Rates Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) | | | | | | | | |
| Zircon Finance Limited | Floating Rate CDO | | 0.00 | | | 20-Sep-14 | \$ | 175,275.00 |
| Managed Aces SP | Floating Rate CDO | 94 | 5.06 | | | 20-Jun-15 | \$ | 64,670.00 |
| Helium Capital | Floating Rate CDO | 92 | 4.33 | | | 23-Jun-14 | \$ | 105,800.00 |
| Magnolia Finance | Floating Rate CDO | 94 | 4.51 | | | 20-Mar-12 | \$ | 36,500.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$ | <u>8,732,245.00</u> |

14. BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 JULY 2009

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 180/01/01/00

Summary:

This report presents to Council a monthly budget review for the period ending 31 July 2009 and documents the financial implications of the advanced payment of part of Walgett Shire Council's Federal Assistance Grant.

Discussion (including issues and background):

At the Council meeting of 24 June 2009, Council adopted the Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2009-2014, which incorporated the 2009/2010 Budget. Included in the budget was an amount of \$11,118,040.00 for grants and contributions revenue. \$4,368,913.00 was expected to be received from the Federal Assistance Grant during the 2009/2010 financial year.

On the 25 June 2009, Walgett Shire Council was notified by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission of its preliminary recommendations for Federal Assistance Grants for the 2009/2010 financial year. This notification included the announcement of an advance payment of part of the first instalment during the week of the 26th June 2009. Walgett Shire Council received this advance of \$1,087,446.00 in the last week of June 2009.

This has effectively moved income from one financial year to the previous financial year. The increase in revenue for the 2008/2009 financial year has been disclosed in the quarterly budget review report to June 2009.

Local Government accounting code of practice determines how transactions are recorded. Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis at the time of purchase. This practice is consistent with large corporations of similar turnover. Accounting for revenue in local government is slightly different. Currently rates revenue is accounted for when rates notices are sent and RTA Road Maintenance revenue is accounted for when work is performed.

Grant revenue is treated very differently. Some grants are considered a "non-exchange transaction". This means the money is received without Council providing any specific work or service at the time of receipt of the money. Currently grant revenue needs to be counted as income at the time Walgett Shire Council receives control of the money. Early payments cannot be treated as prepaid income nor allocated to the balance sheet.

The advanced payment of part of Walgett Shire Council's Federal Assistance Grant will reduce revenue accounted for in the 2009/2010 financial year by \$1,087,446.00. This will change the operating surplus from ordinary activities of \$282,959.00 to an operating deficit of \$804,487.00 in the 2009/2010 budget. This will be counteracted by an increase in the operating surplus from the 2008/2009 budget. The \$1,087,446.00 operating surplus attributed to the early payment of this grants money has already been costed into programs adopted in Council's adopted budget for 2009/2010.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2009-2014
Letter from NSW Local Government Grants Commission

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

The operating surplus of ordinary activities of \$282,959.00 will be reduced by \$1,087,446.00 resulting in an operating deficit of \$804,487.00 in the 2009/2010 budget.

Recommendations:

That:

1. Council reduce the general purpose component of the Financial Assistance Grant revenue by \$674,230.00 to \$2,042,161.00 in the 2009/2010 budget.
2. Council reduce the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grant revenue by \$413,216.00 to \$1,239,306.00 in the 2009/2010 budget.

Attachments:

Nil

15. REQUEST FOR DONATION

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 180/08/00/00

Summary:

This report presents to Council a request for financial support.

Discussion (including issues and background):

In July 2009, Walgett Shire Council received a request for financial support from a Lightning Ridge resident for \$1,000.00 towards travel costs to attend a science conference in Canada. Ms Smith will be presenting a lecture on opalised turtles and will be travelling with her husband.

Under Section 356, Walgett Shire Council provides financial support to community organisations and not individuals. The Walgett Shire Council's budget for 2009/2010 has no allocation for financial support of individuals.

This request does not meet the selection criteria of the Community Assistance Scheme.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Letter from Elizabeth Smith
Walgett Shire Council Budget 2009/2010

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

\$1,000.00 increase in the 2009/2010 operational budget deficit.

Recommendations:

- 1. That Council writes to Ms Smith informing her that Council generally provides financial assistance for community organisations only and not to individuals.**

Attachments:

Letter from Elizabeth Smith

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

PO Box 1290 Lightning Ridge NSW 2834 Ph 68290712
Email: rsmi265@bigpond.net.au

3 July 2009

For atten: Walgett Shire Council



E-MAILED
9/7/09

Dear Mr Mayor and Councillors

Request for support for promotion of Walgett Shire at world conference

Later this year I will be attending a scientific conference in Canada, which will provide the opportunity to promote Walgett Shire to an international audience. I am writing to request Council's support with financial assistance to attend the conference.

Background

- For over 20 years, I have been studying the opalised fossils of Lightning Ridge and surrounding fields, and for the past 10 years, as a student of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, I have been researching the fossil turtles of this area. My thesis on this subject has been accepted for the award of PhD (Vertebrate Palaeontology).
- The thesis includes the first comprehensive account of the opalised fossil fauna of Walgett Shire. Our opal fields produce fossil plants and animals that are 100-110 million years old, an exceptional range of life forms, most of which are unknown at other Australian opal fields. In fact, this is one of the most important Australian dinosaur sites and the only location in New South Wales that consistently produces dinosaur fossils.
- I have been invited to attend a major international symposium in Canada, in October this year. The Symposium is to be held in Drumheller, Alberta, at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, which is one of the world's great dinosaur museums.
- Fossil specimens from our opal fields are of global scientific significance and specimens that contain gem-quality black opal are surely among the most awesome of earth's treasures. Walgett Shire is truly blessed as the 'place of origin' of these remarkable objects.

Purpose of the trip

I have been asked to present a lecture to the Symposium on the opalised turtles, as well as public talks on the opal fields and opalised fossils.

This is, of course, a huge honour and privilege, and a wonderful opportunity to reveal the treasures of Walgett Shire to an international audience.

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These presentations will undoubtedly generate great interest in Walgett Shire as a tourist destination – an interest that will spread not only in Canada, but in the many countries of origin of the conference participants.

I will be travelling with my husband, Robert A. Smith, and showing his magnificent photographs of the opal fields, opal mining, opal and fossil specimens. We are both very keen to promote international recognition for this area and its unique geological heritage.

Need for financial support

Canadian organisers of the Symposium have kindly offered to help financially, partially covering costs of the trip for me and my husband, however, this will be an expensive trip for us both – at least \$10 000 in total.

My purpose in writing this letter is to request additional financial assistance from Walgett Shire Council to attend the Symposium. An outlay of \$1000 towards travel and accommodation expenses between Lightning Ridge and Drumheller would be very much appreciated.

On our return from Canada, I will present a written report on the trip to Council, if Council so wishes. I'm also wondering if Council has any promotional material on Walgett Shire that we could distribute in Canada?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully



Elizabeth T. Smith.

Enc. re Gaffney Turtle Symposium, Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, Drumheller, Canada.

16. REPORT ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES – MAY 2009 TO AUGUST 2009

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: George McCormick – Youth Development Officer
FILE NUMBER: 003/05/01/00

Summary:

This report presents a brief overview of Youth Development programs and services planned, implemented and completed for the period May 2009 – August 2009.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Highlights:

- NSW Local Government Awards 2009 - Awarded "Best Small Council" with most outstanding "Youth Week Program 2009".
- Youth Council representatives and Youth Development Officers visit and tour through Sister City, Gosford Youth Facilities and Services, Visit to "Barkuma" Youth established enterprise and Local Government Awards evening in Sydney.
- Vacation Care programs – July 09 - 25% increase in attendance numbers.
- Anti - Graffiti Initiative winners announced – Artworks to be printed.
- Youth Development Staff completing "Education Centre Against Violence" training three (3) day course, "Complexities of working with children with substance abusing parents"
- Youth Workers also completing one day training "Sexual Health" with Sydney based Health Outreach Team, facilitated by our Shire Development Team.
- Anti- Drug & Alcohol Mural Project to be implemented 25- 27th August.
- Successful funding submission to Beyond Blue to stage youth information sessions.
- Implementation of circus workshops and skills at Vacation Care Programs.
- Three teams from Storm Co visited communities during Vacation Care
- Encouraging support at recent Youth Council meeting.

Youth Centres / after school care:

Attendance numbers for this reporting period have remained stable with young people engaging in centre activities. Youth Centres are currently operating at Walgett, Monday –Thursday 3.30 pm-6.30pm. Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri, Monday – Thursday 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Vacation Care services:

Walgett Shire Council Youth Development staged Vacation Care Programs and Services in Walgett, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Grawin during the July school holiday period with programs offered from the 14th July -24th July.

A wide range of programs were implemented including disco and movie nights at all centres along with skill enhancing opportunities through arts (circus skills workshops), crafts and excursions. Walgett Shire also played host to three (3) teams of students from The Storm Co Troop. Teams entertained and engaged our young people throughout the Shire at Collarenebri, Walgett and Lightning Ridge for or a full week during the Vacation Care Program.

The July Holiday period has recorded a 25% increase of young people attending our centres with an average of 50+ young people per day at each of the three larger centres.

Total Attendance/ participation figures two week period 13th – 24th July 2009:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-----|
| Walgett | - | 572 |
| Lightning Ridge | - | 468 |
| Collarenebri | - | 501 |
| Grawin | - | 153 |

Highest numbers of attendance at individual events

| | | |
|-----------------|---|----|
| Walgett | Dance Party-146, Blue Reelers Movie Night- | 96 |
| Collarenebri | Dance Party - 86, Blue Reelers Movie Night- | 63 |
| Lightning Ridge | Dance Party – 89, Blue Reelers Movie Night- | 51 |

Sister City Youth Conference- Tamworth

Walgett Shire Youth Council Vice President Mark Winch attended the Sister City Conference in Tamworth recently. The conference provided Mark with the opportunity to network with National and International Youth Council representatives. Due to Mark's recent absence from school attending several youth related events, a report of his trip will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Anti- drink / drug mural

The dates of August the 24th – 26th will see the Mural project undertaken. This will involve students from Walgett Community College design and complete a Mural which will be erected on the corner of Tommy Johnsons Building. The mural will be 6 m x 2.4m and be created at the Youth Centre, under professional supervision. On completion it will be transported and erected on site.

Beyond blue funding (Youth Mental Health)

The Walgett Shire Youth Development Team has received correspondence of a successful funding submission to the National Organisation, *Beyond Blue*.

The funding will be directed to implementing a youth & young people focused awareness initiative tagged Walgett Shire "Youth Info Sessions 09" in each larger community.

The initiatives will target youth mental health & substance abuse awareness and will be presented in partnerships with service providers throughout our communities.

NSW Local Government Awards:

On the 3rd of August, Walgett Shire Council Youth Development Officer accompanied by two (2) Youth Council representatives ventured to Sydney for the Local Government Awards Ceremony.

The Youth Council Representatives, Mark Winch (16) and Marcus Weatherall (16) represented our Council, Youth Development Team and Community with distinction. Walgett Shire Council were awarded the prestigious title of "Best Small Council with most outstanding Youth Week Program 2009".

Walgett Shire Youth Council Vice President, Mark Winch, received a standing ovation after addressing the ceremony with a hand written speech of acceptance.

Following the formalities Mr Graham West, the Minister for Youth, The Commissioner for Children & Young people and Shires Association President personally congratulated our Shire representatives and Mayor. Mark's acceptance speech attached.

Youth Council:

The Walgett Shire Youth Council meeting was staged on the 25th June at the Walgett Council Chambers. Encouraging numbers of young people were in attendance along with numerous representatives from service providers throughout the communities. Youth Council minutes - June 25th 2009 attached.

Research and information Visit

On route to the Local Government Awards the two (2) Youth Council representatives, along with Youth Development Officer, were given a guided tour from Gosford City Council youth workers thorough their facilities and services. The group networked with Youth Workers and Youth Council members and believe this visit will aid in strengthening our Sister City relationships.

On the return trip the group visited "Barkuma-The Lemon Turtle" a Youth Enterprise at Kurri Kurri. This visit focussed on how to establish a youth-led business venture and the young people received a wide range of information relating to starting up a business. The visit was well received by our representatives who reported that the insight into establishing a "Youth Enterprise" from young people themselves was invaluable.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2008 / 2009 – 2012 / 2015
Walgett Shire Youth Development Youth Strategy 2009 / 2013

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Youth Development Team
Youth and Young people of Walgett Shire
Communities on the Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendations:

1. **That the report on Youth Development and Services for the period February 2009 – May 2009 be noted.**

Attachments:

Walgett Shire Youth Council minutes June 09.

WALGETT SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING - 25TH JUNE 2009

VENUE - Walgett Shire Council Chambers

Minute taker: Danielle Rennie

Apologies: Thomas Winch, Tamen Nagy, Paul Ryan, Mel Dennis, Margret Dennis (Youth)

Leanne McKeon, Megan Callinan (MPREC) Carole Medcalf (WSC)

Present:

Youth: Marcus Weatherall, Mark Winch, Danielle Rennie, Dylan Adams, Michael Graham, Kalinda Fish, Marley Adams.

Service Providers/Organisation Rep's:

Community Representative: Anne Dennis

Walgett Shire Youth Development: George McCormick YDO

Castlereagh Area Command Police Force:

Graham Ruttley- ACLO

Beau Riley- YLO

Reconnect Walgett: Brianna Dennis

Youth Worker: Janet Mason (WSC)

Walgett Shire Council: Raymond Kent (General Manager) - (Visited briefly)

Business arising from previous minutes:

Skate Parks:

Mark asked for information regarding the Lightning Ridge Skate Park

Where is to go, Will it have Shade Shelter, When will it be able to use

Action: George will forward information when available from Council

Dylan asked why they cut the huge tree down on the site in Collarenebri Skate Park area. George informed it apparently was a danger to public.

Will they have a shade shelter over their skate park as there is no shade anywhere now? George stated the funds used for the Shelter were from the Walgett Youth Group Brianna Dennis informed it was available through the Funding offered from Jenny Macklin's visit to Walgett and the Capability Funds.

Action: Group moved Motion suggested by Dylan to seek funding for similar shelters that will be erected in Walgett Skate Park to build in Lightning Ridge & Collarenebri Parks: **All in favour**

NAPCAN George briefed Council again on return of NAPCAN forms, **Action-** Re deliver to all participants in a bid to have completed.

A funding opportunity was tabled by George RE: Commonwealth Bank Community Focus Grants

Action: All sub-Groups **passed motion** to research and draft up separate applications, to be presented. Unify all app's in one submission, Ideas included Live Youth Focused Bands/Community Event/ Skate Park additions.

Youth Strategy - A five year plan

George informed all the Document has been adopted by Council at the recent June Council meeting and the actions and needs identifies in Strategy will be addressed. This is a milestone that will benefit our Youth now and into the future.

Youth Week 09

George acknowledged and thanked the Youth Council for input and assistance with Youth Week 09 and presented group of tremendous outcomes throughout the Shire regarding attendance and engagement of Young people in Youth Week 09 Programs. Group were informed acquittal and awards nomination has been submitted, Mark enquired as to, If invited as a finalists to the 2009 Local Government Awards can a Youth Council representative from each community attend with Youth Development Officer **All in favour.**

Action: George believes this is a top idea and agreed to speak to General Manager as this has been suggested and encouraged by the Department of Community Services Youth Week coordinator to involve the young people in the final outcomes. George will seek response from Ray Kent and Council.

Youth Council I.D. cards

Youth Council representatives to approach business house in their communities seeking support for Youth Council members to receive discounts etc from business in Youth Rep's will also seek support from Clubs in communities they may have card making machine *

Action: Reps identified and will be assisted by Janet Mason, George.

