



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

17 APRIL 2007

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10 April 2007

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the Burren Junction Town Hall on **Tuesday, 17 April 2007 commencing at 10.00am.**

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PUBLIC FORUM PRESENTATIONS

(limited to five minute presentations, and must relate to items listed within the Business Paper, with two speakers, speaking for the item and two speakers, speaking against the item to be considered)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

(recognising the original Aboriginal caretakers of the lands covered by the Shire)

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 17 APRIL 2007
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Item No:

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Author:

File No:

No Reports submitted this month.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 17 APRIL 2007
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Item No: 1.
Subject: Lightning Ridge Doctors
Author: Stephen McLean – General Manager
File No: 135/07/03/00

Summary:

Council has been in discussions with the General Practitioners currently practicing in Lightning Ridge. The Doctors have made a request to Council for a short-term subsidy to allow their continued practice whilst new business arrangements are completed.

Comments (including issues and background):

The contract for Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) rights at Lightning Ridge Health Service was recently renewed and the Rural and Remote Medical Service (RARMS) was unsuccessful in retaining the contract. The two Doctors (Dr Mohanu and Dr Nashed) who currently practice in Lightning Ridge are investigating the options available to them so that they may remain in private practice in Lightning Ridge.

Council has been requested to provide a subsidy for these Doctors to allow them time to undertake negotiations to facilitate their staying in Lightning Ridge. The subsidy would be used to offset rental costs.

The provision of a subsidy such as is requested is reasonable for Council to provide to give the Lightning Ridge Doctors time to negotiate their retention.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Letter from Mr Ian Woodcock

Stakeholders:

- Lightning Ridge Community

Financial Implications:

The subsidy offered is \$3000.00 plus GST, to be funded from the Contingency Account.

Recommendations:

- 1. That Council provide a one-off subsidy to Doctors Mohanu and Nashed in the total amount of \$3,300.00 inclusive of GST.**
- 2. That Council assist the Doctors Mohanu and Nashed in any reasonable way to encourage the retention of their services in Lightning Ridge.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 17 APRIL 2007
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Item No: 2.

Subject: Report on Management Plan 2006/2007 Progress

Author: Stephen McLean – General Manager

File No: 145/11/07/00

Summary:

This report summarises Council's progress towards its objectives established in its 2006/2007 Management Plan.

Comments (including issues and background):

Under Section 407 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the General Manager is required to report progress against the Management Plan to council within six weeks of the end of each quarter.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Local Government Act 1993.
- Walgett Shire Council Strategic / Management Plan 2006/2007

Stakeholders:

- Residents and Council of Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

That the Management Plan 2006/2007 progress report for the January - March 2007 quarter be received.

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GENERAL MANAGER

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
1.	To promote better practice and encourage improvement in the way Council conducts its activities and ensure good governance	Completion of the Local Governments Self Assessment Checklist. Report to Council any discrepancies	On going	General Manager	To be undertaken in November.
2.	To develop and improve the aesthetic physical characteristics of the Shire.	Develop an organisation culture to ensure all work undertaken by staff is done with pride, care and commitment.	Parks, gardens, road reserves and town entrances are clean, tidy and attractive and Council assets are kept to a standard that sets a good example for the community.	General Manager	Beautification works underway - Gray Park in conjunction with TAFE
3.	We will be actively involved in developing strategic vision of the Shire through informed staff involvement	Identify and provide training. Staff appraisals to include reference to actions required to achieve training and multi skill objectives.	All staff appraised by June 2007 and training calendar developed by August 2006.	General Manager	Appraisals ongoing Training Plan developed and implemented
4.	We will be a good employer and provide leadership through a safe and productive workplace.	Develop an organisational culture, which acknowledges dedication and innovation. Staff and Elected Members to be encouraged to self/accept nomination for training which develops innovation, creativity and lateral thought in addressing existing or new challenges.	Staff appraisals by Supervisor and Departmental Manager to be completed by June of each year. Monthly Employee of the Month to be recognised for dedication and innovation of employees.	General Manager	Appraisals ongoing Employee of the Month nominated monthly

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GENERAL MANAGER

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
5.	Provide training for newly elected Councillors.	Ensure that all newly elected Councillors are provided with the necessary training as required by the Dept of Local Government.	Completed by March 2007.	General Manager	N/A
6.	We will provide strong local and regional leadership.	Council will encourage greater involvement and participation in regional and state activities by its senior staff and Council representatives.	Participants reporting to Council on the outcomes of external meetings attended. All senior staff active members of relevant professional groups.	General Manager	Needs to be reviewed with Council Delegates Active membership maintenance
7.	We will ensure that Council's corporate planning needs and policy decisions meet the requirements and expectations of the community and comply with the legislative requirements.	Council will consult widely and communicate decisions effectively.	Council's website will be updated regularly and contain relevant and current information. Council will advise through press releases and information passed onto Precinct Committee and Community Working Parties.	General Manager	New website operational and maintained
8.	We will ensure responsible and good governance.	All ordinary meetings and special meetings of Council are appropriately advertised to the public. Walgett Shire Strategic Plan 2006-2010 is prepared and adopted.	All meetings are advertised to comply with the Local Government Act 1993. Opportunities are provided to the public to address agenda items at every meeting. By 30 June 2007	General Manager	Target Met Target Met Planning has begun

