



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

24 February 2009

RAY KENT
General Manager

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.07am

PRESENT

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr G Colless (Deputy Mayor)
Clr R Greenaway
Clr J Keir
Clr M Martinez
Clr K Smith
Clr D Lane
Clr L Walford
Clr G Murray
Mr R Kent (General Manager)
Ms C Medcalf (Director Corporate & Community Services)
Mr M Goodwin (Director of Planning and Regulatory Services)
Mr I Taylor (Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services)
Mr F Coralde (Director Urban Infrastructure Services)
Miss J Gates (Minute Secretary)
Miss H Lovegrove (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Nil

Public Forum Presentations

Mr Jack Baker – Walgett Ratepayers Association

Mr Baker raised concerns regarding the water restrictions, and asked for Council to consider removing the delegation from the staff and allowing the decision to be made by Council.

Ms Colleen Edgar

Ms Edgar raised concerns regarding the state of the levee around Walgett. She also asked if Council had looked into applying for grant funding to assist with repairing the levee.

Response:

Director Urban Infrastructure Services responded to Ms Edgar stating that Council are waiting for the Department to come back with a decision regarding the design of the levee.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest
Item 36 – Tenders – Plant Hire

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01/09 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion:

That the minutes of Council Meeting held 16 December 2008 be confirmed

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

02/09 Mayoral Minute – Council’s Investment Instruments

Motion:

That the Mayor’s determination pursuant to authority delegated by Council be noted.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

03/09 Mayoral Minute – NSW Grain Freight Review

Motion:

1. Council establish a committee of Councillors to prepare a submission for the endorsement of the Mayor and forwarding to the Inquiry prior to 17th March 2009.
2. The members of the committee are Clr Murray, Clr Greenaway, Clr Martinez, and Clr Walford.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

04/09 School Bus Run

Motion:

1. That a report be prepared on the provision of a safe pick up and set down for school children on the Come By Chance road

Moved: Clr Colless
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

05/09 Rating Structure

Motion:

That as part of the budget processes that Council review the rate structure of the Shire with the aim of creating a fairer distribution of the rate burden among each of the urban centres and as part of this process Council staff produce a detailed report for the March Council Meeting providing Councillors with data that provides a clear overview of where rate income is derived and how our budget is expended on an urban centre, rural residential, Mining Business and rural basis.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

06/09 Road Grid Policy

Motion:

That the road grid policy be reviewed at the March meeting

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

Councillor Questions with Notice

Tracker Walford Walkway – Clr Keir

Clr Keir raised the issue of vandalism on the bridge on the tracker Walford Walkway

Director Urban Infrastructure Services noted her comments and will provide a response in 2 weeks time.

Water Restrictions - Clr Keir

Councillor Keir asked at the meeting can the public be educated on watering and water restrictions.

Director Urban Infrastructure Services indicated that this can be done.

07/09 Motor Vehicle Policy

Motion:

That the Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services prepare a report to Council on motor vehicle standardisation and log books for the April Council Meeting.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Question:

Why was the small gift that was given to a staff member in appreciation for helpful assistance, confiscated and what happened to that gift.

Council's Code of Conduct (Section 8 - Personal Benefit) provides a comprehensive and specific policy in respect of the receipt of gifts by councillors and staff. All gifts received other than defined 'token gifts' must be reported to the General Manager and a declaration filled out. The declarations are held in a gifts register. The General Manager determines what happens to gifts and invariably, with the exception of perishable products, the gifts are held in Council's strong room prior to being distributed to charitable and non profit organisations. A distribution will be made shortly.

08/09 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Motion:

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council, held 17th December 2008, be noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

09/09 Minutes of Castlereagh Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting

Motion:

That the minutes of the Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting held 27th November 2008 be noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

10/09 Minutes of Barwon Darling Alliance

Motion:

That the minutes of the Barwon Darling Alliance be noted.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

11/09 Minutes of Walgett Community Working Party

Motion:

That the minutes be noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

12/09 Minutes of Collarenebri Community Working Party

Motion:

That the minutes be noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

13/09 NSW Rural Fire Service North West Zone Service Level Agreement Meeting

Motion:

That Council note the minutes of the North West Zone NSW Rural Fire Service meeting held in accordance with the Service Level Agreement with its constituent councils, and the Brigade activity during the first half of 2008/2009.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Clr Colless asked if the Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services could find out how the financial amounts are worked out for each region in proportioned based on areas or number in the fire brigade. He also asked how much each Shire pays?

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services undertook to gain and circulate the information.

14/09 Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee

Motion:

That Council note the minutes of the Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held 8 October 2008.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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15/09 Carinda Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion:

That the minutes be noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

16/09 Collarenebri Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion:

That the minutes be received and a copy of this report provided to the Committee.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

17/09 Australia Day 2009

Motion:

That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

18/09 'C' Division Conference held in Lightning Ridge in February 2009

Motion:

That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

19/09 Councillor Attendance at LGSA Tourism Conference 2009

Motion:

That the attendance of the Mayor and Councillors Lane and Martinez at the LGSA Tourism Conference 2009 be approved.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

20/09 Request for Rent Assistance – Lightning Ridge Neighbourhood Centre

Motion:

That the Lightning Ridge Neighbourhood Centre be advised that their request for rent assistance will be considered at the time of formulation of the 2009/10 budget.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

21/09 Requests for Assistance and project suggestions – Lightning Ridge Improvement and Beautification Committee

Motion:

That Council provide the Lightning Ridge Improvement and Beautification Committee with a copy of this report and advise as follows:

1. A grant of \$4,500 from the Federal Government's Community Infrastructure Fund is likely to be available prior to the end of March 2009 and these funds can be utilised for improving the parking area and purchasing a tool storage facility.
2. Expenditure on public seating will be considered at the time of formulation of the 2009/10 Budget.
3. A public toilet block is to be constructed in the Town Centre prior to July 2009.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

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22/09 Precinct Committees

Motion:

1. That the Rowena and Carinda Precinct Committees be provided with a grant in 2008/09 of \$250 each, upon provision of a tax invoice.
2. The Mayor and General Manager convene a meeting of those residents of the Lightning Ridge area, who have registered their interest in becoming members of a Committee, with a view to formally establishing Committee membership and, if appropriate, assisting with the election of a President and a Secretary.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

23/09 Report on Management Plan 2008/2009 – 2012-2013

Motion:

That the report on the Management Plan 200/2009 – 2012/2013 for the period October 2008 – December 2008 be received.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

24/09 A Community Strategic Plan for Walgett Shire – Outcomes from Council's Planning Workshop

Motion:

1. That the contents of the "Report on Initial Strategic Planning Workshop: February 2009" prepared by Ms Robbie Sefton, be endorsed
2. Ms Robbie Sefton, in collaboration with the General Manager, prepare a Draft Community Strategic Plan which incorporates all the agreed outcomes from the February Workshop
3. A Workshop to consider the Draft Community Strategic Plan be held on Tuesday 17th March 2009

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

25/09 Community Services Activities Quarterly Report

Motion:

That the report be noted

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

26/09 Report on Youth Development and Services – October 2008 – January 2009

Motion:

That the report on Youth Development and Services for the period October 2008 – January 2009 be noted

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

Clr Smith raised an issue with the Youth Centre at Collarenebri. The Director Corporate and Community Services noted his comments and will investigate the issue.

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27/09 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – 2008-2009 Budget

Motion:

That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the last round of 2008/2009 as follows:

Community Assistance Scheme - Round 2 - January 2009 (Ledger no. 11.01010.1405)

Organisation	Project	Request	Cost of Project / Activity	Recommendation	Stakeholders
L/Ridge Community Radio Inc	12th Birthday Celebrations ("Picnic in the Park") - cost of live entertainment	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	Community/Shire promotion over Australia-wide radio
Goodooga CWA *	Annual Wool Day lunch held in Sep/Oct (major annual fundraiser)	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	Nil	Community - especially children and women & medical scholarship
Walgett Hostess Club	"Welcome to Walgett" evening for newcomers to Shire	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$ 400.00	Community
Carinda Diggers Memorial Hall Committee	Catering equipment	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$ 500.00	Community
L/Ridge Golf Club **	Purchase 2nd hand small slasher	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Nil	L/Ridge Community
Walgett Junior Rugby	Purchase of safety head protectors	\$500.00	\$518.50	\$ 500.00	children (aged 5-17) of Walgett
				\$ 2,400.00	

* Suggest the CWA contact Brewarrina Shire Council as Goodooga falls outside of WSC

** Outside of scope

Total 2008/2009 Budget	\$ 15,600.00
Allocated during Round 1 (July 2008)	\$ 9,250.00
Remaining Budget available for Round 2	\$ 6,350.00
Overs / (Unders) of Budget based on above recommendation	\$ 3,950.00

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

28/09 Investment Report as at 31 January 2009

Motion:

That the investment report as at 31 January 2009 be received.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

29/09 Quarterly Budget review as at 31st December 2008

Motion:

That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 31 December 2008 and adopt the attached changes

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:	Quarterly Budget Review to 3 December 2008				
ORGANISATION DIVISION:	All Division Summary				
RESPONSIBILITY:	General Manager - Ray Kent				
	Original Budget	Amended Budget 10/08	Actual Income/Costs	Recommended Changes	Amended Budget
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>					
Members and Executive	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000
Corporate & Community Services	7,390,789	7,531,789	5,907,810	10,000	7,541,789
Planning & Regulatory Services	187,022	187,022	68,111	0	187,022
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services	11,501,348	11,934,645	7,160,529	3,194,000	15,128,645
Urban Infrastructure Services	5,015,389	5,015,389	3,850,130	9,667	5,025,056
TOTAL	24,099,548	24,673,845	16,986,580	3,213,667	27,887,512
<u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u>					
Members and Executive	377,484	391,484	193,007	15,000	406,484
Corporate & Community Services	2,137,462	2,137,462	902,560	(34,884)	2,102,578
Planning & Regulatory Services	1,128,713	1,168,713	552,437	84,000	1,252,713
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services	12,651,499	13,378,888	7,601,908	2,340,268	15,719,156
Urban Infrastructure Services	7,674,072	7,674,072	2,948,498	(50,000)	7,624,072
TOTAL	23,969,230	24,750,619	12,198,410	2,354,384	27,105,003
NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	130,318	(76,774)	4,788,171	859,283	782,509
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>					
Members and Executive	0	0	0	0	0
Corporate & Community Services	0	0	0	0	0
Planning & Regulatory Services	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services	0	1,440,000	1,340,000	0	1,440,000
Urban Infrastructure Services	1,090,000	1,090,000	0	0	1,090,000
TOTAL	1,090,000	2,530,000	1,340,000	0	2,530,000
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
Members and Executive	0	0	0	0	0
Corporate & Community Services	26,666	26,666	0	0	26,666
Planning & Regulatory Services	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Infrastructure and Support Services	10,879,200	10,922,200	1,804,866	890,000	11,812,200
Urban Infrastructure Services	5,587,082	5,587,082	508,413	(36,268)	5,550,814
TOTAL	16,492,948	16,535,948	2,313,279	853,732	17,389,680