Youth Group Logo.

Youth Council encouraged to finalize logo, as Sister City Youth Council, Gosford are offering to help with logo and possibly supply hats for Youth Council.

Action: Dylan to commit to completing Logo.

Anti Graffiti Poster Comp

George informed all of the winners and the finalizing of the reproduction of Posters is in progress Youth Council to thank funding body Youth of the Streets (Walgett Outreach) All in Favour, **Action:** Youth Council to forward letter of appreciation

General business - Agenda Items

YLO - Beau Riley and ACLO -Graham Ruttley (NSW POLICE) spoke to all regarding opportunities for young people to work towards being a member of the Police Force, Spoke of new Strategy and will forward all information onto George who will forward to Youth.

Graham spoke of the youth council to maybe identify a youth from their community who would benefit from involvement/ participation in meetings, thought it may encourage more "at risk" young people to a more productive lifestyle, direction.

Marcus moved motion - Youth Council all in favour, **Action:** Youth workers and young people identify participants and offer encouragement to become involved. Initiate a style of mentoring program for higher *at risk* young people in their towns.

Beau and Graham also pledged their support with up and coming Holiday Programs Disco/Dance Parties and Movie Nights.

Beau encouraged any youth /young people to have a yarn to him regarding any issue, he is only to happy to help.

Beyond Blue Mental Health Project Funding

Mark and George tabled to Youth Council completed application to seek funding from Beyond Blue to stage Mental Health Info Days and Dance Parties in each community. The initiatives will be called "Youth Info Sessions 09". Events will be conducted at each Youth Centre and feature service providers distributing info to young people, workshops and culminate in Dance Party .Motion put by Mark if successful application, for all Youth Council rep's to get behind this. All in favour

Action: When and if successful, form working groups to deliver initiatives across the three larger communities.

Recreation and sports issues

Discussion around limited options for Girls in the Shire regarding Sports, Danielle Rennie informed the state of the netball courts in Lightning Ridge are un safe and basically un playable, Uneven surface, grass growing through surface and cracks She also suggested that some annual net ball comps have failed to be staged due to State of courts. Danielle moved motion to seek support from Council in funding court maintenance and improvements. All in favour

Meeting also acknowledged Janet Mason as she was appointed coach of the Indigenous Girls Netball team which competed in New Zealand recently.

Action: George to speak to General Manger regarding this and Youth Council to forward letter to Council.

Youth Council to draft letter to Country Rugby League Officer t o please explain why football has died in the area and no support is happening. Collarenebri are always set to go to games but it seems no other towns even know the footy is on, heaps of questions to be asked in regards to the seeming lack of commitment to the young people playing Rugby League.

Action: George to contact CRL Rep and seek attendance at the next Youth Council meeting. Youth Council shall draft letter.

Collarenebri rep's Michael Graham and Kalinda Fish - wonder what other land is owned by Council in Collarenebri for playing area/ netball court etc

Action: George to seek maps of community and identify any areas in Collarenebri that Council own.

Sister City Event -Tamworth

George informed Youth Council of Ray Kent's proposal for a youth delegate from our Youth Council to participate in Sister City event on the 19th- 22nd July. Youth Council nominated Mark Winch to represent the Youth Council. Mark accepted the invitation and will be happy to be involved. Youth Council thanks support from Walgett Shire Council. All in favour.

Action Mark to have parental forms filled in etc and forward to George to pass on to relevant people. ASAP

Young Leaders/Youth Council Shirts - MPREC - WSC

Brianna Dennis distributed shirts to participants, remaining Shirts to be distributed by George -10 Shirts each centre. (Active members to receive)

Youth Council moved a motion to thank Anne Dennis and Brianna.

Holiday programs and Vacation Care

George informed all of very successful Vacation Care/Holiday period in April. Presented holiday programs for this July. Many highlights include Circus Skill Workshops, Storm Co Troop 5 day visits to all communities, excursions, Discos and Movie Nights, New Arts & Crafts programs etc. Flyers for Movie Nights and Holiday Programs presented and distributed to all, Youth Council rep's will engage in programs and offer assistance if required.

Careers Expo

Youth Council discussion surrounding the probability of more Youth focused expos, relating to future employment opportunities with Emergency Services., i.e. Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Ranger Services etc. **Action:** Beau Riley will investigate the options and support for such an event and report to next meeting.

School to work Program

Discussion around *School 2 Work* Initiative implemented by Walgett Shire Council. George informed at present there is two (2) active participants in Walgett with one position under review, one (1) active S2W in Lightning Ridge – Correspondence between school and YDO is in progress to identify two more participants and in Collarenebri three (3) participants have been identified and we Council is awaiting paperwork before the participants can commence their program.

NAIDOC - Celebrations MURRI – KOORI THEME

Rep's from Lightning Ridge & Collarenebri keen to stage Dance Party as recognition of NAIDOC WEEK in their respective communities. Noted in can not take place on identified week due to availability of DJ and staff etc but sweet to stage prior.

George will be happy to supply staff to supervise venue and Disc Jockey.

Discussion followed with input from all,

The following was put forward and passed - all in favour

Collarenebri- NAIDOC Dance Party; Thursday 2nd July 6 – 9 pm

Youth Group will design flyers, competitions, program etc and invite Elders to have a cuppa and munch before Disco starts.

Lightning Ridge, NAIDOC Dance Party Friday 3rd July 6 – 9pm

Youth Group will design flyers, competitions, program etc and invite Elders to have a cuppa and munch before Disco starts.

Walgett are staging *NAIDOC* Disco/Dance Party on the 10th July @ Youth Centre.

Mark thanked all in attendance and wished all the best in their NAIDOC Dance Party initiatives and encouraged all to attend next meeting.

Meeting closed @ 1.45pm

Next meeting TBC

Mark Winch – Acceptance Speech for Local Government Week Awards – Youth

Yaama Gulibaygay, which means Hello, how are you? Yuwaalaraay Gamillaraay lingo.

I would also like to acknowledge the Eora people, traditional owners of the area which we stand. I'm Mark Winch, a youth rep from Lightning Ridge. Our Youth Council has been together for approximately 1 ½ years.

Our Council is made up of youth delegates from Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett and all members are of indigenous descent.

The Youth Council was formed to basically give youth a range of activities that the youth can involve themselves in. Our aim is to lessen the amount of youth related violence, anti –social behaviour and also to give youth a broader vision to have fun. All of our progress and strengthening of the youth council is complementary to our youth development officer, George McCormick. Without George and the support of the Walgett Shire Council we most possibly would not be here accepting this prestigious award.

Committed mentors and role models in our disadvantaged indigenous communities are vital for the future and direction of our young people.

Thank you.

17. POLICY REGARDING MAINS ELECTRICITY ON PRESERVED OPAL FIELDS

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

Summary:

The process of converting residential Mineral Claims on the preserved opal fields to Western Land Leases for residential purposes has contributed to several people seeking Council's consent to enable the connection of their mining camps to mains electricity. This report recommends that Walgett Shire Council resolve to amend its existing policy regarding mains electricity on preserved opal fields with regard for current circumstances.

Discussion (including issues and background):

At a Council meeting held on 24 February 2009 Walgett Shire Council resolved, amongst other things, to:

2. Adopt the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy (GMS) document dated October 2008 prepared by Edge Land Planning, with the following amendments:

- (i) Applying the following actions to the GMS, as detailed in the document titled 'Outcome Summary from the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy Councillor Workshop' held on 17 February 2009:

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ACTION 6: Matthew Goodwin will liaise with Ian Sinclair with a view to developing a recommendation for an improved Council policy for mains electricity connections on the preserved opal fields for inclusion in the GMS, which takes account of:

- * Council's desire to avoid unnecessary safety issues or sterilisation of potentially opal bearing ridge country on the 'preserved' opal fields.
- * Situations where there will be no sterilisation of potentially opal bearing ridge country, hence there is no basis for an objection based on land use planning principles.
- * Situations where no easement is required to pass through Council occupied land and/or Crown land, hence there may be an entitlement to mains electricity regardless of any land use planning problems that may arise.

Historically Country Energy would only connect mains electricity to Western Lands Leases or Mining Purposes Leases which had a term of 5 years or more. In the past easements were not required by Country Energy to enable the establishment of a new power line. Because mining camps were predominantly located on Mineral Claims with a term of 1 year, they were not offered the opportunity to connect.

More recently residential Mineral Claims were established with terms of 1 to 5 years. At a similar time Country Energy began to require that any new power line infrastructure should be protected by an easement where it passed through any land owned or occupied by a third party.

Since 2003 the Department of Lands has been progressively offering the holders of residential Mineral Claims the opportunity to convert to Western Lands Leases for residential purposes with a 20 year term.

Since 14 July 2003 Walgett Shire Council has maintained a policy position that:

“opal mining and prospecting are regarded as the dominant land use on the ‘preserved opal fields’. Accordingly, unless there are substantial and tangible benefits arising for the community, Walgett Shire Council is opposed to any development that may detrimentally affect the dominant land use.”

Council’s intent to avoid detrimental impacts on opal mining and prospecting has been reflected since then in related policies, including a policy regarding mains electricity on the preserved opal fields. The most recent version of this policy was adopted at a meeting held on 15 July 2008, where Walgett Shire Council resolved that it would:

“Not endorse the connection of mining camps to mains electricity where such endorsement is sought, or required.”

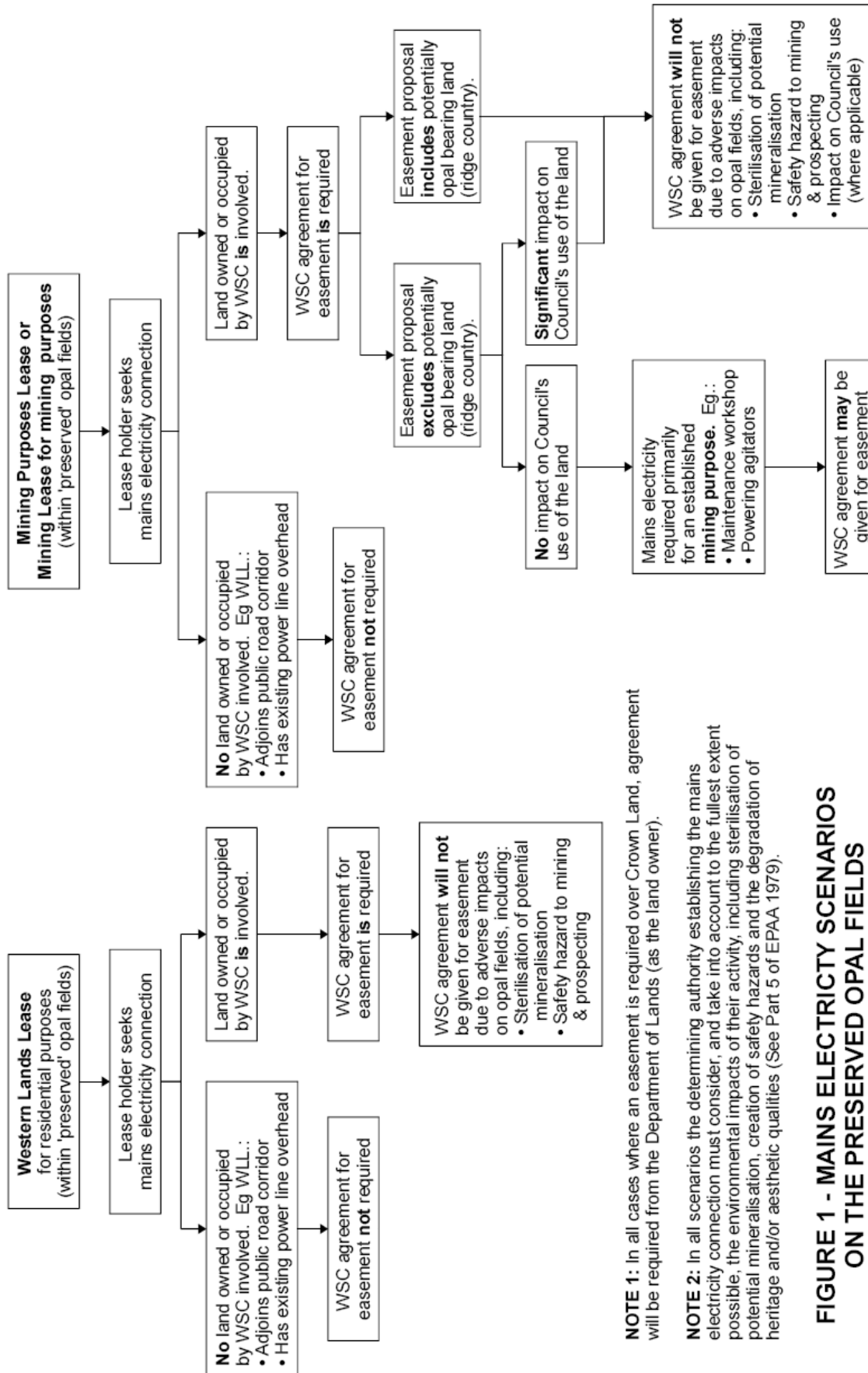
The Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy document, dated October 2008, also contains a recommendation (p. 191) that:

“No new mains electricity, water, sewerage or other services is to be supplied to mining mineral claims for residential purposes or residences in the preserved opal fields.”

There is a need for Walgett Shire Council to review its policy regarding mains electricity and the preserved opal fields with regard for the following issues:

- Recently mains electricity was connected to a Western Lands Lease using contractors other than Country Energy, as provided for under Section 31 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995. Although the lease was located within Walgett Shire Council’s Permissive Occupancy 1985/19, no easement was required because it adjoined a public road corridor where a power line was located.
- There are a significant number of Western Lands Leases where there is a power line overhead or located in an adjoining public road corridor. As a result, no easement is required to establish a mains electricity connection.
- Section 15 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995 provides that any person who owns or occupies premises within a distribution network can make application for electricity supply and the supplier is obligated to provide a connection.
- Clause 41 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 provides that the construction of electricity distribution networks is permissible without development consent from Council (41(2)(a)).
- Although development consent is not required, any party undertaking the construction of an electricity distribution network is obligated under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to undertake appropriate environmental assessment. This includes an obligation to *“examine and take into account to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of that activity”* (Section 111).
- Ultimately the only formal and sustainable basis on which Council becomes involved in a proposal to establish mains electricity is when it’s consent, as a land owner or occupier, is required to enable the establishment of an easement.

The two most common scenarios where connection to mains electricity may be sought are summarised in Figure 1 below. Also outlined is the type of response that would be appropriate in the current legal context, with consideration for land use planning principles and Council’s previously established policy.



**FIGURE 1 - MAINS ELECTRICITY SCENARIOS
ON THE PRESERVED OPAL FIELDS**

Key issues that any electricity supplier needs to consider on the preserved opal fields in connection with section 111 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 include avoiding or mitigating:

- Sterilisation of potential opal mineralisation via easements and the establishment of infrastructure.
- Adverse impacts on current and future opal mining activity due to the creation of a safety hazard.

Representatives of Country Energy have indicated that they expect to continue to refer people who seek mains electricity connections to authorities involved in the management of the preserved opal fields for their comments prior to considering an application, regardless of whether an easement is required or not. Historically the authorities have included Walgett Shire Council, the Department of Lands, the Department of Primary Industries (Mineral Resources unit), the Department of Planning and the Lightning Ridge Mining Board.

In the above context it is recommended that Council amend its policy regarding mains electricity on the preserved opal fields with regard for the circumstances described within this report.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy prepared by Edge Land Planning, dated October 2008 (To be updated as per Council resolutions 24 February 2009).

Outcomes Summary from the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy Councillor Workshop held on 17 February 2009.