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
9.	Strengthen and maintain involvement in the delivery of services to the community through a transparent process of networking and partnerships.	<p>Support and promote a coordinated approach to planning of services with youth, families and service providers.</p> <p>Investigate library operations with Northern Regional Library to improve utilisation of library resources.</p> <p>Access child care options and opportunities for the provision of adequate child care for families in the Shire.</p>	<p>Continue to assist the Walgett Interagency Committee with the Shire Youth Plan.</p> <p>Increase in general activity and borrowings in our libraries.</p> <p>Aim to have greater than 6 carers in place by April 2007. Continue support with the development of Walgett Preschool and Long Day Care Centre Inc.</p>	General Manager	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>1 Carer - Collarenebri</p> <p>1 Carer - starting Lightning Ridge</p>

MANAGER ENGINEERING

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
1.	Consult with the Community and wider regional Council's to ensure ongoing well planned and appropriate road network development.	Council to prepare a new five year Strategic Road Plan for the period 2007/2012.	Consultation with Shire residents and other local organisations. Completed draft strategy by December 2006 and adopt strategy by March 2007.	Manager Engineering	Strategy Adopted
2.	To rationalise the number of parks and sporting grounds under the control of Council in an effort to ensure that few facilities, of a significantly higher standard are provided.	Make Engineering Staff available to undertake a process involving community consultation, to prepare a report to Council on the matter.	Complete a rationalisation process in consultation with the community and sporting groups by 31 December 2006	Manager Engineering	Rationalisation process completed
3.	To actively pursue external funding opportunities relative to engineering projects.	Identify a link between available funding programmes and Council projects and, working particularly with community groups, prepare and submit funding applications.	A minimum of four funding submissions proposed and submitted. Ongoing.	Manager Engineering	Five funding submissions to date
4.	Provide and maintain facilities throughout the Shire, which meet and exceed the standard expected by locals and visitors alike.	Audit all facilities currently available in the Shire and assess future requirements.	Community consultation on assessed future requirements by Council. Utilisation of Council facilities. Ongoing internal audit of Council facilities	Manager Engineering	This is an ongoing matter and is difficult to report against.

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MANAGER ENGINEERING

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
5.	To provide an efficient and reliable kerbside domestic waste collection service.	Provide a weekly kerbside collection service to designated built up areas. Respond to complaints in a timely fashion.	To provide a minimum of one collection service per week. Respond within 72 hours Ongoing.	Manager Engineering	There have been no instances of waste collection services which have not been carried out as planned. Unaware of any complaints which have not been responded to in a timely fashion.
6.	Manage Council swimming pools in accordance with relevant legislation.	Maintain a frequent liaison with the Pool Operators' at each facility.	An increase in total patronage. An amenity which meets relevant legislation and acceptable standards. Ongoing	Manager Engineering	Pool season complete, awaiting data from pool managers
7.	To investigate options for improving heavy vehicle passage through the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.	In consultation with the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Community, review available options and prepare a report to Council on these options.	To review the situation regarding heavy vehicle access through Walgett Township by 30 April 2007. Review heavy vehicle passage through Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri by April 2009.	Manager Engineering	Unlikely to be completed in Walgett in 2006/7

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
8.	To provide street lighting to urban areas using energy efficient lighting at the most competitive cost.	Assess adequacy of street lighting in Walgett Town area in consultation with Country Energy and the Community in an effort to improve levels of service and efficiency. Report findings to Council.	Review street lighting in the Shire over a three year return period, undertaking a review in Walgett Township in 2006/2007. Completed by 31 December 2006.	Manager Engineering	Incomplete, will be subject to a staff report by June 2007
9.	To progressively remove trees from public areas which are considered to be inappropriate because of either species type or location and where appropriate replace with a more suitable tree.	Identify trees considered to be inappropriate after consultation with Country Energy and / or others, and report findings to Council.	Twenty trees removed and replaced with trees of more appropriate species and / or in a better location. Ongoing.	Manager Engineering	Trees have been removed from below powerlines in Arthur Street, Walgett and a programmed replacement, in conjunction with the school, is planned for April 2007
10.	To reduce the number of overloaded vehicles using Council's roads network.	Attend meetings of the North West Weight of Loads Committee and analyse breach report information.	A reduction in the number of recorded breaches, relative to the hours worked by Weight of Loads Inspectors. Ongoing.	Manager Engineering	One meeting of Weight of Loads Group attended. There has been a reduction in breach numbers, probably due to seasonal factors.

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
11.	To identify and respond to issues which adversely affect road safety.	React to matters identified by either correction, referral to Local Area Traffic Committee or referral to a future works programme.	Complete inspections on Council's complete public roads network. A minimum of four times per annum.	Manager Engineering	Inspection of the roads network have been carried out in accordance with requirements.
12.	To close Waste Disposal Depots in Collarenebri, Carinda, Rowena and Burren Junction and replace these facilities with Waste Transfer Stations.	To develop proposals to close village waste depots and introduce transfer stations at these locations, maintaining consultation with the community and the Department of Environment and Conservation throughout the process.	Close Waste Disposal Depot at Carinda and replace this facility with a Waste Transfer Station by 30 June 2007. Rowena and Burren Junction Waste Disposal Depots to be replaced by Waste Transfer Stations by 30 June 2009.	Manager Engineering	Project development for closure of Carinda waste depot and replacement with a waste transfer station is proceeding. Consultation with Carinda Precinct Committee has been undertaken.
13.	To provide waste disposal facilities in Walgett and Lightning Ridge which meet environmental standards, as well as the ratepayers reasonable expectations.	To operate the Walgett Waste Disposal Depot in accordance with licence conditions. Complete pre-construction activities relating to a new Waste Disposal Depot at Lightning Ridge.	To meet all licence conditions applicable to the Walgett Waste Disposal Depot. To complete pre-construction activities relating to a new Waste Disposal Depot at Lightning Ridge. Ongoing.	Manager Engineering	All licence conditions applicable to Walgett have been met..