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NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(15,402,948)	(14,005,948)	(973,279)	(853,732)	(14,859,680)
NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(15,272,630)	(14,082,722)	3,814,892	5,551	(14,077,171)

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:	Quarterly Budget Review to 3 December 2008				
ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Members and Executive				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Council and General Manager - Ray Kent				
	Original	Amended	Actual	Recommended	Amended
	Budget	Budget 10/08	Income/Costs	Changes	Eudget
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>					
Members and Civic	5,000	5,000	0		5,000
TOTAL	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000
<u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u>					
Members and Civic Donations	377,484	391,484	193,007	15,000	406,484
TOTAL	377,484	391,484	193,007	15,000	406,484
NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(372,484)	(386,484)	(193,007)	(15,000)	(401,484)
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>					
Members and Civic	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
Members and Civic	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0
NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	0	0	0	0
NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(372,484)	(386,484)	(193,007)	(15,000)	(401,484)

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:	Quarterly Budget Review to 3 December 2008				
ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Corporate and Community Services				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Corporate and Community Services - Carole Medcalf				
	Original	Amended	Actual	Recommended	Amended
	Budget	Budget 10/08	Income/Costs	Changes	Eudget
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>					
Community Services	275,679	275,679	192,521	0	275,679
Corporate Management	12,000	25,000	34,753	0	25,000
Financial Management	61,500	61,500	63,749	10,000	71,500
Interest Received	460,000	600,000	344,090	0	600,000
Rates -Ordinary	4,002,379	4,002,379	3,916,500	0	4,002,379
Tourism	23,000	11,000	3,380	0	11,000
Untied Grants	2,556,231	2,556,231	1,352,817	0	2,556,231
TOTAL	7,390,789	7,531,789	5,907,810	10,000	7,541,789
<u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u>					
Community Services	1,149,366	1,149,366	456,879	0	1,149,366
Corporate Management	522,785	522,785	252,139	(34,884)	487,901
Financial Management	58,960	58,960	27,569		58,960
Interest Received	0	0	0	0	0
Rates -Ordinary	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism	406,351	406,351	165,973	0	406,351
Untied Grants	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,137,462	2,137,462	902,560	(34,884)	2,102,578
NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	5,253,327	5,394,327	5,005,251	44,884	5,439,211

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:	Quarterly Budget Review to 3 December 2008				
ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Corporate and Community Services				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Corporate and Community Services - Carole Medcalf				
	Original Budget	Amended Budget 10/08	Actual Income/Costs	Recommended Changes	Amended Eudget
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>					
Community Services	0	0	0	0	0
Corporate Management	0	0	0	0	0
Financial Management	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance-General	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Rates -Ordinary	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism	0	0	0	0	0
Untied Grants	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
Community Services	0	0	0	0	0
Corporate Management	20,000	20,000	0	0	20,000
Financial Management	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance-General	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Received	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism	6,666	6,666	0	0	6,666
Rates -Ordinary	0	0	0	0	0
Untied Grants	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26,666	26,666	0	0	26,666
NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(26,666)	(26,666)	0	0	(26,666)
NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	5,226,661	5,367,661	5,005,251	44,884	5,412,545

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WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL:	Quarterly Budget Review to 3 December 2008				
ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Planning & Regulations				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Planning & Regulatory Services - Matthew Goodwin				
	Original	Amended	Actual	Recommended	Amended
	Budget	Budget 10/08	Income/Costs	Changes	Eudget
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>					
Community Programs	23,328	23,328	2,242	0	23,328
Development Management & Support	161,510	161,510	65,869	0	161,510
Environmental Programs	2,184	2,184	0	0	2,184
TOTAL	187,022	187,022	68,111	0	187,022
<u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u>					
Community Programs	133,814	133,814	70,936	0	133,814
Development Management & Support	912,279	942,279	357,121	0	942,279
Environmental Programs	82,620	92,620	124,380	84,000	176,620
TOTAL	1,128,713	1,168,713	552,437	84,000	1,252,713
NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(941,691)	(981,691)	(484,326)	(84,000)	(1,065,691)
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>					
Community Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Development Management & Support	0	0	0	0	0
Environmental Programs	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
Community Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Development Management & Support	0	0	0	0	0
Environmental Programs	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0
NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	0	0	0	0
NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(941,691)	(981,691)	(484,326)	(84,000)	(1,065,691)

