



**MINUTES FOR THE  
ORDINARY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT 11:00AM**

**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:**

*Nil*

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:20AM*

**PRESENT**

Mayor Jane Keir

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery

Clr Alf Seaton

Clr Colin Hundy

Clr Daniel Walford

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Jasen Ramien

Clr Michael Cooke

Clr Sue Currey

Michael Urquhart (General Manager)

Tony Hughes (Chief Financial Officer)

Ramesh Selliah (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)

Kimley Talbert (Director Environmental Services)

Belinda Petersons (Minute Secretary)

**Leave of Absence:**

*Nil*

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

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Mayor Keir	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 30 June 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Ramien	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 30 June 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

**8/2022/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 June 2022****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 28 June 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved: Clr Cooke**

**Seconded: Clr Rummery**

**CARRIED**

**8/2022/2 Monthly Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Mayoral report for July 2022 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Currey  
**Seconded:** Clr Rummery  
**CARRIED**

**8/2022/3 Council's Decision Action Report – June 2022****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at June 2022 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Ramien  
**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock  
**CARRIED**

**8/2022/4 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Department circular 22-19 through to 22-21 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Rummery  
**Seconded:** Clr Seaton  
**CARRIED**

**8/2022/5 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Cooke  
**CARRIED**

*At 11:30am Clr Woodcock asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting due to a prior engagement.*

*The General Manager was requested to formally write to Gary Barnes, Secretary, Department of Regional NSW, to follow up on prior commitments to the Walgett Shire regarding Western Lands Leases.*

**8/2022/6 Section 355 Progress and Development Committees**

**Resolved:**

That:

1. The General Manager's report be received.
2. Council formally adopts the objectives of the Burren Junction Progress Committee.
3. Council formally adopts the objectives of the Walgett Community Development Committee.
4. Council advertise, requesting interested community members nominate for membership to the abovementioned 355 committees of Council

**Moved: Clr Seaton**

**Seconded: Clr Rummery**

**CARRIED**

**8/2022/7 Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund – "Conversion of Netball Courts to a Multi-Sport Complex" (Jenny Wright Netball Courts)**

**Resolved:**

That:

1. Council endorse the action of the General Manager in submitting the grant application.
2. The General Manager be authorised to execute the grant funding agreement with the Office of Sport.
3. Council approve a contribution of \$500,000.00 toward the cost of the project and this be included in the September 2022 Quarterly Budget Review.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Currey**

**CARRIED**

**8/2022/8 Service NSW Renewal of Agreement**

**Resolved:**

That:

1. The General Managers report be received;
2. Council authorise the General Manager to execute the agreement between Service NSW and Walgett Shire Council; and
3. The Common Seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documents.

**Moved: Clr Ramien**

**Seconded: Clr Seaton**

**CARRIED**

The General Manager was requested to formally write to Service NSW about extending hours of operation at the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office.

#### 8/2022/9 Council Policy and Procedure Review

**Resolved:**

That:

1. The General Managers report be received;
2. Council adopts the revised policies and procedures as presented:
  - i) Smoke Free Workplace
  - ii) Sharps Collection & Disposal
  - iii) Emergency Management
  - iv) Asbestos
  - v) First Aid

**Moved: Clr Hundy**

**Seconded: Clr Cooke**

**CARRIED**

The Mayor requested that a report be brought forward to Council regarding the recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspection and the work which has been done regarding environmental matters; specifically in reference to asbestos and Council's sewer treatment plant.

#### 8/2022/10 Fourth Quarter Operational Plan & Yearly Delivery Program for 2021/2022

**Resolved:**

That Council accept the progress made on the 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Moved: Clr Cooke**

**Seconded: Clr Rummery**

**CARRIED**

#### 8/2022/11 Section 356 Community Assistance Scheme 2022/2023 – Round 1 Applications

**Resolved:**

That the following eligible applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Round One of the 2022/2023 Community Assistance Scheme.

