



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

24 August 2010

DON RAMSLAND
General Manager

Adopted: 28 September 2010

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2010
COMMENCING AT 10.07AM**

PRESENT

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

Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. The Mayor also welcomed the new General Manager, Mr Don Ramsland.

Apologies

Nil

Public Forum Presentations

Mr Rod White from the Gateway Hotel in relation to item 8 – Walgett Liquor Accord

Mr White spoke on the following:

- Raised concern in relation to the incorrect information contained in the report in relation to the operation of the Walgett Liquor Accord.
- Expressed that the conditions of the Liquor Accord agreement were lifted after the 2 month trial as these conditions were not working and that the Liquor Accord was still functioning.
- Expressed that there is a functioning Liquor Accord in Walgett and they meet monthly, he also explained that he had copies of all the minutes available for viewing.
- Expressed that there has been a delay between Police contacting other licensees in other towns in our Shire and therefore a meeting was not held until May 2009 and monthly meetings have taken place since then.
- The next meeting of the Walgett Liquor Accord is on Thursday 26th August at 11am at the Walgett Sporting Club.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interest

- Councillor Martinez declared a Pecuniary interest in item 13 – Community Assistance Scheme donations – 2010/2011 Budget, as he works for the NSW Ambulance.

During the course of the meeting they following additional declarations were made:

- Councillor Colless declared a Pecuniary interest in item 23 – North West Weight of Loads Group – Withdrawal Option, as he is a stakeholder - a heavy vehicle operator
- Councillor Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 23 – North West Weight of Loads Group – Withdrawal Option, as he is a stakeholder - a heavy vehicle operator

Confirmation of Minutes

249/10	Amendment to Minutes of Council Meeting 27 July 2010 – Resolution 184/10
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Motion:

1. That an amendment be made to resolution 222/10 to read: That Council renews the Acceler8 Technologies contract for a period of 12 months, commencing 1 August 2010 only.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

250/10	Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting 27 July 2010
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Motion:

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 27 July 2010 be confirmed with the above changes made.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

Clr Keir had asked at the July Council meeting for a report on round 1, 2 and 3 of the Regional Infrastructure Grant funding to be brought back to this meeting. It was noted that this information had not been presented to the meeting.

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

251/10 Walgett Shire Council Chambers Reserve Trust 1 (R85180) and (R87167) 3 year license to RTA

Motion:

1. That a licence be issued to the Road and Traffic Authority to occupy part Lot 8 Section 15 DP759036 for use as a Motor Registry and general offices.
2. That the rent fee be \$25,436.63 plus GST per annum and subject to the Annual CPI (Sydney) Valuation for a three year term.
3. That the licensee pay a disabled access disbursement fee of \$1,666 per annum, plus GST and CPI to be paid monthly commencing 11 November 2010 and ending 10 November 2013.
4. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the licence agreement

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Colless

252/10 Collarenebri Swimming Pool (R86013) Reserve Trust 3 year license to Riley Aquatic Management Pty Ltd

Motion:

1. That a licence agreement be issued to Riley Aquatic Management Pty Ltd for a three year term for the management of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool (R86013) Reserve Trust being that part of Lot 58 DP 752673 subject to the grounds of the pool area being maintained by the pool contractor for the whole twelve months.
2. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Licence Agreement under the Common Seal of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool (R86013) Reserve Trust.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

253/10 Walgett Baths (R82551) Reserve Trust 3 year license to Riley Aquatic Management Pty Ltd

Motion:

1. That a licence agreement be issued to Riley Aquatic Management Pty Ltd for a three year term for the management of the Walgett Baths (R82551) Reserve Trust subject to the grounds of the pool area being maintained by the pool contractor for the whole twelve months.
2. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Licence Agreement under the Common Seal of the Walgett Baths (R82551) Reserve Trust.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Mayoral Minutes

254/10 Walgett Shire Council Mayoral Minute – New Toilet block for Collarenebri Racecourse

Motion:

1. That the Mayoral Minute with regards to the Collarenebri Racecourse (new toilets) project be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Motion of which Notice has been given

Nil

Presentation of Petitions

Nil

Councillors Questions with Notice

Councillor Greenaway

Question 1:

Why was an advertisement placed in the local papers for a prefabricated toilet building to be supplied to Collarenebri when there are no manufacturers of prefabricated buildings within the Walgett Shire?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Council's procedure, established at the request of Councillors, is to advertise locally as well as in other regions dependent on the issue.

