



**MINUTES FOR  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 22 February 2011**

*ADOPTED: 22 March 2011*

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 10:10 AM

#### PRESENT

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)  
Clr B Murray (Deputy Mayor)  
Clr L Walford  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr G Colless  
Clr K Smith  
Clr M Martinez  
Clr D Lane  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Mr M Goodwin (Director, Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Mr F Coralde (Director, Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Mrs J Campbell (Minute Secretary)  
Ms J Brooks (Minute Secretary)

#### Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

#### Apologies

##### 2/2011/1 Acceptance of Apologies

#### Recommendation:

1. That apology from Clr Keir be accepted and that a leave of absence be granted for the 22 February Council meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### Public Forum Presentation

##### Megan Duncan – Anglican Church

Ms Duncan spoke to Council about the Carols by Candlelight event that was scheduled to occur December 2010. She advised that there were many problems that arose of the coordination of this event. Ms Duncan asked if Council could consider holding the event themselves and cover the insurances and the combined churches can still organise the program and the running of the event.

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### **Colin McKenzie – President of Walgett Swimming Club**

Mr McKenzie spoke about the loan they received from Council some years ago to build a club house. He advised that the club did not pay the loan back as there were issues with the ownership of the clubhouse and its use. He also advised that because of this the Walgett Swimming Club has been carried over as a bad debtor and would like to rectify it.

He also asked if Council could look into Insurances. He advised that members of the Walgett Swimming club have been advised that they cannot train with ropes in the pool without their trainer present. He also advised that the pool manager said that his insurance does not cover the children training.

### **Garry Mattou – Spencer Steer**

Mr Mattou presented a powerpoint presentation on Council 's Audited financial Statements.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Clr Smith declared a non pecuniary interest in item 1 - Industrial Relations Commission Hearing, of the closed reports as he is the husband of the staff member involved.

Clr Woodcock declared a non pecuniary interest in item 1 - Industrial Relations Commission Hearing, of the closed reports as he was involved in hearing and is a friend of the staff member involved.

Clr Greenaway declared a non pecuniary interest in item 16 - Community Assistance Scheme Donation as he is a member of Historical Society who have asked for a donation.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

10:41am      Clr Lane left the meeting

#### **2/2011/2    Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting 21 December 2010**

##### **Resolution:**

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held 21 December 2010 be confirmed.

**Moved:**      Clr Walford

**Seconded:**    Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

10:42am      Clr Lane returned to the meeting

10:44am      Clr Lane left the meeting

10:44am      Clr Lane returned to the meeting

## **Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

### **2/2011/3 Lightning Ridge Reservoir (R89414) Reserve Trust – Licence Fee**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council authorise the General Manager and Mayor execute the Head License Agreement for the Telecommunications Antennae on the top of the Lightning Ridge Water Tower under the common seal of Council.
2. That the license fee of \$767.00 per annum be paid from Council's radio and television transmitters' budget.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

### **2/2011/4 Lightning Ridge Reservoir (R89414) Reserve Trust Management Grant**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council accepts the funding of \$2000 per annum from Land and Property Management Authority for the purpose of maintenance of the Water tower ladder and cleaning around the antennae.
2. That Council authorise the General Manager and Mayor to execute documentation required for the Land & Property Management Grant under the common seal of Council.
3. That the expenses be paid from the Lightning Ridge Reservoir reserve budget.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

## **Mayoral Minutes**

Nil

## **Motions of which Notice has been given**

Nil

## **Presentation of Petitions**

Nil

## **Councillors Questions with Notice**

### **Councillor Smith**

#### **Question 1:**

1. What are the requirements of patrons when using a public pool with regard to clothing/bathers? Do they need to wear bathers when entering? Do they need to shower before entering

#### **Response:**

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that Section 5.7 of the 'Public Swimming Pool and Spa Pool Guidelines' published by NSW Health state that:

*An adequate number of showers should be located in the dressing room in positions where patrons have to pass by them before entry to the pool area to encourage pre-showering. Soap should also be provided when possible. Signs should be erected to encourage showering before swimming. Cleaning should be performed daily with disinfection of shower floors and weekly scrubbing to remove soap accumulation.*

Effectively there are no legal requirements for pre-showering or the use of swimmers unless Council has erected signs under section 633 of the Local Government Act 1993 which require people to do these things. Prior to erecting such signs, it would be appropriate for Council to consider the practical issues associated with enforcing the signs.

