



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY

31 AUGUST 2009

MINUTES

RAY KENT
General Manager

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2009 COMMENCING AT 5:24PM

PRESENT

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr Martinez
Clr Colless
Clr L Walford
Clr G Murray
Clr D Lane
Mr R Kent (General Manager)
Ms C Medcalf (Director, Corporate and Community Services)

Apologies

Clr Keir
Clr R Greenaway
Clr K Smith

Public Forum Presentations

Nil

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Nil

5.33pm

284/09 Exclude the Public from the meeting

Resolution:

1. That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the matter to be addressed involves advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

285/09 Conclusion of the lease of the Lightning Ridge Caravan Park and related matters

Resolution:

1. The Land and Property Management Authority be advised that Council:
 - a. Accepts responsibility for addressing the issues currently associated with the Caravan Park Reserve to the extent that they arise from Council's past management of the Reserve.
 - b. Will remain as Trust Manager for a period of two (2) years or until the Authority determines an Expression of Interest for the Reserve, whichever comes first.
 - c. Understands that it can continue to utilise Reserve Trust funds for Reserve Trust purposes but will seek the concurrence of the Authority for any significant expenditure.
 - d. Will employ a Caretaker for the Reserve, who is not a current resident of the Caravan Park, and the costs of the Caretaker will be reimbursed from Reserve Trust funds.
 - e. If the Lessee refuses to depart, accepts that it will be Council's responsibility to address the issue and that any costs related to this matter, including any legal expenses or compensation payable, will be met by Council and will not be met out of Reserve Trust funds.
 - f. Understands that the Authority will move expeditiously to prepare an Expression of Interest for the development of the Reserve for similar and related uses to those currently applicable to the Caravan Park and that the Authority will manage the Expression of Interest process.
2. The General Manager be authorised to engage a person or persons to undertake caretaker functions for the Caravan Park and that such persons be either temporary or casual employees.
3. The Director, Planning and Regulatory Services organise forthwith for an audit of the Caravan Park to identify any breaches of relevant legislation or of approvals relevant to the operation of the Caravan Park.
4. The Mayor and the General Manager, or any persons acting in those positions, be authorised to make any decisions or commit any resources to resolving Caravan Park issues provided that the decisions or commitments are not inconsistent with Resolution 1. above and that Council is advised of any actions in this regard as soon as practicable.
5. The General Manager arrange a meeting with the Lessee as soon as possible to brief him on appropriate Council resolutions and to facilitate an orderly transfer of responsibilities.

Moved: Clr Martinz
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

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5:58pm

286/09	Open Session
Resolution:	
1.	That Council return to Open Session.
Moved:	Clr Colless
Seconded:	Clr Walford
CARRIED	

The meeting closed 6:00pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 29th September 2009

Mayor

General Manager