



**MINUTES FOR THE  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

<p><b>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY 6 JANUARY 2022 AT 11:03AM</b></p>
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**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:**

*Nil*

*The General Manager declared the meeting open at 11:03AM*

**PRESENT**

Clr Alf Seaton  
 Clr Colin Hundy  
 Clr Daniel Walford  
 Clr Greg Rummery  
 Clr Ian Woodcock  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Jasen Ramien  
 Clr Michael Cooke  
 Clr Sue Currey  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Leave of Absence:**

*Nil*

**Declaration of Oath/Affirmation of Office:**

*Pursuant to Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the following Councillors took an Oath of Office:*

- *Clr Colin Hundy*
- *Clr Greg Rummery*
- *Clr Jane Keir*
- *Clr Michael Cooke*
- *Clr Daniel Walford*
- *Clr Ian Woodcock*
- *Clr Jasen Ramien*
- *Clr Sue Currey*
- *Clr Alf Seaton*

*In accordance with Schedule 7 Section 1 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the General Manager acted as the returning officer to conduct this election. The Returning Officer invited nominations for the election of the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.*

<p><b>1/2022/1 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor</b></p>
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**Resolved:**

The method for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be by ordinary ballot.

**Moved:** Clr Ramien

**Seconded:** Clr Hundy

**CARRIED**

**1/2022/2 Election of Mayor for Ensuring Two (2) Years****Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted and the election for the position of Mayor be held now.

**Moved:** Cllr Rummery

**Seconded:** Cllr Currey

**CARRIED**

*The General Manager as the Returning Officer declared that as only one nomination was received for the position of the Mayor, Councillor Jane Keir is duly elected to the office of Mayor of the Walgett Shire for the duration of the Mayoral term.*

**1/2022/3 Election of Deputy Mayor****Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted and the election for the position of Deputy Mayor be held now for the duration of the Mayoral term.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooke

**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery

**CARRIED**

*The General Manager as Returning Officer declared that two nominations were received for the position of the Deputy Mayor; Cllr Alfred Seaton and Cllr Greg Rummery. The Returning Officer conducted an election for the position by ordinary ballot. Following the counting of votes, the Returning Officer declared the number of votes for Cllr Greg Rummery (5) and Cllr Alfred Seaton (4). Cllr Greg Rummery was declared Deputy Mayor for the duration of the Mayoral term (two years).*

**1/2022/4 Destruction of Election Ballot Papers****Resolved:**

That any ballot papers used now be destroyed.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Seaton

**CARRIED**

At this juncture, Mr Urquhart resumed his role as General Manager and Mayor Keir assumed the position of Chairperson.

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Nil

**1/2022/5 Countback to Fill Casual Vacancies****Resolved:**

That pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local government Act 1993, Walgett Shire Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with Section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Rummery

**CARRIED**

*Clr Hundy requested his vote be recorded against the motion.*

**1/2022/6 Delegation of Authority by Council – General Manager****Resolved:**

That Council confirm the delegations to Michael Urquhart as General Manager of all powers and duties necessary to carry out the functions of office under Section 335 of the Local Government Act 1993 and any other Act of Parliament or any rule, regulation, ordinance or by-law under or pursuant to any such Act but subject to Section 377 of the Local Government Act.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Ramien

**CARRIED**

**1/2022/7 Delegates, Representatives and/or Members of Committees, Reference Groups and External Bodies****Resolved:**

That members, representatives and delegates be appointed to the committees, reference groups and external organisations for the period terminating September 2023, as outlined in the schedule attached.

**Moved:** Clr Cooke

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

**1/2022/8 Ordinary Council Meetings – Time, Dates and Venues for 2022****Resolved:**

1. That Council endorse the below dates for the 2022 Ordinary Council Meetings to held at the Council Chambers in Walgett commencing at 11:00am;
  - 22 February 2022
  - 24 March 2022
  - 28 April 2022
  - 26 May 2022
  - 23 June 2022

28 July 2022  
25 August 2022  
22 September 2022  
27 October 2022  
24 November 2022  
15 December 2022

2. Council advertise in the local media and on Council's website the meeting schedule for 2022 including time, date and place, as stated above.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooke  
**Seconded:** Cllr Currey  
**CARRIED**

**1/2022/9 Walgett Country Education Foundation Donation**

**Resolved:**


There being no adverse submissions against the donation proposal, Council agrees to make a donation of \$10,000 for 4 x \$2,500 Council Scholarships for 2022.


**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12:36pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

  
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Mayor

  
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General Manager

### Schedule of representatives and delegates for the period terminating September 2023

COMMITTEE	OFFICER	COUNCILLORS
Australian Airports Association	Director Engineering/Technical Services	Not required
Bushfire Management Committee	Director Engineering/Technical Services	Clr Ramien
Castlereagh Macquarie County Council <i>3 year Term</i>	General Manager	Clr Woodcock & Clr Cooke
Collarenebri Community Working party	General Manager	Mayor & Clr Ramien
Community Safety Precinct Committee	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Lightning Ridge & Surrounding Opal Fields Management Crown Reserve 1024168 Trust	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Kamilaroi Highway Group	General Manager	Not required
Lightning Ridge Community Working Party	General Manager	Mayor & Clr Seaton
Local Emergency Management Committee	General Manager as LEMO and Chief Financial Officer as alternate	Mayor
Local Traffic Committee	Director Engineering/Technical Services and General Manager	Mayor , Clr Hundy, Clr Rummery, Clr Cooke
Netwaste	Director Environmental Services	Not required
Big Sky Libraries	Director Chief Financial Officer	Mayor & Clr Currey
Regional Development Australia - Orana	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Outback Arts Incorporated	Director Chief Financial Officer	Mayor, Clr Currey & Clr Walford
Plant Committee	Director Engineering/Technical Services and General Manager	Mayor, Clr Cooke & Clr Ramien
Regional Procurement Initiative	Director Engineering/Technical Services/ Chief Financial Officer	Not required
Rural Bush Fire Management Group	Director Engineering/Technical Services/Chief Financial Officer	Clr Ramien
Saleyards Advisory Committee	Director Engineering/Technical Services	Clr Rummery
Western Division of the Shire's Association	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Walgett Community Working Party	General Manager and Manager Community Services	Mayor & Clr Walford
Water Utilities Group	Director Engineering/Technical Services	Not Required
Local Government NSW – Voting Delegate	General Manager	Mayor
Far North West Joint Organisation	General Manager as advisor	Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Hudson Pear Taskforce	General Manager	Delegates to CMCC
Far West Academy of Sport	General Manager	Mayor
Western Division Councils of NSW	General Manager	Mayor
Tourism Advisory committee	General Manager	Mayor , Clr Hundy & Clr Seaton
Economic Development Committee	General Manager	Mayor & Clr Hundy
Country Mayors Association	General Manager	Mayor
Mining Related Councils	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Alliance of Western Council	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Murray-Darling Basin Advisory	General Manager	Mayor & Clr Rummery
Border Regional Organisations of Councils	General Manager	Mayor & Deputy Mayor