Council Policy titled P & R Opal Mining Related Policies, adopted 15 July 2008.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council, Country Energy, Department of Lands, Department of Primary Industries, opal prospectors and miners, mining camp residents.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

- 1. Replace point 10 of its existing policy titled “P & R Opal Mining Related Policies”, adopted 15 July 2008, which deals with mains electricity connections on the preserved opal fields as follows:**
 - (a) Walgett Shire Council will not agree to any easement over Council owned or occupied land to enable a mining camp on a Western Lands Lease to be connected to mains electricity because of the adverse impacts that will arise for the primary land use of opal mining and prospecting. Those impacts will include:**

Sterilisation of land that is potentially opal bearing.
Creation of an unnecessary safety hazard for opal mining and prospecting activities.
 - (b) In circumstances where an easement is not required and Walgett Shire Council’s comments are sought, it will respond by indicating to the determining authority that it regards opal mining and prospecting as the dominant land use on the preserved opal fields. Furthermore that the authority should take action to avoid or, where this is not possible, mitigate: Unnecessary sterilisation of land that is potentially opal bearing. The establishment of safety hazards for opal mining or prospecting.**
 - (c) Walgett Shire Council may agree to an easement over Council owned or occupied land for an established mining purpose, such as powering agitators or a mining equipment workshop, that is located on a Mining Purposes Lease or a Mining Lease for mining purposes if it is satisfied that there is:**

No significant adverse impact on Council’s current or planned use of the land, and;
No potentially opal bearing land involved.
 - (d) Walgett Shire Council may agree to an easement over Council owned or occupied land to enable the establishment of mains electricity for a public purpose if it is satisfied that:**


The route for the proposed power line has been selected to minimise potential adverse impacts on opal mining and prospecting.
Any benefits arising for the public substantially and clearly outweigh any potential adverse impacts on opal mining and prospecting.
- 2. Amend the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy with regard to Walgett Shire Council’s updated policy regarding mains electricity on the preserved opal fields, as contained within this resolution.**

Attachments

A – Council Policy titled P & R Opal Mining Related Policies, adopted 15 July 2008

Attachment A

Council Policy titled P & R Opal Mining Related Policies, adopted 15 July 2008

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|  | P & R - OPAL MINING RELATED POLICIES |
| Adoption Date: | 15 July 2008 |
| Review Date: | |
| Responsible Officer: | Director Planning and Regulatory Services |

POLICY STATEMENT

WSC will minimise unnecessary land use conflict between its activities and opal mining by maintaining a clear and consistent approach to land use planning.

OBJECTIVES:

- To minimise the potential for land use conflict between opal mining and other land uses.
- To apply the management strategies recommended in the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy Document dated April 2008.
- To ensure that activities associated with opal mining do not interfere with public utility infrastructure managed by Walgett Shire Council.

STRATEGIES:

The following management strategies will be applied by WSC with a view to meeting the above objectives. Note that some elements will be superseded by a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) upon its gazettal.

Preserved opal fields

Walgett Shire Council:

1. Regards opal mining and prospecting as the dominant land use on the 'preserved' opal fields. Accordingly, unless there are substantial and tangible benefits arising for the community, Council will oppose any development that may detrimentally affect the dominant land use.
2. Regards low to medium density mining camps, tourism and grazing as secondary land uses on the 'preserved' opal fields.
3. Will seek to establish those parts of the 'preserved' opal fields that are flood free and have been subject to historical mining activity as a Special Activities zone for mining under a Local Environmental Plan.
4. Does not support the conversion of any Crown land to freehold title on the 'preserved' opal fields unless the land is being incorporated into the Lightning Ridge urban area or it is being used for a public purpose.

Residential land use on new opal mining fields

On new opal fields (all opal fields other than 'preserved' opal fields) Walgett Shire Council:

5. Does not support the establishment of residential buildings.

Note: Caravans and tents may be used in certain circumstances on mining titles in new opal fields. See the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005 and Council's current Local Approvals Policy for further information.

Residential land use on 'preserved' opal mining fields

On the 'preserved' opal fields Walgett Shire Council:

6. Only supports the grant of a Western Lands Lease for residential purposes in the following circumstances:
 - a) To formalise residential land title over an existing mining camp, and;
Note: Council does not support the establishment of any new land titles for mining camps because they will invariably have an adverse impact on opportunities for opal exploration and mining.
 - b) The granted lease is no larger than 2,500m² in area.
 - c) There is no current Western Lands Lease for grazing over the area.
7. Supports the establishment of new residential buildings, renovations and extensions:
 - a) That comply with the Building Code of Australia, and;
 - b) Are located on a residential Mineral Claim or a Western lands Lease for residential purposes.
8. Supports the voluntary sale to the Crown of parts of Western Lands Leases for grazing which have 'preserved' opal fields located on them. Also the establishment of a Crown Reserve over these areas that is managed by a private trust.
9. That buildings in 'preserved' opal fields be located a minimum of 100m away from the centre line of public roads or 20m outside the public road reserve, whichever is the greater.
10. Not endorse the connection of mining camps to mains electricity where such endorsement is sought, or required.
11. Will not provide new connections to water or effluent mains outside the Lightning Ridge urban area.

Commercial land use on 'preserved' opal fields

Walgett Shire Council:

12. Supports the granting of a Western Lands Lease or business licence over Crown Land for an established business that has been operating for a substantial period of time prior to July 2003 where:
 - a) The area of the title sought is the same as the area where the business activities have been conducted for a substantial period, and;
 - b) The business operator subsequently obtains development consent for their activities at the earliest opportunity.

Note: A number of businesses located on the 'preserved' opal fields do not have development consent and have been operating for extended periods of time. Council supports the formalization of long established business activities. However, it will also take action to address any new business activities that commence without appropriate approvals.

Buffer zones

Walgett Shire Council seeks the assistance of the NSW Department of Primary Industries in minimising the potential for inference with Council infrastructure and ensuring public safety by applying the following policies:

13. Allowing Mineral Claims to be registered within 50m of fences owned and maintained by Walgett Shire Council within Permissive Occupancy 1985/19 provided that there is no surface activity within 25m of such fences.

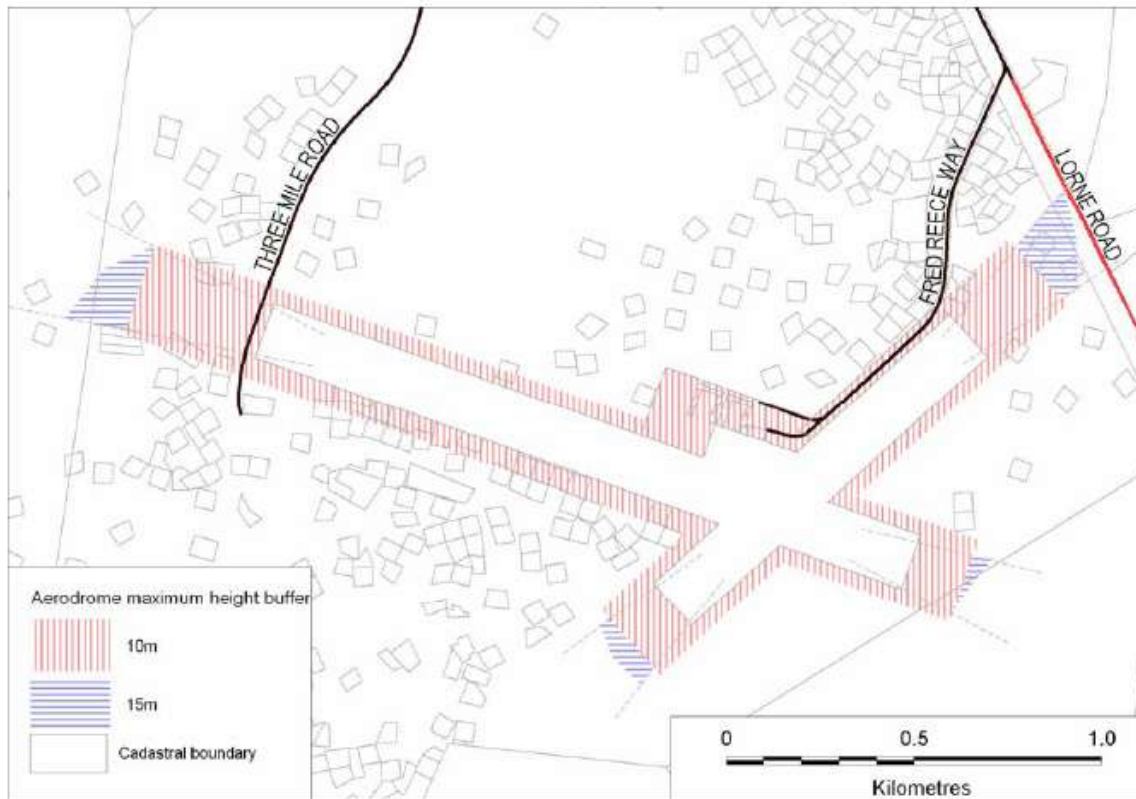
Note: Some fences have surface activity within the 25m buffer which occurred prior to the initial adoption of this policy by Council on 2-9-1991. The intent is to prevent new surface activity within this buffer zone and maximize access for fence maintenance.

14. Not permitting registration of any mining titles within public road reserves, or within 20m of the centre line of any public road, whichever is greater.

Note: The intent is to protect public roads from mining related disturbance.

15. To ensure that no mining related equipment or structures exceed the maximum height buffers for the Lightning Ridge Aerodrome as outlined in the diagram below.

Note: Diagram updated June 2008 from a plan held by Walgett Shire Council engineering directorate (Plan23, drawer 29).



Dam rehabilitation on Council occupied land

Within Permissive Occupancy 1985/19, as occupier of the land, Walgett Shire Council:

16. Does not require the rehabilitation of any water storage dams if:
- a) The water storage dam has been predominantly used as a source of water for opal puddling operations, and;
 - b) The Department of Primary Industries and the Department of Lands do not have any objection.

Policy Implementation Procedures, Guidelines and Documents

Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy Document dated April 2008

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Local Government Act 1993

Mining Act 1992

Related WSC Policies

P & R Local Approvals Policy.

18. PROPOSED MAINS ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS ON PRESERVED OPAL FIELDS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin
FILE NUMBER: 105/08/00/00

Summary:

Several parties are seeking Walgett Shire Council's support to enable them to connect mining camps located on the preserved opal fields to mains electricity. It is recommended that Council respond by stating that it has no objection under certain circumstances.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The previous report in this business paper recommends that Walgett Shire Council review its policy regarding mains electricity connections on the 'preserved' opal fields to take account of a range of land use planning and legal factors.

Late in 2008 Walgett Shire Council received two letters requesting Council's support to enable the connection of one Mining Purposes Lease and several Western Lands Leases to mains electricity (See attachment A and B). Consideration of these requests has been deferred pending Council having an opportunity to review its policy regarding such connections.

Assuming Council chooses to update, or maintain, its policy regarding mains electricity connections on the 'preserved' opal fields, it is now appropriate to respond to the two letters based on Council's current policy.

The request from Noel Hodges involves land occupied by Walgett Shire Council under Permissive Occupancy 1985/19 and is all potentially opal bearing land (ridge country).

The request from Michael Cooke involves some land occupied by Walgett Shire Council under Permissive Occupancy 1985/19, but mains power could be established without any significant interference with potentially opal bearing land (ridge country).

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy prepared by Edge Land Planning, dated October 2008 (To be updated as per Council resolutions 24 February 2009).
Current version of Council Policy titled P & R Opal Mining Related Policies.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council, Country Energy, Department of Lands, Department of Primary Industries, opal prospectors and miners, mining camp residents.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

- 1. Respond to the request from Noel Hodges for Walgett Shire Council's support to enable the connection of mains electricity to mining camps located on Western Lands Leases 14880, 14856, 14679, 14678, 14715, 14961 and 14865, by stating that it has no objection, provided no easement or infrastructure is required on any Council occupied land.**
- 2. Respond to the request from Michael Cooke for Walgett Shire Council's support to enable the connection of mains electricity to Mining Purposes Lease 269, by stating that it has no objection, provided:**
 - (a) No easement or infrastructure is required on any Council occupied land, or;**
 - (b) All easements and infrastructure are located on flood plain, hence the land is unlikely to be opal bearing.**

Attachments

- A – Letter from Noel Hodges received 19 November 2008
- B – Letter from Michael Cooke received 19 December 2008
- C – Map showing location of MPL 269

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Attachment A – Letter from Noel Hodges received 19 November 2008

NOEL HODGES,
P.O. BOX 1076,
L/RIDGE. 2834.

MINERAL LEASE 48844 - W.L.L. 14880

**Walgett Shire
Council
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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL,
PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES,
P.O. BOX 31,
WALGETT. N.S.W. 2832

19 NOV 2008

FILE: 105/08/00/00

LETTER No: 6851

REFER: MPG.

COPY:

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

THIS LETTER IS BY WAY OF A REQUEST FROM MY SELF AND ON BEHALF OF
FIVE OTHER W.L.L. HOLDERS SEEKING YOUR DEPARTMENTS PERMISSION TO HAVE ELECTRICITY
CONNECTED TO OUR W.L.LEASES.

COUNTRY ENERGY'S ENGINEER MR BRETT SILLS HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH
THE CONNECTION BUT REQUIRES YOUR CONSENT,

POWER PASSES ALONGSIDE FIVE OF THE LEASES AND CROSSES THE
LOWER END OF MY LEASE TO MPL 99 THEREFORE THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH EASEMENTS.

HOPING FOR YOUR FAVOURABLE REPLY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,



NOEL HODGES.

