



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

23rd October, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers** on **23rd October, 2012** commencing at 10:17am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

What is a "Conflict of Interests" – A conflict of interests can be two types:

Pecuniary – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

Non-Pecuniary – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local Government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

Remoteness

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

Who has a Pecuniary Interest? – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

Relatives, Partners

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

N.B. "Relative", in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) The parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.
- (b) The spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

No Interest in the Matter

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012 AT 10:17AM

#### PRESENT

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr J Keir  
Clr Martinez  
Clr Cooper  
Clr Taylor  
Clr L Walford  
Clr I Woodcock  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Fred Coralde (Director Urban & Infrastructure Services)  
Yasmin Jones (Minute Secretary)

#### Welcome to Visitors

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

#### Apologies

10/2012/1 APOLOGIES - 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012

#### Resolved:

That apologies from Clr Lane be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

#### Public Forum Presentations

Nil

#### Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 23- Monthly RMCC Flood works report and item – 24 Monthly Flood works report from Director Engineering Services as her family is currently operating contract plant.

Clr Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 23- Monthly RMCC Flood works report and item – 24 Monthly Flood works report from Director Engineering Services as his family is currently operating contract plant.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**10/2012/2 Minutes of Council meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:       Clr Keir**

**Seconded:   Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**Matters Arising**

Nil

**Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

Nil

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Mayoral Minutes

**MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR  
INFORMATION ONLY FROM THE MAYOR**

REPORTING SECTION: Governance  
AUTHOR: Cllr Bill Murray

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The events attended by the Mayor in late September / Mid October 2012 are listed below.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11 am

Attended the Police Remembrance Day Church Service held at the Walgett Church of England Church.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 11 am

Welcomed members of the Barwon Group of the Country Women's Association, to the Annual General Meeting held at the Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Opened the Ken Coleman Memorial Rodeo held at the Collarenebri Racecourse.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Attended the Carinda Wool day.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Attended meeting with the General Manager & Mr Ken Campbell Regional Manager for Grain Corp.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Attended the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held in Walgett Shire Council Committee Room.

**10/2012/3 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from the Mayor**

**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Cllr Keir  
Seconded: Cllr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

**Motions of which Notice has been given**

Nil

**Presentation of Petitions**

N/A

**Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1:**

When will the new boat ramp be installed on the river at Collarenebri?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services has advised the boat ramp will be installed in November 2012.

**Question 2:**

When will the toilet be installed at the Collarenebri Tennis Club House as money has been placed in reserves?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure has advised there is no money placed in reserves in the budget as it was removed to enable court improvement to be completed; therefore this is unable to be completed within this financial year.

**Question 3:**

When will the pavers be installed on the eastern side of Collarenebri Main street, also are there enough pavers to complete the whole street?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure has advised the Kerb and Guttering replacement on the corner of Herbert and Walgett Street must be completed before the pavers are laid.

**Question 4:**

When will patching and flood works repairs be carried out on SR67 Mission Road Collarenebri?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services has advised this is programmed for February 2013.

**Clr Woodcock**

**Question 1:**

What is going to be done about the illegal water connections in Lightning Ridge?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services and the Director Engineering Services are to prepare a report for Council's consideration.

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### **Question 2:**

How long has it been since the Water in Lightning Ridge has been tested- recently it has had a bad smell?

### **Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised testing for microbiological contamination are done each week; the odour is likely is likely to be due to the water being sourced from Artesian Bore.

### **Question 3:**

Can the footpath in front of the pizza shop in Lightning Ridge be investigated- as it is dangerous?

### **Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure has advised a letter has been sent requesting a submission for consideration for the removal and / or rectification of works completed.

### **Question 4:**

Can the attitude displayed by some staff to the community be changed to one which is more positive and helpful rather one which is regulatory and enforcement based?

### **Response:**

Action being taken to re-enforce the need for all staff to appreciate the fact for customer service focus to be paramount in all dealings with the general public.

### **Clr Keir**

### **Question 1:**

Is the bus stop at Burren Junction completed?

### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services advised the bus stop signs have been received and works at the bus stop will be completed by 18 October 2012.

