



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

27th October 2009

RAY KENT
General Manager

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 10:23AM

PRESENT

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

Apologies

Clr J Keir
Clr G Murray

311/09 Apologies

Resolution:

1. That apologies be accepted from Clr Keir and Clr Murray and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Grenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

Public Forum Presentations

Dianne French – item 7 - Motor Sports Track

- Spoke on a request from the Motor Sports Club regarding looking for land to get club up and running

Virginia Robinson - Dharriwa Elders Group - Item 14 – Aboriginal Heritage Study

Raised issues regarding the following:

- There is little communication between Council and the Elders Group
- Council should be undertaking a thorough research of Aboriginal Heritage in the Shire
- The budgeted amount will not cover the thorough research that is needed.

Jack Baker – Walgett Ratepayers Association

Spoke on the following:

Item 2 – Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee

- Road trains should not be directed through residential streets, they should be kept to the main highways.

Item 8 – Walgett Liquor Accord Minutes of Meeting

- Most of this information is now out of date due to a meeting held last week.

Item 19 – Water Restriction Policy

- Why do we have water restrictions at all when we have a high river flow.
- We should be ensuring that Walgett gets a decent water supply all the time and the height of the weir should be restored.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Greenaway declared a pecuniary interest in item 20 –Tenders – Plant Hire

Confirmation of Minutes

312/09	Confirmation of Minutes
<p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Council Meeting held 29 September 2009 be confirmed.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Smith</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

Nil

Mayoral Minutes

Nil

Motions of which notice has been given

313/09	Notice of Motion - Installing Rainwater Tanks
<p>Resolution:</p> <p>That the Council encourages all households and businesses in the Shire to install rainwater tanks on their premises for use in their sewage, laundry and gardens and Council advertise and promote to residents the subsidies that are available.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Colless Seconded: Clr Lane</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	

Presentation of Petitions

Nil

Councillors Questions with Notice

Councillor Murray

Question 1:

When will the Burren Junction Bore Baths re-open?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that we are continually monitoring the water level at the evaporation pond. Once the desired level is reduced to more than 500mmm from the top of the levee the bore bath can re-open. He anticipated the Baths would be re-opened on Monday 9th November.

Question 2:

What has been done to remediate the Carinda garbage tip?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advises that no remediation as at this date. The current funding available is \$5,000 and this is for minor maintenance. Variation of budget request has been submitted for \$40,000 for consideration at Quarterly Budget review at November Council Meeting. This money would allow the following works to be undertaken:

1. Cleaning, removal and appropriate disposal of scattered debris, junk and litter inside and outside the landfill area.
2. Consolidation/compaction of already disposed waste
3. Transport clean fill material to cover compacted waste
4. Open new, deeper rubbish cell (inside the landfill area)
5. Fabricate little protection wire fence to minimize proliferation of flying litter.

Question 3:

What has been done about the water under the Carinda Pub which is also lying in the street?

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advises that about 18 months ago the plumbing under the Pub was replaced given that it was old and appeared to be the source of the water. Subsequently the problem has re-appeared. Inspections by Council's Senior Health and Building Surveyor, combined with anecdotal evidence, suggests that the profile of the land on which the pub is located has been changed in recent years and this may be leading to stormwater draining into and being retained in the cellar. The occupier of the pub has engaged a plumber to review the situation with a view to resolving it.

Councillor Greenaway

Question 1:

Could Council be given the amount of money spent on each item in the construction of the Primitive Camping Area at Collarenebri?

Response:

The Director Corporate and Community Services advises that the cost of construction of the Primitive Camping Area was \$36172, all inclusive quote so breakdown not available. This includes materials and administrative costs.

314/09	Murdi Paaki – Request for Invoice
Resolution:	
That Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise be contacted and asked to provide Council with a detailed invoice of works carried out in projects for Walgett Shire Council.	
Moved:	Clr Woodcock
Seconded:	Clr Greenaway
CARRIED	

Question 2

What are the conditions and the hiring fee in regards to the Portable Grandstand owned by the Shire?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advises that the Portable Grand Stand is hired in accordance with Council's Procedure AFM - Quoting Council Plant and Vehicle Hire (attached). The grandstand must be delivered by a council employee as per the procedure.

The hire cost is subject to the location to which it is delivered ex Walgett Depot. Currently it would be approximately \$6.71/hour plus \$6.50 per kilometre from Walgett Depot.