Question 2:

Why weren't the local engineering firms asked to quote to build & supply a grand stand that is required for the Rowena Sports Grounds?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that Council obtained four quotes for a grant for a portable stand on skids with a seating capacity of 45-50 persons. Two of these quotes were from local companies which included one from Lightning Ridge and one from Walgett.

He further advised that Council was unsuccessful with the RLCIP grant application as portable equipment such as mobile grandstands are outside the project guidelines.

Question 3:

Why weren't the electrical contractors within the local area contacted to quote for rewiring the Rowena Hall?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Council staff use to ring and request quotes from local suppliers. Councillors requested we stop doing that and instead advertise calling for expressions of interest

Councillor Smith

Question 1:

In Wilson Street Collarenebri, there have been 3 incidents where people have tripped and fallen over the footpath sustaining nasty bruises and cuts. The latest was on Thursday where an elderly lady tripped and hit her head and skinned her knee and was taken to hospital by a friend and because we have no doctor in Collarenebri she was kept in hospital for 4 hours for observation. Can we please have this sorted out before someone is seriously injured?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Service advised he found some soft and uneven spots on the paved footpath. Profile elevations in at least one driveway are steep with loose blocks, especially near the kerb and gutters. Considering that the footpath was constructed only three years ago, re-sanding and levelling needs to be done soon to arrest further deterioration.

He further advised that a budget of \$15,000 is available this year to start some remedial measures. The Collarenebri Team Leader has been advised to program the work for September 2010.

Question 2:

In relation to the Mungindi Road flood damage, has funding been received for repairs to be made to the road, as it is still only open for one lane of traffic to drive because of the condition of the road which is making it quite dangerous?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised that preliminary approval has been given to the assessment of the flood damage claim for Gundabloui Road and the works on Regional Roads have been programmed to be completed by September 2010 subject to the impacts of weather.

Reports of Delegates and Representatives

Nil

Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

Reports of Officers

255/10 Delegation of Authority by Council

Motion:

1. That Council delegate to the General Manager, Mr Donald Henry Ramsland, all powers and duties necessary to carry out the functions of that office under Section 335 of the Local Government Act 1993 with the exception of those functions listed under Section 377 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 as being beyond the power to delegate.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

256/10 Council decisions Action Report – 27.07.10

Motion:

1. That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

257/10 Naming of the Lightning Ridge Skate park

Motion:

1. That the Lightning Ridge Skate Park be named "Safari Park".
2. That Community Development staff facilitate consultation with youth to design a sign to be erected at the Park. .
3. That the sign be purchased and erected by Urban Infrastructure staff.
4. That any further improvements to the park be carried out in line with community consultation procedures.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

258/10 Walgett Liquor Accord

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Defer consideration until after the Walgett Liquor Accord meeting which is scheduled for 26th August, 2010.
2. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to make a decision in relation to offering support for the implementation of the Liquor Accord agreement in Walgett after the meeting on the 26th August 2010.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

259/10 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 July 2010

Motion:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 July 2010 be received.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

260/10 Debt Recovery Progress Report

Motion:

1. That Council note the Debt Recovery Flow Report and the Summary Report Information Comparison Graph.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

10:59am Clr Keir left the meeting

11:00am Clr returned to the meeting

261/10 Carried Forward Projects as at 30 June 2010

Motion:

1. That Council fund the following capital items in the 2010-2011 budget.

• Burren Junction Bore Baths 2nd Evaporation Pond	\$ 70,000.00
• Lightning Ridge Toilet Block	\$ 15,000.00
• Collarenebri Pool Shade Structure	\$ 19,000.00
• Walgett Cemetery Memorial Wall	\$ 15,000.00
• Rehabilitation of Walgett Levee Bank	\$ 66,000.00*
• Lions Car Park Sealing	\$ 42,000.00
• Walkway to Walli	\$ 13,000.00
• Tree Replacement – Rowena	\$ 4,350.00
• Acquisition HACC Dementia Day Care Site	\$ 60,000.00
• Meeting Room at Cumborah	\$ 60,000.00
• Lightning Ridge Water Meter Installations	\$112,000.00
• Walgett Metered Standpipes Replacement	\$ 60,000.00
• Heating Lightning Ridge Diving Pool	\$ 22,000.00
• Carinda Water Mains Replacement Program	\$ 17,000.00
• Walgett Open Water Drains Up-grade	\$115,000.00

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

Clr Greenaway raised concern in relation to the variances in the figures for some of these carried over projects.

The General Manager advised that he will investigate further.

262/10 Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 June 2010

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the quarterly budget review for the period to 30 June 2010 and adopt the changes as recommended.
 - a. Add a capital budget income ledger of \$1,637,430.00 for the regional timber bridge partnership program to the 2010-2011 budget.
 - b. Add a budget income ledger of \$480,000.00 for roads to recovery income to the 2010-2011 budget.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

11:10am Clr Martinez declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting taking no part in discussion or voting in relation to this item.

263/10 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – 2010/2011 Budget

Recommendation:

- That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2010/2011 as follows:

	Organisation	Project	Request	Cost of Project / Activity	Recommended	Beneficiaries
1	Collarenebri Jockey Club	Compulsory Ambulance costs for September 18th Race Meeting	\$1,102.00	\$1,102.00	\$1,102.00	Local Collarenebri community and other attenders of the races
2	Carinda and District Race Club	Advertising and Promotion of Race Day	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Local Carinda community and attenders of Race day
3	Goodooga - Lightning Ridge CWA	Annual Wool Day - subsidy for cost of lunch	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	Local community groups including children with special needs, women and children in crisis and youth
4	Walgett District Pony Club	Annual Pony club Camp - costs of hiring the showground	\$2,030.00	\$2,030.00	\$1,900.00	Young people engaging in equestrian activities
5	Anglican Counseling Service in conjunction with the Lightning Ridge Community Church	On-going counseling service visits to Lightning Ridge - 5 additional visits for 2010	\$4,500.00	\$18,900	\$1,900.00	Lightning Ridge Community
6	Parents and Friends Association of St Joseph's Catholic School	Regional Choir camps for the 13 Children who have been selected to sing in the regional Choir	\$1,000.00	\$7,250	\$1,000.00	St Joseph's Catholic School and community
		TOTAL:	\$10,132.00	\$32,782.00	\$7,402.00	

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

AMENDMENT:

- That Council resolve to defer consideration until the September Council meeting with the exception of items 1, 2 and 3 which will each receive donations of \$500.00 each.

	Organisation	Project	Request	Cost of Project / Activity	Recommended	Beneficiaries
1	Collarenebri Jockey Club	Compulsory Ambulance costs for September 18th Race Meeting	\$1,102.00	\$1,102.00	\$500.00	Local Collarenebri community and other attenders of the races
2	Carinda and District Race Club	Advertising and Promotion of Race Day	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Local Carinda community and attenders of Race day
3	Goodooga - Lightning Ridge CWA	Annual Wool Day - subsidy for cost of lunch	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	Local community groups including children with special needs, women and children in crisis and youth