NOEL HODGES - MINERAL LEASE NO .48844 - W.L.LEASE NO. 14880

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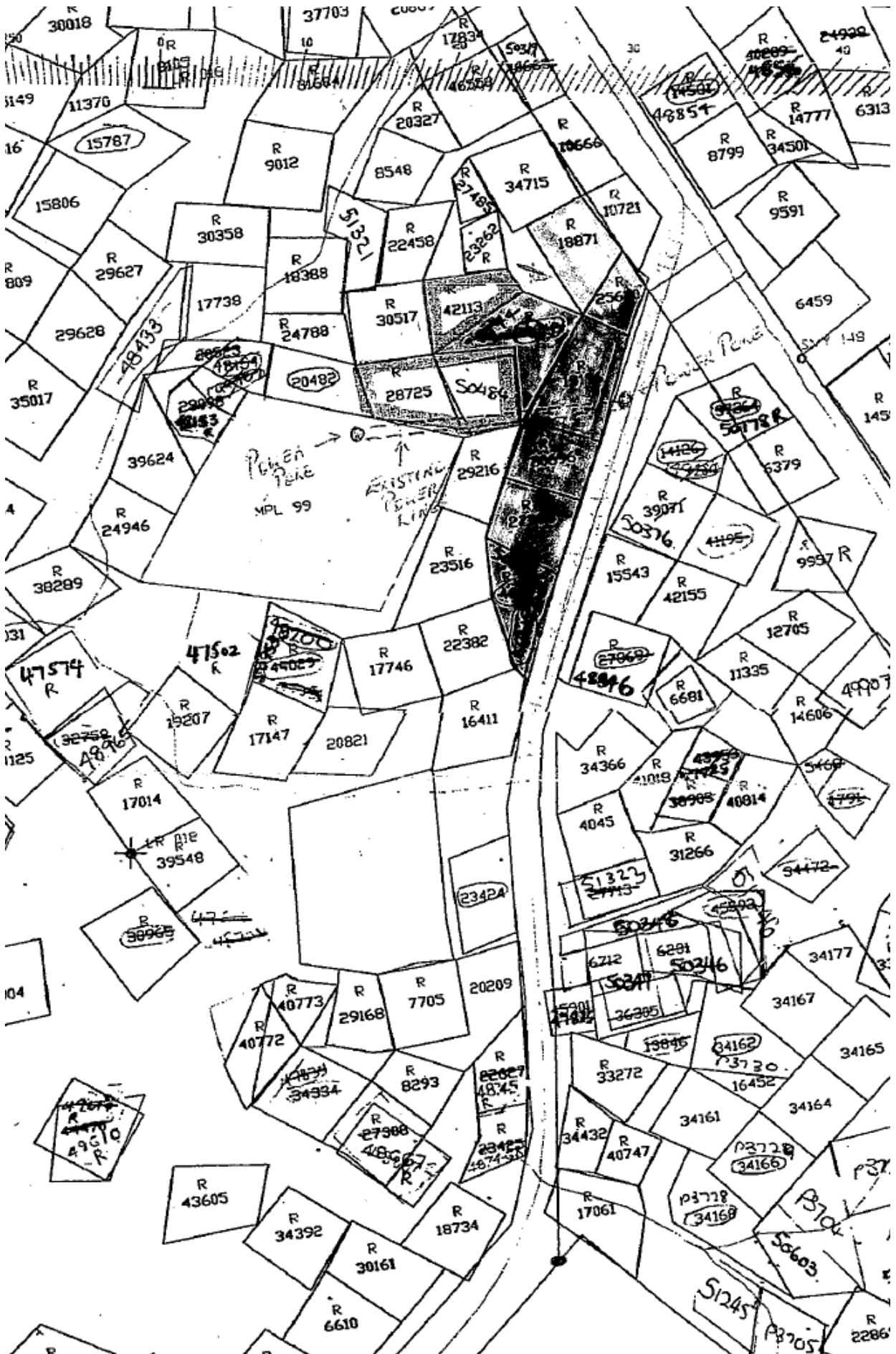
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MINERAL LEASE 20696



Attachment B – Letter from Michael Cooke received 19 November 2008

**Walgett Shire
Council**

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19 DEC 2008

FILE:

260/01/00/00

LETTER No: 7588

REFER:

LJS

COPY:

Sir,

Re; Application for Electricity Supply to Mining Purpose Lease No.269
(Lightning Ridge)

My recent application to DPI-Mineral Resources Lightning Ridge and Country Energy Narrabri prompted the response that formal comment is required from your Office,

Attachments A & B are copies of return correspondence from these authorities, the Officers concerned being Brett Sills, Country Energy and James Hereford-Ashley, Lightning Ridge Mining Board.

Attachment C is an aerial photograph showing the location of the Lease, road alignments and power supply alignment.

The reason for requesting permission to connect mains power is to reduce the need for fossil fuels for operating the washing plant. Current methods entail the use of petrol diesel powered pumps, conveyors, agitators and generators to reduce loads of opal dirt to hard opal bearing material.

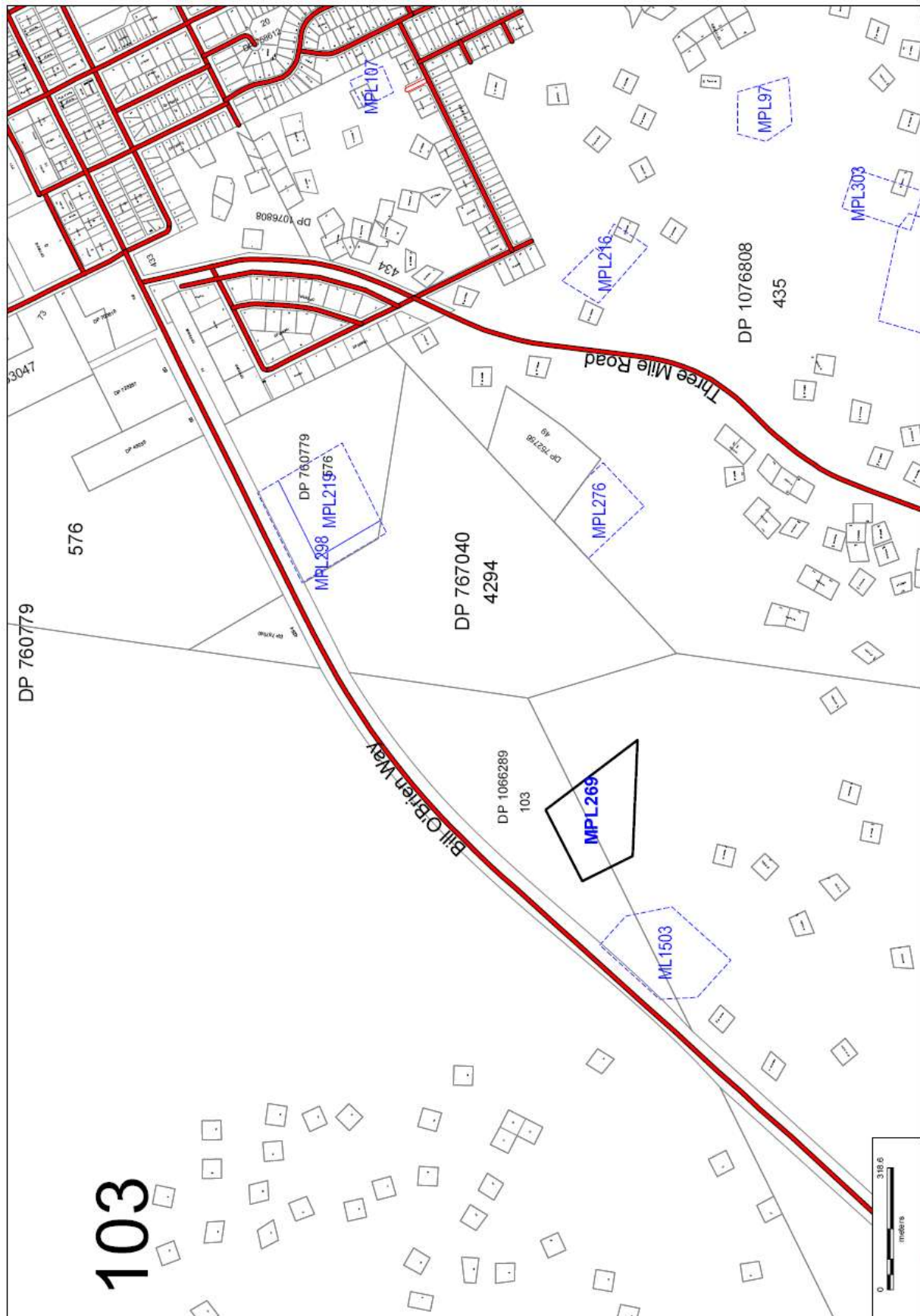
Conversion to electric powered machinery will significantly reduce atmospheric emissions, reduce the possibility of fuel and oil spills as well as decreasing the noise levels involved. The benefits to the environment are significant while our dependence on fossil fuel will be negligible.

I look forward to your response.

M.Cooke,

ArcRight Pty.Ltd.

Attachment C – Map showing location of MPL 269



19. CONSENT AUTHORITY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin
FILE NUMBER: 004/12/03/00

Summary:

This reports recommends that Council revise its policy for dealing with Development Applications where it may have a conflict of interest as the consent authority.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Walgett Shire Council's current policy for dealing with Development Applications where it may have a conflict of interest as the consent authority was adopted on 15 July 2008. That policy is titled "P&R – Consent Authority Conflict of Interest Policy" (included as attachment A).

Since the policy was adopted, two issues have arisen with its operation, as follows:

Small scale development is defined in the policy as being less than \$20,000 in value. This has resulted in Development Applications for relatively small developments being referred to Council for a decision.

In reality, development up to \$100,000 in value could be regarded as small scale development. Such applications could be determined more promptly by Council staff under delegated authority. However, if an objection is received, then the Development Application can be referred to Council for determination.

Legislation enabling the operation of Joint Regional Planning Panels commenced on 1 July 2009. Under that legislation all Development Applications where Council is the applicant, or may have a conflict of interest, and the development value is greater than \$5,000,000 must be determined by a Joint Regional Planning Panel. Council's policy needs to be updated to reflect this change.

A revised draft "P&R – Consent Authority Conflict of Interest Policy" has been prepared to address the issues raised above (included as Attachment B). It is recommended that Council adopt the revised policy.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Position Paper titled "Corruption Risks in NSW Development Approval Processes", Independent Commission Against Corruption, published September 2007 (particularly pp. 55-62).
State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005.
Planning Circular PS 09-016 – Establishment of Joint Regional Planning Panels.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council, public.

Financial Implications:

Walgett Shire Council has allocated a budget of \$15,000 for Development Application reviews by independent parties. Amending the Consent Authority Conflict of Interest policy should, over a period of several years, reduce total expenditure on such reviews.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

- 1. Adopt a revised policy titled “P&R – Consent Authority Conflict of Interest Policy” for dealing with Development Applications where Council may have a conflict of interest as the consent authority (included as attachment B).**

Attachments

A – Current Policy – P&R Consent Authority Conflict Policy

B – Draft Policy - P&R Consent Authority Conflict Policy

Attachment A – Current Policy – P&R Consent Authority Conflict Policy



P&R - CONSENT AUTHORITY CONFLICT POLICY

Adoption Date: 15 July 2008

Review Date: 15 July 2010

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Regulatory Services

POLICY STATEMENT

WSC is committed to objectivity, fairness and transparency when dealing with Development Applications where it is the consent (approval) authority and also the applicant, landowner or trustee.

OBJECTIVES:

- To process Development Applications where WSC is the applicant, landowner or trustee in a manner that ensures objectivity, fairness and transparency.
- To comply with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and associated regulations.
- To comply with current environmental planning instruments.

STRATEGIES:

The following management strategies will be applied by WSC with a view to meeting the above objectives.

➤ Small scale development

Where a development is less than \$20,000 in value and no written objections are received by Council, the Development Application will be subject to:

- **Assessment** by staff.
- **Determination** by staff under delegated authority or by Council.

➤ Medium scale development

Where a development is between \$20,000 and \$200,000 in value, or written objections are received, the Development Application will be subject to:

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

➤ **Large scale development**

Where a development is over \$200,000, or written objections are received, the Development Application will be subject to:

- Consideration for expansion of standard **notification** processes.
- **Assessment** by an appropriately skilled independent party, such as external planning consultants or planners from another Council.
- **Determination** by Council.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND DOCUMENTS

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
- Position Paper titled "Corruption Risks in NSW Development Approval Processes", Independent Commission Against Corruption, published September 2007 (particularly pp. 55-62).
- P&R - Development Application Processing Procedures.

Attachment B – Draft Policy - P&R Consent Authority Conflict



P & R - CONSENT AUTHORITY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Adoption Date:

Review Date:

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Regulatory Services

POLICY STATEMENT

WSC is committed to objectivity, fairness and transparency when dealing with Development Applications where it is the consent (approval) authority and also the applicant, landowner or trustee.

OBJECTIVES:

- To process Development Applications where WSC is the applicant, landowner or trustee in a manner that ensures objectivity, fairness and transparency.
- To comply with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and associated regulations.
- To comply with current environmental planning instruments.

STRATEGIES:

The following management strategies will be applied by WSC with a view to meeting the above objectives.

Small scale development

Where a development is \$100,000 or less in value and no written objections are received by Council, the Development Application will be subject to:

- **Assessment** by staff.
- **Determination** by staff under delegated authority or by Council.

Medium scale development

Where a development is between \$100,001 and \$5,000,000 in value, or written objections are received, the Development Application will be subject to:

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

Large scale development

Under clause 13B of State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005, any development where council is the proponent, or has a conflict of interest, and the capital investment value is over \$5 million, must be dealt with by a Joint Regional Planning Panel. Such developments cannot be dealt with by Council.

Policy Implementation Procedures, Guidelines and Documents

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005.

'Procedures for the Operation of Joint Regional Planning Panels', July 2009, Department of Planning

Position Paper titled "Corruption Risks in NSW Development Approval Processes", Independent Commission Against Corruption, published September 2007 (particularly pp. 55-62).

Walgett Shire Council Procedure – P&R – Planning and Building

Related WSC Policies

N/A

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20. ABORIGINAL HERITAGE STUDY GRANT

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

Summary:

Walgett Shire Council has been offered a grant of up to \$15,000 to undertake an Aboriginal Heritage Study. It is recommended that Council resolve to increase its existing budget for a study to access the full grant and call for expressions of interest to undertake the study.

Discussion (including issues and background):

In a letter dated 27 July 2009 (Attachment A), the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning has written to Walgett Shire Council and indicated that it is making a grant of up to \$15,000 available for its planned Aboriginal Heritage Study. The grant is offered on a dollar for dollar basis and subject to Council meeting Heritage Branch requirements for such studies, as outlined in its letter and standard conditions (Attachment B).

Presently Council has allocated a budget of \$12,500 for the study. With the addition of the dollar for dollar grant from the Heritage Branch this can be increased to \$25,000 (composed of \$12,500 from Council and \$12,500 from the Heritage Branch). If Council increases its commitment to \$15,000, it could then access the full \$15,000 grant being offered by the Heritage Branch, making a total budget of \$30,000 available. A larger budget would increase the time and effort that could be applied to the study, while making the project appealing for a broader range of consultants.

Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, has prepared a draft Aboriginal Heritage Study Consultant's Brief in accordance with the requirements of the Heritage Branch (Attachment C). It is recommended that Walgett Shire Council invite consultants recognised by the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning to lodge expressions of interest to undertake the study in accordance with the brief. A list of potentially suitable heritage consultants (11) has been compiled from the Heritage Branch's web site, based on their stated experience (See Attachment D).

Relevant Reference Documents:

Letter dated 27 July 2009 from Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning

Stakeholders:

Public, Walgett Shire Council.

Financial Implications:

If the recommendation regarding increasing the budget for the study is accepted, the additional \$2,500 expenditure could be funded from the planned budget surplus for 2009-2010.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

- 1. Increase budgeted expenditure for the Aboriginal Heritage Study from \$25,000 to \$30,000.**
- 2. Create a new budget line item for income of \$15,000 for a grant from the Department of Planning for the Walgett Shire Aboriginal heritage study.**
- 2. Invite expressions of interest from the parties listed in Attachment D, recognised by the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning, to undertake an Aboriginal Heritage Study in accordance with the Walgett Shire Council - Aboriginal Heritage Study Consultant's Brief.**

Attachments

- A – Letter from Heritage Branch dated 27 July 2009
- B – Standard conditions of grant
- C – Draft Aboriginal Heritage Study Consultant's Brief
- D – Potential consultants

Attachment A - Letter from Heritage Branch dated 27 July 2009



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27 July 2009

Dear Mr Goodwin

Letter of Offer - NSW Heritage Grants

Heritage funding support for the Walgett Aboriginal Heritage Study Project Number: LGP/2010/478

I am pleased to advise that the Heritage Branch has approved a dollar for dollar grant of up to \$15,000 through the NSW Heritage Grants program to assist the preparation of an Aboriginal Heritage Study for your local government area.

The Heritage Branch is currently reviewing a model Aboriginal Heritage Study consultant's brief. I have attached a draft brief for your reference. Alternatively if this study is underway please provide a copy of the consultant's brief for our records and the name of the consultant undertaking the study.

This approval is subject to Council's acceptance of the standard conditions attached to this letter.

Guidelines

You can download a copy of the Heritage Branch Community Based Heritage Study guidelines go to the Heritage Branch website www.heritage.nsw.gov.au and use the Google search. This document sets out a summary on pages 4 & 5 of the process and a detailed step-by-step guide.

It is your responsibility to comply with these guidelines, including consultation with the Heritage Branch and keeping to the timeframe for claiming funds and completing the study.

Data Collection Using State Heritage Inventory Software

All data collected as part of this study for new and existing heritage items must be entered into the Heritage Branch SHI database.

