



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

19 JUNE 2007

*Stephen McLean
General Manager*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2007 COMMENCING AT 10.00 am**

PRESENT

Mr Vic Smith	Administrator
Mr Stephen McLean	General Manager
Mrs Emma Darcy	Manager Corporate Services
Mr Matthew Goodwin	Manager Planning and Regulations
Mr Alan Nelson	Manager Engineering
Ms Natalie Dunstan	Minute Secretary

Administrator Vic Smith welcomed those attending the meeting and invited any member of the community to address matters listed within the Council Agenda.

OPEN FORUM PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations made by members of the public.

127/07 – Confirmation of Minutes – 15 May 2007

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 May 2007 be confirmed.

Carried.

128/07 – Acceptance of the Reserve Trust Minutes

RESOLUTION: -

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

1. Council endorse the resolutions of the Reserve Trust meetings held 15 May 2007 and 19 June 2007.
2. That Council takes action to implement the resolutions of the Reserve Trusts.

Carried.

129/07 – Council Meeting Dates 2007- 2008

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council's scheduled meeting dates be set as listed below for the period July 2007 until June 2008.

Month	Day	Date	Location
July 2007	Tuesday	17 th	Lightning Ridge
August 2007	Tuesday	21 st	Collarenebri
September 2007	Tuesday	18 th	Walgett
October 2007	Tuesday	16 th	Carinda
November 2007	Tuesday	20 th	Burren Junction
December 2007	Tuesday	18 th	Walgett
January 2008	No Meeting		
February 2008	Tuesday	19 th	Walgett
March 2008	Tuesday	18 th	Lightning Ridge
April 2008	Tuesday	15 th	Collarenebri
May 2008	Tuesday	20 th	Rowena
June 2008	Tuesday	17 th	Walgett

Carried.

130/07 – Code of Meeting Practice

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the report on Council's Code of Meeting Practice be deferred until the next meeting of Council scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 17 July 2007.

Carried.

131/07 – Rural Fire Zoning

RESOLUTION: -

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

1. Enter into a New South Wales Rural Fire Service Zone with Warren and Coonamble Shire Councils.
2. Authorise the General Manager and Administrator to sign the North West Zone RFS Zoning Agreement under seal.

Carried.

132/07 – Recruitment and Retention Applications

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That Council note the application dealt with under the “Labour Market Premium” policy.
2. That \$50,000.00 be considered in the 2007/2008 management plan for a review of the current salary system.

Carried.

133/07 – Walgett Pre School Long Day Care Centre – Repayment of Loan

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That Council note that the two year interest free loan of \$350,000 to Walgett Pre School Long Day Care Centre has been paid in full on 16 May 2007.
2. That Council note that the loan to Walgett Pre School Long Day Care Centre was repaid before the interest free period of two years expired.
3. That Council contribute \$1,575.00 towards the legal costs payable by Walgett Pre School Long Day Care for the preparation of the Lease between Walgett Shire Council and Walgett Pre School Long Day Care.
4. That Council commend all parties involved in the project for their dedication to the establishment of a day care centre in Walgett.

Carried.

134/07 – Lightning Ridge and Walgett and Districts Tourism Brochure

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council reallocate \$23,000.00 from *Expenditure Tourism – Economic Development* to *Expenditure Tourism – Advertising / Publications* for the printing and distribution of 50,000 Lightning Ridge and Walgett District Tourism Brochures.

Carried.

135/07 – Family Day Care Office

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council continue to support Family Day Care in operating and recruiting carers as this is a valuable service provided to the community and much needed in the surrounding areas where no child care options are available.

Carried.

136/07 – Investment Policy

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council's Investment Policy as attached be adopted and reviewed in June 2008.

INVESTMENT POLICY



1.1 Policy Statement

Walgett Shire Council is committed to openness and transparency in its financial management practices and sets out to ensure that the Council's funds are secure when investing surplus funds by adopting appropriate credit and duration limits and to maximise earnings subject to those limits. Walgett Shire Council is committed to the preservation of capital rather than rate of return.