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ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Rural Infrastructure and Support Services				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Rural and Support Services -Ian Taylor				
	Original	Amended	Actual	Recommended	Amended
	Budget	Budget 10/08	Income/Costs	Changes	Eudget
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>					
Emergency Services	25,000	25,000	0		25,000
Engineering Management	2,289,180	2,289,180	1,085,152		2,289,180
Plant Operations	2,453,460	2,453,460	1,310,162		2,453,460
Roads & Bridges	6,733,708	7,167,005	4,765,215	3,194,000	10,361,005
TOTAL	11,501,348	11,934,645	7,160,529	3,194,000	15,128,645
<u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u>					
Emergency Services	299,320	299,320	56,711	6,268	305,588
Engineering Management	2,288,556	2,288,556	1,010,613		2,288,556
Plant operations	1,881,155	1,881,155	948,161		1,881,155
Roads & Bridges	8,182,468	8,909,857	5,586,423	2,334,000	11,243,857
TOTAL	12,651,499	13,378,888	7,601,908	2,340,268	15,719,156
NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(1,150,151)	(1,444,243)	(441,379)	853,732	(590,511)
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>					
Emergency Services	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering Management	0	0	0	0	0
Plant, Equipment, Motor Vehicle Purchase	0	0	0	0	0
Roads & Bridges	0	1,440,000	1,340,000	0	1,440,000
TOTAL	0	1,440,000	1,340,000	0	1,440,000
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
Emergency Services	0	0	0	30,000	30,000
Engineering Management	0	0	0	0	0
Plant, Equipment, Motor Vehicle Purchase	1,440,000	1,440,000	293,612	0	1,440,000
Roads & Bridges	9,439,200	9,482,200	1,511,254	860,000	10,342,200
TOTAL	10,879,200	10,922,200	1,804,866	890,000	11,812,200
NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(10,879,200)	(9,482,200)	(464,866)	(890,000)	(10,372,200)
NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(12,029,351)	(10,926,443)	(906,245)	(36,268)	(10,962,711)

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ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Urban Infrastructure Services				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Urban Infrastructure Services -Siegfredo Coralde				
	Original	Amended	Actual	Recommended	Amended
	Budget	Budget 10/08	Income/Costs	Changes	Eudget
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>					
Engineering Management	1,639,027	1,639,027	893,246	0	1,639,027
Recreation & Community Assets	186,840	186,840	137,436	59,667	246,507
Properties	330,973	330,973	245,286	0	330,973
Domestic Waste Management	897,907	897,907	803,024	(50,000)	847,907
Water Supplies	1,305,910	1,305,910	1,137,993	0	1,305,910
Sewerage Supplies	654,732	654,732	633,145	0	654,732
TOTAL	5,015,389	5,015,389	3,850,130	9,667	5,025,056
<u>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</u>					
Engineering Management	1,638,404	1,638,404	613,223	0	1,638,404
Recreation & Community Assets	2,374,679	2,374,679	751,042	0	2,374,679
Properties	808,054	808,054	438,534	0	808,054
Domestic Waste Management	897,078	897,078	305,992	(50,000)	847,078
Water Supplies	1,302,402	1,302,402	580,401	0	1,302,402
Sewerage Supplies	653,455	653,455	259,306	0	653,455
TOTAL	7,674,072	7,674,072	2,948,498	(50,000)	7,624,072
NETT OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(2,658,683)	(2,658,683)	901,632	59,667	(2,599,016)

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ORGANISATION DIVISION:	Urban Infrastructure Services				
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Urban Infrastructure Services -Siegfredo Coralde				
	Original	Amended	Actual	Recommended	Amended
	Budget	Budget 10/08	Income/Costs	Changes	Eudget
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>					
Engineering Management	0	0	0	0	0
Recreation & Community Assets		0	0	0	0
Properties	1,090,000	1,090,000	0	0	1,090,000
Domestic Waste Management	0	0	0	0	0
Water Supplies	0	0	0	0	0
Sewerage Supplies	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,090,000	1,090,000	0	0	1,090,000
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
Engineering Management	0	0	0	0	0
Recreation & Community Assets	1,280,880	1,280,880	62,917	(36,268)	1,244,612
Properties	3,333,042	3,333,042	403,718		3,333,042
Domestic Waste Management	255,635	255,635	0	0	255,635
Water Supplies	377,525	377,525	41,778	0	377,525
Sewerage Supplies	340,000	340,000	0		340,000
TOTAL	5,587,082	5,587,082	508,413	(36,268)	5,550,814
NETT CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(4,497,082)	(4,497,082)	(508,413)	36,268	(4,460,814)
NETT DIVISION SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(7,155,765)	(7,155,765)	393,219	95,935	(7,059,830)

30/09 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during December 2008 and January 2009.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

31/09 Urban Addressing with Walgett Shire

Motion:

That Council note the report provided by the GIS Coordinator on the impending urban addressing project which details the issues involved and a tentative project scope.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

32/09 Application to review Determination fro DA2008022

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Under sub-section 82A(5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, consider the application for Development Determination Review 2008001 relating to Development Application 2008022 in the name of Mr Trevor Hudson.
2. Note that:
 - a) The applicant has proposed that the sign to be erected at the intersection of Morilla Street and Three Mile Road will have a signage area of 3.6 metres by 3.4 metres (12.24 square metres).
 - b) The largest existing sign on the site has a signage area of 2.4 metres by 2.4 metres (5.76 square metres) which is less than half the size of the proposed sign.
 - c) Under State Environmental Planning Policy 64 - Advertising and Signage, Council is obliged to consider whether the proposal respects the "viewing rights of other advertisers" and whether the "scale, proportion and form of the proposal is appropriate for the streetscape, setting or landscape".
 - d) Council's planning staff do not believe that the proposed sign at the intersection of Morilla Street and Three Mile Road respects the viewing right of existing advertisers and its scale is not appropriate for the streetscape, setting or landscape. As a result the site is not suitable and it is not in the public interest to approve a new sign for a private business on a public road that is more than twice the size of existing signs at the location.
3. For the above mentioned reasons confirm the original decision made on 28 October 2008 regarding Development Application 2008022 in the name of Trevor Hudson, which was to approve the application subject to conditions, including condition Rap 020 which restricts signage area to a maximum of 2.4 by 2.4 metres (5.76 square metres).