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
14.	To operate sewerage treatment and effluent disposal schemes in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri in accordance with legislative requirements	Review the operation of all schemes and prepare network maintenance and development plans.	Sewerage system chokes and overflows do not exceed numbers of the previous years.	Manager Engineering	At this stage sewerage system chokes and overflow occurrence does not exceed previous years.
15.	Implement a user pay system that also encourages efficient water use.	Develop a new pricing policy and implement a public relations programme to complement it.	Introduce a charging regime for water customers based on consumption.	Manager Engineering	A comprehensive report on the introduction of consumption based chares for water was presented to Council. Consumption based pricing will be introduced in 2008/2009 and not 2007/2008 as provided for in the management plan.
		Repair and install Water meters in designated urban areas with the objective of introducing consumption based pricing in 2007/2008.	Functioning water meters on all water customers.		
		Maintain customer access to water conservation information through savewater.com.au	On going		

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
16.	To professionally manage Council's assets and ensure reasonable needs of Council are met.	<p>Undertake re-valuation of all Council assets.</p> <p>Develop and implement twenty year asset management plans for all infrastructure assets.</p> <p>Undertake an annual audit of road and bridge asset condition.</p>	<p>Completed by December 2006.</p> <p>Domestic Waste by December 2006</p> <p>Council Housing by March 2007</p> <p>Transport infrastructure by June 2007</p> <p>Water and Sewer by December 2007</p> <p>Recreation and Community assets by June 2008</p> <p>Administrative assets by June 2008</p> <p>Assess trends in asset condition.</p>	Manager Engineering	A revaluation of Council's assets is still progressing at a slower rate than originally envisaged largely because of a need to engage the Assets Officer on other tasks.
		Develop and implement a fifteen year plan replacement program.	Completed by March 2007	Manager Engineering	Draft plan completed. Will require further work as it is presently unaffordable. Some plant rationalisation is anticipated
		Maximise availability and utilisation of all major Council plant.	<p>75% utilisation by March 2007</p> <p>Ongoing 85%availability rate</p>	Manager Engineering	Utilisation rates are being acheived
		Review on an annual basis the plant hire fees.	Completed annually	Manager Engineering	Plant hire rates fro 2007/8 are currently under review

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
17.	To operate aerodromes at Walgett and Lightning Ridge in accordance with relevant legislation.	<p>Maintain daily (Monday to Friday) safety inspections of these aerodromes.</p> <p>Meet with aerodrome users, including RPT providers, at least annually to discuss operations.</p> <p>Look for business opportunities which have the potential to bring income to the aerodromes.</p>	<p>No breaches of relevant legislation.</p> <p>The financial loss of the aerodromes is kept below \$140,000.00.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	Manager Engineering	<p>Aerodrome inspections are being carried out in accordance with requirements with no recorded breaches of relevant legislation. Current indications suggest financial loss will be about \$130,000 in 2006/2007. No work has been undertaken as yet in seeking business opportunities for the aerodromes. With the appointment of an Economic Development Officer, this activity can be pursued.</p>

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
18.	To provide a water supply to Walgett, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge, Carinda, Cumborah and Rowena.	Respond to any decline in water quality.	Adverse results addressed where possible.	Manager Engineering	Two problems have arisen in Lightning Ridge relating to water quality and these have been satisfactorily addressed. Cleaning of reservoirs will be undertaken in the cooler months and this may assist in overcoming problems.
19.	To introduce annual stormwater management service charges.	To investigate stormwater activities in consultation with the Walgett Shire Community.	Inclusion of the proposed stormwater management activities in Draft Management Plan 2007/2008	Manager Engineering	No action taken as yet.

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
1.	Support the development of active and creative community members, working in partnership with community, business and Government,	Actively support, develop and promote community services and strategies which address existing and emerging needs.	Use Precinct Committees, Community Working Parties to assist Council with community development. Respond to issues raised within thirty days taking appropriate recommendations to Council.	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing
2.	We will provide an efficient timely and user friendly response to client requests and concerns.	Council will maintain and improve its customer action request statistics.	Customer Action Requests System average days outstanding <45 days, will quarterly average and be maintained at 80% minimum. All customer enquiries and complaints will be dealt within five working days.	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing and within target
3.	Ability to provide people with better opportunities for involvement and consultation about our decisions.	Maintain and publish policies and procedures which promote confidence in the conduct of Council.	Publish newly approved or amended policies on Council's website within thirty days of their adoption by Council.	Manager Corporate Services	New Website Operational and currently in the process of developing updated information.
4.	To provide services to meet the needs of people from cultural and linguistic backgrounds.	Prepare Local Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (LEAPS) and Action Plan 2006-2009.	Completed by December 2006	Manager Corporate Services	Aboriginal Liaison officer appointed March 2007