AFM – QUOTING COUNCIL PLANT AND VEHICLE HIRE

Approval Date:

Review Date:

August 2011

Responsible Officer:

Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services

Objective

Walgett Shire Council will ensure that quotations for the hire of council plant, vehicles and equipment are done in an accurate and transparent manner.

Council Policy Reference

AFM – Purchasing Policy

Statutory Requirements

[Local Government Act 1993](#)

[Local Government \(General\) Regulation 2005](#)

[Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting](#)

Related Policy/Procedure

AFM – Financial Management and Control

Quoting Council Plant and Vehicle Hire

Quotations for Hire

The following procedure will apply for providing quotations for the hire of council plant, vehicles and equipment:

- a) Plant quotations must be in accordance with the current council Management Plan (Fees and Charges).
- b) Availability of most plant is limited and council reserves the right to deny the availability of any plant not in serviceable condition or where making the plant available would potentially interrupt delivery of council's core services.
- c) All plant (including vehicles and other equipment) must be hired with a council employee as operator.
- d) Council *may* have adopted rates in its current Management Plan for specific conditions, such as grader hire to ratepayers during normal working hour associated with adjacent works in progress – these over-ride this procedure.
- e) Initial or general enquiries about plant hire should be directed to the Support Services Coordinator, who will confirm plant availability and liaise with the relevant technical or other officer to which particular plant items are normally allocated.
- f) Plant Hire Quotations may be made by any of the following positions:
 - Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services
 - Director Urban Infrastructure Services
 - Roads and Bridges Engineer
 - Urban Utilities Engineer
 - Urban Services Coordinator
 - Technical Officer - Highways
 - Technical Officer – Road Maintenance
- g) The quoted rate(s) shall comprise the sum of the following items (1) + (2) + (3) + (4):
 - 1) **The (internal) plant hire rate found in Authority** – this is found in the Engineering – Plant module and is maintained by the Support Services Coordinator. They are reviewed on an as-required basis and may change over the course of a financial year. The rate covers the operating, maintenance and replacement cost of the plant item.
 - 2) **Council employee rate(s) from Payroll** – Select the actual staff that will be operating the plant and determine whether they will be working normal or overtime etc. The rate must cover the employee wages, leave entitlements, other allowances and council's payroll function. This is derived from the pay rate in Authority plus the labour overhead. See AFM – Cost Margins & Overheads on Council Works and Services. Where an employee is hiring the equipment

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WSC Procedure AFM –Quoting Council Plant and Vehicle Hire

and they are a competent and licensed operator of the plant, they are not charged for their own time.

- 3) **Administration charge** – this is the currently adopted rate to cover council's administrative overheads (management, finance, etc) It is applied to (1) + (2). See AFM – Cost Margins & Overheads on Council Works and Services.
 - 4) **Profit margin** - If Council submits an offer to provide commercial hire (hire where similar plant / vehicles are available in the region), it should, as a minimum, comply with the principle of Competitive Neutrality under the National Competition Policy. This involves making an allowance for the payment of all taxes or tax equivalent payments that a private firm would pay, such as payroll tax and stamp duty. See AFM – Cost Margins & Overheads on Council Works and Services.
- h) **Rates only to be provided** – Council does not provide lump sum quotations unless it is approved by the General Manager or Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services. The hirer shall be charged the actual cost based on the above rates.



AFM – COST MARGINS & OVERHEADS ON COUNCIL WORKS AND SERVICES

Approval Date:

Review Date: August 2011

Responsible Officer: Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services

Objective

Walgett Shire Council will define what the minimum rates of certain overheads and margins are to be applied to the costs of Council Works and Services.