INVESTMENT POLICY



1.2 Authority for Investment

All investments are to be made in accordance with:

- Local Government Act 1993 – Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 – Investment Order (of the Minister) dated 15th July 2005.
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2005 – Clause 16

1.3 Delegation of Authority

The General Manager has the authority to invest surplus funds and may delegate this function to the Director of Corporate Services and/or Council Accountant. All investments must be signed by two (2) signatories. The following officers have the authority to sign investments:

1. General Manager
2. Manager Corporate Services
3. Accountant
4. Finance Officer

1.4 Policy Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

- Preservation of capital is maintained;
- Council maximises the return on surplus funds, taking into consideration the levels of risk;
- Risk Management strategies are in place to protect Council investments;
- Council complies with its legislative responsibilities, including provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that provides for reporting on council investments by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

1.5 Scope

This policy applies to the employees of Walgett Shire Council and in particular to the Manager Corporate Services, Accountant and employees of the Finance Department.

INVESTMENT POLICY



2.1 Investment Guidelines

- **Forms of Investment** – Forms of Investment for the purposes of section 625 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 are by Order of the Minister notifying forms of investment. A copy of the Investment Order is attached as “Annexure A”.
- **Legislative Obligations** – All investments are to be made exercising care, diligence and skill that a prudent person of business would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons. Investments that are speculative or hazardous in nature are to be avoided.
- **Legislative Requirements** – All investments are to be made in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, with particular regard to the following:
 1. The purpose of the investment;
 2. The desirability of diversifying council investments;
 3. The nature of and risk associated with council investments;
 4. The desirability of maintaining the real value of the capital and income of the investment;
 5. The risk of capital or income loss or depreciation;
 6. The potential for capital appreciation;
 7. The likely income return and the timing of income return;
 8. The length of the term of a proposed investment;
 9. The period for which the investment is likely to be required ;
 10. The liquidity and marketability of a proposed investment during, and on the determination of, the term of the investment;
 11. The aggregate value of the assets of the council;
 12. The likelihood of inflation affecting the value of the proposed investment;
 13. The costs of making a proposed investment;
 14. The results of any review of existing council investments.
 15. Other matters as appropriate.

INVESTMENT POLICY



- **Working Capital** – the Commonwealth Bank working account balance of Council is to be kept at a level no greater than is required to meet Council's immediate working capital requirements, with any surplus funds being applied either to reduce debt or for investment purposes.
- **Quotations** – Three (3) quotations will be obtained from authorised institutions before making an investment. The Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting require that Council maintains a separate record of these quotations.
- **Maximum Value** – The maximum value allowed to be invested with any one institution is \$1,000,000 unless approved by Council.
- **Long term investments** – Investments fixed for a period greater than 12 months, should they arise, are to be approved by Council.
- **Separate Records Maintained** – The Code of Accounting Practice requires Council to maintain a separate record of money it has invested under section 625 of the Act. The record must specify
 - a) the source and amount of money invested;
 - b) particulars of the security or form the money is invested;
 - c) if available, the rate of interest to be paid, the amount of money that the council has earned, in respect to the money invested.
- **Reports on Council Investments** – The responsible accounting officer must provide Council with a written report detailing all money that Council has invested. This information must be presented in accordance with Section 625 of the Act and must be presented at each monthly ordinary meeting. This report must include a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and Council's investment policy.
- **Third Party Investors** – Any investment advisor or investment dealer acting on behalf of Council must be licensed with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission. These third parties are expected to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in investing council funds. This policy is to be presented to all third parties to ensure that Fund Managers are delivering appropriately and complying with Council's requirements, including the Ministerial Investment Order. The responsible accounting officer should obtain assurance from Fund Managers that third party investments comply with Council's requirements.
- **Withdrawal of Investments** – In the event that a credit rating of a security, company or body issuing the security falls below the minimum requirement, as set out in the Minister's Order, a council must make all the necessary arrangements to withdraw the deposit as soon as practicable.

INVESTMENT POLICY



- **Annual Review** – Investment performance will be reviewed at the end of each financial year, and the outcomes will be reported to Council. The investment policy will also be reviewed at this time.