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
5.	To support individuals and groups taking initiatives to protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area.	Respond and actively support or refer initiative from community to protect the environment.	The Shire will be involved in the Clean Up Australia Campaign and any environmental initiatives with which Council can assist.	Manager Corporate Services	2007 Activity
6.	Provide an organisation that displays good management and strong forward planning..	Prepare detailed Management Plan encompassing annual operating budget	Completed by June 2007	Manager Corporate Services and General Manager	On target
		Management Plan and Budget Review undertaken on a quarterly basis.	Completed October 2006, February 2007, April 2007 and July 2007	Manager Corporate Services and General Manager	December Review presented
		Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding reduced by sale of land for unpaid rates, agreements and strong debt recovery policy.	Rates and Annual Charges outstanding reduced to 9% by June 2010. Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing and collection notices sent out. Section 713 sale set down for 5 May 2007
		Unrestricted current ratio remains at an acceptable level of 2:1	2:00:1 Unrestricted current ratio maintained	Manager Corporate Services	On target
		Debt Service Ratio remains below 10%	Below 10% by June 2007	Manager Corporate Services	On target

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
7.	Provide a secure and compliant Records Management Regime.	Continue with the effective "Authority" record keeping system, in keeping with its obligations under Australian Standards (ISO 15489 as amended)	100% operational with suitably qualified staff. Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Staff appointed and training is being undertaken
		Implement electronic record keeping for assessment of effectiveness for Council documents and records.	100% operational with suitably qualified staff by March 2008.	Manager Corporate Services	Research being carried out in April 2007
8.	Council to be an advocate for social matters on behalf of the Community.	Complete Social Plan	Complete by September 2006.	Manager Corporate Services	For presentation to the May 2007 Council Meeting
		Report to Council achievements of the Social Plan	Completed by March 2007.	Manager Corporate Services	Report to be presented to May Council Meeting in 2007
		Continually update Council Website.	Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	New Website Operational and currently in the process of developing updated information.
9.	To ensure that Information Technology is adequate for the organisation.	Implement asset component of "Authority" System to ensure more effective tracking of Council assets.	Completed by March 2007	Manager Corporate Services	To be held until 2007/8
		Continually review "Authority" System to ensure that it is used at full capacity.	Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing
		Provide ongoing training and support to all staff.	Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
10.	To provide quality service to all customers.	Measure performance through the use of a Customer Satisfaction Survey.	A minimum of 160 surveys per annum, tracking individual responses and mean averages for each survey. An average of four to be targeted:- 1= Poor, 2= Fair, 3= Good, 4= Very Good, 5= Excellent Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	75 responses received 4.25 average
		Review the operation of customer service area.	Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Monthly meetings held with staff
		Further review and develop processes and procedures to ensure optimal delivery and customer satisfaction.	Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing
11	Reduce expenditure – Members and Civic resources and training when required to ensure optimal productivity	Percentage of staff at skill level 2 and above is over 60% by March 2007	Ongoing	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing
		Staff turnover is kept at an acceptable level of industry standard.	Labour turnover is below average industry standard.	Manager Corporate Services	Below industry standard
12.	To network with other Councils and the State Government funding providers to achieve major sustainable benefits through tourism and visitation programs.	Complete Tourism Marketing Plan.	Completed September 2006	Manager Corporate Services	Presented to February 2007 Council Meeting and adopted

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No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
13.	To provide the Shire with a new identification through a new tourism logo.	Adoption of a new Shire Tourism Logo.	Adopt a Shire Logo by August 2006	Manager Corporate Services	Deferred until 2007/8
14.	To provide an image of Walgett Shire that presents as a tourism destination.	Develop a program to improve presentation of shire towns and entrances.	Completed by July 2007	Manager Corporate Services	Economic Development Officer appointed March 2007.
15.	To make information regarding structured tour options available to all visitors to the Shire.	Review and update existing tourism information and pamphlets.	Completed by April 2007	Manager Corporate Services	Ongoing, New pamphlets July 2007

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MANAGER PLANNING AND REGULATION

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
1.	To promptly and professionally assess development proposals.	Process Complying Development Applications. Process Construction Certificate and Development Applications	90% of complete applications are finalised within 7days. 80% of complete applications are finalised within 40 days.	Manager Planning and Regulation	Target Met (Average 4 days) Met Average 23 Days
2.	To develop a Local Environmental Plan that brings Walgett Shire's local planning arrangements in line with current New South Wales standards.	Prepare and adopt a land use study and strategy. Prepare and adopt a Local Environmental Plan based on the land use study and strategy.	Currently in draft form and due for finalisation by June 2006. Draft Environmental Plan to be finalised by December 2006	Manager Planning and Regulation	Target not met due to ongoing consultation with DPI N/A
3.	To provide companion animal management and control services.	(a) Address emergency situations where dogs are attacking people and animals. (b) Microchipping of companion animals.	(a) All attacks are investigated within 24 hours of notification. (b) 90% of animals are microchipped within three working days of request.	Manager Planning and Regulation	Target Met
4.	To ensure that dilapidated premises and environmental health matters are addressed to minimise risks to the public.	Complaints will be promptly investigated.	Action will be taken within two weeks to address 90% of complaints received.	Manager Planning and Regulation	Target Met
5.	Minimise the risk of significant environmental pollution.	Respond to major pollution incidents.	All reported major incidents are investigated within 24 hours.	Manager Planning and Regulation	No incidents reported

MANAGER PLANNING AND REGULATION

No	Mission Aim	2006/2007 Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible Manager	Status
6.	We will responsibly manage planning and environmental issues, while taking into account the needs of the community and we will update means of acquiring information for users.	Integration of GIS (Geographical Information System) into present corporate software package.	Continual operational updates.	Manager Planning and Regulation	Initial matching of DCDB against Authority land descriptions completed. Further work required to address unmatched data.
7.	To monitor algal blooms within the Namoi and Barwon Rivers.	Submit samples of river water from Collarenebri and Walgett to the Department of Natural Resources for analysis of algal content.	Samples are submitted on a weekly basis in summer and fortnightly in winter.	Manager Planning and Regulation	Target over the last quarter now being met.
8.	To provide a water supply to Walgett, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge, Carinda, Cumborah and Rowena.	Undertake a regular programme of sampling and testing to check water quality.	Monthly sampling of water supply.	Manager Planning and Regulation	Target Met.

**MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
17 APRIL 2007**

Item No: 3.

Subject: Investment Report as at 30 March 2007

Author: Amy Taylor – Customer Service Officer Finance

File No: 180/02/01/00

Summary:

This report summarises the investments of Walgett Shire Council for the month of March 2007.

Comments (including issues and background):

The Investment summary as at 30 March 2007 is as follows:

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INVESTMENTS - CONSOLIDATED

Council investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 No 30, 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>Maturity Date</u>
National	Term Deposit	202	6.19	413/07	03-Apr-07
Citibank	Term Deposit	209	6.37	414/07	10-Apr-07
IMB Ltd	Term Deposit	203	6.36	417/07	17-Apr-07
Savings & Loans Credit Union	Term Deposit	195	6.43	418/07	24-Apr-07
Local Govt Financial Services	Term Deposit	196	6.45	419/07	01-May-07
Westpac	Term Deposit	188	6.14	420/07	08-May-07
Bank of Qld	Term Deposit	147	6.51	421/07	15-May-07
National	Term Deposit	90	6.21	424/07	02-Apr-07
Savings & Loans Credit Union	Term Deposit	131	6.61	425/07	22-May-07
Bankwest	Term Deposit	126	6.63	426/07	29-May-07
Bank of Qld	Term Deposit	126	6.47	427/07	05-Jun-07
Citibank	Term Deposit	133	6.45	428/07	19-Jun-07
Cimminvest (FIIG Securities)	Term Deposit	182	6.40	429/07	14-Aug-07
Citibank	Term Deposit	126	6.43	430/07	26-Jun-07
Savings & Loans Credit Union (FIIG Securities)	Term Deposit	126	6.51	431/07	03-Jul-07
IMB Ltd	Term Deposit	126	6.49	432/07	10-Jul-07
ACCU (FIIG Securities)	Term Deposit	133	6.63	433/07	17-Jul-07
Bankwest	Term Deposit	133	6.51	434/07	24-Jul-07
CBA	Term Deposit	94	7.50	435/07	16-Jun-07
Royal Bank Canada	Term Deposit	94	7.70	436/07	16-Jun-07
Bankwest	Term Deposit	154	6.63	437/07	21-Aug-07
Suncorp	Term Deposit	154	6.61	438/07	28-Aug-07
Grange Securities					

Recommendation:

That the Investment Report as at 31 March 2007 be received

**MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
17 APRIL 2007**

Item No: 4.
Subject: Report on Rates and Charges – 31 March 2007
Author: Katie Hook – Rates Clerk
File No: 180/09/00/00

REPORT ON RATES AND CHARGES - 31 March 2007

	Mar-07	Mar-06
Arrears as at 30 June	1,618,773.48	1,395,484.94
Adjusted Levy	6,153,321.57	5,510,164.87
Interest	69,895.21	52,512.60
Receipts	(5,283,818.93)	(4,340,519.33)
Adjustments	(31,292.12)	(94,093.93)
Discount	(59,322.19)	(53,661.41)
Special Rebate Council	(4,781.68)	
Legal Fees	32,734.67	1,192.02
Total Outstanding	\$ <u>2,495,510.01</u>	<u>2,471,079.76</u>

COMPARISON WITH 2006/2007

	Mar-07	Mar-06
Current	1,502,333.49	1,389,561.50
Arrears	619,161.33	744,107.95
Interest	303,082.11	280,991.78
Legals	70,933.08	56,418.53
Total Outstanding	\$ <u>2,495,510.01</u>	<u>2,471,079.76</u>

Total YTD Collected

	Mar-07	Mar-06
Collected YTD % of Arrears and Levy	69%	65%
Collected YTD % of Levy	87%	81%

Recommendation:

That the Report on Rates as at 31 March 2007 be received.

**MANAGER PLANNING AND REGULATIONS REPORT TO COUNCIL
MEETING 17 APRIL 2007**

Item No: 5.

Subject: Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Author: Matthew Goodwin-Manager Planning and Regulations

File No: 315/01/00/00

Summary:

This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently dealt with under delegated authority.

Comments (including issues and background):

The following tables provides details of Development Applications (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during March 2007.

D.A.	DEVELOPMENT	LAND (lot/sec/DP)	ZONE	LOCATION	DECISION	DATE
2006040	Shed at sports ground	Reserve 98032	1. Non-Urban "A"	Rowena	Approved	22-Mar-07
2007003	1x1 & 1x2 bedroom brick veneer units	4//837866	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	15-Mar-07
2007004	Dwelling	66//837866	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	12-Mar-07
2007006	Dwelling	67//837866	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	12-Mar-07
2007007	Change use to commercial accommodation	22/11/Cp 74/203	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	15-Mar-07
2007009	Subdivision	40//753918, 16//753918, 23//753918	1. Non-urban	Pilliga	Approved	28-Mar-07

CDC	DEVELOPMENT	LAND (lot/sec/DP)	ZONE	TOWN	DECISION	DATE
2007009	Alterations & extension to shed	10/5/758612	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	13-Mar-2007
2007010	Carport	6/18/758612	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	1-Mar-2007
2007011	Garage and carport	9//114123	2. Village	Lightning Ridge	Approved	7-Mar-2007

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2007012	Dwelling	4//750264	1. Non-urban	Pilliga	Approved	22-Mar-2007
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Relevant Reference Documents:

- Respective Development Application and Complying Development Certificate files.

