



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2015**

**ADOPTED:**

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE, 2015 AT 10:25 AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr Lane (Mayor)  
Clr Keir  
Clr Murray  
Clr Woodcock  
Clr Greenaway  
Clr Cooper  
Clr Taylor  
Clr Martinez  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Prafulla K.C (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Apologies**

**5/2015/1 Apologies**

**Resolved:**

That the apology from Clr Walford is accepted and a leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**Public Forum Presentations – Nil**

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Clr Greenaway declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 17.3 – Plant Hire and Supplementary Report - Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5- Extension of levee: Tender recommendation

Clr Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 17.3 – Plant Hire

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 17.3 – Plant Hire

Clr Murray declared a Pecuniary Interest in item – Supplementary Report – Walgett CBD Business Contribution

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**5/2015/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 May 2015**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 26 May 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved: Clr Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

## Mayoral Minutes

### **5/2015/3 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Mayor**

#### **Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Cooper

**CARRIED**

### **Notice of which Notice has been given – Nil**

### **Reports of Committees/Delegates**

### **5/2015/4 Minutes of the Work Health & Safety Committee 28 May 2015**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Work Health and Safety Committee meeting held 28 May 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

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

**CARRIED**

### **5/2015/5 Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee 11 June 2015**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 11 June 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

### **Reports from Officers**

### **5/2015/6 Council's Decision Action Report – June 2015**

#### **Recommendation:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/7 Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW**

**Recommendation:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 20-22 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Cooper

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/8 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government – June 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 15-15 /15-21 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/9 Monthly Calendar June 2015 – August 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period June 2015 – August 2015.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/10 Walgett Community College – Requests for meetings with the Minister for Education and The NSW Premier**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council request the Minister for Education, through the local member for Barwon Hon. Kevin Humphries MP, to urgently call a public meeting in Walgett to air community concerns in regards to the Walgett Community College's ongoing performance in an endeavour to identify locally, placed based solutions to the many and varied problems being experienced throughout all levels of the College. A copy of the letter be mailed to the following Members of Parliament: NSW Premier Michael Baird, the NSW Deputy Premier Troy Grant and Local Member Sarah Mitchell.

2. And further that Council issue an appropriate media release outlining the action it has taken.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

*Clr Woodcock left the meeting at 11:20am*

Clr Woodcock returned to the meeting at 11:24am

**5/2015/11 Proposal to Close Walgett National Bank Branch**

**Recommendation:**

That Council write to the National Australia Bank seeking confirmation that a new lease agreement has been signed with the current lessors and that the Walgett Branch will remain open and local residents be fully informed of progress in this regard through appropriate press releases.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/12 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Recommendation:**

That the following matters listed for brief mention or information only

- *National Stronger Regions Fund Round Two – Project Submissions*
- *Nominations for Australia Day 2016- Public Service Medal*
- *Drought Recovery and Resilience Planning Workshop*
- *Legislative Council inquiry into 'Fit For The Future' Reform Agenda Meeting*
- *Visit by The NSW Governor*

be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/13 Revised 2015/16 Draft Budget & Operational Plan and Supporting Integrated Planning & reporting documentation – General Manager's Overview**

**Recommendation:**

That the General Manager's Report in relation to the 2015/16 Draft Budget and Operational Plan be received and noted and the revised 2015/16 Draft Budget, Operational Plan and Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation be adopted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/14 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 May 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 May 2015 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Cooper

**CARRIED**

**Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Inc**

**A Motion was moved Clr Greenaway, seconded by Clr Keir that:**

1. That the Council note that it is unable to write off the \$200,000 loan to the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association under sec 213 of the Local Government General Regulation as previously resolved.
2. That the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association be advised that Council is unable to write off the loan and the Council will require repayment of the loan in equal instalments over three years commencing from the 2015/2016 financial year.

**Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Inc**

**An amendment was moved Clr Woodcock, seconded Clr Martinez that:**

That the Council donate \$200,000 to the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association under sec 213 of the Local Government General Regulation.

**The Amendment was subsequently withdrawn.**

**The Motion on being put was declared lost on the casting vote of the Chairman.**

*The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm for lunch.*

*The meeting resumed at 12:50pm with all those previously present again present.*

**5/2015/15 Making of the Ordinary Rates for the 2014/2015 year**

**Motion:**

That Council:

1. Resolves in accordance with sections 534 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*, to make the Ordinary Rates for the 2015/2016 rating year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 as set out in **Table 1** below on the land value for all rateable land within each category and sub-category at the amount in the dollar specified and the applicable base amounts for each category and sub-category applied in accordance with section 500 of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*.