### **Clr Martinez:**

### **Question 1:**

Can the footpaths at Lightning Ridge be investigated and the beatification of the main street investigated?

### **Response:**

Director Urban Infrastructure has advised a brief is to be prepared for beatification of the Main Street which would involve the footpaths, seats, Gardens, Kerb & Guttering and the storm water system.

### **Clr Walford**

### **Question 1:**

Can the beatification of CBD in Lightning Ridge be investigated in particular gardens, seats, flags or coloured lights?

### **Response:**

Director Urban Infrastructure has advised a brief is to be prepared for beatification of the Main Street which would involve the footpaths, seats, Gardens, Kerb & Guttering and the storm water system.

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### **Question 2:**

Can play equipment be put in the park on the corner of Opal Street and Butterfly Avenue?

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure has advised this is not required; however trees with guards will be planted.

### **Question 3:**

Can the car park in the Spider Brown Oval be re gravelled? Also when it rains the water ponds and floods the car park, can this be investigated?

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised Urban Services have completed the job 2 October 2012.

### **Question 4:**

Can a 40km zone and crossing be placed near the Lightning Ridge Preschool?

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure has advised this request has been forwarded to the Director of Engineering Services for referral to the Traffic Committee on 18 October, 2012.

## Clr Lane

### **Question 1:**

The Community from Potch Point want to know why the tip road has not been graded in last 12 months. Mrs White said she has reported it and been told Council will grade it when it rains, however when it has rained it still has not been graded. Can the road be put on a 6 monthly maintenance schedule?

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised this work has been scheduled for 19 October 2012.

### **Question 2:**

Can we upgrade the first 200 metres of Bugilbone road from the end of the bitumen at the Namoi River towards Burren Junction? This is the spot where the road is the worst and holds up traffic after rain.

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised the estimated cost for this work will be \$28 000 and will be completed from maintenance budget in late November 2012 by the local contractor.

### **Question 3:**

On the Lorne Road SR98 why was the first 300 meters of the road not graded when the rest of the road was graded? The rest of the road is in excellent condition; it is only the first section at the Lightning Ridge end which is terrible.

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Service advised an inspection has been carried out and work has been scheduled from the maintenance budget in late November, 2012 subject to the contractor's availability. The road was not graded earlier as gravel re-sheeting is required.

## Clr Taylor

### **Question 1:**

Can the light which shines on the corner of Pandora Street and Opal Street (from Khan's store) be investigated as it is shining in driver's eyes at night.

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.



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### **Question 2:**

Can the Lightning Ridge Racecourse Oval parking lot be re-gravelled? Can the parking lot also be investigated as when it rains the parking lot becomes flooded?

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised this work has been completed by Urban Services on 2 October, 2012.

### **Question 3:**

Can the Grawin Road be upgraded?

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised estimates for the work are currently being prepared. Several sections need re-sheeting, funding is available from flood damage funds. The extent of work is limited as portion of the road is not dedicated but forms part of a W.C.C

## **Clr Murray**

### **Question 1:**

Can the Burren Junction Bore Sewage dump point be fast tracked?

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure has advised the activity application has been approved and expects the works to be completed early November.

### **Question 2:**

Can a rubbish bin be provided before the Dick O'Brien Bridge and the Walgett Silo?

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised this will be installed on 12 October 2012.

### **Question 3:**

Can the old banners in the Walgett CBD be removed and replaced?

### **Response:**

Action being taken to source, supply and prepare detailed design for new banners. Remains of old banners to be removed when elevator bucket is available (from Essential Energy.)

### **Question 4:**

Can the condition SR 64 Road be investigated as it requires gravelling from Wimbledon Road to Gingie Reserve?

### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services has advised further discussion with management needs to be undertaken regarding this road in light of the previous history and the fact that portion is not dedicated road.