#### **Question 2:**

2. How often is the water tested and cleaned as it has been reported that the pool has insects that are affecting swimmers?

#### **Response:**

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that in addition to any testing done by the pool operator, Planning & Regulatory Services staff submit a microbiological sample each month from the public pools in the Shire to check that effective disinfection practices are being applied.

#### **Question 3:**

3. What are the rules regarding members of the public using the pool for fitness or competitive training?

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure services advised that the swimming pool is open to the general public and other approved patrons, including swimming and other clubs. The pool management is under contract and therefore, arrangements can be made through them.

**Question 4:**

4. Can we have a better program in place for the watering of trees in Collarenebri as we have 12 new trees to go in and they will need lots of water?

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure services advised that they are currently preparing/amending the 'level of service' provision/s for a shire-wide watering activity . Once completed, will provide a report to Council for information. For the meantime, watering shall be done at least 2 times a week to reduce to once a week after a month.

**Reports of Delegates and Representatives**

Nil

**Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

**Reports of Officers**

**2/2011/5 Circulars received from the Division of Local Government – February 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the information contained in the Departmental circulars 10-32 to 10-34 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

11.11am Clr Smith left the meeting

**2/2011/6 Circulars received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – February 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

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### 2/2011/7 Council decisions Action Report – 21.12.10

**Resolution:**

1. That the report be received.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

11.13am Clr Smith returned to the meeting

### 2/2011/8 Monthly Calendar – February 2011

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period February to April 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/9 Ordinary Council meetings – Dates and Venues for 2011

**Resolution:**

1. That the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 26th April, 2011 be moved back to Tuesday 3rd May, 2011 because of the additional public holiday declared for the original date, and the location remain unchanged at Collarenebri.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**2/2011/10 Code of Conduct Committee**

**Resolution:**

1. That Walgett Shire Council resolve to invite expressions of interest for membership of the Conduct Review Committee and/or the persons acting as Sole Conduct Reviewers from appropriately qualified persons of high standing in the community.
2. The initial appointment be for a 12 month period.
3. Council ensure Code of Conduct training is provided at the earliest opportunity to all Reviewers unfamiliar with Council's Code of Conduct.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**



**2/2011/11 Review of Code of Conduct – Personal Benefit**

**Resolution:**

1. That, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) Council's Code of Conduct be amended by inserting the following words shown in bold type:

**8 PERSONAL BENEFIT**

For the purposes of this section, a reference to a gift or benefit does not include a political donation or contribution to an election fund that is subject to the provisions of the relevant election funding legislation.

Token gifts, **Gift cards** and benefits

- 8.1 Generally speaking, token gifts, **gift cards** and benefits include:
- a. free or subsidised meals, beverages or refreshments provided in conjunction with:
    - i) the discussion of official business
    - ii) council work related events such as training, education sessions, workshops
    - iii) conferences
    - iv) council functions or events
    - v) social functions organised by groups, such as council committees and community organisations.
  - b) invitations to and attendance at local social, cultural or sporting events
  - c) gifts of single bottles of reasonably priced alcohol to individual council officials at end of year functions, public occasions or in recognition of work done (such as providing a lecture/training session/address)
  - d) ties, scarves, coasters, tie pins, diaries, chocolates or flowers.
  - e) Goods, products or services provided to all attendees at a conference/meeting where attendance by an official has been authorised.

Gifts and benefits of value

- 8.2 Notwithstanding clause 8.1, gifts, **gift cards** and benefits that have more than a token value include, but are not limited to, tickets to major sporting events (such as state or international cricket matches or matches in other national sporting codes (including the NRL, AFL, FFA, NBL)), corporate hospitality at a corporate facility at major sporting events, discounted products for personal use, the frequent use of

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facilities such as gyms, use of holiday homes, free or discounted travel, social tipping contests and the like.