**TABLE 1**

Rates											
Ordinary Rates - Depicting 2.4% Rates Pegging Increase											
Order	Description	No. Assess	Ad Valorem Amount in the Dollar	Base Amount	Minimum	2015/16 Ad Valorem	2015/16 Base	2015/16 Minimum	2015/16 Totals	2015/16 Base %	Avg Per Assessment
1	Walgett Residential	658	0.03517672	193.93	0	191,409.58	127,606.38		319,015.96	40%	484.83
2	Lightning Ridge Residential	651	0.01497955	273.22	0	238,271.56	102,116.38		340,387.94	30%	522.87
3	Collarenebri Residential	202	0.12182001	158.02	0	54,350.00	31,919.84		86,269.84	37%	427.08
4	Burren Junction Residential	94	0.03811608	149.78	0	23,973.11	14,079.45		38,052.56	37%	404.81
5	Carinda Residential	68	0.06943351	80.95	0	7,005.84	5,504.59		12,510.43	44%	183.98
6	Cumbarrah Residential	55	0.00574992	76.77	0	5,160.55	4,222.27		9,382.82	45%	170.60
7	Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential	38	0.38043412	79.01	0	3,252.71	3,002.50		6,255.21	48%	164.61
8	Residential - Preserved Opal Fields	1770	0.04384501	129.14	0	257,761.77	228,581.19		486,342.96	47%	274.77
9	Residential	93	0.00694543	146.12	0	27,590.71	13,589.45		41,180.16	33%	442.80
10	Walgett Business	122	0.04198263	273.22	0	81,607.10	33,332.48		114,939.57	29%	942.13
11	Lightning Ridge Business	108	0.00904277	425.80	0	58,527.96	45,986.25		104,514.22	44%	967.72
12	Collarenebri Business	31	0.13683110	224.15	0	15,466.02	6,948.50		22,414.52	31%	723.05
13	Burren Junction Business	20	0.03689874	211.11	0	9,851.96	4,222.27		14,074.23	30%	703.71
14	Carinda Business	20	0.02236100	101.65	0	3,179.73	2,032.94		5,212.68	39%	260.63
15	Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business	7	0.32955539	142.98	0	1,084.24	1,000.83		2,085.07	48%	297.87
16	Business - Preserved Opal Fields	51	0.05550703	129.14	0	16,263.56	10,842.37		27,105.93	40%	531.49
17	Business	102	0.00878528	177.02	0	21,195.80	18,055.68		39,251.47	46%	384.82
18	Rural (Farmland)	742	0.00295909	0.00	202.50	2,763,395.23	0.00	8,707.50	2,772,102.73	0%	3,735.99
19	Rural Irrigable (Farmland)	84	0.00295909	0.00	202.50	766,464.29	0.00	607.50	767,071.79	0%	9,131.81
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4916</b>				<b>4,545,812</b>	<b>653,043</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>5,208,170</b>		
									Notional Yield	5,096,045	
									Increase 2.4%	122,305	
										5,218,350	
									Less Excess from 14/15 Year	(5,671)	
									<b>Allowable Yield</b>	<b>5,212,679</b>	

2. Resolves in accordance with section 496 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*, Council make an annual charge of \$450.00 per service for the provision of domestic waste management services for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available for the 2015/2016 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.
3. Resolves in accordance with section 496 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*, Council make an annual charge of \$450.00 per service requested to non-rateable residential properties for the 2015/2016 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.
4. Resolves in accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*, Council make the annual charges for Water Supply, Sewerage Services and Waste Management Services for the 2015/2016 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015. These charges are set out in Council's *Operational Plan – Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/2016* under the headings Waste Management, Trade Waste Management, Sewerage and Water and are included in **Table 2**.