## **Reports of Delegates and Representatives**

Nil

## **Reports of items for Debate**

Nil

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**Reports of Officers**

**10/2012/4 COUNCIL DECISIONS ACTION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for September 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Woodcock left the meeting at 10.47am  
Cllr Woodcock returned to the meeting at 10.50am*

**10/2012/5 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 38-41 from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/6 CIRCULAR RECEIVED FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – October 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-35 to 12-36 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Circulars 12-35 – Councillor Handbook (Formerly Councillor Guide)  
Circular 12-36 – Update to the; *Notice of Intention to Declare a Dog a restricted Dog Approved Form*  
Circular 12-37 – Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme – Round Two

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

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### 10/2012/7 MONTHLY CALENDAR – October - December 2012

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period October 2012 to December 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez

**CARRIED**

### 10/2012/8 MATTER FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY

**Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted;

- Western Council leaders to appear at NSW Government Inquiry
- Letter from Mark Coulton MP Federal Member for Parkes
- Murray Darling National Conference and AGM

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 10/2012/9 WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT AND BENCHMARKING REPORT

**Resolved:**

Council receive and note the financial assessment and Benchmarking Report completed by T-Corp dated 19 September 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 10/2012/10 CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

**Resolved:**

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 30 September 2012 be received.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

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**10/2012/11 MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT: QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report, July - September 2012 on Community Development be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/12 WALGETT COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report July - September 2012 on Walgett Festival 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/13 RATES OUTSTANDING TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Resolved:**

The Rates Outstanding to 30th September 2012 report detailing outstanding rates, being a total amount of \$5,422,947.37 to end September 2012 be noted.

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

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/14 LIBRARY SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT JULY- SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report, July - September 2012 on Library services be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

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**10/2012/15 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT**

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report July - September 2012 on Youth Development and services Development be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/16 OPERATION PLAN REVIEW**

**Resolved:**

That the Operational Plan Review to 30 September 2012 be received and noted

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/17 Community Engagement Strategy for the Review of the Ten Year Community Strategic Plan**

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Community Engagement Strategy for the Review of the Ten Year Community Strategic Plan as presented.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**10/2012/18 LIGHTNING RIDGE PONY CLUB - PROPOSED OCCUPATION**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the letter dated 14 September 2012 from the NSW Department of Primary Industries regarding a proposal by the Lightning Ridge Pony Club for occupation of lot 49, DP 752756 and part lot 4294, DP 767040 for equestrian purposes.
2. Respond with a letter that states Council has no objection to the proposal by the Lightning Ridge Pony Club for occupation of lot 49, DP 752756 and part lot 4294, DP 767040 for equestrian purposes, provided that:
  - (a) Development consent for the use of the site is obtained from Council via a Development Application.

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(b) A Building Certificate is obtained from Council for the structures on the site that have been constructed without a Construction Certificate.

3. Seek amendments to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 so that the Lightning Ridge Pony Club site is excised from the proposed "IN1 General Industrial" zone and included within a RU1 Primary Production zone.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**Division**

List for:

Clr Greenaway  
Clr Keir  
Clr Martinez  
Clr Cooper  
Clr Taylor  
Clr L Walford  
Clr I Woodcock  
Clr Murray

Against: NIL

Absent: Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

*Raju Ranjit left the meeting at 11:42am*

*Raju Ranjit returned to the meeting at 11:45am*

**10/2012/19 DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:**

It is recommended that Council resolve to;

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority during September 2012.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**  
**Seconded: Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Woodcock left the meeting at 11:53am*

*Don Ramsland left the meeting at 11:55am*

*Clr Woodcock returned to the meeting at 11:57am*

*Don Ramsland returned to the meeting at 11:57am*

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**10/2012/20 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

Receive and note the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, regarding:

- Public exhibition of the draft Walgett LEP 2012.
- Draft Development Control Plan.
- Microchipping services.
- RSPCA Companion Animal Welfare Scheme.
- Unauthorised residential occupation.
- Walgett urban addressing.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Cooper left the meeting at 11:58am*

*Clr Cooper returned to the meeting at 11:59am*

**10/2012/21 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT WALGETT LEP 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the advice be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/22 COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAM – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORTS**

**Resolved:**

1. Council note the following assessment reports prepared by OzArk Environmental & Heritage Pty Ltd for New South Wales Public Works:
  - Aboriginal and Historic Heritage Assessment
  - Ecological Assessment: Water Supply and sewerage Upgrades, Walgett, NSW
2. Council to approve, in principle, the following assessment reports prepared by OzArk Environmental & Heritage Pty Ltd for New South Wales Public Works:
  - Aboriginal and Historic Heritage Assessment
  - Ecological Assessment: Water Supply and sewerage Upgrades, Walgett, NSW