Council Policy Reference

Council Policy Reference
AFM – Purchasing Policy

Statutory Requirements

[Local Government Act 1993](#)

[Local Government \(General\) Regulation 2005](#)

[Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting](#)

Related Policy/Procedure

AFM – Financial Management and Control

AFM – Fraud Control

AFM – Quoting Council Plant and Vehicle Hire

AFM – Quoting Contract Civil Works and Services

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WSC Procedure AFM – Cost Margins & Overheads on Council Works and Services

Cost Margins & Overheads on Council Works and Services

Overhead and Margin Rates

Margin	Rate	Applied to	Purpose
Labour on-cost	46.0%	Wages & Salary Rates including overtime	Cover all leave, payroll, and related entitlements
Full-service Sub-contract Administration	2.5%	Contract Price of Service	Cover financial administration and management
Project Management Only	5.0%	Contract Prices where a consultant is providing design, documentation, & construction surveillance	Cover financial administration and management
General Administration	22.0%	All Labour (including on-cost), plant, materials, other than full-service sub-contracts, and Project Management Only activities	Cover financial administration, management, and staff training
Profit Margin	30%	Additional margin applied to all costs (including margins) for private works projects	Meet National Competition Policy requirements for competitive neutrality

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10.56am Clr Walford left the meeting

315/09	Hire of Grandstand
Resolution:	
That the Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services prepare a report to the next Council meeting on costing for hire of the portable grandstand.	
Moved:	Clr Greenaway
Seconded:	Clr Colless
CARRIED	

Question 3:

Is there Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training for the Staff and/or Councillors? If so who is the facilitator and what is the reason?

Response:

The Director Corporate and Community Services advises that there is Cultural Awareness Training for all staff. We are also providing training for other organisations in the area for a fee. The facilitator is Jenny Trindall, Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer. The purpose of this training is to better equip Council staff to deal equitably with the local Indigenous community. It is also used to broaden and encourage the understanding of same to lessen Council's exposure to potential discrimination actions. It is considered best practice in areas where there is a significant Indigenous population. Some Councils are doing it even where there isn't a significant Indigenous population for the reasons already stated.

Recommendation 18 of the Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development & Reconciliation Plan adopted on the 15th April 2008:

"that Council provides Cultural Awareness training to all Council staff on an annual basis as part of its induction process"

11.00am Clr Walford returned to meeting.

Reports of Delegates and Representatives

316/09	Castlereagh Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes
<p>Resolution:</p> <p>1. That The Minutes of the 16 September meeting of the Castlereagh Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee be noted.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Smith</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	

317/09	Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee
<p>Motion:</p> <p>1. That Council note and adopts the recommendations of the meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee on 20 August 2009 and 15 October 2009.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Greenaway</p> <p>AMENDMENT</p> <p>1. That Council note and adopts the recommendations of the meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee on 20 August 2009 and 15 October 2009.</p> <p>2. That Council advise the RTA that it is of the view that Wee Waa Street between Peel and Fox Streets should remain open to Road Trains and B Doubles.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Colless Seconded: Clr Martinez</p> <p>CARRIED AND BECAME MOTION MOTION CARRIED</p>	

318/09 NSW Rural Fire Service North West Zone Service Level Agreement and Bushfire Management Committee Meetings

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the draft minutes of the North West Zone NSW Rural Fire Service meeting held in accordance with the Service Level Agreement with its constituent councils June 2009.
2. Note the draft minutes of the North West Zone NSW Rural Fire Service Bush Fire Management Committee meeting March 2009

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

Reports of Officers

Council received a presentation from Busy Street consultants.

319/09 Tourism Branding

Resolution:

1. That Council receive the draft report.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

320/09 Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee Minutes of Meetings

Resolution:

1. That the Minutes of the August meeting of the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee be noted.
2. That the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee be noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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321/09 Collarenebri Precinct Committee Minutes of Meetings

Resolution:

1. That the Minutes of the August meeting of the Collarenebri Precinct Committee be noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

322/09 Local Government Engagement with the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly

Resolution:

1. That Council support the proposal for an annual consultation between the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and the Councils of the Region and that the Mayor and General Manager represent Council at the first consultation scheduled for 25th November 2009 in Cobar.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

323/09 Request for Land for a Motor Sports Track and Training Centre – Lightning Ridge

Resolution:

1. That Council seek the views of the Club on the alternative identified site.
2. That Council's Solicitor provide recommendations regarding appropriate licence/lease conditions.
3. That a further report be placed before Council as Reserve Trust Manager covering matters addressed in items 1. and 2. above and including recommendations in respect of fees to be charged.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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324/09 Walgett Liquor Accord Minutes of Meeting

Resolution:

1. That Council notes the minutes of the Walgett Liquor Accord.

Moved: Clr Colless
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

325/09 Delegations from Council to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager

Resolution:

1. That Council delegates to Councillor Ian Woodcock, all powers and duties necessary for the Mayor under Section 226 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to Councillor Geoffrey Colless, all powers and duties necessary for the Deputy Mayor under Section 231(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, with the exception of those functions listed under Section 377 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 as being beyond the power to delegate.
2. That Council delegates to Mr Raymond Kent, all powers and duties necessary to carry out the functions of General Manager under Section 335 of the Local Government Act 1993 with the exception of those functions listed under Section 377 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 as being beyond the power to delegate.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

326/09 Regional Infrastructure Projects Update Report

Motion:

1. That Council approves the re-allocation of funds as per the proposals in Table 1

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

AMENDMENT:

That Council approves the re-allocation of funds as per the proposals in Table 1 provided that amounts are adjusted in the second round of the funding equal to the total allocation in Table 2.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Colless

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MOTION CARRIED**

Table One

Project	Status	\$'s allocated	\$'s spent and committed	Difference	Proposal
Walgett – Primitive Camping Ground	Work on camp ground completed. Disabled toilet quoted and about to commence	84,500/74,500*	41,250	33,250	Allocate to Walgett lighting
Collarenebri – Primitive Camping Grounds	Work on camp ground completed. Dump point quoted and about to be installed.	65,000	51,972.73	13,027.27	Re-allocate to Collarenebri Skate park
Carinda Playground	Playground installed week beg 22 June 09 Work completed.	41,500/51,500*	48,604.87	2,895.13	After re-allocations Erect signs for children crossing if possible
Lightning Ridge Skate Park	Skate park installed. Fencing to be erected (by Bush Safari) and shade and seat	72,000	80,427	(8,427)	(7194.36) after re-allocations
Collarenebri Skate Park	Work completed.	67,000	77,671.46	(10,671.46)	With allocation 2,355.81
Lightning Ridge Gem Gardens	Project completed.	4,500	4,500	Nil	N/A
Cumborah Parks	Work to commence 13/10 and shade to play area installed 19/10. See comments in discussion section	6,000	6,000 for commencement of park work and shade	Nil	Approve finalisation of shading project with next round funding
Lightning Ridge VIC extension	VIC and Opal FM now licensed to occupy. See comments in discussion section	21,000	Not commenced – see discussion point in Table 2	21,000	Carry over to next round and re-allocate monies for immediate project in LR
Lightning Ridge VIC toilets upgrade	Plumbing painting etc been carried out, completed shortly.	10,000	10,000	Nil	N/A
Burren Junction Bore Baths	Work commenced on shade, showers and cementing. Completed shortly.	52,500	36,137.54	16,362.46	Allocate to Light Ridge Skate Park Start work on park as next round funding won't allow all recommended works to be undertaken

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Lightning Ridge Bike Racks	Bike Racks installed, project completed.	2,500	1479.36	1,020.64	Re-allocate to LR skate park
Rowena Parks	Work yet to commence, scheduled to complete prior to 31 October.	6,000	6000	Nil	
Lightning Ridge cemetery and parks improvements	Work completed on upgrade car park at Lions Park with gravel re-sheet. Seats to be purchased and installed at cemetery and Apex Park upgrade to be undertaken	17,000	16,750	250	Re-allocate to LR Skatepark
Walgett CBD and town lighting	Purchase order and acceptance of quotes sent to Country Energy, work scheduled. See comments in discussion section	43,000	34531.64 3 rd quote for Fox Street received for \$32,000	8,468.36 + (32,000)= (23,531.64)	With allocation +9,718.36 Allocate to bar b q in 1 or 2 areas suggested in Round 2

*At time of last report to Federal Government Carinda was clearly going to be over budget and a \$10,000 redistribution was requested and approved. Each re-distribution has to be documented and approved by the Department which is done by phone initially then in writing as has occurred with Carinda.