**TABLE 2**

SERVICE PROVIDED		WASTE MANAGEMENT		
		2015/2016	GST	TOTAL
Waste Management Charge (S501)	per annum	\$ 49.40	Nil	\$ 49.40
SERVICE PROVIDED		DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT		
		2015/2016	GST	TOTAL
Garbage Collection Charge (S496) per occupancy	per bin per annum	\$ 450.00	Nil	\$ 450.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		TRADE WASTE MANAGEMENT		
		2015/2016	GST	TOTAL
240L MGB Collection - weekly collection	per bin per annum	\$ 450.00	Nil	\$ 450.00
360L MGB Collection - twice weekly collection	per bin per annum	\$ 1,285.30	Nil	\$ 1,285.30
360L MGB weekly Service	per bin per annum	\$ 642.65	Nil	\$ 642.65
SERVICE PROVIDED		SEWERAGE		
		2015/2016	GST	TOTAL
All properties either connected to or within 75 metres of a Council sewer main and able to connect are charged				
Walgett	per annum	\$ 454.11	Nil	\$ 454.11
Lightning Ridge	per annum	\$ 403.24	Nil	\$ 403.24
Collarenebri	per annum	\$ 494.75	Nil	\$ 494.75
<b>Additional Sewer Connections (per connection)</b>				
Walgett	per annum	\$ 454.11	Nil	\$ 454.11
Lightning Ridge	per annum	\$ 403.24	Nil	\$ 403.24
Collarenebri	per annum	\$ 494.75	Nil	\$ 494.75
<b>Cistern charges - Applicable to Business categories (per toilet/urinal)</b>				
Walgett	per cistern	\$ 71.16	Nil	\$ 71.16
Lightning Ridge	per cistern	\$ 63.28	Nil	\$ 63.28
Collarenebri	per cistern	\$ 64.05	Nil	\$ 64.05
SERVICE PROVIDED		WATER		
		2015/2016	GST	TOTAL
<b>ACCESS</b>				
All properties either connected to or within 225 metres of a Council water main and able to connect are charged				
Access charges are charged per connection or possible connection. For example where a property has the potential to connect to both raw water and filtered water mains, two access charges will apply even though the land may not actually be supplied with water from any water pipe of the council.				
<b>River Water - Walgett and Collarenebri</b>				
20mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
20mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
25mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
25mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 711.47	Nil	\$ 711.47
32mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
32mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 1,165.84	Nil	\$ 1,165.84
40mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
40mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 1,821.91	Nil	\$ 1,821.91
50mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
50mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 2,847.01	Nil	\$ 2,847.01
75mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
75mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 6,405.49	Nil	\$ 6,405.49
100mm Connection	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
100mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 11,386.92	Nil	\$ 11,386.92
Unmetered	Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49
Unmetered	Non Residential	\$ 455.49	Nil	\$ 455.49



<b>Bore Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena</b>				
20mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
20mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
25mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
25mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 468.78	Nil	\$ 468.78
32mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
32mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 769.10	Nil	\$ 769.10
40mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
40mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 1,201.31	Nil	\$ 1,201.31
50mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
50mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 1,877.32	Nil	\$ 1,877.32
75mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
75mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 4,202.46	Nil	\$ 4,202.46
100mm Connection	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
100mm Connection	Non Residential	\$ 7,467.89	Nil	\$ 7,467.89
Unmetered	Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
Unmetered	Non Residential	\$ 300.35	Nil	\$ 300.35
<b>USAGE</b>				
River Water - Walgett and Collarenebri				
Filtered Usage Charge	per kilolitre <500kl	\$ 0.7565	Nil	\$ 0.7565
Filtered Usage Charge	per kilolitre >500kl	\$ 1.0591	Nil	\$ 1.0591
Raw Usage Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	\$ 0.2510	Nil	\$ 0.2510
Raw Usage Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	\$ 0.3515	Nil	\$ 0.3515
<b>Bore Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena</b>				
Usage Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	\$ 0.2222	Nil	\$ 0.2222
Usage Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	\$ 0.3111	Nil	\$ 0.3111

5. Resolves in accordance with Section 566 of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*, to adopt an interest rate on overdue rates and charges for the 2015/2016 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 of 8.5%, being the maximum rate set by the Office of Local Government.
6. Resolves in accordance with Section 563 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to adopt a discount of 3.6% for payment in full of total rates and charges (less any rebates) for ratepayers whose payments are received in full on or before the 31 August 2015.

**Moved: Clr Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

#### **5/2015/16 Title of Report; Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Long Term Financial Plan Including Fees and Charges**

##### **Recommendation:**

That Council having considered any submissions received:

1. Adopts the 2015 / 2016 Operational Plan and Budget, 2013/2014 – 2016/2017 Delivery Program and Long Term Ten (10) Year Financial Plan.
2. Adopts Fees and Charges 2015/2016 as listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/2016 with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.
3. Adopts the Water Pricing Structure as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges

**Moved: Clr Cooper**  
**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/17 Australian Opal Centre – Budget Submission Report**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the council agree to the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or similar instrument to record its intent to provide funding if the AOC obtains firm commitments for the balance of the \$30 million project funding.
2. That the AOC be advised that consideration of these projects would need to be undertaken as part of councils overall asset management and as such it is unable to provide a commitment for these future works at this time.