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3. Council to officially advise the NSW Office of Water and NSW Public Works regarding the approval, in principle, of the following assessment reports prepared by OzArk Environmental & Heritage Pty Ltd for New South Wales Public Works:

- Aboriginal and Historic Heritage Assessment.
- Ecological Assessment: Water Supply and sewerage Upgrades, Walgett, NSW

### Motion

This report will be referred to the next meeting of Council to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

*Stephen Holland left the meeting at 12:06pm*

*Stephen Holland returned to the meeting at 12:07pm*

*Matthew Goodwin left the meeting at 12:12pm*

*Matthew Goodwin returned to the meeting at 12:12pm*

### 10/2012/23 BUDGET VARIATION – PITT STREET KERB & GUTTER WORKS – OCTOBER 2012

#### Resolved:

That Council approve an amount of \$80,000 to transfer from ledger no 11.03150.2525 (Shire Unsealed pavement reshape) Operational Budget to be put into the kerb and guttering capital budget.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in the following reports and left the meeting at 12:24pm*

*Cllr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in the following reports and left the meeting at 12:24pm*

### 10/2012/24 MONTHLY RMCC WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – OCTOBER 2012

#### Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for October, 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooper  
**Seconded:** Cllr Woodcock

**CARRIED**



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### 10/2012/25 MONTHLY FLOOD WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for October 2012.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Cooper

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Martinez returned to the meeting at 12:34pm*

*Cllr Keir returned to the meeting at 12:34 pm*

*The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:34pm*

*The meeting resumed at 1:00pm with all Councillors previously in attendance (including Cllr Keir) again present*

*Stephen Holland returned to the meeting at 1:20pm*

### **Questions for the next Meeting**

#### **Cllr Woodcock**

**Question 1:**

What is being done with the illegal water connections in Lightning Ridge?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate.

**Question 2:**

Can an investigation be completed into purchasing a kerb & guttering machine and completing these works in house?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 3:**

What is the balance of the Lightning Ridge Water fund? Can some of these funds be used to upgrade the footpaths?

**Response:**

The Director of Corporate Services to investigate.

#### **Cllr Keir**

**Question 1:**

What is the progress on the sale of the old Medical Building in Wee Waa Street?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that the sale is subject to subdivision.

**Question 2:**

Are we progressing with the Walgett Industrial and Lightning Ridge residential subdivision proposal?

**Response:**

The General Manager to advise.

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### **Question 3:**

When will the Wangan Bridge RP7716 construction to begin?

#### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering advised that contractors will be onsite within two weeks.

### **Question 4:**

Clr Keir would like it noted that the Walgett Hospital has not had a Health Service Manager or Unit Manager on a permanent basis in the last two and a half years. A Health Service Manager was appointed 22/10/2012. Can these positions within the Walgett Hospital be monitored to ensure they are filled on permanent basis?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager to monitor.

### **Clr Greenway**

#### **Question 1:**

Is Shire road 5 going to be sealed – if not why?

#### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering to investigate.

#### **Question 2:**

Can an investigation be conducted on the whereabouts of the new tables which were in the Town Hall Collarenebri?

#### **Response:**

The Director of Corporate Services to investigate.

#### **Question 3:**

Instead of the graveling at Mercantile road being completed can the Shire road 5 be sealed?

#### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering to investigate.

#### **Question 4:**

The signs on RR329 where there is flood damage near Merrywinebone and the turn off for Rowena have been removed. Can signs be replaced?

#### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to Investigate.

### **Clr Cooper**

#### **Question 1:**

Can the Dick O'Brien bridge area be tidied up and the cleanliness of the area monitored as recently a bin was left upturned for two weeks. Also this area requires slashing.

#### **Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

#### **Question 2:**

Can the fence on the corner of Peel and Warana Street be investigated as it has blown over and is on the nature strip?

#### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

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### **Question 3:**

Can the Bin outside of Walgett IGA be investigated as offensive odours have been coming from the bin?