Appendix A – Local Government Act 1993 – Ministerial Investment Order (2005)


APPENDIX “A”

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – INVESTMENT ORDER
(Relating to investments by councils)

I, David Campbell, MP, Acting Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of section 625 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and with the approval of the Treasurer, do, by this my Order, notify for the purposes of section 625 of that Act that a council may only invest money (on the basis that all investments must be denominated in Australian Dollars) in the following forms of investment:

- (a) any public funds or Government stock or Government securities of the Commonwealth or any State of the Commonwealth;
- (b) any debentures or securities guaranteed by the Government of New South Wales;
- (c) any debentures or securities, issued by a public or local authority, or a statutory body representing the Crown, constituted by or under any law of the Commonwealth, of any State of the Commonwealth or of the Northern Territory or of the Australian Capital Territory and guaranteed by the Commonwealth, any State of the Commonwealth or a Territory;
- (d) any debentures or securities issued by a Territory and guaranteed by the Commonwealth;
- (e) any debentures or securities issued by a council (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993);
- (f) mortgage of land in any State or Territory of the Commonwealth;
- (g) purchase of land (including any lot within the meaning of the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996) in any State or Territory of the Commonwealth;
- (h) interest bearing deposits in a bank authorised to carry on the business of banking under any law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth;
- (i) interest bearing deposits with a building society or credit union;
- (j) any bill of exchange which has a maturity date of not more than 200 days; and if purchased for value confers on the holder in due course a right of recourse against a bank, building society or credit union as the acceptor or endorser of the bill for an amount equal to the face value of the bill;
- (k) any securities which are issued by a body or company (or controlled parent entity either immediate or ultimate) with a Moody's Investors Service, Inc. credit rating of "Aaa", "Aa1", "Aa2", "Aa3", "A1" or "A2" or a Standard & Poor's Investors Service, Inc credit rating of "AAA", "AA+", "AA", "AA-", "A+", or "A" or a Fitch Rating credit rating of "AAA", "AA+", "AA", "AA-", "A+" or "A";
- (l) any securities which are given a Moody's Investors Service, Inc credit rating of "Aaa", "Aa1", "Aa2", "Aa3", "A1", "A2" or "Prime-1" or a Standard and Poor's Investors Service, Inc credit rating of "AAA", "AA+", "AA", "AA-", "A+", "A", "A1+" or "A1" or a Fitch Rating credit rating of "AAA", "AA+", "AA", "AA-", "A+" or "A";
- (m) any debentures or securities issued by a bank, building society or credit union;
- (n) a deposit with the Local Government Investment Service Pty Ltd;
- (o) a deposit with the New South Wales Treasury Corporation or investments in an Hour-Glass investment facility of the New South Wales Treasury Corporation.

Dated this day of 15TH JULY 2005


Hon DAVID CAMPBELL MP
Acting Minister for Local Government

Carried.

137/07 – Report of Inspections Performed for the Month of May 2007

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council receive and note the report on the Occupational Health and Safety inspection and ongoing actions, of the Collarenebri Depot of the Walgett Shire Council.

Carried.

138/07 – Monthly Management Report to 31 May 2007

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council note the Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2007.

Carried.

139/07 – Northern Regional Library

RESOLUTION: -

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

1. Council advise Northern Regional Library that it will continue its membership for a further twelve months to 30 June 2008.
2. Council advise Northern Regional Library that they intend on closely monitoring the resources and service provided by Northern Regional Library.

Carried.

140/07 – School to Work Program

RESOLUTION: -

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

1. Council endorse Walgett Shire Council School to Work Program.
 2. Council commend the staff on actions taken to initiate the Walgett Shire Council School to Work Program.
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SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM



1.1 Program Aims

Walgett Shire Council is committed to providing a high quality of service and responsiveness to the needs of the community within Walgett Shire. Part of this service is to provide work experience opportunities for local students through a *School to Work Program*.

1.2 Short Term Goals

Students

- Provide young people with responsibility and an exciting venture outside the school environment yet within the school curriculum.
- A direct insight to work at Walgett Shire Council.
- Incentive to attend school.

Walgett Shire Council

- Students learning on the job.
- Promote Councils commitment to Community Working Party Action Plan and Walgett Shire Management Plan.
- Establish partnership with Walgett Community College.

Walgett Shire

- Establishment of School to Work Program.

1.3 Long Term Goals

Students

- Ability to apply for Vacant Positions.
- Work experience.
- Increase in confidence.
- Increase in skills.
- Access to formal training which assists in future Job Applications.
- Work Ethic.
- Ability to identify career opportunities.
- Understanding of Local Government.

SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM



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- Increase employable labour.
- Students with skills directly supervised by Council staff.
- Ability for students with work experience to apply for advertised positions.
- Positions left vacant for a shorter period.
- Increase Council's number of apprenticeships and traineeships.
- On going partnership with Walgett Community College.

Walgett Shire

- Students finishing school with work experience skills.
- More employable students.
- A larger pool of skilled people within the Shire.
- Ability for students with work experience to apply for advertised positions.

2.1 Employment Conditions

- All students are to be given a staff induction by Human Resources Manager.
- All students to be given a Work experience package.
- All students are to be given a copy of Position Description to enable them to be fully informed of what the position duties are.
- Student hours are to be negotiated between Walgett Community College and Walgett Shire Council. Set hours each week are preferred for continuity.
- Each student will be expected to sign in and sign off each day.
- Each student will be given the opportunity to attend in house training relevant to the position they hold.
- Council will provide recruitment training to each student involved in the program.

2.2 "Buddy" System

Each work experience student will be allocated a Buddy within the Council. This Buddy will work directly with the student to enable a working relationship to develop. Each student is encouraged to explore work experience opportunities in all areas of Council and will not be limited to any one area.

2.3 Mentor

The Community Facilitator and Aboriginal Liaison Officer will be available to act as Mentors for the students.

SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM



3.1 Pay Conditions

Each student will be assessed after working a consecutive four week period. Each student will be reviewed at the start of week five and if their level of performance is satisfactory than they will paid in accordance with Local Government State Award (2004).

Students will be assessed through Councils staff appraisal system – Work Experience Position Description.

Aim	Activity	Measurement, Method and Target	Responsible
Develop School to Work Program	Develop School to Work Strategy	Complete	Manager Corporate Services/Community Facilitator/HR Coordinator
	Seek support from relevant Community Groups	Complete	Community Facilitator/Aboriginal Liaison Officer
	Co ordinate program in consultation with Walgett Community College	Complete	Manager Corporate Services/Community Facilitator/Aboriginal Liaison Officer
	On the Job Training	Complete, program implemented 6/6/07	Manager Corporate Services/Community Facilitator/HR Coordinator
Induct Students into Council	HR Co Coordinator to present induction package	Complete, 6/6/07	HR Coordinator
	OH&S Induction	Complete, 6/6/07	OH&S Coordinator
	Students introduced to <i>Buddy</i>	Complete, 6/6/07	HR Coordinator
	Students taken to relevant area	Complete, 6/6/07	Buddy
	Commence on the job training	Complete, 6/6/07	Buddy
Monitor Performance	Four week trial period	Four weeks from start date	HR Coordinator
	Staff Appraisal	Appriaisal to be held in week 5	HR Coordinator/Buddy
	Assess payment under Local Government State Award (2004)	After staff appraisal	HR Coordinator
	Monthly Staff Appraisals	Each month	Community Facilitator/Aboriginal Liaison Officer/Buddy/HR Coordinator
	Mentor	On going	Community Facilitator/Aboriginal Liaison Officer
Evaluate strategy outcomes	Review and assess each student	Decemebr 2007	Manager Corporate Services/Community Facilitator/HR Coordinator
	Assess eligibility for ongoing work experience	Decemebr 2007	Manager Corporate Services/Community Facilitator/HR Coordinator

Carried.

141/07 – Walgett Shire Council Social Plan 2007-2010

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator :-

- 1 That Council receive and note the draft copy of the Community Social Plan 2007-2010.
2. That the Walgett Shire Council Community Social Plan be placed on public display for 28 days ending 20 July, 2007.

Carried.

142/07 – Objection to Re-Categorisation of Land

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator :-

1. That Council declines the objection to re-categorisation for Assessments 5043 and 2403 on the basis that:
 - a) Each Assessment has a licence to extract gravel and
 - b) The total area of each Assessment is 4 hectares and therefore not considered to be viable farmland.
2. That Council decline the objection to re-categorisation of Assessment 5512 on the basis that the category, Mining, will cease to exist as at 1 July 2007 as per direction from the Department of Local Government.

Carried.

143/07 – National Community Crime Prevention Program Application for Funding CCTV Installation Project.