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

For: Clr Greenaway, Clr Colless, Clr Keir, Clr Murray and Clr Smith

Against: Clr Martinez, Clr Lane, Clr Walford, and Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

33/09 Alcohol Free Zone related Legislative Amendments

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the report on recent amendments to provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 relating to alcohol free zones and associated updating of the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

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34/09 Development Application 2008028 for Dual Occupancy, Vaughan Place, Walgett

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council approve Development Application 2008028 in the name of Timberline Homes subject to the attached conditions of development consent.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

For: Clr Lane, Clr Martinez, Clr Smith, Clr Woodcock, Clr Walford,
and Clr Coless

Against: Clr Keir, Clr Murray and Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

CROWN WORKS

Works carried out by or on behalf of the Crown are to comply with Section 116-G2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which states:

"(2) Crown building work cannot be commenced to be carried out unless the Crown building work is certified by or on behalf of the Crown to comply with the technical provisions of the State's building laws in force as at:

- (a) the date of the invitation for tenders to carry out the Crown building work, or
- (b) in the absence of tenders, the date on which the carrying out of the Crown building work commences, except as provided by this section."

COUNCIL IMPOSED CONDITIONS

The following development consent conditions are imposed by Council.

GENERAL

Gen 020.

Any future development on the subject site or use of the subject land in a manner inconsistent with this development consent (approval) will require separate development consent to be obtained from council in writing prior to the commencement of any work.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Gen 030.

Council is to be immediately informed in writing if arrangements for work are changed.

Reason: To enable Council to maintain an accurate record of approvals granted.

Gen 045.

Prior to commencing any building works a Section 68 Activity Application must be obtained from Council to authorise construction.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Gen 060.

The use or occupation of the premises is not to commence until such time as the terms of Development Consent have been complied with, to the satisfaction of Council and a final occupation certificate issued. The owner may make application to Council for the occupation of incomplete premises. The use or occupation of incomplete premises is not permitted until the premises have been inspected by Council Officers and an Interim Occupation Certificate issued.

Reason: To restrict the use of the premises until the terms of the Development Consent have been complied with so as to ensure the health and safety of occupants of the building.

Gen 090.

The garage has been approved as a Class 10a structure and shall not be used for residential purposes.

Reason: Garage design does not comply with BCA requirements for habitable occupation.

APPROVED PLANS

Pln 010.

The development shall be implemented in accordance with:

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(a) All documentation and correspondence submitted by the applicant, or their agents, in support of the Development Application,

(b) the details set out on the plans approved and stamped by authorised officers of Council, except as amended by the conditions of this development consent.

Reason: To ensure that the development proceeds in the manner proposed by the applicant and approved by Council.

WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER

NOTE: PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORKS

The Crown is not exempt from the requirement to obtain approval to carry out plumbing or drainage works. Before any plumbing, stormwater or sewer drainage works are commenced an Activity Application and Annexure accompanied by a diagram of proposed works and the appropriate fees is to be submitted and approval granted in accordance with the requirements of Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council's On Site Sewage Management Guidelines, Australian Standard 3500.1-4 and the Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Plu 010.

Provision shall be made for a water meter up stand within the confines of the property to be accessible to Council at all times.

Reason: To provide ready access for the Regulatory Authority.

Plu 050.

A minimum of 19 mm water service is required for the development.

Reason: To ensure compliance with NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Plu 060.

All plumbing and drainage works are to be completed in accordance with Australian Standards 3500.1-4 and the NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

Reason: To ensure that plumbing and drainage works are completed in a professional manner.

Plu 130

Where the proposed building works necessitate the cutting-in of new stormwater outlets into the existing street kerb, the applicant and plumbing/drainage contractor shall ensure that the following procedures are adopted:

- (a) A kerb adaptor suitable for the particular kerb profile and capable of withstanding vehicular loadings is to be utilised,
- (b) Create the opening in the kerb by use of either a saw cut or bored hole only – breaking out the kerb by impact methods is not permitted,
- (c) The kerb adaptor is to be kept flush with the top and outside face of the kerb, and
- (d) The fixing of the kerb adaptor and filling in of side gaps is to be undertaken by the use of an epoxy resin – mortar or concrete is not to be used.

Reason: Requirement of Council as the Road Authority.

Plu 140.

Roof water is to be disposed of:

- (a) By piping to the street gutter or as instructed by Council.

Reason: To alleviate any potential stormwater problems with respect to the buildings on the allotment or adjoining allotments.

Plu 150.

Rainwater tanks are permitted if installed in accordance with the following provisions:-

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- (a) When interconnected with Council's water supply, non-return valves to be installed to ensure that cross contamination cannot occur.
- (b) The overflow is to be connected to the stormwater system if available or on the downhill side of the dwelling/building at a minimum distance of 3 metres from any boundary of the property or any structure so as to prevent damage to any structure.

Reason: To prevent structural damage to buildings and protect public health.

Plu 170.

All plumbing and drainage works are to be carried out by licensed tradesmen.

Reason: To ensure compliance with AS 3500-2003.

FENCING AND LANDSCAPING

Fen 010.

All boundary fencing and landscaping works are to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

Reason: To ensure the appearance of the development is consistent with the existing streetscape.

Fen 020.

The area between the building line and the street alignment is to be landscaped and maintained with advanced shrubs or trees.

Reason: To enhance the appearance of the development site.

SITING/SETOUT

Set 010.

The owner of the property is to ensure that any building is constructed:

- (a) to meet the setback requirements of the approved plans,
- (b) to be located within the confines of the lot., and;
- (c) so that it does not interfere with any easements or covenants upon the land.

Reason: To avoid any buildings being erected in a location where it would be inappropriate.

