



**MINUTES FOR  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

**ADOPTED:**

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE FUNCTION ROOM ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH, 2015 AT 10:00AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr Lane (Mayor)  
Clr Murray  
Clr Walford  
Clr Taylor  
Clr Woodcock  
Clr Cooper  
Clr Greenaway  
Clr Martinez  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Prafulla KC (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Matthew Clarkson (Town Planner)  
Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)  
Rebecca Wilson (Minute Secretary)

**Apologies**

**2/2015/1 Apologies – March 2015**

**Resolved:**

1. That the apologies received from Clr Keir be accepted and a leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**Public Forum Presentations**

**Mr Gerard O'Brien discussed the following;**

- Mr O'Brien reminded Council of his submission at the council meeting in Burren Junction on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 regarding the option to remove the ramps from Regional Road 426.
- Mr O'Brien informed Council of the prior agreement in which Council could fence off the road (14 kilometres of standard rural fencing on the Burrenbaa Road, Lightning Ridge) and he agreed to supply the gates.
- Mr O'Brien expressed his understanding of a reply letter from Mr. Ranjit dated 23 February 2015 that Council had reneged on their original decision to fence off the road.
- Mr O'Brien suggested that Council double the amount per ramp from \$4000 to \$8000, and he would make up the difference in the cost.
- Mr O'Brien advised that this is a fair compromise which would remove the ramps and bring the road up to a safe and reliable standard.

**Mrs Jenny Brammall (speaking on behalf of Mrs Rebel Black) discussed the following;**

- Opportunity to secure funding (to the sum of \$30million) from both State and Federal Government for the Australian Opal Centre.
- Barrier to submitting application is having an updated Business Plan (current plan was completed in 2007), Cost Benefit Analysis, Project Management Plan, Project Management Plan, Risk Management Plan, Business Case, Procurement Management Plan and Asset Maintenance or Management Plan.
- Estimated costs to produce these documents is \$150-\$200,000.
- Australian Opal Centre has obtained a baseline quote to update the Business Plan and Cost Benefit Analysis of \$20,000
- Australian Opal Centre is seeking an advance of \$10,000 from Council repayable 12month from receipt, being 50% of costs to update the Business Plan and Cost Benefit Analysis.
- Following the completion of these papers, an application will be prepared and presented to the NSW Government for consideration by Treasury.
- It is intended to seek a \$10million commitment, which will be used to match a \$10million commitment from the Federal Government through the 'Stronger Regions Fund'.

**Mr Col Hundy discussed the following;**

- Mr Hundy requested that the 'Lightning Ridge and Opal fields Association' minutes be published in Council business papers.
- Mr Hundy requested that the General Manager provide in writing a detailed report on grant funding in the Shire.
- Mr Hundy suggest that the name 'Walgett Shire Council' be changed
- Mr Hundy advised that the road priorities be investigated and included in the five year road program
- Mr Hundy requested for funds to be distributed to the Aboriginal artefacts
- Mr Hundy suggested that the cleaning times for the bore baths be changed from 12:00am-2:00pm to 10:00am-2:00pm

*The meeting adjourned at 10.50am for morning tea*

*The meeting resumed at 11.15am with all those previously present again present.*

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Nil

### Confirmation of Minutes

#### **2/2015/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – March 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

### Mayoral Minutes

#### **2/2015/3 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Mayor**

**Resolved:**

That the matters listed by the Mayor for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

### Motions of Which Notice has been Given

#### **2/2015/4 Motion – Lightning Ridge Trust**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council write to the minister for Western NSW, The Hon Kevin Humphries MP requesting the following:

1 That Crown lands investigate the establishment of a community based trust to manage the Lightning Ridge Crown Reserve.

2 That the committee should have representatives from LRMA, GGSMA, WSC and from the community via ministerial and or local member appointments, with technical advisors from Crown Lands and NSW Trade and Investment, Division of Resources & Energy.

3 That the trust elect internally its own executive and Chair. 4 Seek funding from Minister to prepare a Management Plan for the Reserve and a feasibility study on the acquisition of potential opal bearing lands.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/5 Motion of which Notice has been given – Rate Reduction**

**Resolved:**

Clr Bill Murray

That Council investigate the possibility of giving a 50% rate reduction to all rate payers within the Shire due to the severe ongoing drought, with the exception of Government Departments and Non-Government Offices, for next financial year provided we can source an equivalent grant from the State or Federal Governments.