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir

AMENDMENT BECAME MOTION AND WAS CARRIED

11:18am Clr Martinez returned to the meeting

264/10 Community Land – Draft Plans of Management

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Exhibit the Draft Plans of Management for Community Land for
 - * The former Walgett Shire Council Chambers
 - * Burren Junction Swimming Pool
 - * Walgett Youth Centre
 - * Nature Strip and Airport Buffer, Walgett
 - * Stormwater drainage channels in Pandora Street, Lightning Ridge and Fox Street, Walgett
 - * Parks in Carinda, Burren Junction, Walgett, Rowena and Collarenebri
 - * Car parks in Walgett
 - * Halls in Burren Junction and Carindafor a period of 44 days from the time the draft plans are put on public exhibition at the Shire Chambers, Walgett and Lightning Ridge libraries, Collarenebri Agency and Burren Junction service station.
2. Give public notice of the exhibition period and call for submissions regarding the draft Plans of Management from the community.
3. Investigate the provision for Plans of Management for Parks in Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri Hall and Rowena Hall

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

265/10 Community Development Worker Position

Recommendation:

1. That the Community Development Officer position be made a permanent position within the Community Development Team and the Tourism Officer position be deleted..

AMENDMENT:

1. That consideration of this item be deferred until the General Manager further investigates the staff organisational structure.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

AMENDMENT BECAME MOTION AND WAS CARRIED

266/10 Urban Addressing For Walgett Shire

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note and endorse the draft street number maps for Burren Junction, Carinda, Cumborah and Rowena, as prepared by Council's Geographic Information Systems Coordinator.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

11:27am Clr Smith left the meeting

11:29am Clr Smith returned to the meeting

267/10 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on Complying Development Certificate and Development Applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services or General Manager during July 2010.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

11:35am Clr Murray left the meeting

11:36am Clr Murray returned to the meeting

268/10 Strata Sub division & Easement , Gilbert Street, Units

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and affix the common seal of Walgett Shire Council to plans for the strata subdivision of lot 31 in DP 226373, located in Gilbert Street, Walgett, and the associated instrument under section 88B of the Conveyancing Act 1919 to establish an easement to drain sewage.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

269/10 Proposal for Relief Regulatory Officer Services

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the draft agreement from Narrabri Shire Council to supply relief regulatory officer services.
2. Endorse the General Manager entering into an agreement with Narrabri Shire Council to supply relief regulatory officer services for a twelve month period.
3. Make the following budget variations to fund the engagement of Narrabri Shire Council to provide relief regulatory officer services by:
 - (a) Creating a new expenditure line item titled "Relief regulatory officer" for \$13,000.
 - (b) Decreasing the existing budget for "Legal costs" from \$5,000 to \$3,000 (\$2,000 reduction).
 - (c) Decreasing the existing budget for "Pesticide pit remediation" from \$68,192 to \$57,192 (\$11,000 reduction).
4. Request the General Manager to provide a report on the effectiveness of the agreement for Narrabri Shire Council to supply relief regulatory officer services near the completion of the twelve month period.

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Keir

CARRIED

270/10 Growth Strategy & Local Environmental Plan

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the letter dated 27 July 2010 from the Regional Director, Western Region of the Department of Planning regarding Planning Reform Funding and the associated memorandum of understanding for Walgett Shire's land use strategy and Local Environmental Plan project. Also that the project was due for completion by 30 September 2008 and the Department has now requested that Council submit a Planning Reform Fund Project Variation Request.
2. Defer development of a "Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy" pending finalisation of the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy (in accordance with remaining amendments resolved by Council on 24 February 2009) and finalisation of the associated Walgett Shire Local Environmental Plan.
3. Submit a request to the Department of Planning to vary the planning reform fund grant memorandum of understanding for the project to prepare the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study / Strategy and the Walgett Shire Local Environmental Plan. The key variation will be to extend the project for another two years.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

Planning Division:

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

271/10 Footpath Valuation Report

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the Footpath Valuation Report.
2. Approve to prepare a 10-Year Footpath Asset Management Plan to improve the current walking and public access conditions of footpaths.
3. Consider an allocation of \$150,000 per year starting 2011-12 financial year over the next 10 years.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

272/10 December 2009 Flood Damage Grant

Motion:

1. That Council note the natural disasters grant for road flood damage restoration for the March 2010 Flood Event.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12.03pm Clr Colless and Clr Martinez declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting taking no part in discussion or voting in relation to this item.