### **Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

### **Question 4:**

Concerns have been raised regarding the new access to the R.T.A Depot in Fox Street, is Council confident that traffic for Fox Street will not be interrupted?

### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

### **Clr Martinez**

### **Question 1:**

Can the remaining paving in the Ridge be measured to establish the cost to complete the job?

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

### **Question 2:**

Due to the housing shortage can Council look at building/purchasing a home for senior staff in Lightning Ridge?

### **Response:**

The General Manager to investigate.

### **Clr Walford**

### **Question 1:**

Has the tip road been dealt with?

### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering to advise.

### **Question 2:**

Can a Police committee within Council be established?

### **Response:**

The General Manager to investigate.

### **Clr Taylor**

### **Question 1:**

Can the Dementia Centre at Lightning Ridge be investigated to ensure all furniture and equipment is account for as I have seen individuals in the building even though the centre has not been opened as of yet.

### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

### **Question 2:**

Has a new Waste Service area been decided upon and is this public knowledge?

### **Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services to advise.

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**Question 3:**

Can a leash free area for dogs in Lightning Ridge be established? The unused Tennis Courts in Lightning Ridge is the suggested site.

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to action.

**Question 4:**

Can Council organise funding for improvements to the Lightning Ridge Race Club for improvements to the bar area, new stone ovens and upgrade the existing cool room?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate Services to investigate.

**Question 5:**

Can Council ensure it is being helpful with its assistance to the Grawin Club in the Scrub committee with regard their request to update the sanitation requirements of the club.

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to action.

**Question 6:**

Can Council approach Western Lands for funding for grading of non-Council roads linking the tourist sites in the Shire? i.e. Western Lands / Parks & Wildlife own the Lightning Ridge Caravan park and this action would benefit their clients and visitors.

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 7:**

Can the Shire ensure a letter of appreciation be sent to the Lightning Ridge Men's Shed for completing the Street numbering in Lightning Ridge?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate.

**Question 8:**

Can the Council provide more shade trees for the Shire's towns and villages ( Jacaranda & Ficus trees)?

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Clr Murray**

**Question:**

Can maintenance be carried out on the northern side of Pine Creek Bridge on SR5 be fixed?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering to investigate.

*Clr Martinez left the meeting at 1:24pm*

*Clr Martinez returned to the meeting 1:26pm*

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**

**10/2012/26 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 1:27PM**

**Resolved:**

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

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

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/27 Request for agreement for Water Connection – Richard Cochrane**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Not agree to Richard Cochrane's request to allow the connection of the property 'Capratac', 204 Gundabloui Road to the Collarenebri urban water supply system because supplying filtered water outside the urban area is inconsistent with Walgett Shire Council's policy titled "Water supply in non-urban areas". That policy excludes the supply of water from non-urban areas in the absence of substantial public benefits.
2. A letter will be first sent to Mr Richard Cochrane to advise of disconnection of water supply and the reason for this.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**Resolved:**

That:

- 1) All illegal water connections within all town supplies be investigated.
- 2) Offending property owners be notified and requested to advise of any special circumstances why the illegal supply should not be disconnected.
- 3) A report be bought back to allow Council to make a decision whether or not each illegal water connection should be disconnected.

**Moved: Clr Greenway**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES**

*Clr Woodcock left the meeting at 2:16pm  
Clr Woodcock returned to the meeting at 2:18pm*

**10/2012/28 Destination 2036 Action Plan – Associated Issues**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager report and endorse program as outlined.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 2:28pm*

**10/2012/29 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 2:34pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

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

**CARRIED**

**10/2012/30 ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Closed Committee:

- Non-Urban Water Connection request, Collarenebri

Not agree to Richard Cochrane's request to allow the connection of the property 'Capratac', 204 Gundabloui Road to the Collarenebri urban water supply system because supplying filtered water outside the urban area is inconsistent with Walgett Shire Council's policy titled "Water supply in non-urban areas". That policy excludes the supply of water from non-urban areas in the absence of substantial public benefits.

A letter will be first sent to Mr Richard Cochrane to advise of disconnection of water supply and the reason for this.

- Destination 2036 – Associated issues

That Council receive and note the General Manager report and endorse program as outlined.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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Mayor

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General Manager