**Moved:       Clr Murray**  
**Seconded:   Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Committees/Delegates**

**2/2015/6 Minutes of Workplace Health & Safety Committee meeting – 26 February 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee meeting held 26 February 2015, having been circulated be received and noted.

**Moved:       Clr Woodcock**  
**Seconded:   Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/7 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 26 February 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 26 February 2015, having been circulated be received and noted and adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved:       Clr Walford**  
**Seconded:   Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/8 Minutes of OROC Meeting held on the 20 February 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the OROC meeting held on the 20 February 2015, having been circulated be received and noted.

**Moved:       Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded:   Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

## Reports from Officers

### **2/2015/9 Council's Decision Action Report – March 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for March 2015 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

### **2/2015/10 Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 4 – 10 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Cooper

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

### **2/2015/11 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government – March 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 15-04 to 15-11 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Taylor

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

### **2/2015/12 Monthly Calendar – March 2015 to May 2015**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March 2015 to May 2015.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/13 2015 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards**

**Resolved:**

That council adopt the following recommendations for the awarding of the 2014 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships:

Elizabeth Frien	\$1,800 (Bachelor of Pharmacy)
Georgie Currey	\$1,800 (Bachelor of Business Marketing)
Angus Remond	\$1,800(Bachelor of Agri Business)
Phillip Beckwith	\$1,800 (Diploma of Children’s Services – Early Children Education & care)
Arabella Fleming	\$1,800 (Bachelor of Primary Education)
Anna Holcombe	\$250 (Bachelor of Agricultural Science)
Brook Holland	\$250 (Bachelor of Primary Education)
Sky Holland	\$250 (Doctor of Physiotherapy)

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/14 Australian Opal Centre – Request for support**

**Resolved:**

That Council approve the request from the Australian Opal Centre for an advance of \$10,000 repayable within 12 months of the advance being made with the amount advanced being drawn against Council’s Economic Development Reserve.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/15 “Fit for the Future Concept” - Consideration of Council’s Position and Submission Preparation**

**Recommendation:**

6. That Council endorse the recommendations passed at the Western Division group meeting on 23/24 February, 2015 in relation to Local Government Reform as it affects Western Division Councils.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/16 Grant Funding Income 2013/14 and 2014/15**

**Recommendation:**

That the report on Grant Income – 2013/14 and 2014/15 be received and noted and appropriate publicity be given to the figures in the report.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/17 Recognition of Service on Retirement – Mr Garry Molloy, Mr Wayne Holden & Mr Gordon Richards**

**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse arrangements made to make a presentation to three employees at the March 2015 meeting in order that Council gives recognition to these three employees for their years of service including the commitment they have given to their communities whilst being employed by Walgett Shire Council.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/18 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Recommendation:**

That the following matters listed for brief mention or information only  
Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Inc – Loan of Art Works  
Walgett Weir Update  
Hudson pear Update  
Main Street Beautification Project  
Revised Budget Timetable  
PCYC Progress  
be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**



**2/2015/19 Cash On Hand and Investment Report as at 28 February 2015****Recommendation:**

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 28 February 2015 be received.

**Moved:**        **Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded:**   **Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/20 Council Chambers Honour Boards****Recommendation**

1. That Council review the attached list of councillors and senior staff for accuracy and omission and that it be endorsed subject to any further amendments.

**Moved:**        **Clr Walford**

**Seconded:**   **Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/21 Collarenebri Restoration of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool****Recommendation:**

1. That the report be received and noted and maintenance work to commence immediately after the pool closes on 1 April 2015.

**Moved:**        **Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded:**   **Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/22 Walgett Sports Oval No.1 Crown Reserve D520097****Recommendation:**

1. That Council consider an allocation of \$35,000 offset by grant income of \$17,500 for the construction of a long jump pit in the draft 2015/2016 budget but provided only if the grant application is successful.

**Moved:**        **Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded:**   **Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/23 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Director Corporate Services**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council endorse the change of name of the Regional Library Service to 'Big Sky Libraries'
2. That Council note the 'Big Sky Libraries' Logo endorse by the Committee
3. That Council endorse the Draft Regional Library 2015/2016 Budget as submitted.