273/10 North West Weight of Loads Group – Withdrawal Option

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the advantages and disadvantages of withdrawing from the North West Weight of Loads Group.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

AMENDMENT:

That Walgett Shire Council withdraw its membership from the North West Weight of Loads Group

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Lane

AMENDMENT WAS LOST

AMENDMENT:

1. That Council note the advantages and disadvantages of withdrawing from the North West Weight of Loads Group.
2. That Council write to the North West Weight of Loads Group to note its concern as of the way they are booking trucks for overloading on axles which result in breaches being dismissed if contested in court.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

AMENDMENT BECAME MOTION AND WAS CARRIED

12:13pm Clr Colless and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting.

Questions without Notice

Clr Murray:

Question 1:

What is happening with the saleyard operations review?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that this is an underperforming asset and not making any money. Council would have to continue to maintain this asset if it does not sell it but advice is to sell this asset as soon as possible. The Director further advised that he will prepare a report in regard to this matter.

Question 2:

What results have come from notices in the paper in relation to the saleyard operations?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that there hasn't been anything received yet. The Director further advised that the agents have advised that Council could pay all reasonable outgoings.

Clr Martinez

Question 1:

Is the Saleyards income covering all the expenses?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised in the affirmative but there are a lot of OH&S issues that need addressing and the income does not resolve any of these issues.

The Director further advised that he will bring a report back to Council in relation the income and expenses incurred by the Saleyards and the associated OH&S issues that need to be resolved.

Clr Murray:

Question 3:

Brindabella Airlines will be having flights leave from Cobar from September are there any plans to have them operate from this area?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will attending an OROC meeting with the Mayor and has arranged to speak to the General Managers of Interested Councils after that meeting.

Clr Keir

Question 1:

There has been a call for expressions of interest in regard to the Railway Station building. The Historical Society would like to put in an expression of interest can we extend the closing date as they have had illness and other ongoing issues and have not been able to prepare their submission?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will be conducting a site inspection of the station building on 25 August, 2010 and also has a meeting scheduled with the Historical Society on Thursday morning, 26 August 2010.

The Director of Regulatory and Planning Services advised the councillor that the Historical Society should email or fax a statement that they will be lodging an Expression of Interest within a week of the closure date.

Question 2:

Was there correspondence sent to both parties involved in the sale of the units and advising what the situation was?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure advised that the letters were sent to both parties. The Director will check that these letters actually went out.

Question 3:

Road 7716 from the bitumen through to the first section of the Pilliga to Walgett road has been repaired but now there are the same bog holes which we started with. Could the Director please do an inspection of this section of road?

Response:

The Director of Rural Infrastructure Services advised that he will take this on notice.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

When will the EOI for the Collarenebri Agency be put out? Will there be a copy distributed around the town for people to read?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will take on notice for the Director of Corporate and Community Services.

Question 2:

How much extra is Roadnet Pty Ltd charging to complete the traffic study on the B Double route and CBD area, which were extras on the original traffic study request?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will take on notice for the Director of Corporate and Community Services.

Clr Colless:

Question 1:

Have we sorted out the Burren Junction evaporation pond issues? Is it likely that Council will need to close the bore?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that it looks as though we may be able to hold off from closing the baths for another month depending on seasonal conditions. He further advised that they were doing everything possible to keep it operating and if the baths need closing they will be able to give more notice than last year.

Question 2:

The Auction signs on the units for sale have no date or time of the auction listed. Is it possible we can have this added?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that all enquiries were being directed to the agent.

Question 3:

Have there been any advances with the BP driveway?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that a meeting was conducted with the Director Corporate & Community Services, Co-op and Department of Industry and Investment who will be providing funding to the Co-op for the project. Co-op will then engage Council to complete all the Stormwater works.

The General Manager further advised that the owners of the BP services station will need to lodge a Development Application for the proposed project. He further advised that he will schedule a meeting with the Director Urban Infrastructure Services and the Co-op shortly.