You will need to contact our database manager, Stewart Watters by email at stewart.watters@planning.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9873 8561 to arrange for training using the SHI database software and to obtain a copy of existing heritage item information on our files – see Step 3.



Working with the community to know, value and care for our heritage

Heritage Branch, 3 Marist Place, Parramatta NSW 2150 | Locked Bag 5020, Parramatta NSW 2124 | DX 8225 PARRAMATTA
Phone 61 2 9873 8500 Fax 61 2 9873 8599 Email heritage@planning.nsw.gov.au Website www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

Claiming Progress Payments

The first payment of at least 50% of the grant funds must be lodged within 12 months of the acceptance of this funding. For progress claims the Heritage Branch will reimburse council on submission of a progress report and the consultant's invoice/s.

Completion Date

The project funding must be fully expended and all claims for payment made to the Heritage Office within two years of the acceptance date. No funds will be held over after this time.

Submitting Draft Heritage Study and Inventory

To assist council to achieve best possible outcomes, a copy of the draft heritage study and inventory will be submitted for comment prior to consulting with individual owners - see Step 14.

Finalising the Project

To finalise the project council will provide an electronic copy of the Inventory, a bound copy of the study documents, any outstanding consultant's invoices and a completed claim form including the statutory declaration on the reverse - see Step 19.


For further information about the comprehensive LEP requirements contact Alice Brandjes by email at alice.brandjes@planning.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9873 8560 or refer to Appendices K & L on pages 35 and 36 of the Guidelines.

For further assistance with the funding of this project contact Victoria Throp by email at victoria.throp@planning.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9873 8577.

To take up this funding offer please complete and return the acceptance form attached within 21 days of this offer. Please keep a copy for your records.

We wish you well with the project.

Yours sincerely



Miriam Stacy
Senior Heritage Officer
NSW Heritage Grants

Attachments:

Acceptance Form
Standard Conditions
Permission for Use of Photographs or Images form
Permission for Use of Written Material form
Draft Brief

**Acceptance Form – Walgett Aboriginal Heritage Study
LGP/2010/478**

Please complete and return a copy of this Acceptance Form within 21 days

1. I accept this heritage funding offer, on behalf of Council, subject to the conditions set out above and the attached Standard Conditions.
2. I will be the Project Director for the project.
3. I agree that the project will be completed within 2 years of today's date.

Full Name (print):

Contact details:

Council name:

Postal Address: **Post Code:**

Phone: **Fax:**

Email:

Signature: **Date:**

Council's ABN number: _ _ _ _ _

Bank Account details (for direct debit of funding payments into your account)

BSB No. **Account No.**

If your project is underway please complete the following for our records:

The completion date for our comprehensive LEP is:

The heritage consultant employed to undertake this project is:

The historian engaged to prepare the thematic history is:

The estimated completion date for the study is:

If your project has NOT commenced please complete the following:

If you have not started your project and need a list of heritage consultants, please tick here ☐

Representatives from Council would like to attend a ½ day training workshop provided by the Heritage Office in using the State Heritage Register software ☐

Attachment B – Standard conditions of grant

Standard Conditions Applying To All NSW Heritage Grants Conservation Study and Promotional Projects (1 to 20)

By entering into this Funding Agreement, you agree to comply with the following conditions:

THE PROJECT FROM START TO FINISH

- 1. Acceptance of offer** You must accept this offer of funding within 6 weeks, otherwise it will be withdrawn.

- 2. Permission to commence work** You must complete the Funding Agreement and submit it to the Heritage Branch (called "the Branch") and receive a Heritage Branch acknowledgement letter before you commence work.

- 3. Project milestone dates and progress claims** You agree to meet the following project milestone dates and progress claims. You can submit your project reports before these dates but not later.
- You also acknowledge that the NSW Heritage Grants program operates on an annual budget allocation and unclaimed funds can not be carried forward and that if you fail to meet the milestone dates the funding may be reviewed or revoked.

Milestone 1 29 January 2010

Progress report and optional claim for 25% of the project funding

Milestone 2 28 May 2010

Progress report and claim for at least 50% of the project funding

Milestone 3 28 January 2011

Progress report and claim for at least 75% of the project funding

Milestone 4 30 May 2011

Final report and claim for 100% of the project funding

- 4. Progress reports** You must provide a brief written **progress report** with each claim for payment.

- 5. Final report and feedback questionnaire** You must provide one copy of a **Final Report** using the model report format supplied by the Branch. You must also provide a completed **final claim form** and **Statutory Declaration** for payment.

You must also provide a completed **Feedback Questionnaire** for your project using the form provided. You will need to collect the data throughout the course of your project.

FINANCES

6. Advising changes in the source and/or amount of funding

You must advise the Branch of any changes to the financial resources and arrangements stated in your application.

7. GST

The Branch considers the full cost of the project to be the GST-inclusive amount. The Branch is required to add 10% to the approved grant amount if you are registered for the GST and lodge BAS statements. It is your responsibility to include the Heritage Branch's 10% GST component in your BAS statement. If you are not registered for the GST we do not add an extra 10% to our payments to you.

8. Claims

You must submit claims for payment on the supplied form and you must ensure that you fulfil all of the requirements of that form. You also agree that unless requested, and the Branch agrees, all cheques or electronic transfers will be made payable to you or your ABN registered name.

9. Voluntary contributions

Voluntary contributions need to be accurately documented and should be declared as though they are cash. Keep employment records by dates, hours, names of workers and type of work done. Unless a volunteer is a tradesperson working in their own trade labour costs should be charged at a lower nominal rate.

10. Final payment

You agree that part of the final payment may be withheld until the Branch receives all required copies of the final report and proper acquittal documentation.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

11. Revocation of funding

You agree that this financial assistance may be reviewed or revoked at any time under any one or more of the following circumstances:

- a) unsatisfactory work;
- b) failure to meet time schedules;
- c) failure to provide progress reports;
- d) non-disclosure or misleading or false disclosure of information; and
- e) adequate additional funding being provided from another source.

You also agree that where monies have been advanced you are obliged to refund those monies plus interest equal to the local government borrowing rate within 30 days of receiving the notice of revocation of this financial assistance.

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| 12. Reusable equipment | You agree that funding provided for this project is not to be used for expenditure on reusable equipment without the prior written approval of the Branch. If approved, resale of such equipment and refund of moneys to the Branch may be required. |
| 13. Transactions between persons not at arm's length | You must advise the Branch immediately of any transaction where the applicant and another party, or parties, to any transaction involving expenditure on this project are not dealing with each other at arm's length eg paid work by a relative. If the Branch considers that the expenditure exceeds the amount that would have been incurred if the parties had been dealing with each other at arm's length, the Branch may disregard the excess in any claim made to the Branch. |
| 14. Acknowledgment of funding assistance | You agree to acknowledge the funding assistance during the project and upon completion in any form required and approved by the Branch. You are required to use the Department of Planning logo in all material associated with this project. To obtain an electronic copy of the logo please send an email to victoria.throp@planning.nsw.gov.au |
| 15. Publicity | You agree to publicise the project in consultation with the Branch and local media organisations. You will seek opportunities to link media and community events and announcements to progress work on the project. The Branch may publicise the project through its newsletter, website, media releases and liaison with journalists. |
| 16. Copyright – non-exclusive license | <p>As a condition of the funding, the Branch will expect you to supply the appropriate permissions (non-exclusive license) to use certain copyright material created as part of this funded project.</p> <p>[Copyright owners of material such as written material, photographs, music or moving images can assign or license their rights in copyright material. Copyright protects the form in which an idea or information is expressed, not the idea or information itself.]</p> <p>We seek your permission to use your material in the State Heritage Register (an online database at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au) or in any publicity related to the project. Please complete the appropriate permission form when you lodge your final report/material with the Branch. A copy of the permission forms are attached for your reference and future use. The completed permissions form/s is to be bound into the front of your final report.</p> |
| 17. Best practice heritage and project management | <p>You agree that all work must be carried out in a best practice heritage manner and in particular to accord with the publication called <i>How to Carry out Work on Heritage Buildings and Sites</i> available to download from our website www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/publications</p> <p>You also agree to administer the project in accordance with best practice management.</p> |

Attachment C - Draft Aboriginal Heritage Study Consultant's Brief

4.0 AIM

The aim of the study is to identify places of significance, record those places and develop recommendations for their management and conservation.

An Aboriginal Heritage Study first investigates the Aboriginal historical context of a local government area. In association with the Aboriginal community it then identifies, assesses and records items or places of Aboriginal cultural significance associated with this context. The study explains why the places are significant to the Aboriginal community and recommends ways of managing and conserving that significance. An Aboriginal heritage study provides information to support:

- An Aboriginal community's sense of identity – of its beginnings, its present and its potential
- Education programs which assist the Elders to educate and pass on knowledge to both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community.
- A sense of ownership and cultural awareness within the Aboriginal community.
- Heritage tourism strategies
- Future management

An Aboriginal Heritage study actively involves the Aboriginal community in researching and recording items and in considering recommendations for their future management and promotion.

The aim of the Heritage Study is also to provide information which will assist Local Government to develop strategies to manage Aboriginal sites and places and to assist in developing a protocol for ongoing Aboriginal community liaison.

The Heritage Study does **not** aim to:

- Duplicate information held by the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) managed by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC). Rather, it aims to record places of significance, not previously recorded. However, as part of the study, liaison should be undertaken with DECC and a list of sites recorded on AHIMS obtained (see section 4.0 "Tasks").
- Develop a 'predictive model' of areas which may contain Aboriginal 'objects' or sites. Rather it is to develop information on sites and places not previously recorded and to provide management recommendations for those sites and places. Those sites and places are **not** limited to archaeological sites. The Heritage Study aims to record a broad range of cultural heritage places (see Section 6(c) in Tasks: Identifying and Recording)
- Provide information for a Land Claim submission

5.0 CONSULTANT TEAM

It is envisaged that the members of the consultant team will have experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage and experience at working with Aboriginal communities. The team could include, but not be limited to, the following skills and experience:

- A facilitator. This facilitator could be an Aboriginal person from the local community who will assist in facilitating consultation between Council, the consultant team and the Aboriginal community.
- A professional Historian with experience in working with Aboriginal communities and in researching and writing Aboriginal histories.
- An Archaeologist with experience in working with Aboriginal communities and recording post-contact Aboriginal sites and places.



Walgett Shire Council

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE STUDY CONSULTANT'S BRIEF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Walgett Shire Council intend to develop an Aboriginal Heritage Study in consultation with the Aboriginal Community. Walgett Shire Council are looking to engage a consultant team to undertake the necessary consultation and negotiation with the Aboriginal community to develop the study.

The Heritage Study is jointly funded by the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch and Walgett Shire Council.

This project brief outlines Council's requirements and is intended to provide a guide to the consultant team on the projects aims and expected outcomes.

2.0 STUDY AREA

The study area is the whole of Walgett Shire, an area of approximately 22,336 square kilometres. Attached at Appendix A is a map of Walgett Shire.

There are two basic landscapes in the Shire – the flat open floodplains of the Castlereagh, Namoi and Barwon Rivers in the south and the low vegetated hills to the north of the Shire.

3.0 LEGISLATION

The Aboriginal Heritage Study must be prepared to enable the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the relevant New South Wales statutory framework.

In addition, to fully understand the aims of a Heritage Study it is important to be aware of the relevant legislation and mechanisms for protection of Aboriginal sites and places. Therefore, attached at Appendix B is information which will enable the Heritage Study to be placed within a management framework.

A useful publication which will provide further information is *A guide to the Heritage System* which can be obtained from the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch website.

- An Anthropologist with experience in working with the local Aboriginal community who could assist in the consultation process and in recording sites of significance to the Aboriginal community.
- A project manager (who may also have specialist heritage skills listed above) experienced in managing heritage studies and working with local government and Aboriginal communities.

6.0 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

Aboriginal cultural heritage places are diverse and complex. Attached at Appendix C is a brief description showing the variety of site types.

Aboriginal cultural heritage can be many things to many different Aboriginal people and communities - which is why consultation, negotiation and inclusion of the Aboriginal community in the development of the Heritage Study is important. Such inclusion will ensure that places of significance to the community are recorded and managed in a culturally appropriate manner.

Aboriginal cultural heritage is dynamic and continuous. It includes the tangible and intangible. It links people over time to their community and their land. It is expressed through Aboriginal relationships with people, land and sea (country); through beliefs, knowledge, language, law and lore.

Aboriginal cultural heritage places can be on land or sea; they can be landscapes or they can be sites and places that are important as part of customary law or traditions; they can be places associated with historical events such as first encounters with non-Aboriginal people including massacres; they can be places or areas of importance related to ongoing relationships with the non-Aboriginal community after Colonial settlement; they can be places of contemporary importance.

7.0 TASKS

The consultant team will undertake the following tasks as part of the preparation of the Aboriginal Heritage Study:

(a) ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage is unique and irreplaceable. It is of significance and we all have a responsibility at the Local and State level to ensure its ongoing conservation with appropriate management. Such management must be undertaken under the direction of the Aboriginal community.

However, it is important to recognise that Aboriginal communities have many other issues to address and they may not give immediate priority to the development of the Heritage Study. Aboriginal people also have extensive experience of non-Aboriginal organisations and people approaching them about specific projects, which are then undertaken with only superficial consultation. Therefore, they might be wary of any initial approaches.

Some Aboriginal people may only want to be kept informed about the Heritage Study whilst others will want to be actively involved. It will be necessary to determine the level of involvement required and ensure that information is freely circulated. See Appendix A for suggestions as to how to manage Aboriginal consultation

Attached at Appendix D are suggestions for ensuring Aboriginal involvement in the Heritage Study. Briefly summarised the following steps will need to be undertaken:

- Step 1: Identify Aboriginal people with rights and interests in the area.
- Step 2: Agree on a process
- Step 3: Establish protocols.

However, the Coordinator will need to be guided by Aboriginal leaders within the community on the most appropriate method of working with the community.

(b) THEMATIC HISTORY

To assist in developing an understanding of places of significance within the Local Government Area, a thematic history must be prepared using themes developed by the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch. Both primary and secondary sources should be consulted. The Historian should first discuss the project with the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch's Historian, Bruce Baskerville (Ph: (02) 9873 8565).

It is important not to rely solely on written records to develop the history. Discuss the history with the Aboriginal people involved in the project. Primary and secondary sources often do not include Aboriginal voices. Analyse the material being researched and ensure that Aboriginal views are included.

Some relevant publications, which are available from the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch or on the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch website, include:

- *Investigating Heritage Significance* which outlines the need for an appropriate historical context. It also details the 35 historic themes for NSW.
- *Regional Histories for NSW* which details the themes and broad history for each of the 16 regions of NSW
- *Historical Research for Heritage* which contains a useful guide to historical sources as well as advice on how to research the history of a place.
- *Aboriginal History & Heritage*

(c) IDENTIFY AND RECORD ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PLACES

Certain places or site types will be identified as a result of the preparation of the Thematic History. Check with the individuals, organisations, steering committee etc if they would like this places recorded and what information they may have about those places.

Ask the individuals, organisations, steering committee etc., to identify places they would like recorded. Ask them to record them.

Collate any information held on the Local Environmental Plan, State Heritage Register, the former Register of the National Estate and the National Heritage Register.

Visit the sites identified through the above process with relevant members of the Aboriginal community and discuss the history and significance of the site or place.

Record all information on the SHI database which is available through the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch

As previously stated the aim of this study is not to duplicate information held by AHIMS, rather it is to identify places not previously recorded. You can request a

search of the AHIMS and provide that information to Council. To obtain this information DECC will require the written agreement of the Land Council and other relevant community organisations (including the committee established for the Heritage Study) will be required, to obtain such information. It should be noted, that this information must be kept confidential and cannot be included on the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch website or in the SHI database.