### Gifts and benefits

8.3 You must not:

- a) seek or accept a bribe or other improper inducement
- b) seek gifts, gift cards or benefits of any kind
- c) accept any gift, gift cards or benefit that may create a sense of obligation on your part or may be perceived to be intended or likely to influence you in carrying out your public duty
- d) accept any gift, gift cards or benefit of more than token value
- e) accept an offer of money, regardless of the amount.

8.4 Where you receive a gift, gift cards or benefit of more than token value that cannot reasonably be refused or returned, this must be disclosed promptly to your supervisor, the Mayor or the general manager. The recipient, supervisor, Mayor or general manager must ensure that any gifts, gift cards or benefits of more than token value that are received are recorded in a Gifts Register. The gift, gift cards or benefit must be surrendered to council, unless the nature of the gift, gift cards or benefit makes this impractical.

8.5 You must avoid situations giving rise to the appearance that a person or body, through the provision of gifts, gift cards benefits or hospitality of any kind, is attempting to secure favourable treatment from you or from the council.

8.5 (a) "No council official shall accept a gift, gift cards or benefit of any kind, regardless of value, from persons seeking the exercise of a council's decision making discretion or who have sought the exercise of the council's decision making discretion within the previous 12 months".

8.6 No Council official shall accept a gift, gift cards or benefit of any kind, regardless of value, from persons seeking the exercise of a council's decision making discretion or who have sought the exercise of the council's decision making discretion within the previous 12 months.

2. That the proposed amendments be placed on public exhibition for 28 Days and public submissions be invited within 42 days.
3. That following reviewing any submissions received, Council consider adopting the amended Code of Conduct.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

### **2/2011/12 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from General Manager – February 2011**

#### **Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

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### 2/2011/13 Financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution

**Resolution:**

Walgett Shire Council declares its support for financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution so that the Federal Government has the power to fund local government directly and also for inclusion of local government in any new Preamble to the Constitution if one is proposed, and calls on all political parties to support a referendum by 2013 to change the Constitution to achieve this recognition.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/13a Old Walgett Medical Centre

**Resolution:**

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to negotiate the lease of the Old Walgett Medical Centre premises on the most favourable terms possible for Council with this to include an option for purchase if appropriate.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/14 Aboriginal Legal Service – Conflict of Interest Policy: Serious Disruption

**Resolution:**

1. That Walgett Shire Council resolves to endorse the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd *Conflict of Interest Policy: Serious Disruption* and a letter offering that support be written to the ALS.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**NOTE:** Clr Greenaway requested that it be recorded that he had voted against this motion

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### 2/2011/15 Report on Youth Development and Services – October – December 2010

**Resolution:**

1. That the quarterly report on Youth Development and Services for the period October 2010 – December 2010 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/16 Community Development and Tourism Quarterly Report (October – December 2010)

**Resolution:**

1. That the Community Development and Tourism quarterly report (October– December 2010) be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/17 Collarenebri Skate Park Shade Shelter – Council Seal Required for Variation to Agreement

**Resolution:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and affix the Council seal to two copies of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs *Deed of Variation to Standard Funding Agreement* for the variation of completion date of the construction of a shade shelter at Collarenebri Skate Park.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/18 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 January 2011

**Resolution:**

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 January 2011 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

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11.51am Clr Greenaway declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in the following item as he is a member of the Walgett Historical Society who have applied for a donation, and left the meeting

**2/2011/19 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – 2010/2011 Budget**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2010/2011 as follows:

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Cost of Project / Activity</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>
<b>1</b>	Lightning Ridge & Region Transcultural Community Council Inc	"New Friends" Volunteer Visiting Project Volunteers Week Picnic Day	\$600.00	\$1,340.00	\$600.00	Local Lightning Ridge Community and other attenders of the Picnic Day
<b>2</b>	Lightning Ridge Gymnastics Club	Purchase 30 New Team Leotards for clothing pool for competitions in 2011	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	Lightning Ridge Gymnastics Club members and low income families
<b>3</b>	Walgett District Historical Society	Honour Board Project	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	Walgett District Historical Society and the Walgett District Community
<b>4</b>	Carinda Diggers Memorial Hall	Purchase new crockery for Carinda Hall to replace and upgrade that which has deteriorated over the last 50 years	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	Community members who wish to use hall and the Catering facility which they provide.
<b>5</b>	Lightning Ridge Opal & Fossil Centre	Construct Shelves for Gem and Fossil display	\$500.00	\$985.00	\$500.00	Lightning Ridge Opal & Fossil Centre and visitors
<b>6</b>	Lightning Ridge Arts & Crafts Council Inc	Prize Monies for Spring Exhibition	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Local Artists and Lightning Ridge Community members
<b>7</b>	Anglicare - Northern Inland, Moree	Monthly Counselling Service at Lightning Ridge to provide for 5 of 12 visits	\$4,500.00	\$10,800.00	\$1,000.00	Lightning Ridge Community members
<b>8</b>	St Peter's Anglican Church	Install new Sound System for Service's, Funeral's, Weddings etc. Old system is unreliable	\$2,390.94	\$2,390.94	\$1,000.00	Walgett Anglican Church and Walgett District Community
<b>9</b>	Lightning Ridge Community Radio	15th Birthday Celebrations of Radio Station, Picnic in the Park Event	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	Lightning Ridge Community
<b>10</b>	Nancy Ghobrial & Darryl Mills - Wildlife Carers	Rescue and rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife	\$500.00	\$3,950.00	\$500.00	Walgett Shire Community
<b>11</b>	Walgett Community School	Walgett Community College Band to attend MMAD Youth Conference	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$200.00	Walgett Community College Students and the Walgett Shire Community
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,990.94</b>	<b>\$28,465.94</b>	<b>\$7,300.00</b>	
	Round 1 Paid and Committed				<b>\$3,490.91</b>	
	2010/2011 Budget				<b>\$15,300.00</b>	
	Budget Remaining				\$4,509.09	

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

11.51am Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting

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- 11.56am Clr Colless left the meeting
- 11.58am Clr Colless returned to the meeting
- 12.06pm Clr Lane and Clr Smith left the meeting
- 12.09pm Clr Lane returned to the meeting
- 12.10pm Clr Smith returned to the meeting
  
- 12.11pm Clr Walford left the meeting
- 12.11pm Clr Walford returned to the meeting

**2/2011/20 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2010**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 31 December 2010 and adopt the changes as follows:

Amendments in the General Operational budget:

**Income**

• Reimbursable income for fire protection	\$20,000
• Lightning Ridge Reservoir Trust grant	\$2,000
• Fire Hazard Private income	\$15,000
• Admin on-costs to align cost in Waste fund to income in General fund	\$140,680
	<b>Total: \$177,680</b>

**Expense**

• Rural salaries and Wages for 2 new engineering staff advertised	\$70,000
• Expense for fire protection	\$20,000
• Radio and Television transmitters (to complete Lightning Ridge Reservoir Trust Grant)	\$2,000
• Saleyard maintenance increase in expense	\$3,000
• Parking expenses reduction in expense	(\$3000)
• Fire Hazard private income expense	\$15,000
• Gross Pollutant Trap Maintenance (granted money to be carried forward)	(\$20,000)
• Community Projects expense reduction	(\$5,000)
• Community Development Action	(\$4,557)
• Arts Development reduction in expense	(\$5,000)
• Walgett Festival project (not carried forward at start of year)	\$14,557
• Burren Junction Bore Baths increase in expense	\$20,000
• Parks and Reserves reduction in expense	(\$10,000)
• Sporting fields reduction in expense	(\$10,000)
	<b>Total \$87,000</b>

Amendments in the Water, Sewer and Waste funds Operational budget:

**Expense**

• Walgett Sewer administration on-cost re-alignment	\$104,517
• Lightning Ridge Sewer administration on-cost re-alignment	\$103,862
• Collarenebri Sewer administration on-cost re-alignment	\$27,606
• Walgett Water administration on-cost re-alignment	\$77,776
• Lightning Ridge Water administration on-cost re-alignment	\$275,355
• Collarenebri administration on-cost re-alignment	\$39,347
• Walgett charge for water meter software installation	\$4,950
• Carinda charge for water meter software installation	\$450
• Rowena charge for water meter software installation	\$450
• Lightning Ridge charge for water meter software installation	\$6,750
• Collarenebri charge for water meter software installation	\$2,400
• Hazard Waste operations reduction in expense in Waste fund	(\$16,000)
• Tyre Shredding Operations in Waste fund	\$16,000
• Pump station Walgett repairs and maintenance	\$10,000
• Treatment works – repairs and maintenance Walgett	(\$10,000)
	<b>Total \$643,463</b>

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Amendments in the General Fund Capital budget

**Expense**

• Cubaroo Campdraft electrical box	(\$1,200)
• Resurface of Lightning Ridge Netball courts	(\$20,000)
• Heating of Lightning Ridge diving pool	(\$16,000)
• Pavers in Wilson Street Collarenebri	(\$15,000)
	<b>Total (\$52,200)</b>

Amendments in the Water, Sewer and Waste funds Capital budget

**Expense**

• Water mains replacement program	\$16,000
	<b>Total \$16,000</b>

2. And that further information be provided with regards the following expense items:

• Regional Roads improvement reduction in expense	(\$70,000)
• Meeting room at Cumborah	(\$90,000)
• Carinda Tennis courts update	(\$25,000)
• Collarenebri Tennis courts development of sports area	(\$7,000)
• Relocation of play equipment from Lions to Len Cram park	(\$2,000)
• Footpath replacement program	(\$195,000)

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/21 Delegation of Responsibility to Accept best Quote for Financial Loans

**Resolution:**

1. That the Walgett Shire Council resolves to delegate to the General Manager the authority to accept the best quote for the financial loans worth \$600,000 secured, and \$2,000,000 from the Plant Capital Purchase Program to be secured over the General Fund.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

12:30pm Council made a presentation to Les Greene for 50 years of service to the Walgett Shire Council.

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### 2/2011/22 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

**Resolution:**

1. Note the report on:
  - (a) Development Applications approved under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin, during December 2010 and January 2011.
  - (b) Complying Development Certificate applications approved by Council's Senior Health and Building Surveyor, Len Smyth, as a Building Professionals Board Accredited Certifier during December 2010 and January 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 2/2011/23 Request for Pet Cemetery, Lightning Ridge

**Resolution:**

1. Note the letter dated 7-11-2010 from the Lightning Ridge Funeral Advisory Committee which inquired whether Walgett Shire Council is prepared to establish "a pet cemetery for small animals at the Lightning Ridge Cemetery":
2. Respond with a letter which indicates that:
  - (a) Walgett Shire Council has considered the Committee's inquiry regarding the possibility of Council establishing a pet cemetery for small animals at the Lightning Ridge Cemetery.
  - (b) Unfortunately the provision of a pet cemetery is not part of Council's core responsibilities and Council believes that it would be inappropriate to divert resources toward the implementation of such a project.
3. Council would not object to considering the establishment of a commercial undertaking for this purpose.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**



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**2/2011/24 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services**

**Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**2/2011/25 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Urban Infrastructure Services**

**Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director Urban Infrastructure Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

1.05pm Adjourned for lunch  
1.36 pm Returned from Lunch

**2/2011/26 Higher Mass Limits on Local Roads**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council approve Higher Mass Limits on Cryon Road for a distance of 500 metres from the intersection with the Kamilaroi Highway; and
2. That approval is not granted for Higher Limits on Beanbri Road.
3. That Council consult with the new owners Cargill, with regards an upgrade of the road.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

**2/2011/27 Regional Procurement Contracts - Renewal**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council note the Regional Procurement Contracts.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