Walgett Charity Bushmans Carnival	\$1,500
Lightning Ridge Community Radio	\$1,368
Walgett Amateur Swim Club	\$2,000
Walgett District Pony Club	\$2,000
SI Lightning Ridge	\$1,000
Balonne Barwon Junior Rugby League	\$2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,868</b>

**Moved: Clr Currey**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**8/2022/12 LGNSW Annual Conference 2022****Resolved:**

1. The General Managers report be received.
2. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to submit a conference motion, should the need arise.
3. Council nominate delegates to attend the annual conference, along with the Mayor and General Manager.

**Moved:** Cllr Currey  
**Seconded:** Cllr Ramien  
**CARRIED**

*Note: Councillor Cooke and Councillor Ramien expressed an interest in attending the Conference.*

*The General Manager has been requested to work with the Councillors in developing a motion regarding 'affordable housing' to put forward to the LGNSW Annual Conference 2022.*

**8/2022/13 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 30 June 2022****Resolved:**

The 30 June 2022 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Ramien  
**Seconded:** Cllr Hundy  
**CARRIED**

**8/2022/14 Cash and Investments as at 30 June 2022****Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Ramien  
**Seconded:** Cllr Currey  
**CARRIED**

*At 12:11pm Mayor Keir and Cllr Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber. Deputy Mayor Rummery then presided over the meeting.*

**8/2022/15 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – June 2022****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for June 2022.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooke

**Seconded:** Cllr Hundy

**CARRIED**

*At 12:16pm Mayor Keir and Cllr Ramien returned to the Chamber.  
Mayor Keir resumed the chair.*

**8/2022/16 Service Progress Report as at 30 June 2022****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for June 2022.

**Moved:** Cllr Hundy

**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery

**CARRIED**

*The Mayor requested a report be tendered to Council regarding the Goangra Bridge reconstruction issues and restoration of access prior to 2022 summer harvest.*

**8/2022/17 Development Approvals June 2022****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Development Approvals Report for June 2022.

**Moved:** Cllr Currey

**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery

**CARRIED**

**8/2022/18 Move into Closed Session**

**Time:** 12:45pm

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A 92) (a) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

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

**Moved:** Cllr Currey

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooke

**CARRIED**

**8/2022/19 Confidential - Purchase of Property at Carinda**

**Resolved:**

1. The General Manager's report be received.
2. Council approves the purchase of 23 Colin Street, Carinda; being described as Lot 2 DP309612 having a purchase price of \$15,000.
3. The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the necessary documents to finalise the purchase.
4. The property be classified as operational.

**Moved: Clr Hundy**  
**Seconded: Clr Rummery**  
**CARRIED**

**8/2022/20 Confidential – Tenders for the Management and Operation of Walgett Memorial and Collarenebri Swimming Pools – RFT22/007**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender for the Management and Operation of Walgett memorial and Collarenebri Swimming Pools from Riley Aquatic Management Pty Ltd, in the sum of \$406,531 per annum including GST, for a period of 36 months with provision for two (2) by twelve (12) month extensions based on satisfactory performance.

**Moved: Clr Ramien**  
**Seconded: Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

*Emergency Item considered by Mayor.*



**8/2022/21 Lightning Ridge Mega Park – Everyone Can Play****Resolved:**

That:

1. Council approves the purchase of Lot 102 DP11165265 from the Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Land Council, for a purchase price of \$53,900, being the recognised value of the land.
2. The “Everyone Can Play Park” be now located on Lot 10 DP11165265 Harlequin Street, Lightning Ridge.
3. Council to pay all legal and Native Title costs associated with the transfer of the abovementioned land.
4. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the necessary documents to finalise the transfer.
5. The property be classified as operational.
6. The Council Seal be affixed to these documents, as required.

**Moved: Clr Seaton****Seconded: Clr Cooke****CARRIED****8/2022/22 Return to open session****Time: 1:07pm****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Currey****Seconded: Clr Hundy****CARRIED****8/2022/23 Adoption of closed session reports****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports

**Moved: Clr Ramien****Seconded: Clr Hundy****CARRIED****Close of Meeting** - The meeting closed at 1:10pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Mayor



General Manager