The types of places that are of particular relevance to this Heritage Study are places of significance that are not listed on DECC's AHIMS and are places of significance in the contact and post-contact history of Australia. A list of examples is included at Appendix E:

However, if the Aboriginal community specifically require a site already listed on AHIMS to be recorded in this study, then that site should be included in this Heritage Study.

(d) IDENTIFY ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

It is important that the Aboriginal community have input into the development of site/place significance. Do not rely on Heritage Registers or previous work to establish Aboriginal Heritage Significance or Values. This is an important role for the Aboriginal community, the committee established for the purposes of the Heritage Study or the individuals wishing to be involved. Once the Aboriginal community or relevant individuals have described the significance use the criteria from the SHI database to formalise that significance.

Useful publications providing a guide to assessing significance can be obtained from the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch website:

- *Assessing Heritage Significance*
- *Assessing Historical Importance: A Guide to State Heritage Register Criterion A.*
- *Assessing Historical Association: A Guide to State Heritage Register Criterion B.*

(e) DEVELOP MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Again, this is a major role of the Aboriginal people/organisations/committee involved in the Heritage Study. Discuss all appropriate management recommendations with individuals and at meetings and respect that Aboriginal people may need time to consider such issues and time to reach a consensus.

Management recommendations can include:

- The need to maintaining confidentiality or to protect culturally restricted information.
- The manner in which significant cultural heritage places identified in this study are to be protected.
- The manner in which cultural material is stored.
- Repatriation of cultural material.
- Ensuring ongoing access to sites or places for cultural purposes.
- Restricting access to certain places or information.
- Developing an Interpretation Plan for the LGA.
- Recommending places for listing on the LEP or SHR.
- Development of a Museum or Keeping Place.
- A review of LEP provisions for protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

- Ongoing liaison with the Aboriginal community in respect of planning decisions which might affect the places recorded.
- Provide Council with protocols or a strategy for such ongoing consultation.
- Allow a review process, eg in five years time the information contained in the database and the management recommendations are reviewed.

All management recommendations must comply with State legislation detailed in Appendix B.

(f) RECORD THE INFORMATION

All information should be recorded in the SHI database and the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch advised of any confidentiality issues, access restrictions, protocols etc.

It may be possible to engage an Aboriginal person to enter the information; or a Council officer might be able to input the data. However, to ensure that agreed protocols are maintained it is probably best for the Project Coordinator to oversee database entry and management of the database.

The Department of Planning, Heritage Branch provides training in the use of the SHI database. Ideally, all members of the Heritage Study team should undertake this training. Contact Stewart Walters, Database Manager on (02) 9873 8561 to ascertain when the next training course will be run.

8.0 FUNDING

A lump sum fee of \$30,000 is available to undertake this study. All tasks and disbursements associated with the project must be undertaken within this budget. There will be no further funding available and the consultant team must undertake all tasks within this budget.

9.0 TIMING

The project must be completed within two financial years, with a commencement date of July 2009 and a completion date of 30 June 2011

10.0 REPORTING

As a minimum it is expected that the project will include the following meetings and reporting:

- Pre-commencement meeting with Councilors and senior staff to outline project program and methodology.
- Progress meeting with Councilors and senior staff regarding draft management recommendations.
- Quarterly progress reports are to be submitted to Council's Project Manager.

11.0 PAYMENT

- 10% on establishment
- 30% on progress report
- 40% on draft report and draft SHI database
- 20% on final report

12.0 COUNCIL CONTACTS

Council's Project Manager will be:

Matthew Goodwin
Director Planning & Regulatory Services
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 181
Walgett NSW 2832
Phone: 02 6828 6120
Email: MGoodwin@Walgett.nsw.gov.au

Council's Heritage Advisor is:

Ray Christison
High Ground Consulting
116 Hassans Walls Road
Lithgow NSW 2790
Phone: 02 6353 1812
Email: highground@swiftdsl.com.au

13.0 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest from parties interested in undertaking the Walgett Aboriginal Heritage Study will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Experience of the consultant team in working with Aboriginal communities.
- Experience of members of the team in undertaking similar projects.
- Ability of the consultant team to work within the above timeframe and budget.
- Proposed methodology and program.

All expressions of interest should include the following information:

- Names and CV's of all proposed team members, including their experience in working on similar types of projects.
- Details of a proposed methodology.
- Details of a program of activities including timing of each task and linkages between each task.
- Ability to work within the nominated timeframe.
- Ability to work within the nominated budget.

Expressions of interest must be submitted in the form of a pdf file, or files, to Walgett Shire Council via e-mail to admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

The following documentation is available to support the Walgett Shire Aboriginal Heritage Study:

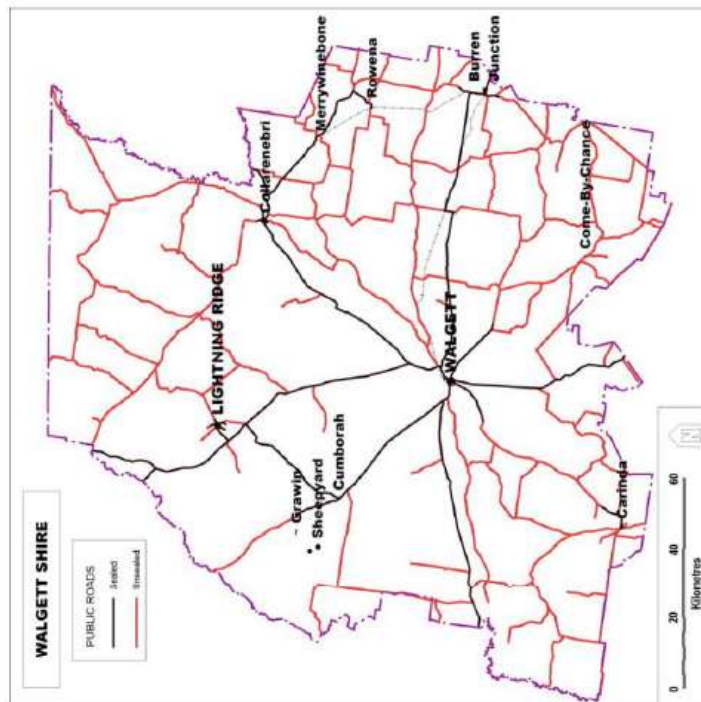
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- Kass, T., 2003. A Thematic History of Walgett Shire – Final Report.

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Map of study area
- Appendix B: NSW legislation for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Appendix C: Aboriginal site types and places
- Appendix D: Aboriginal community consultation
- Appendix E: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Places of relevance to this study

APPENDIX A

Study area



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APPENDIX B

NSW legislation for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage

NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE ACT 1974 (NPW Act)

This Act is administered by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

Part 6 of the NPW Act details the provisions for protection of Aboriginal sites and places. Under these provisions the DECC are required to maintain a Register called the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). This Register includes details of all known Aboriginal sites and places.

All Aboriginal "objects" are protected by Part 6 whether or not they are listed on the AHIMS. Part 6 provides "blanket" protection to all Aboriginal sites, whether or they are recorded and/or registered (in particular s90).

An "object" is defined as:

Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction, and includes Aboriginal remains.

In other words, any Aboriginal artefact or site created before European settlement (or during the early Colonial period) of Australia is automatically protected by the provisions of this Act. Such "objects" can include stone artefacts, scarred trees, (often referred to as archaeological sites) or spears, boomerangs etc made before European occupation.

The Act also protects "Aboriginal places". An "Aboriginal place" is a place or area of special significance with respect to Aboriginal culture. "Aboriginal places" are not automatically protected in the same way that "objects" are automatically protected. To be protected, an "Aboriginal Place" must be declared under the Act (s84). An Aboriginal place could be a natural feature with spiritual associations (often referred to an anthropological site) or cultural landscape which may or may not include "objects".

HERITAGE ACT 1977

The provisions for protection of Aboriginal sites and places under the Heritage Act is the same as for non-Aboriginal places, ie, it must be listed on the State Heritage Register for the provisions of the Heritage Act to be enabled.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

Under the provisions of this Act, Councils may prepare a Local Environmental Plan (LEP). LEP's are prepared by Councils to guide local planning decisions via zoning and development controls. LEP's usually include a Heritage Schedule and any site or place listed on that Schedule is protected by the provisions of the LEP.

Aboriginal sites and places can be included on that Heritage Schedule.

In addition, most recent LEP's have specific clauses for the protection of Aboriginal archaeological sites.

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APPENDIX C

Aboriginal site types and places

Aboriginal site types and places can include:

- Pre contact occupation sites
- Scarred and carved trees
- Quarry sites
- Open artefact scatters
- Single artefacts
- Natural sites with spiritual significance
- Massacres sites
- Resource sites
- Mission sites
- Cemeteries
- Places where important historical events have occurred, such as Captain Cook's landing place at Botany Bay or it can be a building such as the Cypress-Hellene Club building in Elizabeth Street where the 1938 "Day of Mourning" meeting was held. This event was the first protest by Aboriginal people for equal opportunities within Australian Society.
- Pastoral properties where Aboriginal people lived and worked contributing to the development of Australian rural industries.
- Stockmen's huts
- Other industrial places such as whaling stations, mines, cattle stations etc., where Aboriginal contributions are little known in the broader community, but are very significant to Aboriginal people.
- War memorials listing Aboriginal soldiers.
- It can be intangible heritage such as memories of people who have been at the forefront of Aboriginal civil rights campaigns or advancement of health and education.
- It can be songs, language, dance and art.

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APPENDIX D

Aboriginal community consultation

STEP 1: IDENTIFYING ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WITH RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN THE AREA

It is important to identify Aboriginal people with rights and interests in the LGA and who are the appropriate people to speak for country or for individual sites and places. It will be necessary to take into account that different people will have differing degrees of knowledge about heritage places and their significance. It is also important to understand that some people may have lost their traditional knowledge but still be interested in being involved. They will see involvement as a way of learning.

People with rights and interests can include Traditional Owners; people with an historical association with the LGA or people who may only have recently moved into the LGA but are still interested in caring for country.

To identify appropriate people:

- Contact the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch's Aboriginal Department of Planning, Heritage Branch, on (02) 9398 8500.
- Liaise with Council's Aboriginal Department of Planning, Heritage Branch or Consultative Committee (if Council has these positions established).
- Contact the local Aboriginal Land Council or NSW Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 9689 4444.
- Contact the local NPWS office.
- Contact the Native Title Tribunal (1800 640 501; (02) 9235 6300 or www.nntt.gov.au) to establish Native Title Claimants and/or Prescribed Native Title Body Corporates.
- Contact any other Aboriginal organisations within the LGA such as Aboriginal Health, Legal Aid or CDEP projects.
- Ask the Land Council or other registered organisations whether there are any Elders groups or other community groups who may not be registered, or in the phone book or easy to find.
- Ask the Land Council or other registered organisation whether there are any individuals, not part of an organisation or group, who should be contacted.
- Ensure that both men and women with rights and interests in the area are identified, as men and women may be responsible for different heritage places and values

STEP 2: AGREE ON A PROCESS

Once you have identified the people to consult with, it will be necessary to agree on a process for consultation and develop the level of interest of all concerned. As previously mentioned, some people/organisations will only want to be kept involved whilst others will want to actively participate.

It will be necessary to first discuss the project with each individual and group before arranging a public meeting. By discussing the project with the individuals and groups separately, it is possible to ascertain their level of interest and desired level of involvement.

Arrange a meeting at a time and place to suit everyone. It must be a neutral place. For example, meeting at the Land Council office or Council office may not suit

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APPENDIX E

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Places of relevance to this study

Following is an example of cultural heritage places that the Aboriginal community might want recorded for this study:

- Mission sites
- Cemeteries
- Places where important historical events have occurred, but may not contain physical evidence, such as Captain Cook's landing place at Botany Bay.
- A building such as the Cypress-Hellene Club building in Elizabeth Street where the 1938 "Day of Mourning" meeting was held. This event was the first protest by Aboriginal people for equal opportunities within Australian Society.
- Pastoral properties where Aboriginal people lived and worked contributing to the development of Australian rural industries.
- Stockmen's huts
- Other industrial places such as woodsheds, mines, cattle stations etc., where Aboriginal contributions are little known in the broader community, but are very significant to Aboriginal people.
- War memorials listing Aboriginal soldiers.
- It can be intangible heritage such as memories of people who have been at the forefront of Aboriginal civil rights campaigns or advancement of health and education.

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everyone. It could be at a local community hall or Church Hall. When initially discussing the project with the various organisations/individuals ask them for suggestions as to where the first meeting should occur.

Arrange the meeting and advertise the time and place in the local paper. Ensure that you have advised everyone you have made contact with so far, that you will be advertising the first meeting.

Consider whether the NPWS Aboriginal Sites Officer, CMA Aboriginal Officer or any other government department should be involved. These people/organisations should only be involved with approval from the Aboriginal community.

Keep the meeting informal and discuss the aims of the project and clearly determine the manner, timing and level of consultation. Ascertain:

- Who wants to be actively involved.
- Who wants to be kept informed.
- Methods of ongoing consultation (eg meetings, newsletters etc)
- Establish a steering committee, if that is considered appropriate.
- For those who want to be involved, determine the level of involvement, eg will they be recording sites and places, undertaking historic research, providing family histories etc.
- Clarify your role.
- Discuss protocols
- How to disseminate information
- Identify resources required to maintain community involvement (eg arranging transport to meetings; payment of out-of-pocket expenses etc).

STEP 3: ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS

It will be necessary to establish protocols. This may not be possible at the first meeting, but may be achieved over a series of meetings with the steering committee or at public meetings. Such protocols include:

- Who has the right to speak for country or individual sites
- Determine who will hold copyright over any work undertaken
- Determine confidentiality issues, eg male/female information; age related access; public information etc.
- Determine a process to obtain consent from the relevant Aboriginal people about displaying information gained including on the Department of Planning, Heritage Branch website.
- Identify any other issues
- Formalise any protocols

For further information on community consultation see "Ask First: a guide to respecting Indigenous heritage places and values" developed by the Australian Heritage Commission, 2002.