CONSTRUCTION

Con 010

The applicant shall ensure that noise pollution is minimised during the course of construction. The use of power tools and/or similar noise producing activities shall be limited to the following hours:-

Weekdays	7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Weekends & Public Holidays	8.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Reason: To ensure that public amenity is not unduly affected by noise.

Con 020.

All works are to be executed in a good and workmanlike manner and all materials are to be installed as per manufacturers' instructions and any applicable Australian Standards.

Reason: To ensure that the building work is completed in accordance with the approval and is in a safe and healthy condition for use by occupants.

Con 030.

The builder shall provide a temporary sanitary service to the building site before building operations are commenced.

Reason: To provide effective sanitation of the site during building construction.

Con 040.

All construction materials, sheds, skip bins, spoil, temporary water closets etc, shall be kept wholly within the property and not placed on public land or in a position that may result in materials/debris being washed onto the roadway or into the stormwater drainage system.

Reason: To preserve the amenity of the locality and protect stormwater systems.

Con 070.

All footings and/or slabs shall be constructed as per engineer's details.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

Con 170.

The building is to be installed in accordance with the Manufacturers installation instructions.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

PARKING & TRAFFIC

Par 001

Off street car parking is to be provided on site in accordance with the Walgett Shire Councils Off Street-Car Parking Code. A minimum of one covered space and one visitors car parking space is to be provided for each dwelling on site.

Par 010.

The off street car parking area is to be constructed of all weather material and maintained so that it is trafficable, free of pot holes, corrugations, erosion and does not interfere with stormwater runoff.

Reason: So adequate off street parking is provided for the development and it is maintained in an appropriate manner.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Env 020.

The land surrounding any structure must be graded to divert surface water clear of existing and proposed structures and neighbouring properties.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Env 160

Drainage from Evaporative Air Conditioning units is to be directed onto lawn and garden areas only. It is not to be disposed of into Council's storm water or sewerage systems.

Reason: To ensure that council's services are free of contamination and un-necessary load.

INSPECTIONS

The applicant is to advise Council of the name and address of the body nominated to act as the Principal Certifying Authority, on the "Notice of Commencement Form" forty eight (48) hours prior to work commencing. Inspections at the completion of stages as indicated below are required to be carried out by the Principal Certifying Authority. **Work must not proceed past any inspection stage until approval is given by the Certifier.**

Critical Stage Inspections.

- At the commencement of the building work, and
- After excavation for, and prior to the placement of, any footings, and
- Prior to pouring any in-situ reinforced concrete building element, and

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- Prior to covering any sewer or stormwater drainage connections; and
- After the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.

Reason: Occupation Certificates cannot be issued if the Principal Certifying Authority does not carry out the designated inspections, and to ensure compliance with the approved plans.

NOTE: COVENANTS

It is possible that a covenant may affect the land, which is subject to this consent. The granting of this consent does not necessarily override any covenant. You should seek legal advice regarding the effect of any covenants that may affect the land.

Reason: To avoid breaching the requirements of any covenant.

35/09 Growth Management Study & Strategy Workshop

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the letter dated 10 October 2008 from the Team Leader, Western Region, Department of Planning, regarding the draft Walgett Principal LEP 2008, Section 64 submission and Growth Management Study.
2. Adopt the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy (GMS) document dated October 2008 prepared by Edge Land Planning, with the following amendments:
 - (l) Applying the following actions to the GMS, as detailed in the document titled 'Outcome Summary from the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy Councillor Workshop' held on 17 February 2009:

ACTION 3: Ian Sinclair indicated that he would review the second last paragraph on page 45 (within Section 2.3.1 – Demographic Profile) regarding population growth to either clarify or correct it.

ACTION 4: Ian Sinclair indicated that he would update Figure 2.13 with agricultural production figures for 2006-2007 while including a notation indicating that the Walgett region was in drought at the time.

ACTION 6: Matthew Goodwin will liaise with Ian Sinclair with a view to developing a recommendation for an improved Council policy for mains electricity connections on the preserved opal fields for inclusion in the GMS, which takes account of:

- * Council's desire to avoid unnecessary safety issues or sterilisation of potentially opal bearing ridge country on the 'preserved' opal fields.
- * Situations where there will be no sterilisation of potentially opal bearing ridge country, hence there is no basis for an objection based on land use planning principles.
- * Situations where no easement is required to pass through Council occupied land and/or Crown land, hence there may be an entitlement to mains electricity regardless of any land use planning problems that may arise.

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(II) Applying the following policy proposals outlined in the document titled 'Outcome Summary from the Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy Councillor Workshop' held on 17 February 2009:

- (a) Edge Land Planning be requested to revise the GMS with a view to providing for 10 to 40 hectare lifestyle blocks in the vicinity of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri while supporting a minimum holding size of 400 hectares to have a dwelling entitlement on rural land. It being noted that the Rural Lands SEPP does not require Council to adjust its minimum of 40 ha, but that there is a need for a larger minimum for a dwelling entitlement with the provision of smaller lots in the vicinity of 10 – 40 ha around the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.
- (b) Investigations should be carried out to identify land surrounding the settlements of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri for subdivision into lots of 10 – 40 ha in size. Discussions be held with the Department of Planning concerning these areas prior to the matter being reconsidered by Council.
- (c) Walgett Shire Council should adopt a modified GMS which provides that new residential titles can be established on the preserved opal fields. In effect the forth recommended management strategy on page 191 will be reversed to become:

“The Government should continue to issue residential titles on the preserved opal fields, so that people can continue to construct mining camps.”
- (d) The land identified as “Area C” in map 8.15 (page 176) within the GMS is its preferred location for the future urban expansion of Lightning Ridge, beyond the rezonings proposed within the GMS.