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator That Council endorse the National Community Crime Prevention Programme Application for Funding prepared by Walgett Shire Council for funding of \$150,000 towards the CCTV Installation Program.

Carried.

144/07 – Strategic Regional Programme

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council make application to the Minister for Local Government for borrowings not exceeding \$1,800,000.00 for the purpose of Strategic Regional Projects on RR329 and RR333.

Carried.

145/07 – Department of Community Services – Service Agreement 2007/2008

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council approves the Administrator and General Manager to sign, under seal, a service agreement with the Minister for Community Services for renewable funding grants for 2007/2008 as follows:-

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	\$37,060.00
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	\$43,545.00
VACATION CARE (Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge)	<u>\$10,868.00</u>
TOTAL	\$91,473.00

Carried.

146/07 – Sale of Land for Overdue Rates

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council note the status of the sale of land for unpaid rates and charges held on Saturday 5 May 2007.

Carried.

147/07 – Report on Rates and Charges – 31 May 2007

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Report on Rates as at 31 May 2007 be received.

Carried.

148/07 – Investment Report as at 31 May 2007

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Investment Report as at 31 May 2007 be received.

Carried.

**149/07 – Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Funding Agreement for Services Under the Child Care Support Program**

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council approves the Administrator and General Manager to sign, under seal, a funding agreement in the amount of \$52,852.00 (GST Excl) between the Commonwealth of Australia, as represented by and acting through the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Walgett Shire Council to deliver services under the Child Care Support Program.

Carried.

150/07 – Purchasing Policy

RESOLUTION: -

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

1. Council adopt the *“Walgett Shire Council Purchasing Policy and Procedures”* document as presented to Council.
2. The Purchasing Policy and Procedures document be reviewed in May 2009.

151/07 – Walgett Shire Tourism Signage

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That Council receive the Walgett Shire Tourism Signage Audit.
2. That Council place this document on public exhibition for twenty eight days and invite written submissions by 22 July 2007.
3. That Council adopt the Walgett Shire Tourism Signage Audit at the August 2007 Council meeting when all stakeholders have had the opportunity to make comments regarding the Audit known to Council and changes have been implemented.

Carried.

152/07 – Youth Off the Streets Project

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between Walgett Shire Council and Youth Off the Streets taking into consideration the report presented to Council on 19 June 2007.
2. That Council consider a subsidy towards Youth Off the Streets for inclusion in the 2007/2008 Management Plan.
3. That Council's Solicitors, Booth Brown Samuels and Olney be forwarded the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between Walgett Shire Council and Youth Off the Streets for review, prior to the General Manager authorising and signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

Carried.

153/07 – Request for Waiving of Temporary Licence Fees

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That Council make a Section 356 Donation for the Temporary Licence Agreement for Collarenebri Showground Racecourse Reserve to hold the Charity Ride for Cancer held on Saturday, 16 June 2007.
2. That the approval of this request not be seen as a precedent and that all future applications for waiving of fees will be assessed by Council based on their individual request.

Carried.

154/07 – Development Application 2007019 – Gleeson Surveying

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council approve Development Application 2007019 to subdivide Lot 18 DP 665546 subject to the following conditions of consent:

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

As no 'work' is to be undertaken, there are no prescribed conditions of development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS SET BY COUNCIL

GENERAL

Gen 010.

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.

SUBDIVISION

Sub 010.

That two lots are created by the subdivision of Lot 18, DP 665546, one of about 0.54 hectares and the other about 649.7 hectares.

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

Sub 020.

A surveyor's plan must be submitted to Walgett Shire Council prior to the expiry date of this development consent so that the subdivision certificate on the plan can be signed by an authorised officer.

Reason: The subdivision cannot be registered with the Land Titles Office, and be finalised, until the subdivision certificate on the surveyors plan is signed by an authorised officer of Walgett Shire Council.

APPROVED PLANS

Pln 010.

The development shall be implemented in accordance with:

- (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.

Carried

155/07 – Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator 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 May 2007.

Carried.

156/07 – Namoi Aquatic Initiative Project

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council adopt the following response to the NSW Department of Primary Industries, in relation to the removal of two identified fish barriers within the Namoi River :

1. That Council not agree to the removal of the temporary weir in the Namoi River at Walgett until such time that the crest level of Weir 11A on the Barwon River is re-established to at least its original height.
2. That Council agree to meet 50% of the cost, to a maximum of \$20,000, to provide for low flow fish passage across Stony Crossing on the Epping Road.