**Moved: Clr Cooper**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Walford left the meeting at 12:25pm*

*Clr Walford returned to the meeting at 12:33pm*

**2/2015/24 Amendment to the Spelling of the Shire Road 26**

**Recommendation:**

That Council resolve to:

1. Conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the spelling of the Shire Road 26 in compliance with NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014 and the Roads Regulation Act 2008 to confirm that an amendment is required.
2. If no objections are received during the public consultation period, Council submits a request to the geographical Names Board of New South Wales to have the spelling of SR26 amended to 'Hardy's Lease Road'.
3. Update all Council records and mapping pertaining to SR236 with the amended spelling.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

## **2/2015/25 Re-establishment of alcohol free zones**

### **Recommendation:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Note the letter dated 17 February 2015 from the Superintendent of Castlereagh Local Area Command requesting that the existing Alcohol Free Zones at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri be maintained for a four year period.
2. Undertake consultation regarding establishing alcohol free zones in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for four years, over the same areas as the existing zones. This will include publicising and circulating a proposal document, as well as inviting public submissions, via:
  - (a) Advertising within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.
  - (b) Advertising on the Walgett Shire Council web site.
  - (c) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the officer in charge of the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri police stations.
  - (d) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.
  - (e) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to any known organisation representing an identifiable Aboriginal or ethnic group within the local area
  - (f) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to all liquor licenses within or adjoining the proposed alcohol free zones.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

## **2/2015/26 Development and complying development certificate applications**

### **Recommendation:**

1. That Council note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for October 2014 to February 2015.

**Moved: Clr Cooper**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/27 Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Allocate \$100,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to \$:\$ in kind contributions in the B2 Local Centre zone for fascia upgrades, including security measures, subject to Council approval (works must demonstrate improved visual amenity).
2. Allocate \$40,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to new plantings in the B2 Local Centre zone.
3. Allocate \$20,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to festoon lighting in the B2 Local Centre zone
4. Give public notification of the Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy for a minimum of 28 days, by:
  - Advertising the strategy in the Walgett Spectator.
  - Making the strategy available as a pdf file via Council's web site.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/28 Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress report from Director Engineering Services – February 2015**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly work progress report for February 2015.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/29 Five Year Roads to Recovery Road Work Program for 2014/2015 – 2018/2019**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council adopt the five year RTR funding program as detailed in this report.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/30 Four Year Capital and Maintenance Work Program for 2015/2016 to 2018/2019**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council adopt the four year Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program for the years 2015/2016 to 2018/2019.

**Moved: Clr Walford**  
**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/31 Fixing Country Roads Funding for Gundabloui and Bugilbone Roads**

**Recommendation:**

1. That council accept the Restart NSW funding Offer in the amount of \$819,000 for "Gundabloui Road and \$1,116,000 for Bugilbone Road Upgrade Project".
2. That Council execute the Restart NSW funding deed signed under the Common Seal of the Council.

**Moved: Clr Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/32 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – Director Engineering Services March 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information for be received and noted and Council write to NW WOL Group and advise that as enforcement ceased on 16 February 2015 in Walgett Shire then that is the date Council's contributions will cease.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**  
**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/33 Apex Park Fencing: WH&S Committee's Recommendation to Fence**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council acknowledge the Work Health and Safety Officer's report Apex Park Fencing.
2. That Council endorse the recommendation to permanently remove the play area fencing and install appropriate signage.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm for lunch.*

*The meeting resumed at 1:45pm with all those previously present again present.*

### **Questions for the Next Meeting**

#### **Clr Martinez**

##### **Question 1**

How is the performance of Council's Regulatory Officer going? There are still concerns about the amount of dogs roaming on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas in Lightning Ridge.

##### **Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised he will reinforce focus on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas.

##### **Question 2**

Considering the shortage of staffing at Lightning Ridge, will there be enough staff to cover the cleaning required over the Easter period, particularly for the festival in Lightning Ridge?

##### **Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that sufficient staff will be rostered for duty.

#### **Clr Cooper**

##### **Question 1**

Has Mr Jan Zamlicka's outstanding rates payment and issue been resolved?