**2/2011/28 Rural Road Group and ALGA Local Roads Funding Study**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council note recent reports on road funding issued by ALGA and the Australian Rural Road Group Inc. and apply this information to its asset management strategies; and
2. That Council maintain its support for informed lobbying to reform road funding arrangements in Australia.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

**2/2011/29 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services**

**Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Colless  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

**Questions for Next Meeting**

The General Manager reminded Councillors that the new procedure for dealing with Councillors Questions was now in place and that a memo detailing the new process will be forwarded to all Councillors shortly. For this month only Councillors should be allowed to follow the old procedure.

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1:**

In relation to the Carols by candlelight event, is Council going to do something with that?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that he will bring a report back to Council.

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### **Question 2:**

Are the Walgett Bore baths currently in use, or have they been shut down?

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that during this weather they are not opened. He further advised that they are usually opened during winter. He also advised that he will bring a report back to Council.

### **Clr Greenaway**

### **Question 1:**

What is happening with the Pedestrian crossing at Burren Junction? Last year it was promised to have it fixed before the start of the new school term?

### **Response:**

A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

### **Clr Colless**

### **Question 1:**

In relation to the new playground at Apex Park, Is council looking at adding in a new toilet block? At this stage users would have to go into the club or the public toilets on the other side of the Tennis Courts in Montkeila Street.

### **Response:**

A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

### **Question 2:**

In relation to the Goangra Road, it has never been reformed and put back to its height since the 1974 floods. Can we reform it back to the height it was originally at?

### **Response:**

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that he understand what the issue was and will provide a response at the next Council meeting.

### **Clr Smith**

### **Question 1:**

In relation to the Bus stop near the agency at Collarenebri where the school bus pulls up, the signs have faded, are we able to get these updated?

### **Response:**

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that a response will be provided at the next Council meeting.

### **Question 2:**

Are we able to get the bad pothole fixed on the Gwydir highway leading out of Collarenebri, just past the football ovals?

### **Response:**

A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

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### Clr Woodcock

Can something be done about the dogs that roam in fantasia street, aswell as the bad potholes?

#### **Response:**

A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

### Clr Smith

Just wanted to comment on the Mungindi road, how the bitumen has held up in the latest flooding. Well done.

#### **2/2011/30 Move into Closed Session at 2.05pm**

##### **Resolution:**

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

#### **2/2011/31 Staff Issues - Organisational Structure Review**

##### **Resolution:**

That Council endorse the recommendation of the General Manager for the following changes to its organisational structure:

1. Transfer of the functional areas of Human Resources, Occupational health & Safety, Tourism and Community Services to the General Manager.
2. Creation of a part time position of "Executive Engineer" (10 hours/week)
3. Renaming of the position of "Director of Rural Infrastructure & Support Services" to "Director of Engineering Services" with the gradual transfer of appropriate functions into this division to minimise duplication and ensure more effective use of resources.
4. Funding would be covered from existing Budget allocations.
5. The proposals be referred to the next Award Consultative Committee for comment and appropriate action be taken following receipt of those comments.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

3.10pm Clr Woodcock declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in the following item as he was involved in the hearing, and left the meeting.

Clr Murray as deputy Mayor assumed the role of chairperson.

3.10pm Clr Smith declared Non Pecuniary Interest in the following item as he is the husband of the staff member involved and left the meeting.

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**2/2011/32 Industrial Relations Commission Hearing**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the General Manager's report and endorse the General Manager's decision not to appeal the judgement and give effect to the Commission's findings at the earliest opportunity.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

3.14pm Clr Woodcock and Clr Smith returned to the meeting.

Clr Woodcock assumed the role of chairperson.

**2/2011/33 Return to Open Session at 3.14pm**

**Resolution:**

That Council return to Open Session.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

**2/2011/34 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolution:**

That Council adopt the following resolutions of the Closed Committee:

- Staff Issues - Organisational Structure Review
- Industrial Relations Commission Hearing

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 3:15pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday March 2011

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Mayor

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General Manager