Question 4:

How is the industrial estate subdivision and sale of land going in Peel Street? Has there been any progress?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that at this time there are no services or infrastructure facilities available in that area and that Council has not got the resources or funds at this stage for further development. The Director further advised that he will take the matter on notice and prepare a report for Council.

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services further advised that current 'villages' zoning would allow light industrial development.

Clr Murray

Question 4:

Is there any land for development in Walgett?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised there is plenty of land available to develop. The Department of Planning won't let Council rezone unless there is significant evidence of a need for land for residential purposes.

Clr Colless

Question 5:

The Angeldool to Collarenebri Road is in need of some gravel sheeting and grading. Can this be done?

Response:

The Director of Rural Infrastructure Services advised that he will take this on notice.

Clr Martinez:

Question 2:

The Ridge road is damaged from the T intersection to the Lightning Ridge bore baths. Can this be reviewed?

Response:

The Director of Rural Infrastructure advised that he will take this on notice.

Clr Lane

Question 1:

With regards the Burren Junction to Rowena bitumen sealing is there a warranty?

Response:

The Director of Rural Infrastructure Services advised that rectification works have been scheduled for September.

Question 2:

The Preserved Opal Fields Trust has never held a meeting but the level of compensation payable to miners has been approved, can Council write to Land and Property Management Authority to ask them to explain the present position and possibly arrange to have a meeting before the end of September?

Response:

The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services advised that he will organise correspondence to be prepared under the General Manager's signature and that he may need to seek clarification from the Councillor.

Clr Smith:

Question 1:

With regard to Collarenebri pool shade structure, can we move that the \$19,000 in the budget be used for a shade on the children's pool?

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Motion was not put.

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the Health and Safety Officer has reported that the money would be better spent on the larger pool but it should be a Council decision.

This matter will be the subject of a report to the September 2010 meeting.

Question 2:

The "Denyer's Original Store" building which has been burnt down in Collarenebri has had a fence erected around it. This fence looks disgraceful, can this been cleaned up?

Response:

The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services advised he will send a notice of intention and go through the process.

Question 3:

Should Clr Smith have declared pecuniary interest in the voting for the Collarenebri toilet block as he has recently reapplied for his trainer's license?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he believed this would be drawing a long bow but will take the matter on notice and advise further.

Question 4:

Can we move a motion not to sell the saleyards?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he will take on notice and submit a report to council detailing the income, expenditure and proposed cost of the sale yards.

Clr Murray

Question 5:

What is happening with Carinda Pool?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised when the weather improves this will be fixed.

Clr Martinez

Question 3:

With regard to the Round 3 Infrastructure Funding for the footpath in front of diving pool at Lighting Ridge, can this be sealed with bitumen and riverbed gravel?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he will take the matter on notice

Mayor Woodcock

Question 1:

With regard to the showgrounds, what is happening with the extra funds allocated?

Response:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he has had a message from the committee to advise that Yoemans is to be engaged to fix the roof on the grandstand.

12:20pm Clr Keir left the meeting

12:33pm Clr Keir returned to the meeting

274/10 Move into closed session

Motion:

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

275/10 Hire fees for the Burren Junction Public School

Motion:

- 1. That Council receive this report.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

276/10 Open Session

Motion:

- 1. That Council return to Open Session and adopt the report of the committee.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

277/10 Acquisition of the land comprising of the evaporation ponds at the Burren Junction Bore Bath

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve that:

1. Council acquire the land described as Lot 1 DP 181329 and Lot 49 DP 40744.
2. A cheque be made payable to the Department of Lands for \$16,010.00
3. Upon acquisition, the subject land be classified operational land pursuant to section 31 of LGA Act 1993.
4. Any documentation be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the General Manager under the seal of Walgett Shire Council.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Disclosure Returns

Pursuant to Section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager tabled disclosure returns completed and submitted pursuant to Section 449 of the Act by the following designated persons:

Clr Walford	Clr Lane	Clr Greenaway
Clr Woodcock	Clr Murray	Donald Ramsland – General Manager

The meeting closed at 1.02pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 28th September 2010

Mayor

General Manager