However, given that Area C is unlikely to be required in the medium term, Council should request the Department of Primary Industries to make the land available for opal prospecting and mining until such time that it is required for urban expansion provided that rehabilitation is undertaken in the area in accordance with the standards applied by the Department of Primary Industries on 'new' opal fields.

3. Update the Walgett Shire Council Growth Management Study and Strategy, dated October 2008, in the manner detailed above and submit it to the Department of Planning with a request for its endorsement.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

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

Against: Clr Murray

CARRIED

36/09 Council Building Certifier Accreditation Proposal

Motion:

Council resolve to authorise the General Manager to make a submission to the NSW Building Professionals Board which:

1. Notes the proposed implementation of a scheme to accredit Council building certifiers.
2. Request that the board amend the proposed scheme so that there is provision for:
 - (a) An additional category of accredited council building surveyor, such as a 'trainee' building certifier. Establishing this category in an appropriate manner would allow people with relevant experience to undertake basic critical stage inspections under the direct or indirect supervision of an accredited council building surveyor. They should not be allowed to issue construction certificates, complying development certificates or occupation certificates.

The intent is for accredited council building surveyors to use and develop staff who are not yet fully accredited, in restricted contexts where they have adequate skills and experience to undertake basic inspection work. Positive outcomes from the additional category would include improved staff availability for critical stage inspections, clearer paths of career progression for building certifiers and reduced staffing costs for Councils.

- (b) Within clearly defined circumstances, accredited Council building certifiers should be able to provide basic design guidance on buildings which they have been accredited to deal with. The intent is to allow the building certifier to identify basic design deficiencies at the pre-lodgement stage for a building proposal.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

37/09 Fees for Exhumations

Motion:

1. Establish an application fee of \$250.00 (GST exempt) to exhume remains from a Council operated cemetery.
2. Establish a charge for exhumation earthworks that is based on the full cost of earthworks and any ancillary activities or materials required (including GST) for circumstances where Council is engaged to undertake such work. Council's Director of Urban Infrastructure Services will provide a quote for the work which must be paid in full prior to commencement.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

Adjourned for lunch at 1.04pm
Resumed from lunch at 1.44pm

38/09 Expression of Interest – Walgett heavy Vehicle Inspection Station

Motion:

1. That Council note the submission of an Expression Of Interest for the Provision of a Heavy Vehicle Inspection Site in Walgett.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Motion:

1. Council write a letter to Opposition and the Government conveying our displeasure about the way the RTA are closing vehicle inspection services down

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

39/09 HW18 Castlereagh Highway – Walgett Silo Access

Motion:

1. That Council note that its liability for damage caused by debris on HW18 at Walgett Silo is managed under the Road Maintenance Council Contract with the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW.
2. That a letter be written to Graincorp requesting action to seal the access area.

Moved: Clr Colless
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

40/09 Tender – Diesel Fuel Supply

Motion:

1. That Council note that it is proposed to reinstate a bulk diesel fuel tank at the Walgett Depot to meet its statutory procurement obligations in relation to the supply of Diesel Fuel, and that it be noted that the tank will be suitably portable should the depot be relocated within the life of the tank.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

41/09 Tenders – Bitumen Patching Aggregate

Motion:

1. That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for E08016 Request for Standing Offers: Supply of Bitumen Patching Aggregate Walgett NSW -

* Newbold Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest and left the room at 1.59pm

42/09 Tenders – Plant Hire

Motion:

1. That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for E08007 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett NSW -

* Remoplains Pty Ltd
* PG & ME Stewart Contract Grading Pty Ltd
* Conplant Pty Ltd

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Keir re-entered the room at 2.01pm

43/09 2008/2009 NSW Rural Fire Service Budget Allocations

Motion:

That Council note that it will exceed its budget for Contribution - Rural Fire Service (11.3565.3955) by 4.1% as a result of the approved funding from the Minister for Emergency Services.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

44/09 Burren Junction Rural Fire Service Shed/Council Depot Building

Motion:

That Council amend its 2008/2009 Budget by transferring an amount of \$30,000 from the budget for Walgett Depot Land Acquisition (11.3057.3449), to the budget for Contribution - Rural Fire Service (11.3565.3955).

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

45/09 Road Maintenance Council Contract

Motion:

That the budget items for the Road Maintenance Contract Revenue be amended to \$714,000 for Routine Services (11.221.311) and \$4,500,000 for Ordered Works (11.221.325) and that the corresponding expenditure items (11.3352.2680, 11.3352.4031, 11.3353.2681, 11.3352.4031) be similarly amended in the aggregate.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

46/09 Timber Bridge Partnership Program

Motion:

1. Council approve and commit to funding the replacement of Cumberdoon Creek Bridge, 26 Mile Warrambool Bridge, and Sparkes Warrambool Bridge under the Timber Bridge Partnership Program, estimated to require \$1,720,000 of funds to be allocated in its 2009/2010 budget on a 1:1 funding ratio with NSW Roads and Traffic Authority; and
2. Council note that tenders will be called in February / March 2009 for construction in early 2009/2010 financial year.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

47/09 RTA Regional Roads REPAIR Program

Motion:

That Council note the application for funding of the reconstruction and sealing of MR333 Walgett - Carinda Road under the RTA Regional roads REPAIR Program has been assessed at a score of 30 points.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

48/09 Regional Roads Resealing

Motion:

That Council amend its 2008/2009 Budget by transferring an amount of \$200,000 from the budget for Regional Roads - Sealed Roads (11.3180.2615), to the budget for Regional Roads - Regional Roads Resealing (11.3180.2639).