Stakeholders:

Public and applicants.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during March 2007.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 17 APRIL 2007
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Item No: 6.
Subject: Carinda Town Common – Water Supply
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 255/05/00/00

Summary:

This report recommends that Council replaces the pipeline supplying water to the Carinda Town Common. This work can be accommodated within the current budget.

Comments (including issues and background):

The Carinda Town Common is located just outside the village on the road leading to the Carinda Waste Depot. Some four (4) years ago, the water supply to the Common was disconnected by Council as it was frequently failing because of the poor condition of the pipeline. At the time, the Common was very infrequently used.

Given the current drought, the Town Common is being used however its usefulness is severely limited by the fact that the water supply to the stock trough has been disconnected. If the water supply was to be reinstated, it would be preferable to provide a new pipeline from Wilga Street to the Common, a distance of approximately 700 metres. To repair the existing pipeline would see a return to the previously unsatisfactory situation of frequent, and inconvenient, repairs being required.

There are no records to indicate whether the existing pipeline was installed by Council or the Town Commoners, however the fact that Council undertook repairs, at its cost, would suggest it was treated as an asset of Council. On this basis, it would not be unreasonable that Council absorbed the cost of replacement.

The estimated cost of replacing this pipeline, in small bore rural grade polythene which would be adequate to feed the existing stock trough, is \$2,400 (inclusive of GST). There are unexpended funds, totalling \$2,900, in the current budget for mains repairs and maintenance in Carinda and, on this basis, it is suggested that the work be proceeded with immediately.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Nil (no written correspondence has been entered into at this stage)

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Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Carinda Town Commoners

Financial Implications:

The estimated cost to replace the pipeline from Wilga Street to the Carinda Town Common can be accommodated within the current budget.

Recommendation:

That Council replace the existing pipeline to the Carinda Town Common in the current budgetary period at an estimated cost of \$2,400 (inclusive of GST).

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Item No: 7.
Subject: Rebate – Rainwater Tank Installation
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 145/09/00/00

Summary:

This report recommends that, in view of other water supply projects considered to have a higher priority, Council takes no action to introduce a rainwater tank rebate scheme in 2007/08.

Comments (including issues and background):

Several months ago, Council was approached by a local (Walgett) ratepayer asking that consideration be given to the introduction of a rebate to encourage rainwater tank installation. At the time, Council resolved that this matter be again considered in conjunction with the estimates of income and expenditure for 2007/08.

As previously advised, any rebate which was introduced would need to be fully funded by Council, as there are no assistance programmes provided by either the State or Commonwealth Governments for this purpose. Relatively few Councils appear to offer any form of rainwater tank rebate. Of the few which do, most are located along the coastal strip where growth pressures place greater pressure on town water supplies than is the case here. Whilst town water supplies in Walgett Shire remain unmetered and charges are not related to consumption, it would seem that relatively few would be attracted to a rainwater tank rebate unless it was of substantial size.

If a rainwater tank rebate was introduced in the urban areas serviced by water supply schemes, those paying the water supply charge would all need to subsidise those who took up the rebate. The rebate could not be financed from the general fund, unless it were offered to all ratepayers. On the assumption that most rural residents would already have a rainwater tank, it could also be assumed that there would be little interest in the rebate from the rural parts of the Shire.

Given the fact that there are many other spending priorities throughout the various water supply schemes within the Shire, the allocation of funds to support a rainwater tank rebate at the present time is very difficult to justify. Higher priority work includes replacement of ageing water mains, possible repainting of reservoirs and provision of a larger storage tank in Rowena.

For a rainwater tank rebate to be effective, it would need to be closely administered and should require the tanks to be plumbed in such a way as to produce worthwhile savings in terms of consumption from Council's supply. The fact that supplies are presently unmetered makes water savings difficult to quantify.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Council Resolution No 356/06 – December 2006

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Walgett Shire Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Not identifiable. The cost would depend upon the amount of rebate offered and the take up rate from residents. If a rebate were to be offered, a budget allowance would need to be established and rebates should be paid until such time that this allowance was exhausted.

Recommendation:

That Council, in view other water supply projects considered to have a higher priority, does not take any action to introduce a rainwater tank rebate scheme in 2007/08.

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354/06 – Regional Airports Funding Programme

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Common Seal of Council be affixed to Deed of Variation No 1, which relates to an additional \$8,599.60 (inclusive of GST) received for security fencing at Lightning Ridge Airport.

Carried.

355/06 – Naming of Park – Lightning Ridge

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council submits the name 'Len Cram Park' to the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales as a name for the unnamed park (Lot 4531, DP 767720) located in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge between Cardinal Road and Black Prince Drive.

Carried.

356/06 – Rainwater Tank Rebate

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that a more detailed report, relating to the feasibility and estimated cost of introducing a rainwater tank rebate scheme into Walgett Shire, be prepared for consideration in conjunction with the estimates of income and expenditure for 2007/08.

Carried.

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Item No: 8.
Subject: Sports Oval - Rowena
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 180/08/00/00

Summary:

This report recommends that Council advises the Rowena Oval Steering Committee that it is unwilling to make an additional grant to assist them with cost of an insurance premium. It further recommends that the grant already provided should be used for the purposes for which it was given.