##### **Response**

The General Manager to investigate and organise a meeting with Mr Jan Zamlicka.

##### **Question 2**

What is the status of the damaged Murdi Paaki building, in Fox Street Walgett?

##### **Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a notice was issued to reinstate the wall and Council is in discussion with the building owners.

#### **Clr Greenaway**

##### **Question 1**

Can council appoint a team to fix road and information signs across the shire that are damaged or missing?

##### **Response**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

##### **Question 2**

Can Council arrange for the grading of SR 5 and the Gundabloui Road?

##### **Response**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate

##### **Question 3**

Can council remove a pipe culvert located 33km out of Walgett on SR16?

##### **Response**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate

## **Woodcock**

### **Question 1**

What is the progress of the IGA in Lightning Ridge?

### **Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that correspondence between Council and IGA solicitors is still taking place.

### **Question 2**

What is happening with the disabled toilet at the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Center?

### **Response**

The Director of Corporate Services advised that the budget allocation of \$10,000 was insufficient.

### **Question 3**

Is it possible for Council to install showers and toilets in Harlequin Street, Lightning Ridge?

### **Response**

The General Manager advised that there are currently uni-sex toilets

## **Clr Taylor**

### **Question 1**

Can Council investigate installing a shade structure over the play equipment in the Lions Park at Lightning Ridge?

### **Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

### **Question 2**

Can Council review the 'No dogs' sign in the Lions Park to ensure visitors are not turned away?

### **Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate.

### **Question 3**

What is the progress of the removal of the old wrecks located behind the PB in Lightning Ridge?

### **Response**

The Acting Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a letter has been issued to the landowner.

### **Question 4**

Which employee will be responsible for the Lightning Ridge airport following Wayne Holden's retirement?

### **Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that Anthony Leeder is now the team leader at Lightning Ridge and will be responsible for the airport and gardens.

### **Question 5**

Can Council raise the height of information signs in Lightning Ridge to discourage vandalism?

### **Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 6**

What is the update on the street sweeper in Lightning Ridge?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that Council is considering purchasing own sweeper as part of its plant replacement program.

**Question 7**

Can Council repair the lights in the toilets behind the BP in Lightning Ridge before the Easter Period?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Clr Murray****Question 1**

Has the damaged 'Walgett' (at the Western entrance to Walgett) been repaired yet?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 2**

Can Council write a letter to Narran Lake Nature Reserve requesting for the reserve to open 3-4 times per year for tourists?

**Response**

The Director of Corporate Services to investigate

**Question 3**

Can Council water the dying trees at the very end of Fox street near Woodhams?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 4**

Can Council look into fencing around the western end of the Walgett cemetery?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 5**

Has the issue/s with Howard Wilson's rates been resolved?

**Response**

The General Manager advised that he will arrange a meeting with Mr. Wilson

**Question 6**

Can Council investigate installing appropriate 'public toilet' signage for visitors and tourists?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

**Clr Lane****Question 1**

Can Council arrange for the drain at the top of Opal Street in Lightning Ridge to be cleaned?