Carried.

157/07 – Plant Replacement Programme

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council adopt in principle the fifteen (15) year plant replacement programme as attached.

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PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

Based upon the following operating periods between replacements

- Grader - 10 years
- Loader - 12 years
- Backhoe - 12 years
- Water Cart - 10 years
- Mower - 5 years
- Roller - 10 years
- Forklift - 15 years
- Tractor - 15 years
- Ditch Witch - 11 years
- Bobcat - 12 years
- Traffic Signals - 5 years
- Patching Truck - 10 years
- Heavy Truck - 12 years
- Light Truck - 15 years
- Footpath Sweeper - 8 years
- Footpath Roller - 15 years
- Float - 20 years
- Fuel Trailer - 10 years
- Waste Truck - 6 years
- Plumbers Truck - 10 years

Plant Item (Number)	Year Purchased	Unit Cost of Replacement	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Grader (69)	1997	\$250,000	\$250,000										\$250,000					
Grader (75)	1999	\$250,000			\$250,000										\$250,000			
Grader (120)	1998	\$250,000		\$250,000										\$250,000				
Grader (131)	2006	\$250,000										\$250,000						
Grader (150)	2001	\$250,000					\$250,000											\$250,000
Water Cart (174)	1995	\$180,000	\$180,000										\$180,000					
Tractor (186)	1998	\$70,000							\$70,000									
Mower (401)	2002	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000
Mower (402)	2002	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000
Mower (403)	2004	\$30,000			\$30,000					\$30,000								
Mower (404)	2006	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000	
Footpath Sweeper (702)	2004	\$40,000						\$40,000								\$40,000		
Footpath Sweeper (703)	2004	\$70,000						\$70,000							\$70,000			
Mower (726)	1994	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000
Tractor (728)	1999	\$50,000								\$50,000								

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Plant Item (Number)	Year Purchased	Unit Cost of Replacement	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Ditch Witch (730)	1995	\$80,000	\$80,000											\$80,000				
Mower (732)	1999	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000
Mower (733)	2004	\$30,000			\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000			
Tractor (734)	1999	\$60,000								\$60,000								
Mower (736)	1995	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000
Mower (742)	1994	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000
Loader (763)	2002	\$230,000								\$230,000								
Roller (781)	2002	\$150,000						\$150,000										\$150,000
Roller (783)	2002	\$150,000						\$150,000										\$150,000
Roller (784)	2002	\$150,000						\$150,000										\$150,000
Backhoe (791)	1996	\$140,000		\$140,000												\$140,000		
Backhoe (792)	2001	\$140,000							\$140,000									
Backhoe (794)	1996	\$140,000		\$140,000												\$140,000		
Roller (815)	1994	\$130,000	\$130,000										\$130,000					
Footpath Roller (820)	1995	\$30,000				\$30,000												
Bobcat (840)	1997	\$80,000			\$80,000												\$80,000	
Forklift (845)	1996	\$80,000					\$80,000											
Float (961)	1976	\$90,000		\$90,000														
Float (962)	1992	\$90,000						\$90,000										
Traffic Signals (1003)	2006	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000						\$30,000
Traffic Signals (1004)	2006	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000						\$30,000
Traffic Signals (1005)	2007	\$30,000					\$30,000					\$30,000						\$30,000
Fuel Trailer (1008)	2006	\$10,000											\$10,000					
Fuel Trailer (1010)	2006	\$10,000											\$10,000					
Fuel Trailer (1011)	2006	\$10,000											\$10,000					
Light Truck (5201)	1993	\$80,000		\$80,000														
Heavy Truck (5210)	1996	\$180,000		\$180,000												\$180,000		
Heavy Truck (5246)	1999	\$100,000					\$100,000											
Light Truck (5271)	1993	\$60,000		\$60,000														
Patching Truck (5289)	1992	\$300,000	\$300,000								\$280,000							
Light Truck (5297)	1991	\$60,000	\$60,000															
Patching Truck (5316)	1998	\$300,000		\$300,000														
Heavy Truck (5344)	1991	\$120,000	\$120,000													\$120,000		
Heavy Truck (5353)	2002	\$120,000								\$120,000								
Light Truck (5354)	2002	\$80,000											\$80,000					
Light Truck (5394)	1993	\$60,000		\$60,000														
Light Truck (5501)	1998	\$100,000							\$100,000									
Waste Truck (5905)	1999	\$260,000			\$260,000						\$260,000						\$260,000	
Waste Truck (5906)	2005	\$200,000				\$200,000						\$200,000						\$200,000
Plumbers Truck (5912)	2004	\$60,000							\$60,000									
Light Truck (5938)	1995	\$80,000				\$80,000												
Light Truck (5946)	1998	\$60,000							\$60,000									
TOTAL			\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$650,000	\$310,000	\$550,000	\$830,000	\$370,000	\$580,000	\$540,000	\$600,000	\$820,000	\$330,000	\$280,000	\$690,000	\$710,000	\$830,000