Comments (including issues and background):

A request has been received from the Rowena Oval Steering Committee, seeking an unspecified amount to assist them in meeting insurance costs associated with their use of the Oval and Tennis Courts. The insurance premium is \$1,143.60. The Committee has also asked if the \$500 grant, previously provided towards electricity connection costs to a shed, could be used towards insurance expenses.

Council's vote for Section 356 Expenditure is not fully exhausted and could provide an additional grant to the Rowena Oval Steering Committee, however this is not recommended. Whilst freely acknowledging the excellent work of this Committee, in bringing the Rowena Oval project to fruition with only modest assistance from Council, to make a grant to a community body for insurance purposes would create a dangerous precedent. There are many other community organisations which would probably have equal justification for this type of assistance, which has not, as far as I am aware, been granted in the past.

With respect to the request to use the \$500 grant already paid for insurance, rather than the purpose it was originally provided for, Council should require the grant to be used for the purpose for which it was originally intended. To do otherwise may again create an unfortunate precedent.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Council Resolution No 243/06
- Letter from Rowena Oval Steering Committee

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Rowena Oval Steering Committee

Financial Implications:

The financial implications of meeting the request of the Rowena Oval Steering Committee are modest and affordable, however the dangerous precedent that it probably would create may not be affordable.

Recommendations:

1. **That Council advises the Rowena Oval Steering Committee that it is unable to provide a further grant to assist them with insurance costs.**
2. **That Council advises the Rowena Oval Steering Committee that the grant already provided should be used for the purpose for which it was originally intended.**

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241/06 – Walgett Shire council Code of Conduct – Review

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council's Code of Conduct Policy be adopted for a further twelve months, with a review of the Policy to be held on 21 September 2007.

Carried.

242/06 – Excess Water Arrears

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council write off \$4,522.02 in outstanding water charges under Local Government (Financial Management) Reg 1999 Para 30-370 17(5)(c) as listed in a report titled "*Water Trial Balance*" dated 25 August 2006.

Carried.

243/06 – Community Assistance Scheme Donations – 2006/2007 Budget

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council approve funding for financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 as per attached schedules for 2006/2007 with the following amendments:

- St Peter's Anglican Church Walgett-Fittings for Toilet/Shower Block to be accessible by wheelchair amount increased from \$250.00 to \$880.00.
- Daniel Richard Walford-Cricket Team for 2006/2007 Cricket Season purchase of cricket kit. That Council assist Mr Walford in making application for a grant from the NSW Cricket Association.
- Walgett District Cricket Association-to help operate the Association for the 2006/2007 Season, such as new cricket pitch for Collarenebri Oval, to help with travelling in the NSW, NRMA Plate Cup. That Council assist the Walgett District Cricket Association in making a grant application to the NSW Cricket Association.

Carried.

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27TH March 2007

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Walgett Shire Council
PO BOX 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Stephen,

I would like to submit all the invoices to date, for the development of the Rowena Oval. As most of the work is now complete I need to get the attached form signed and returned to the NSW Sport and Recreation for the Capital Assistance Program. Please find all Receipts and Invoices.

We would like to use The Section 356 Donation from the Shire to pay part of the Insurance we have for the Progress Association for the use of the Oval and Tennis Club. I will also include that Quote with all the other Invoices for your records. Please find shed and fence incises for Insurance purposes also.

We would like to ask if the Walgett Shire would be in a position to offer further funding to cover the Insurance. The Progress Association has said that they would help also but the quote went up with the increase in liability that we had to meet for your requirements.

The Steering Committee has requested from all Donators a sign to place on the fence for advertising etc. Does Walgett Shire have any of these please.

We would like to hand over as organized the full maintenance etc for the oval and request that it is mowed, wiper snipped, sprayed etc when needed as it often is left until a request is made and looks awful in the mean while. The School and others would like to use it on a regular basis. Doug Turner is in charge of the water system and will need to know if the water needs turning off in advance.

I would like to personally thank you and your team for your efforts on our behalf in getting this massive project to this stage. It has certainly had many ups and downs but the cricket day the weekend before last was such a great success that is certainly made it worth while.

Could I please get a letter of acknowledgment for all the above for our records.

Thank you again we will continue to improve the oval as funding etc comes along and hope the Shire will continue their support in the future.

Yours truly,

ANNA SEVIL
ROWENA OVAL STEERING COMMITTEE

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Item No: 9.
Subject: Bore Baths - Walgett
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 280/04/06/00

Summary:

This report briefs Council on a proposal to reopen the bore baths at Walgett from the end of this month on a restricted hours basis.

Comments (including issues and background):

The bore baths in Walgett have been closed over the summer period for two reasons, these being because of the amount of vandalism and anti-social behaviour that the facility seems to attract and secondly the extremely low usage of the facility does not justify the amount of water drawn from the Great Artesian Basin. This second point is particularly relevant as the waste water from the baths needs to be discharged somewhere into the environment. However, with the approaching cooler weather and the anticipated increase in tourist traffic through Walgett, to leave this facility closed would be unacceptable.

It is proposed to reopen the facility at the end of this month. However, rather than leave the facility open 24 hours per day or even for the total daylight hours, it is proposed only to open the baths for six hours per day from 12 noon until 6pm. The supply of artesian water would be restricted to ensure satisfactory temperatures in the pool for opening hours only. It is anticipated that, combined with some upgrading of the boundary fencing. The fact that this facility is unsupervised during operating hours is of some concern, however in reality it is no different to other facilities at Lightning Ridge and Burren Junction.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Bore Baths users

Financial Implications:

The costs associated with operating the Walgett Bore Baths for a restricted period each day is provided for in Council's budget. Expenses will be fairly modest.