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Attachment D – Potential consultant's

LIST OF POTENTIAL CONSULTANTS FOR ABORIGINAL HERITAGE STUDY

Extracted from the heritage consultant database on the Heritage Branch web site at http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/13_subnav_07.cfm

Only consultants who stated they have experience with aboriginal heritage studies have been retained in the extract.

| COMPANY | PHONE | INTERNET | SUMMARY (PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Ireland, Tracy Goddan Mackay Logan Pty Ltd PO Box 374 Canberra Avenue Executive Centre HALL ACT 2618 | PH: 6283 8105 FX: 6283 8164 MB: 0414 267 000 | Email: tracyi@gml.com.au Homepage: www.gml.com.au | Dr Tracy Ireland is historical archaeologist and heritage practitioner with over 20 years of practical experience covering research, policy development, heritage planning, and conservation management. Tracy particular areas of expertise include leading large, multidisciplinary teams for complex natural and cultural areas, management plans and interpretation of a wide range of heritage places, social values analysis, Indigenous historic places, industrial and rural complexes and historic landscapes. |
| Kabaila, Peter Black Mountain Projects Pty Ltd 5 Wangara Street Aranda ACT 2614 | PH: 6251 2356 MB: 0403 727 805 | Email: peter@blackmountainprojects.com | Able to provide heritage services for local and regional heritage studies, precinct studies, impact statements and conservation plans; council heritage advisory services, historical archaeology, Aboriginal archaeology, architectural/archaeological services for adaptive reuse of historic buildings, extensions to heritage buildings, cemetery conservation projects, mine field heritage assessments, concept plans for historic site interpretation and landscaping, coordinate Aboriginal community and mission histories. NSW Architects Registration Board No: 5853 |
| Laird, Wendy Laird & Associates Oakland House 1235 Oakland Rd Coraki NSW 2471 | PH: 6683 2053 FX: 6683 2948 MB: 0412 791 014 | Email: wendy.laird@scu.edu.au | Extensive experience advising and assisting clients, families, communities, local and state government to identify, assess and manage the appropriate care of their heritage; particularly in rural and remote areas. Recent work includes working with Aboriginal communities and state government to successfully provide housing which respects Aboriginal cultural heritage values. Specialities include field assessment, local cultural heritage capacity building and education, adaptive design; Aboriginal cultural heritage and housing management and advocacy, regional heritage studies, CMP's, Heritage Impact Studies; review and writing of state and LGA policy and schedules. Registered as a Non-chartered architect 19856. |
| Lindbergh, Jennie Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS) 6 College Street Sydney NSW 2010 | PH: 9320 6007 FX: 9320 6428 MB: 0405 186 482 | Email: jennie.lindbergh@austrmus.gov.au Homepage: www.australianmuseum.net.au www.ambs.com.au | I work for AMBS Archaeology & Heritage who has an established reputation as a heritage consultancy with expertise in built, industrial and landscape heritage, historical archaeology and Aboriginal heritage assessment and archaeology. I have experience in all heritage and impact assessments and provide heritage reports for Part 3A major developments, EIAs, EISs and REFs. I also work on joint projects with the AMBS Ecology Team (flora and fauna) and have a working relationship with Australian Museum scientists, including anthropologists and material conservators. |

| COMPANY | PHONE | INTERNET | SUMMARY (PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT) |
|--|--|---|---|
| Parkinson, Charles HCPL Heritage + Archaeology PO Box 817 Leichhardt NSW 2040 | PH: 02 9569 1760 FX: 02 9568 4044 MB: 0413 314 922 | Email: charles@hcpl.biz Homepage: www.hcpl.biz | As a principal for HCPL Heritage + Archaeology providing a full range of services in the fields of Aboriginal and historical cultural heritage management including community consultation, historic, urban and industrial heritage assessments for dams, weirs, bridges, roads and other public infrastructure. Services include archaeological surveys and site recording, research, heritage components for local and regional heritage studies, heritage assessments, statements of heritage impact, conservation management plans, archival recording, archaeological excavations, artefact analysis. |
| Rigby, Darrell (RPS HSO) Rural Planning Services Harper Somers O'Sullivan Pty Ltd 241 Dennison Street BROADMEADOW NSW 2292 | PH: 02 4961 6500 FX: 02 4961 6794 MB: 0428 616 225 | Email: darrell@rps-hso.com.au Homepage: www.rps-hso.com.au | As the manager for the RPSHSO archaeological team, I provide a full range of archaeological services to help our clients negotiate the vast array of issues, permits and legislation associated with Aboriginal and European cultural heritage management, irrespective of location. |
| Robins, Tim Everick Heritage Consultants PO Box 146 RED HILL QLD 4059 | PH: 07 3368 2660 FX: 07 3368 2440 MB: 0432 816 460 | Email: everick@bigpond.com Homepage: www.everick.com.au | Provides clients with experienced heritage and archaeological professionals, offering a full range of skills required to provide independent and informed advice on your heritage needs, including due diligence assessments, Aboriginal and European cultural heritage assessments, cultural heritage management and conservation plans, archaeological surveys and excavations, local and regional heritage studies, advocacy and expert testimony. Presently managing the cultural heritage of some northern NSW largest residential and infrastructure developments. We understand the planning complexities facing land owners and government agencies today and can provide practical and effective solutions to heritage problems. |
| Sciusco, Lori HCPL Heritage + Archaeology PO Box 817 Leichhardt NSW 2040 | PH: 02 9569 1760 FX: 02 9568 4044 MB: 0417 417 458 | Email: lori@hcpl.biz Homepage: www.hcpl.biz | Heritage Concepts provides a full range of services in the fields of Aboriginal and historical cultural heritage management including community consultation, historic, urban & industrial heritage assessments for dams, weirs, bridges, roads & other public infrastructure. Services include: archaeological surveys & site recording, research, heritage components for local and regional heritage studies, heritage assessments, statements of heritage impact, conservation management plans, archival recording, archaeological excavations, artefact analysis. |

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| Shapter, Rick Proper Way Cultural Heritage Services 77 St Marks Rd RANDWICK NSW 2031 | PH: 9398 5317 MB: 0411 405 088 | Email: puurri3@exemail.com.au | ProperWay CHS provides a "one stop shop" for all aspects of Indigenous cultural services including Aboriginal community consultation. We have a successful record in negotiating outcomes across the state in the communities of both metropolitan Sydney for Dept of Environment and Climate Change and in central and western NSW for Heritage Branch, Dept of Planning. We have recently completed a report for DECC; "Aboriginal Social and Cultural History of the Cumberland Plain" detailing the Aboriginal and colonial history of the region. The report serves as a regional planning tool for LEPs, REP and other planning processes under the Growth Centres Commission. We have provided reports on behalf of Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts and completed heritage assessment of public lands for Manly and Hunters Hill Councils. We also provide conservation reports, maritime heritage (Aboriginal stone fisheries), wharves, timber vessels; and preparation of media material, heritage interpretation and curatorial services. |
| Weston, Jenna Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS) 6 College Street SYDNEY NSW 2010 | PH: 02 9320 6468 FX: 02 9320 6428 MB: 0428 895 488 | Email: jenna.weston@austmus.gov.au | As project archaeologist for the Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS) Heritage & Archaeology, I provide consultancy services for archaeology, built, industrial and landscape heritage; conservation management plans; heritage management strategies; statements of heritage impact; interpretation plans and supporting documentation for EIAs, REFs and EISs. Archaeological assessment, salvage excavation; community consultation, archival recording, artefact analysis, site surveys and mapping. Consultation with stakeholder groups including project teams, relevant statutory authorities, local councils and representatives of local and Aboriginal communities is integral to the way we meet client and heritage best practice requirements. I am able to draw on the extensive resources of the AMBS Ecology team and the Australian Museum. |
| Wilson, Jan Umwelt Australia Pty Limited PO Box 838 TORONTO NSW 2283 | PH: 4950 5322 FX: 4950 5737 MB: 0427 528 622 | Email: jwilson@umwelt.com.au Homepage: www.umwelt.com.au | Able to provide generalist heritage services for local and regional heritage studies, Environmental Assessments, impacts statements and conservation plans. Able to provide specialist archaeological services for permit preparations for both Aboriginal and historical heritage, excavation and subsurface investigations for both Aboriginal and historical heritage, consultation with Aboriginal and non Aboriginal stakeholders in the community, archival recordings to NSW Heritage Office standards and specialist advice for both Aboriginal and historical heritage. Our company also includes planning services and general environmental scientists and engineers. |

21. DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Matthew Goodwin – Director Planning and Regulatory Services
FILE NUMBER: 007/02/04/55

Summary:

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

Discussion (including issues and background):

The table following this report provides details of Development Applications (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during July 2009.

Document type 20 represents Development Applications, while document type 24 represents Complying Development Certificates.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Files for the respective Development and Complying Development Certificate applications.

Stakeholders:

Public and applicants.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

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

Attachment – Report on DAs and CDCs issued July 2009

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| 024/2009/000000008/001 | Mr R Dean 20 Agate Street LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834 | 142 Class 10a - Shed 20 Agate ST LIGHTNING RIDGE LOT: 12 SEC: 17 DP: 758612 Mr R Dean & Ms D M Bladen | Approved - Staff Delegation | 01/07/2009 | 01/07/2009 |

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| 024/2009/000000009/001 | Mr M B Canfell P.O. Box 850 LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834 | 142 Class 10a - Shed 3 Gem ST LIGHTNING RIDGE LOT: 2 SEC: 24 DP: 758612 Mr M B Canfell | Approved - Staff Delegation | 30/07/2009 | 29/07/2009 |

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AUTHORITY

22. WATER METER POLICY

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructure Services
AUTHOR: Siegfredo O Coralde – Director of Urban Infrastructure Services
FILE NUMBER: 230/00/01/09

Summary:

Management of water meters requires a firm direction to ensure that an effective level of service is achieved at all times. This report recommends to Council the approval and implementation of Water Meter Policy effective 01 July 2010.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Traditionally Council provides household and commercial (using stand pipes) water services to the Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri, Rowena and Carinda communities with unlimited water usage. Out of these communities, only Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Rowena have already installed water meters. Cumborah, Come-by-Chance and Burren Junction districts have no water lines.

Council started reading water meters at Lightning Ridge in 1992 but this practice ceased a year after for uncorroborated reasons. No readings were made at Walgett community since water meters were installed in the late 1980s. Water meters in Rowena have just been installed in July 2009. Council notified Rowena households that quarterly water meter readings will start in September 2009. As there is no firm policy regarding fee charges, Rowena residents are advised that water usage is still free. Further information regarding this advice is attached for information. (Appendix 1).

In 2004 NSW Councils were informed by the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability to introduce 'pay-for-use' (pay-user system) water supply pricing in accordance with *National Competition Policy (NCP)*. Essentially compliance with *NCP* and pay-for-use water supply pricing requires the installation of meters on water services in non-metered communities.

Responding positively, Council wrote to then Hon Carl Scully MP Minister for Utilities seeking financial assistance towards the Stage 1: Cost of installation of the meters in Walgett and Collarenebri communities. A further submission for funding assistance was made to the present Minister of Water and Energy the Hon Phillip Costa MP in December 2008. In May 2009, Council received a formal notice indicating that the funding assistance of \$143,782 excluding GST is approved. A draft Water Metre Policy is attached.

Progress to-date. Installation of approximately 1730 water meters for the filtered and raw water services in Walgett and Collarenebri is now in progress. The sizes of these meters are 20 mm and 25 mm diameters. The time frame to complete this project is 20 weeks.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Business Organisations
Ratepayers

Community Implications:

Council needs to activate its public information dissemination program regarding the implementation of water charges as soon as possible.

Financial Implications:

Council should introduce the 'pay for use' charging system similar to most local authorities effective 01 July 2010. Revenues will increase noticeably as new household and stand pipe water charges begin.

Recommendations:

1. **That Council approves 'Pay for use' water charging being implemented from 1 July 2010.**

Attachments

Water Meter Policy
Sample letter to Rowena Residents



AFM – WATER METER POLICY

Adoption Date:

Review Date:

Responsible Officer: Director Urban Infrastructure Services

POLICY STATEMENT

WSC is committed to ensuring that delivery of effective water services to the general public is promptly addressed where systematic replacement and repair measures to eliminate or mitigate this risk of losing water pressure are done within the specified level of service.

OBJECTIVES:

- To monitor, inspect and report all installed water meters on a six-monthly basis to ensure that pro-active maintenance system is up-dated appropriately
- To ensure that existing water meters are inspected and maintained within manufacturers' specification and standards.
- To investigate reported faulty water meters promptly within 24 hours after receiving registered Customer Service Notification Form
- To confirm and replace faulty water meters promptly within 24 hours after investigation
- To encourage each household to take special care of assigned water meter to property
- Should a faulty meter is to be replaced; replacement is of same manufacturing standard for optimum safety and maintenance requirements.
- To ensure that qualified persons will carry out the necessary repairs and/or replacements have obtained authorization, acknowledge and accept any liability which may arise as a result of works.
- To comply with all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION:

A. Provision of Water Meters to Residents and Commercial Establishments

A water meter will be supplied free on all Council's water services for the first time.

Effective 01 July 2010, fee for a water meter installation to Council's metered water services will be included in the Water Connection Fee.

WSC Policy – AFM – Water Meters

A.1 Multiple Dwellings

Council shall provide a single connection and single water meter of sufficient size to accommodate the multiple dwelling premises on a single rated parcel of land. However where the existing multiple dwelling premises are connected to the reticulation system at a number of locations, one meter per physical water connection to the main will be provided. The owner/s of multiple dwelling premises should arrange a separate meter for each unit if the owner/s require and would have to be set as part of the private internal plumber at the expense of the owner/s.

The connection fee shall be a multiple of the single connection fee and the number of units. *(For example: The connection fee for 2 flats would be twice the normal fee for a single dwelling)*

A.2 Relocation Requests

A written request shall be lodged to Council should an owner require the location of a water meter to be changed. Council will act on this request within seven (7) working days and the decision on approval of relocation and the financial responsibility, if relocated, will be made by Council.

A.3 Installation Standard

The Australian Standard 3500.1-1992 National Plumbing and Drainage Code Part 1: Water Supply shall apply in all installation of water meters in conjunction with Walgett Shire Council's Standard Drawing – Standard Domestic Water Meter Installations

Council is responsible of supply and installation of water meters. These water meters shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturers' specifications and instructions.

A.4 Selection of Above Ground or Below Ground Type

Council will only allow meters installed above ground. Only where physical constraints prevent offsetting of the meter, shall the meter be installed below ground.

A.4.1 House with front fence. Services located in driveways or gateways are to be offset and installed above ground. Care is to be taken to position the meter so as not to interfere with gate operation.

A.4.2 House with no front fence. Normal installation is to be above ground. Where the meter would be in an exposed position (driveways, lawns etc) it should be offset so as to be located within a garden area or adjacent to trees/shrubs letter boxes, or other structure.

Where no garden or structure is within 2 metres of the meter point, the meter is to be installed below ground.

A.5 Conditions of Testing Water Meters

A.5.1 The fee for testing water meters. Fees shall be determined by Council from time to time and recorded in the Register of General Charges.

WSC Policy – AFM – Water Meters

Any person who is dissatisfied may request Council that the water meter is tested by lodging an appropriate form and fee with Council with the reading indicated by the meter attached to their water supply:

A.5.1.1 If the test determines that the meter is inaccurate, the testing fee shall be refunded and the water meter will be replaced at no cost to the owner or occupier.

A.5.1.2 If any water meter supplied by the Council is found to be inaccurate, the Council will estimate the amount of water supplied. The estimate shall be the lesser figure calculated by the following methods:-

(a) average daily consumption for the previous period; or

(b) average of the reading recorded during the corresponding period in the previous three years.

A.5.1.3 If the test determines that the meter is accurate the testing fee shall be retained by Council.

A meter will be deemed to be accurate if the reading is within 5% of the actual quantity of water passing through it.

A.5.2 **Council May Disconnect Meter For Test.** The Council may at any time disconnect any meter in use for the purpose of determining the accuracy of the working of such meter or for maintenance of such meter.

A.6 Meter Reading

The Council will read all water meters in its towns quarterly per year, and each household owner/s shall be provided a copy of the readings.

A.7 Excess Water Charges

Council will provide details of 'charging revenue policy' in its 2010 Management Plan.

A.8 Unmetered Water Supply

The owner may request Council to install a water meter on Council's unmetered water service. All installation and maintenance costs will be at the owner's expense. The above conditions will apply.

A.9 Damage to Meters

The cost of repairs or replacement of meters damaged by careless or deliberate acts for which the owner is responsible, will be payable by the owner.

B. Provision of Water Meters to Stand Pipes

Council is responsible for installation and monitoring of all stand-alone standpipes around the shire.

WSC Policy – AFM – Water Meters

B.1 Multiple Dwellings.

Not applicable.

B.2 Public Relocation Requests

A written request shall be lodged to Council by interested parties to relocate an existing stand pipe with a water meter. Council will act on this request within seven (7) working days and the decision on approval of relocation and the financial responsibility, if relocated, will be made by Council.

B.3 Installation Standard.

Similar to A.3 provisions.

B.4 Selection of Above Ground or Below Ground Type.

Not applicable.