Carried.

158/07 – Carinda Hall

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That Council commit \$20,958.00 in the 2007/2008 Management Plan to the Carinda Hall.
2. That Council submits an application for Regional Partnerships funding to complete a \$60,000 project at Carinda Hall with a contribution of \$20,958 from Council and a further contribution from the Carinda community.
3. That, in the event the application for Regional Partnerships funding is unsuccessful, Council uses its contribution to address those external doors that do not comply with the Building Code of Australia.

Carried.

159/07 – Supply of Pavement Stabilisation Services

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council, having regard to the specialised service required and the need to attract offers from suitably experienced operators, invite tenders from NSW based contractors who are members of the Australian Stabilisation Industry Association, in addition to the company Roadbusters Pavement Recycling and Stabilisation, for the supply of pavement stabilisation services in Walgett Shire for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in lieu of newspaper advertising.

Carried.

160/07 – Roads to Recovery Programme

RESOLUTION: -

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

1. Council note an extension of the Roads to Recovery Programme to June 2014, as well as an increase of \$550 million in funding to the Strategic Regional Programme.
2. Council note the funding of \$2.8 million each for the Walgett-Carinda Road (Regional Road No 333) and the Burren Junction-Collarenebri Road (Regional Road No 329) under the Strategic Regional Programme.

Carried.

161/07 – Child Road Safety

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council supports the Roads and Traffic Authority by publicising a programme of the NSW Government to improve safety for school children within school zones.

Carried.

162/07 – Street Lighting Charges

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council note the increase of 3.54% in public lighting charges, to apply from 1 July 2007.

Carried.

163/07 – North West Weight of Loads Committee

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council note an initiative of the North West Weight of Loads Committee to improve productivity, particularly in servicing outlying Councils from their Moree base.

Carried.

164/07 – Council Housing Policy

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Report on the Staff Housing Policy be deferred until the Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 17 July 2007.

Carried

165/07 – Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee – 13 June 2007

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council receive and note the Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2007.

Carried.

166/07 – Letter of Appreciation (Karin Thurston)

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council receive and note the letter of appreciation from Karin Thurston regarding the painting of the mural for the Walgett Shire Council Chambers.

Carried.

167/07 – Suspension of Standing Orders for Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council Suspend Standing Orders at 10.20 am to deal with the Agenda of the Closed Meeting due to the report being classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A (2) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

The matter is classified confidential because it contains personal matters relating to the hardship of a ratepayer.

Carried.

168/07 – Resume Standing Orders

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council resume Standing Orders at 10.31 am.

Carried.

The following resolutions were brought forward from the Closed Meeting

169/07 – Auction Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator:-

1. That the land detailed be submitted for sale at public auction.
2. That authorisation is given to carry out searches pertaining property information and persons having an interest in the property.
3. That each person ascertained as having an interest in the property as nominated in the special searches be notified of Council's intention to sell the land under Section 713 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
4. That the proposed sale of land be advertised in the Government Gazette not more than 6 months and not less than 3 months before the date of sale; and that the sale be advertised in at least 1 local newspaper.
5. That the auction sale be conducted by a licensed auctioneer and should any lots be unsold following the sale that they be listed for sale by private treaty.
6. Council authorises the execution of contracts and transfer documents under its Common Seal following the sale and receipt of purchase money.

Carried.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

Confirmed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday, 17 July 2007.

Administrator

General Manager