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Recommendation:

That Council notes the intent to re-open the Bore Baths in Walgett, from the end of April 2007 each day from midday to 6.00 p.m.

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Item No: 10.
Subject: Historic Tree - Walgett
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 011/07/01/48

Summary:

This report recommends that, in view of the receipt of a letter from a concerned citizen of Walgett, Council surveys community attitudes to the retention of an historic tree growing on the Fox Street footpath just south of Wee Waa Street, Walgett.

Comments (including issues and background):

A written request has been received from a local resident, asking that Council reassess its position regarding the retention of an historic Coolabah tree growing in Fox Street, Walgett.

About twelve months ago, a proposal to remove the tree sparked significant protests from sections of the community. As a consequence of this, the services of a qualified arborist were engaged to advise on the condition of the tree and whether or not removal or pruning were appropriate. At the time, the arborist considered removal was not necessary, however pruning was recommended and this has been carried out.

Despite the fact that only twelve months has passed since Council engaged the arborist to report on this tree, it is suggested a reassessment of Council's position with regard to this tree would be appropriate. As a first step in reassessing its position, a survey of community attitudes to the retention of the tree should be carried out. A re-engagement of the arborist is not considered necessary at this stage.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Letter from Mr D Lillyman
Council Resolution No 39/06 – February 2006
Council Resolution No 90/06 – April 2006

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Residents of and visitors to Walgett

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Financial Implications:

The cost to again survey community attitudes to this tree would be restricted to minor administrative expenses.

Recommendation:

That Council survey community attitudes to the retention of an historic Coolabah tree, growing on the eastern footpath of Fox Street, just south of Wee Waa Street, Walgett and that the reports of this community survey be reported to the next meeting of Council.

DON LILLYMAN

Po Box 462
Walgett NSW 2832
02 6828 1747

28 March 2007

Stephen McLean
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
Po Box 31
Walgett NSW 2832

Dear Stephen,

I am writing with regard to the Coolabah tree growing on the footpath adjacent to the old post office.

I have noticed over the years of the dangerous limb that grows out over the footpath and street. I believe that council is also aware of the potential danger I am writing about. The power pole that is braced to the tree has a precarious lean which I have noticed is increasing as time goes by. It would seem only a matter of time before the pole and the limb give way.

I believe that a similar point has been made before and there has been a public outcry due to the trees historical value. On the 22nd March 2007 I was talking to some men at the tree who happened to be planning to lop it to make way for some new buildings to be built under the tree.

If limbs on the tree can be loped to make way for the proposed buildings then wouldn't it be more important to lop the tree for reasons of public safety? Its only a matter of a gust of wind or a large vehicle catching the branch before a tragedy occurs. I am simply airing my concern as a rate payer of Walgett that the council reassess the situation.

Sincerely,


Don Lillyman

**Walgett Shire
Council**

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90/06 – Street Tree – Fox Street, near Wee Waa Street, Walgett

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that staff from A1 Tree Service of Dubbo prune an historic Coolabah tree, growing on the footpath in Fox Street near Wee Waa Street, Walgett.

Carried.

91/06 –Street Trees – Arthur Street, Walgett

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council stage the removal of trees, growing into powerlines in front of the Walgett High School in Arthur Street, Walgett over the 2006/07 and 2007/08 years and that, as each tree is removed, it be replaced with a tree of a more appropriate species type.

Carried.

92/06 – Collarenebri Precinct Committee Meeting – 7 March 2006

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the report from the Collarenebri Precinct Committee held on 7 March 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

93/06 – Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee Meeting - 7 March 2006

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee Meeting held on March 7 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

94/06 – Walgett Precinct Committee Meeting – 11 April 2006

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Walgett Precinct Committee Meeting held on 11 April 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

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36/06 – Five Year Road Plan

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that:-

1. The report on the Five Year Road Plan be deferred for one month.
2. The Report on the Five Year Road Plan be revisited in conjunction with a submission made by the Rowena Community regarding the Plan.
3. Any urgent applications for funding be submitted.

Carried.

37/06 – Waste Management Options

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council endorse action to date and that the cost of this consultancy be recouped from loan funds held for Domestic Waste Management purposes.

Carried.

38/06 – Walgett Waste Depot - Licensing

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Common Seal of Council be affixed to an application from Council to the Department of Environment and Conservation to have the Walgett Waste Depot licensed and that this application be submitted.

Carried.

39/06 – Street Tree – Fox Street, near Wee Waa Street, Walgett

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that:-

1. The report presented to Council concerning a Street Tree, located at Fox Street, near Wee Waa Street, Walgett be deferred for one month.
2. The opinion of an Arborist be sought concerning the abovementioned tree and that the findings be provided to a Risk Assessor for a risk assessment to be carried out relating to the tree located in Fox Street, near Wee Waa.
3. A report be submitted to the March 2006 Council Meeting

Carried.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION – 17 APRIL 2007

Item No: 11.
Subject: Certificate of Appreciation
Author: Alison Dent – Macquarie Darling Work Placement Inc
File No: 295/01/14/00



Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to:

***Management and Staff
At
Walgett Shire Council***

***In appreciation of your participation in the Careers Transition Support Day
at the Council Chambers , Walgett***

Alison Dent

Operations Manager

28/03/2007

Date