**Moved: Clr Taylor**  
**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/18 Lightning Ridge Water Fund Review**

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the report and that the Auditor be requested to review and confirm that financial position of the Lightning Ridge Water Fund and that Council prepare a detailed report for each minor fund/town within the Shire for review each year.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**  
**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/19 Move into Closed Session at 1:30pm**

**Resolved:**

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

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

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**  
**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

Clr Greenaway left the meeting at 1:35 pm

**5/2015/20 Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5- Extension of levee: Tender recommendation**

**Recommendation:**

1. Arrange to have an independent audit carried out of Stage 4 works
2. If the audit proves to be satisfactory Council endorses the NSW Public Works tender recommendation for the Walgett Levee upgrade Stage 5 Extension of the levee.
3. That Council then accept the tender price offered by Central West Civil Pty Ltd in the sum of \$1,060,933 GST inclusive.
4. That Council ensure Central West Civil has paid all subcontractors prior to making any progress payments.
5. In the event the independent audit is unsatisfactory Council award the tender to the next lowest conforming tender that of Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd in the sum of \$1,595,888.
6. That Council ensure Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd if it becomes the accepted tender, has also paid all subcontractors prior to making any progress payments.
7. That appropriate provisions and/or extensions be made with the successful tender in regards to outstanding Native Title and Aboriginal Land claims prior to the awarding of the contract.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting at 2:20pm

**5/2015/21 Write off of rates and charges on cancelled assessments**

**Recommendation:**

That Council resolve to write off outstanding rates and charges totalling \$13,328.54 on assessments noted in **Table 1** in accordance with Section 607 of Local Government Act 1993 and Section 131 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

<b>TABLE 1</b>			
<b>Assessment Number</b>	<b>Ratepayer Name</b>	<b>Details of Land Held in Assessment</b>	<b>Amount to be written off</b>
30080	Norm Lowe Holdings Pty Ltd	Cancelled Mining Purposes Lease 100 - Cancelled in 2012/2013 rating year	\$ 5,039.95
46243	Jennifer Field	Cancelled Mineral Claim 49861 - Cancelled in 2010/2011 rating year	\$ 3,324.48
47084	Estate of Late Michael Moore	Forfeited Western Lands Lease - Cancelled 09/10/2013	\$ 1,579.03
55442	Julie Stanley	Cancelled Mineral Claim 49261 - Cancelled in 2009/2010 rating year	\$ 2,888.83
55871	Gavan Horsburgh	Cancelled Mineral Claim 49861 - Cancelled in 2004/2005 rating year	\$ 496.25
			<b>\$ 13,328.54</b>

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/22 Interest in acquiring Land & Developing Land in Burren Junction****Recommendation:**

That the Council invite Expressions of Interest for the purchase of Lots 2 & 3 Section 4 DP 758199 as a single parcel.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir, Martinez and Clr Greenaway left the meeting at 2:35pm*

**5/2015/23 Tenders- Plant Hire****Recommendations:**

That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for RFQ 15/011 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW –

S.No	Company	S.No	Company
1	Dubbo Traffic Control	25	PremiAir Services Pty Ltd
2	Tutt Bryant Hire	26	Ezyquip
3	Kennards Hire	27	Neill Earthmoving
4	Central West Civil	28	Ellis Profiling
5	Wax Grading	29	Batterline Earthmoving
6	Bow's Sand and Gravel P/L	30	Rob Rubie & Rubie Bros Pty Ltd
7	Ridgerock Earthmoving & Mining	31	Jonesy's Bobcat
8	Conolly's Liquid Waste Services	32	Bunyan Earthmoving
9	Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd	33	Manuel Martinez
10	Wintergreen Investments P/L	34	PR & JA Cochrane
11	RA & JM Ramien	35	Advance Sweepers
12	Thurston's Transport	36	PW Concrete & Gravel
13	Canfell Waste	37	Earth Plant Hire
14	Sandaran Australia	38	Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting
15	Sherrin Rentals	39	NGH Earthmoving
16	Conplant	40	Earthco Projects Pty Ltd
17	PG & ME Stewart Grader Hire	41	Norwest Plant Hire Pty Ltd
18	RGT Cochrane	42	EMS Group P/L
19	Carbon Farming	43	MJ & GD Barton
20	Robbo's Construction & Earthworks	44	A1 Tree Services
21	Newbold Bulk Haulage	45	Sams Liquid Waste
22	Katunga Earthworks	46	Teirney Crushing & Transport Pty Ltd
23	Hill Earthmoving	47	Rollers Australia
24	MAAS Plant Hire Pty Ltd	48	JR Weate Pty Ltd