Table 2

Project	\$'s Allocated Round 1	\$'s Allocated Round 2 (July Meeting)	Total Allocation
Walgett	74,500 +43,000	60,000	177,500
Collarenebri	65,000 +67,000	23,000	155,000
Carinda	51,500	15,000	66,500
Lightning Ridge	72,000 + 4,500 + 21,000* +10,000 +2,500 +17,000	40,000	167,000
Cumbarah Parks	6,000	15,000	21,000
Burren Junction	52,000	20,000	72,000
Rowena	6,000	15,000	21,000
Come By Chance		5,000	5,000
Total	492,000	193,000	685,000

12:38pm Clr Lane left the meeting

327/09 Regional Infrastructure Projects Allocation

Resolution:

1. That the allocated funding in round 2 be applied for projects from the following list:

WALGETT

- Trevallion Park Bar-b-q be upgraded and turf provided particularly around kiosk area
- Bar-b-q installed at Apex Park
- Upgrade Bar-b-q at Gray Park
- Upgrade Festoon Lighting in CBD Fox Street.
- Restore the Astronomical Survey Mark, fixed by Surveyor Dewhurst used for all original subdivisions of the town of Walgett and environs
- Children's play equipment (for younger age group) in Apex Park
- Fencing skatepark,

BURREN JUNCTION

- Shaded seating picnic area
- Water reticulation around park
- Demountable toilet in park
- Extra (park) equipment

CARINDA

- Reseal Tennis Courts

COLLARENEBRI

- Tennis courts upgrade by re-connecting toilets
- Mark 1 court for netball
- Install 2 mobile goal posts
- Install lighting to courts
- Playground equipment for young children

ROWENA

- Upgrade grandstand

2. That Authority be delegated to the Mayor to determine the allocation of funds in Lightning Ridge following consultation with the local councillors.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded Clr Colless

CARRIED

1.03pm Clr Lane Returned to the Meeting

1.04pm Adjourned for Lunch

1.36pm Returned from Lunch

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328/09 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 30th September 2009

Resolution:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 30 September 2009 be received by Council.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

329/09 Lightning Ridge Urban Expansion

Resolution:

1. That Walgett Shire Council consider establishing a capital budget line item for the Fantasia and Lappkalle Street urban expansion project of \$50,000 at the quarterly budget review to be considered at the November Council meeting

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

330/09 Aboriginal Heritage Study Expressions of Interest

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Increase Council's budgeted expenditure for the Walgett Shire Aboriginal Heritage Study from \$30,000 to \$38,000.
2. Note that of the budgeted expenditure, \$36,000 will be applied directly to the heritage study while the remaining \$2,000 will be applied to advertising and meeting related expenses.
3. Authorise the General Manager to accept a revised expression of interest from Australian Museum Business Services to undertake the Walgett Shire Aboriginal Heritage Study, provided that:
 - a. It is based on a budget of \$36,000.
 - b. The revised expression of interest contains an appropriate increase in the amount of local consultation meetings within the Walgett Shire.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

331/09 Rural Addressing Road Name Amendment

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Adopt the name Bushs Road for the western portion of SR112 Brewon Road, as shown in the map included with this report as Attachment C.
2. Submit the amended name to the Geographical Names Board of NSW and request that it be gazetted as a formal road name.
3. Notify John Cole and Christopher Priestly of this resolution.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

332/09 Dogs on the Preserved Opal Fields

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Write to the Western Lands Commissioner of the Land and Property Management Authority and request that it take immediate steps to impose a condition on any residential Western Lands Lease it grants on the 'preserved' opal fields restricting the number of dogs that can be kept to one, because:
 - (a) Historically the number of dogs associated with mining camps was managed in part due to a condition on residential Mineral Claims requiring claim holders to keep no more than one dog.
 - (b) Not maintaining such a condition on Western Lands Leases is very likely to result in an increase in dog numbers, hence more frequent dog attacks on livestock and native fauna.
 - (c) Council believes that the Authority has a duty of care to avoid unnecessary adverse environmental and social outcomes associated with its administration of Western Lands Leases.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

333/09 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during September 2009.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

334/09 Collarenebri Effluent System issues

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on problems associated with the Collarenebri effluent system.
2. Consider options for funding 15 new connection points on the Collarenebri effluent system at the Budget review to be undertaken at the November Meeting.
3. Consider cost estimates for extending the Collarenebri effluent system to service urban premises located west of Barwon Street as part of the 2010-2011 budget preparation process.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

335/09 Water Restriction Policy

Motion:

1. That Council approves the Water Restriction Policy effective 24 October 2009.
2. That Council approves implementation of Water Restriction Level 1 effective 30 October 2009
3. That Council disseminate information to public libraries, Council departments, post offices including publication to local newspapers.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Lane

AMENDMENT:

1. That Council approves the Water Restriction Policy effective 27 October 2009 with the following amendments:

Residential – 5am to 9am and 6.00pm to 10.00pm daily
Commercial – 7am to 12 midday
Any fully automated sprinklers – Midnight to 7am
2. That Council approves implementation of Water Restriction Level 1 effective 30 October 2009.
3. That Council disseminate information to public libraries, Council departments, post offices including publication to local newspapers.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED AND BECAME MOTION
MOTION CARRIED**

2.02pm Greenaway left the meeting

336/09 Tenders – Plant Hire

Resolution:

1. That Council accepts tenders from the following businesses for E08007 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW –
 - * Ridgerock Earthmoving
 - * Walgett Tyre and Machinery
 - * Thurston & Sons
 - * Swan Weed Control
 - * Castlereagh Plant Hire

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

2.03pm Greenaway returned to the meeting

Questions without Notice

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

Is there a problem with fencing at Walgett Tyre and Machinery yards?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services indicated that they have erected a gate over the public lane. The business operator has written to Council seeking approval to close the lane.

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services indicated that closure of the lane will require public consultation. In preliminary discussions the business operator has indicated a desire to close and purchase the lane due to repeated problems with theft.

Question 2:

Are we able to put up Primitive Camping ground signs in other places in the towns not just at the grounds itself?

Response:

The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that there are signs on order.

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services further indicated that those proposed for main roads had previously been to the traffic committee and had now been referred to the RTA for consideration.

Clr Martinez

Question 1:

Are we able to get more quotes for next round of Infrastructure funding?

Response:

The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated yes.

Clr Smith

Question 1:

With the gateway into the caravan park, is this able to be widened?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services indicated that he will look into this matter.

Question 2:

Can we fence the skate parks?

Response:

The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that we were intending to fence the Walgett skate park in next year's budget but some issues have arisen, which means we will look at completing the fencing earlier. She further indicated that there is no intention of fencing the Collarenebri skate park and that the Lightning Ridge skate park will be fenced and erected by the money provided by the Bush Safarai.

Question 3:

Queried whether Council could assist a landowner adversely effected by poor drainage alleged to result from a neighbour placing fill on and over the boundary of some land.

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services indicated that Council can not get involved in civil disputes between neighbours. If there is regulatory issue then council will address the issue.

Question 4:

Where the Primitive Caravan Park is, would it be possible to build a boat ramp right down the back?

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services indicated that a Development Application would be required plus other consents were likely to be required depending on who owned the land.

Clr Woodock

Question 1:

Do we know anything about the 85cm to go onto the Weir that Mr Baker was referring to earlier?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services indicated that current pumps have ample capacity to meet the demands and that there was 18 months storage capacity regardless of the flow in the Namoi. He further indicated that we do not own the Barwon weir. He does not think that anything needs to be done urgently.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

What are the dates for all the Regional Infrastructure Project openings?

Response:

The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that she will provide a minute to Councillors with details though the days set aside are 23rd, 24th and 25th November 2009.

Clr Colless

Question 1:

When are we going to decide what we are doing with the request from Coolibah Kids?

Response:

The General Manager indicated that their request can be considered at the next quarterly budget review to be undertaken at the November Council meeting.

The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that she will be able to provide a report on funding opportunities generally and in respect of the housing situation in particular.

Clr Martinez

Question 1:

Have the tenders closed for the heating of the Swimming pool?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services indicated that the tender does not close until 10 November. He further indicated that an inspection was carried out on the site with interested parties.

337/09 Move into Closed Session

Resolution:

1. That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

338/09 Lightning Ridge HACC and Dementia Day Care Centre

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Seek to acquire the Crown Land which is the site of the HACC and proposed Dementia Day Care Centre by compulsory acquisition pursuant to the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
2. Seek a lease from the Minister of Lands for occupation of the land pursuant to Section 34A of the Crown Lands Act 1989. Such lease to allow Council to sub-let.
3. Advise the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care of Council's resolutions.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

339/09 Move into Open Session

Resolution:

1. That Council return to Open Session

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

340/09 Disclosure Returns

Resolution:

1. Pursuant to Section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager tabled disclosure returns completed and submitted pursuant to Section 449 of the Act by the following designated persons:

Clr Colless	A Douglas
M Ward	G Leersen

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 2:48pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 24th November 2009

Mayor

General Manager