**Response**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.



**2/2015/34 Move into Closed Session at 2:15pm**

**Resolved:**

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

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

**Moved: Clr Walford**  
**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

DRAFT

**2/2015/35 Shop Awning safety, Collarenebri**

**Recommendation:**

Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note that historically it has not supported the installation of posts on public streets for awning support in normal circumstances due to public liability and maintenance issues.
2. Endorse the installation of temporary, or permanent, posts to support awnings for the three premises listed below on the basis that:
  - (a) It is desirable to facilitate the retention of these socially and culturally significant buildings in the streetscape.
  - (b) The cost of remediation is likely to be relatively high compared to the value of the buildings.
  - (c) Remediation of older buildings without using posts is likely to add significant costs.
3. Make the endorsement of the installation of posts to support awnings conditional upon:
  - (a) All posts being set back at least 1.5m from the gutter.
  - (b) NSW Roads and Maritime Services agreeing to the proposal.
  - (c) All posts being maintained in good order.
  - (d) The affected building owner maintaining a minimum public liability insurance policy of \$10,000,000 which includes cover for the posts.
4. If awning safety has not been addressed previously, request that the General Manager issue a 'notice of intention' to issue an order under section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 requiring the temporary propping of awnings overhanging Wilson St, Collarenebri, to reduce the risk to public safety. Specifically awnings at the following addresses:
  - (a) 2 Wilson St, Lot 1 Section 14 DP 758262 (Assessment 11635).
  - (b) 9 Wilson St, Lot 9 DP 667728 (Assessment 11619).
  - (c) 21 Wilson St, Lot 1 DP 103449 (Assessment 11551).
5. Give public notice in accordance with sub-section 356(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 that Walgett Shire Council is proposing to make money available from the Collarenebri main street beautification program budget as a 'grant' to jointly support the owners of the previously listed buildings to engage a structural engineer and builder to remediate the awning and façade of each building. The offer is conditional upon the grant:
  - (a) Being up to a maximum of \$5,000 for each building.
  - (c) If two or more building owners accept the grant, then Council expects that the same engineer will be used to minimise costs, such as site inspection fees and traveling expenses.
  - (d) Only being paid upon completion of awning and façade remediation works consistent with a design provided by a structural engineer.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Greenaway and Clr Martinez left the meeting at 2.30pm*

## 2/2015/36 Plant Hire- Opportunity for Further Tender

### Recommendation:

1. That Council accepts tenders from the following businesses for RFQ 14/031 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW – for the period 15 February 2015 to 30 June 2015.

1. S & L Girard Grader Hire
2. EMS Group Pty Ltd
3. Complete Line Marking Services Pty Ltd
4. Central West civil Pty Ltd
5. Newbold Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd
6. Earth Co Projects Pty Ltd
7. Roberts and Manuel Martinez
8. PG & ME Stewart
9. A1 Tree Service (NSW) Pty LTD
10. Lightning Ridge Miners Association Ltd
11. Wax Grading
12. Ridgerock Earthmoving & Mining Pty Ltd
13. Advanced Sweepers Pty Ltd
14. PW Concrete and Gravel
15. Batterline Earthmoving
16. Wintergreen Investments
17. AE & ME Dewson

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

*Clr Greenaway and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 2.40pm*

## 2/2015/37 Walgett Water Supply: Proposed Drought Security Emergency Works and Procurement Options

### Recommendation:

- (a) Receive and note the report
- (b) Endorse the action taken by General Manager to execute the emergency water supply works
- (c) Issue a householder notice to advise the local community of the action Council is taking
- (d) Endorse action to accept the procurement method as an emergency work and resolve not to call open tenders pursuant to Section 55 (3) (i) & (k) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- (e) Call a public meeting when level 3 water restrictions are imposed or less than 40 days water supply remains whichever occurs first.
- (f) Make appropriate press release to keep the local community fully aware of the situation and to allay the fears that can be created by the ill-informed social media.

**Moved:** Clr Cooper

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/38 Walgett Weir Raising: Water Security Project**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council receive and note the report
2. That Council endorse the action taken by General Manager to commence the weir raising project
3. Resolve the issue of ownership of the weir and approve to raise the weir height.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/39 Motion – Walgett Community College - Troubling Events**

**Resolved:**

That Council request an urgent meeting with the Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli either in Walgett or in Sydney to discuss the recent very troubling events at the Walgett Community College in an endeavour to resolve ongoing educational issues which are having an extremely detrimental effect on the social fabric of Walgett.

**Moved: Clr Murray**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/40 Motion – RAAP Project – Airport Fencing**

**Resolved:**

That Council undertake fencing projects which have been delayed by ongoing drought conditions at both Collarenebri and Walgett as day labour/ contract projects with a view to having both projects completed by late April/ early May.

**Moved: Clr Murray**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**2/2015/41 Return to Open Session at 3:05 pm**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

## 2/2015/42 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

### Resolved:

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Shop Awning safety, Collarenebri
- 2) Plant Hire, Opportunity for Further Tender
- 3) Walgett Water Supply - Proposed Drought Security Emergency Works and Procurement options
- 4) Walgett Weir Raising - Water Security Project
- 5) Walgett Community College – Meeting with Minister
- 6) Airport Fencing Projects – Walgett and Collarenebri

**Moved:**        **Clr Cooper**

**Seconded:**    **Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

### Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3:10pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 28 April 2015 in Collarenebri

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Mayor

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General Manager