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir, Martinez and Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting at 2:40pm*

**5/2015/25 Return to Open Session at 2:41 pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/26 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5- Extension of levee: Tender recommendation
- 2) Write off of rates and charges on cancelled assessments
- 3) Interest in acquiring Land & Developing Land in Burren Junction
- 4) Tenders- Plant Hire

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/27 Development and complying development certificate Applications**

**Recommendation:**

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for April - May 2015

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Murray left the meeting at 2:46pm*

**5/2015/28 Walgett CBD Business Contributions**

**Recommendation:**

**That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:**

1. Note the email dated 28 April 2015 from Kathryn Byrne in support of the Walgett CBD Business Contributions.
2. Allocate \$100,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to 1:1 contributions in the B2 Local Centre zone for fascia upgrades, including security measures, subject to Council approval (works must demonstrate improved visual amenity).
3. Advertise the availability of the contributions in the Walgett Spectator and on Council's website.
4. An upper limit of \$5000 to apply to any single contribution.
5. That Government authorities and NGOs be excluded from the scheme.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Murray returned to the meeting at 2:51pm*

**5/2015/29 Removal grids on Burransbaa Road**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council approve the proposed amount of \$ 24,000 (Including Council's contribution at \$ 4000 per grid) to remove the four grids and remove fence from the road reserve to the new fence line and restore the site as per Council's requirement, all work to be undertaken by the landowner at their expense.
2. Payment to be made on final inspection.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/30 Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress report from Director Engineering Services**

**Recommendation:**

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

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/31 Monthly RMCC works Report – May 2015**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for May 2015.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**Questions for Next Meeting**

**Clr Taylor**

**Question 1**

Can Council erect a sign on the Narran Lakes Road with directions to Lightning Ridge and Cumborah?

**Response**

The Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 2**

Can Council erect a sign on the Burransbar Road / Angedool Road with directions to Lightning Ridge?

**Response**

The Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 3**

Can Council repair the malfunctioning lights at the bore baths and in the adjacent paddock in Lightning Ridge?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 4**

Can Council renovate men's section-cubicle 1 at the Lightning Ridge bore baths as the partitions have been damaged?

**Response**

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

**Question 5**

Can Council replace the stolen disability rails in the amenities block at the Lightning Ridge bore baths?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 6**

Can Council inspect the Cumborah Road (located on the second grid from the Lightning Ridge turn off) that requires patching?

**Response**

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

**Question 7**

Can Council make consideration in Council's future budget for a sliding door at the Lightning Ridge information centre?

**Response**

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

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1**

Can Council write to Essential Energy requesting information in regards to Company plans affecting Walgett Shire employees?

**Response**

The General Manager to take appropriate action.

**Question 2**

Can Council write to the RFS regarding the conditions for providing 24hrs notice to burn-off?

**Response**

The General Manager to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 3**

Can Council follow up on increasing the visiting timeframes allowed for tourist at the Narran Lake Reserve?

**Response**

The General Manager to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 4**

Can Council investigate widening of the car spaces at the IGA in Walgett?

**Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services informed Council that the carpark is in accordance with the Australian Standards.

**Question 5**

Can Council write to rate payers regarding the use of rural roads after rain, perhaps publish it in the rates notices?

**Response**

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

**Clr Martinez**

**Question 1**

Can Council repair the malfunctioning lights on Pandora Street in Lightning Ridge?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 2**

Can Council inspect Agate Street in Lightning Ridge that requires patching?

**Response**

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

**Clr Cooper**

**Question 1**

What is the progress on the new bore in Walgett?

**Response**

The General Manager informed Council it is nearing completion and flow rate testing will be undertaken shortly.



**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1**

Can Council inspect the Wimbledon Road (R64) that requires resealing?

**Response**

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

**Question 2**

How often are the Shire roads inspected by Council staff for repairs?

**Response**

The Director of Engineering Services to prepare response.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1**

Can Council inspect the plaques at the Walgett cemetery that require replacing?

**Response**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Question 2**

What is the progress in regards to the correct spelling of Hardy's Lease Road?

**Response**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services informed Council that the letter has been sent and awaiting reply.

**5/2015/32 Move into Closed Session at 3.25 pm**

**Resolved:**

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

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

**Moved:       Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded:   Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/33 Organisational Restructure Progress**

**Recommendation:**

For Council's information.

**Moved:       Clr Keir**

**Seconded:   Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/34 Return to Open Session at 3:50 pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**5/2015/35 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Organisational Restructure Progress

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 28 July 2015 in Walgett.

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Mayor

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General Manager