B.5 Conditions of Testing Water Meters.

Sole responsibility of Council unless a separate agreement is reached with other parties.

B.6 Meter Reading.

Automatic reading is in place. Customers need to purchase loaded chips/cards prior to drawing water from stand pipes.

B.7 Excess Water Charges.

Not applicable for stand pipes with water meters. Charges are made automatically prior to drawing water. Council will provide details of 'charging revenue policy' in its 2010 Management Plan.

B.8 Unmetered Water Supply

Not applicable.

B.9 Damage to Meters

Sole responsibility of Council unless a separate agreement is reached with other parties.

DOCUMENT AND VERSION CONTROL

This is a controlled document in draft form. Copies are numbered and issued to pre-determined Council officials to keep for reference at specified locations. New versions, after being approved, are to replace the previous versions.

Council is currently developing a Quality Assurance System AS/ANZ ISO 14001:2004 to ensure that the objectives of this policy with regards to the Quality Policy are carried out effectively.

AMENDED RECORDS

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SC:SC: 032/05/01/05

Siegfredo 'Fred' Coralde

21 July 2009

The Occupier
15 Middle Street
ROWENA NSW 2387

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Water Meters

Council completed the installation of water meters at all unmetered properties in Rowena on 15 June 2009. The number of the water meter installed in your property is 02179 and has been set to default 0. Readings will take place every quarter and is expected to undertake the first initial reading at the end of September or first week of November this year. This is planned to understand the consumption behaviours of the whole community in general and effectively determine how 'water savings' will be achieved better and a new water charging system be implemented once data is obtained.

The water usage reading will be organised as follows:

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| Water Meter Installation Date | set to default 0 |
| Water Meter Reading Date | to be determined during the time of reading |
| Water Usage | kilolitres* |

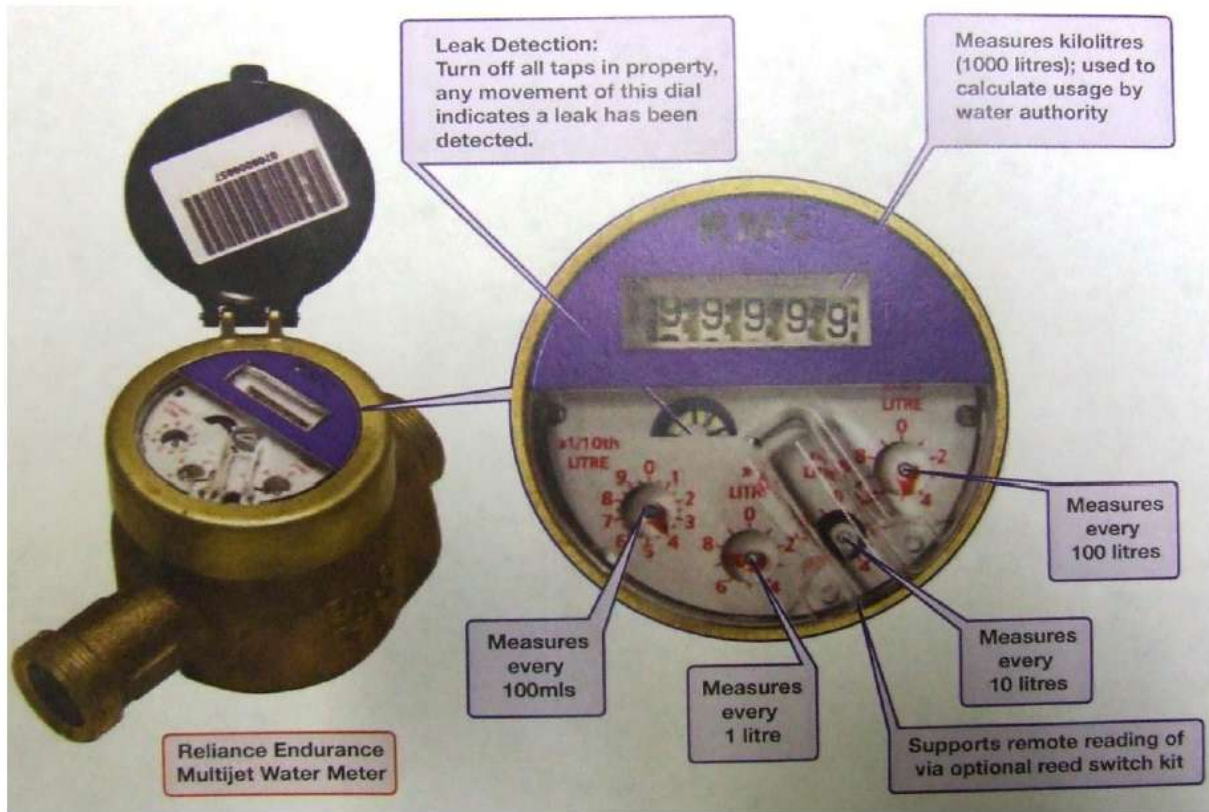
- 1 kilolitre = 1,000 litres

Should Council move to charge water usage in the future, it will be based on a user-pay system based on actual water usage. You may receive separate accounts for rates and water usage depending on Council's protocol at that point in time.

Reading your water meter. Council is encouraging you to read your water meter regularly to better understand your water usage patterns. By doing this, you can work out how much water you use when watering the garden, doing the washing or topping up a pool if you have one.

When you open the cover on your water meter, you will find a blue tab with 5 wheels (five white wheels with black numbers). Just below the tab are 3 different circular clock meters in red. Council will only reads the black numbers, which represent the kilolitres used. The circular clock meters in red represent litres used.

A copy of Fact Sheet on how to read your water meter is shown below:



Helpful Hints to Conserve Water. A typical household of 4 persons use 800 litres of water per day, on average of which 20-40 litres is just for basic survival such as drinking and food preparation. The following typical household water uses include:

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|---------------------|---|
| a) Toilet | 27 litres per flush or 13 litres per half flush |
| b) Bath | 50 – 120 litres |
| c) Shower | 40 – 250 litres |
| d) Washing dishes | 20 litres (by hand) |
| e) Watering gardens | >250 litres |

You can visit the Save Water Alliance website www.savewater.com.au for further tips as well as to enter competitions for the chance to win various prizes.

Should you have any further queries in relation to any of the information contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Urban Infrastructure Services on 02 6828 1399.

Yours Sincerely

Siegfredo 'Fred' Coralde
Director - Urban Infrastructure Services

23. MANAGEMENT OF WALGETT SWIMMING POOL

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructure Service

AUTHOR: Prafulla K.C.

FILE NUMBER: 004/17/04/68

Summary:

This report is to seek approval for the Council to delegate authority to General Manager and Mayor to nominate and negotiate successful tender for the Management of Walgett Memorial Pool (Tender No.WS-05-09) by the end of August 2009. This would allow a month to prepare the pool for the anticipated opening date of 1st October 2009.

Discussion (including issues and background):

In view of the fact that the tender was extended from 12 months to 3 years a new tender was issued with a mandatory three weeks (21 days) notice. The closing date coincides with the next council meeting which will not give sufficient time to evaluate and present a report to the council meeting on the 25 August 2009.

The original tender allowed for the licensee to retain the gate takings but the current tender (Tender No.WS-05-09) requires the tenderer to pay all expenses including the supply of chemicals, pool maintenance and ground maintenance and other clauses stated in the tender document.

The budget allocation for the financial year 2009/2010 is \$219,552.00. There is a concern that the tender may come in over budget. In that case Council may need to negotiate with the tenderer.

It would be vital for the tenderer to have an answer by the end of August to allow them a month to prepare the pool for the anticipated opening date of 1st October 2009.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Management of Walgett Memorial Pool (Tender No.WS-05-09)

Stakeholders:

Walgett Baths R82251 Reserve Trust
Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Community

Financial Implications:

Council has the budget of \$219,552.00 for Walgett Swimming Pool for financial year 2009/2010.

Recommendations:

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| 1 | That Walgett Shire Council delegate authority to the General Manager and Mayor to determine the Walgett swimming pool tender. |
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24. LIGHTNING RIDGE AUTOMATED WATER STANDPIPE

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructure Services
AUTHOR: Prafulla K.C- Utilities Engineer
FILE NUMBER: 175/03/03/0

Summary:

This report recommends that Council supports the relocation, installation and upgrading of two standpipes at Lightning Ridge. This project includes installation of prepaid card system for standpipe usage.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Currently, there are two water stand pipes in Lightning Ridge. The 50 mm standpipe presently located at Harlequin Street attracts at least 50 drawers a day and is free of charge for domestic use. The water standpipe located in the industrial area is a key operated facility. Keys are issued to commercial users. Council issues debtor invoices as required.

The proposed project includes:

Harlequin Street Stand Pipe: This 50 mm diameter stand pipe requires relocation from its current position to a new site on the same side of the street. This is to improve access to the stand pipe.
Industrial stand pipe de-commissioning: This 75 mm diameter stand pipe will be relocated to location in Onyx Street. The current location is on private property and the ratepayer has requested the removal.

The standpipes will be fitted with Avdata control system for a prepaid card system for standpipe usage. Solar electricity supply will be provided on both metered water stand pipes to power all equipments. Installation and commissioning by contractor and further preliminary works by WSC staff will be carried out accordingly.

A new user pays fee or charge will need to be included in the 2010/2011 Draft Management Plan.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Management Plan 2009-2013
Water Directorate Guidelines 2009

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council

Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

An additional Capital Budget allocation of \$70,000.00 would be required. There is sufficient funds in the internally restricted reserves held in the Lightning Ridge Water Fund to cover this project.

Recommendations:

- 1. That Council approve the relocation of two standpipes in Lightning Ridge.**
- 2. That Council approve the allocation of \$ 70,000.00 for the relocation of standpipes from the restricted reserves held by the Lightning Ridge Water Fund.**

25. ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY - BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 195/04/00/00

Summary:

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) has offered council the 2009/10 Block Grant Agreement for funding Regional Roads Maintenance and Traffic Facilities. This report advises Council of the revised funding levels under this agreement.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) has offered council the 2009/10 Block Grant Agreement for funding Regional Roads Maintenance and Traffic Facilities.
The amount of this agreement for 2009/10 is \$ 2,010,000 comprising:

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| Roads Component | \$ 1,815,000 |
| Traffic Facilities | \$ 50,000 |
| Supplementary Component | \$ 145,000 |

The roads component is \$68,000 higher than forecast in the budget. It is recommended that this additional funding is expended on Rural Regional Roads Heavy Patching, such as needed on Merrywinebone, Gingie and Pilliga Roads.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Roads and Traffic Authority 2009/10 Block Grant Agreement

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Additional \$68,000 revenue to be expended on Rural Regional Roads Heavy Patching. Net change – nil.

Recommendations:

That:

- 1. Council note the 2009/10 Block Grant Agreement**
- 2. Council increase its budget item for revenue Regional Roads Block Grant to \$1,815,000 and expenditure Regional Roads Rural Heavy Patching to \$118,000**

26. ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY - REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 135/02/01/03

Summary:

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) has invited council to attend the Regional Consultative Committee. This report recommends that a Councillor be appointed to attend this meeting.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) has invited council to attend the Regional Consultative Committee. The meeting is to be held on Thursday 3 September 2009, at the Lazy River Estate, 29R Old Dubbo Road, Dubbo, commencing at 9:00am.

The agenda is yet to be confirmed, but will include the following topics:

- REPAIR Program
- 2009/10 Works Program for Western Region
- Road Safety & Traffic Management Issues
- Update on Council Maintenance Contracts (RMCC)
- Heavy Vehicle Policy issues

The 28 councils from the Western Region have been invited to attend, each being represented by one elected representative and one or two senior staff members.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Letter from RTA, Regional Consultative Committee Meeting, 30 July 2009

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Road Users in Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Nil.

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| Recommendations: |
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1. That Council note the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW Regional Consultative Meeting scheduled for 3 September 2009 and appoints Councillor [INSERT NAME] to attend.

27. TENDERS - PLANT HIRE

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 230/00/80/07

Summary:

Tenders calling for standing offers E08007 for the hire of various plant and related services have been advertised in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation. This report recommends that Council accept all conforming tenders submitted to date.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Tenders were called requesting standing offers for casual plant hire. The tender period is on-going.

The offer document makes provision for the selection of a plant hire contractor from those offers accepted. Selection must consider:

Availability
Suitability for Council's Project Requirements
Total Estimated Project Price
Documented Past Performance
Value for Money

The offer documents include performance specifications and require the contractor to provide various insurances to mitigate public liability and worker death and injury risks associated with this class of work. Engagement is based on a Purchase Order Contract and Australian Standard 4905 Minor Works contract Conditions.

As the expenditure over a 12 month period with some of the plant hire contractors, or on an individual project may exceed the tender threshold of \$150,000, it is recommended that Council formally accept all conforming offers as follows:

Hunters Agricultural Services Pty Ltd

Any further offers received will be referred to Council at its meeting following the assessment of such offers.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Offer Documents E08007

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Costs associated with the engagement of contractors are included in the expenditure of the relevant Council service delivery area in the Management Plan.

Recommendations:

1. **That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for E08007 Request for Standing Offers:**

**Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW
Hunters Agricultural Services Pty Ltd**

28. HIGHER MASS LIMITS ON LOCAL ROADS

REPORTING SECTION: Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor - Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 006/05/03/44

Summary:

Council has been requested to consider approving the operation of vehicles on a section of its local road network at Higher Mass Limits (HML). This report recommends that Council approve one request on the basis that it is not a precedent for approval of HML on other local roads.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Council has been requested to consider approving the operation of vehicles on a section of its local road network at Higher Mass Limits (HML).

Vehicles enrolled in the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) may travel at HML on approved routes. Their movement is monitored electronically and their on-route compliance is managed by the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW.

Currently HML vehicles may travel on all State Highways in Walgett Shire, but not on any Local Roads.

At HML loading, a 25/6m B-double is 8.8% heavier than the same vehicle at GML. This results in a significant productivity improvement in bulk materials transport, however, it will shorten the life of a traditional thin gravel pavement by many times this gain.

At this time Council does not have adequate information on its Local Road network to adequately assess the impact of HML traffic on these roads. At approximately \$160,000 per km to rehabilitate, a typical pavement life of 40 years, and in excess of 300km of sealed local roads attractive to HML vehicles - this has the potential to create a liability far exceeding the current \$1.2M per annum average renewal cost. It is therefore not prudent to permit HML vehicles to travel over anything except a very limited length of local roads.

One request is that HML travel be permitted from the Kamilaroi Highway, along Bugilbone Road to the entry to the GrainCorp Burren Junction Silo complex. This is a road length of approximately 200 metres. Approval would facilitate HML travel between the silo and other grain terminals without further travel on Council's roads. This would have significant productivity gains to the industry at limited cost to Council.

Due to the very limited length of this request, it is recommended that approval be granted for this section of Bugilbone Road.

A second request is for HML travel to be permitted from Kamilaroi Highway, along Beanbri Road to the entry to the AWB Beanbri Silo complex. This is a road length of approximately 5.7 kilometres. The road is currently awaiting the repair of damage incurred during the 2008/09 harvest season associated with the poor design of the road which makes it very susceptible to inundation during minor flooding events.

Due to the demonstrated limited capacity of this Beanbri Road to endure current mass limits, and the length of road subject to this request, it is recommended that approval NOT be granted for Beanbri Road.

Relevant Reference Documents:

HML application 11 June 2009

HML Application 20 July 2009

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Undetermined increase in road renewal costs.

Recommendations:

That:

1. **Approval be granted for Higher Mass Limits on Bugilbone Road for a distance of 200 metres from the intersection with the Kamilaroi Highway;**
2. **Approval not be granted for Higher Mass Limits on Beanbri Road.**