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

49/09 Expressions of Interest – Precast Bridge Components

Motion:

That Council endorse a bridge design based on the Rocla “M-Lock Bridge System” and call a single select tender from Rocla Pty Ltd to supply components for bridges to be constructed in the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 financial years.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

50/09 MR457 Collarenebri – Mungindi Road Budget Allocation

Motion:

That Council amend its 2008/2009 Budget by transferring an amount of \$550,000 from the budget for Heavy Patching - Regional Roads (11.3180.2635), and an amount of \$110,000 from the budget for Regional Roads - Sealed Roads (11.3180.2615) to the budget for MR457 Reconstruction & Sealing (11.3180.2629)

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

51/09 Secure and Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sewerage services for Non-Metropolitan New South Wales

Motion:

1. Council considers Option 1: Binding Alliance as the favoured approach in negotiating with neighbouring councils.
2. Council initiates discussions with its neighbouring councils in reaching its final decision.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Motion:

That staff prepare a report on the cost and requirements to upgrade the Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Collarenebri water schemes and the financial position of each Water Fund and how the upgrades could be funded and what the likely charges would need to be.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Questions without Notice

Clr Smith

1. The Collarenebri computer system is down – rates are not being able to be receipted at the Agency. If anything comes in, can staff check the interest on rates that have been paid already?

RESPONSE:

The Director Corporate and Community Services and finance staff are in negotiations with the Agency and are currently trying to sort out the problem.

2. Is there a chance to negotiate with Murdi Paaki to put on staff through the 'work for the dole scheme' to help the Shire out at Collarenebri?

RESPONSE:

The Director Corporate and Community Services stated that we have an arrangement in process at the moment. Council is waiting for additional funding to be released. They are ready to start on a number of projects across the Shire.

Clr Walford

1. Is our payroll system up to standard?

RESPONSE:

Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that we have a transition date of the 9th April to go over to the new salary system.

Clr Colless left the room at 2:43pm

Clr Greenaway

1. What is the position description for the new Admin Services Officer?

RESPONSE:

The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that the position is responsible for a combination of duties and incorporates numerous activities such as searching for grants (grants officer), and providing administrative assistance to the Corporate and Community Services Division.

The General Manager further indicated that the position was not an additional position in terms of staff establishment.

Clr Colless excused himself from the rest of the meeting at 2.45pm

2. A community Survey was put out last year, when are we going to receive the results?

RESPONSE:

The Director Corporate & Community Services indicated that the results will be provided to the March meeting.

Clr Keir on behalf of Clr Colless

You are probably aware that a considerable part of the town of Walgett was Last Friday week, 13th February 2009, flooded. You may not be aware that the flood gates (drain outlets) on the levee bank were closed.

1. Were the flood gates closed on Friday 13th February 2009?
2. If they were closed, who was responsible for such closure?
3. Why was there such a delay from Council in pumping the dam adjacent to Euroka Street, which was put in to enable large rainfall to be safely pumped over the levee bank?

RESPONSE:

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services will investigate the issue and will provide a minute to Councillors.

Clr Keir

1. There needs to be a Drug and Alcohol Management Plan for our airport and it needs to be in place by 27th March, otherwise the airport will be in breach. Do we have a such a plan?

RESPONSE:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services will investigate and provide a minute to Councillors.

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Clr Murray

1. What is happening with the Primitive Camping Area?

RESPONSE:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services indicated to Councillors that the work is scheduled but no works has been commenced yet as the funding has not been granted or received.

The General Manager further indicated that the funding applications were put in for all projects identified at the last meeting, but no works will commence until the funding applications have been approved.

Clr Smith

1. A letter was received from S McLean dated 26th July 2007, regarding money available to the Collarenebri Jockey Club, is this money still available?

RESPONSE:

The General Manager indicated No, that money was not included in the 07/08 budget. All expenditure proposals will be considered in the budget formulation process, after a public call for proposals.

Clr Woodcock

1. The service road in Pandora Street needs patching - there are an enormous number of potholes. Can this be done?

RESPONSE:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services will investigate the issue.

52/09 Closed Council Meeting

Motion:

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

The following resolutions were brought forward from the Closed Council Meeting:-

53/09 Debt Recovery – Coleman/Walgett Spectator

Motion:

That the Administration proceed with action to recover the debt.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

54/09 Information Technology

Motion:

That Council ratifies the executive team decision to pursue the termination of Civica's contract and enter into a contract with Acceler8 Technologies for the Management of its IT services.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

55/09 Industrial Commission Report

Motion:

That the report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

56/09 Tenders – Supply & Delivery of Geotextile

Motion:

1. That Council accept tender from Polyfabrics Australia Pty Ltd for SPT10809WAL - Supply and Delivery of Geotextile; and
2. Authorise contract SPT10809WAL - Supply and Delivery of Geotextile to be executed by the Mayor and General Manager under Council Seal.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

57/09 Purchase of Land in Collarenebri for Skate Park

Motion:

That the budget be amended to allow \$8000 for the purchase of Lot 10 Sec 4 DP 758262 in Collarenebri and that the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to negotiate the purchase.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

58/09 Return to Open Session

Motion:

That Council return to open session

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.03pm

To be confirmed at the Ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 24th March 2009.

Mayor

General Manager