



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28th August, 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 **28th August, 2012** commencing at 10:20am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

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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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2012 AT 10:20AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr J Keir  
Clr D Lane  
Clr K Smith  
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**

**8/2012/1 APOLOGIES – 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**Public Forum Presentations**

Nil

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 27- Monthly Flood works report from Director Engineering Services as her family is currently operating contract plant.

Clr Greenaway declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in item 35- Review on Policy; Gates and Grids on Public Roads as he has grids on the property he owns.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

8/2012/2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING –24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012

### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

## **Matters Arising**

Nil

## **Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

Nil

## **Mayoral Minutes**

Nil

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

Nil

## **Presentation of Petitions**

N/A

## **Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

### **Clr Keir**

#### **Question 1:**

In regards to Council supplied equipment (Laptop & Filing Cabinet) to the current councillors – Do we need to return these at the end of office.

#### **Response:**

The General Manager to advise once voting completed and will possibly need to get the laptops back to upgrade relevant software.

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### Clr Martinez

#### **Question 1:**

Council budget/report - Councillors didn't get a proper chance to analyse and identify surplus funds. Clr Martinez expressed his disappointment and hopes the new Council get the opportunity to look at the budget in detail.

#### **Response:**

The General Manager noted Clr Martinez's comments.

#### **Question 2:**

Can Council look into the Plant hire for the Street sweeper – It would be best practice for Council to seek tenders or alternatively look at purchasing its own street sweeper in the review of the Plant Replacement Program.

#### **Response:**

The General Manager advised the Street sweeper has been listed on the Agenda for the next Plant Committee meeting and also the Pulvy Mixer.

Fred Coralde & KC currently reviewing the Street sweeper contract.

### Clr Walford

#### **Question 1:**

Clr Walford noted his appreciation of the efforts of Council's newly appointed Regulatory Officer particularly with the efforts in reducing the roaming dogs in Lightning Ridge.

#### **Response:**

The new Regulatory Officer has been advised accordingly.

### Clr Greenaway

#### **Question 1:**

Can Council investigate the drainage problem within Rowena next to the School

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services advised the site was visited on 9 August 2012, work in currently underway.

### Clr Lane

#### **Question 1:**

Can Council please provide copies of the budget papers supplied at the last Council meeting. Clr Greenaway will also need a copy of this paperwork.

#### **Response:**

The General Manager advised that the budget papers will be supplied as requested.

### Clr Murray

#### **Question 1:**

Can Council investigate a house at Carinda which has partially lost its roof and the remaining Iron is a potential hazard.

#### **Response:**

The Director Planning & Regulations to investigate.

#### **Question 2:**

Can Council replace the bottoms of the bins at the big Warrambool on the Brewarrina Road as the bottoms have rusted out following the recent floods.

#### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services has advised work on this was completed 9 August 2012.

**Question 3:**

Can Council please clean the Graffiti off the Skate Park at Walgett

**Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services has advised this has been completed. This is a reoccurring event and this will required ongoing action.

**Question 4:**

Can Council arrange to mow the Collarenebri Race Course in preparation for the Collarenebri Races

**Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services has advised this was completed 2 August 2012.

**Question 5:**

Can Council arrange to backfill and top up the trench following the electrical works at the Collarenebri Race Course

**Response:**

The Director of Urban & Infrastructure Services has advised this was completed 2 August 2012.

**Reports of Delegates and Representatives**

Nil

**Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

**Reports of Officers**

**8/2012/3 GENERAL MANAGER COUNCIL DECISIONS ACTION REPORT – JULY 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** C/r Greenaway

**Seconded:** C/r Keir

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/4 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** C/r Lane

**Seconded:** C/r Smith

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/5 CIRCULAR RECEIVED FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – JULY 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-25 to 12-29 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

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

**8/2012/6 MONTHLY CALENDAR –AUGUST 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/7 DICK COLLESS PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following guidelines for the awarding of scholarships under the Dick Colless Perpetual Scholarship concept.

**Guidelines:**

**General**

1. Scholarships be awarded annually in February to persons entering the second and/or subsequent years of study.
2. A maximum of four scholarships with a maximum value of \$2.500 each be awarded in any one year
3. Scholarships be available only for recognised courses of study being undertaken at recognised tertiary institutions and TAFE Colleges
4. Scholarships be based on course fees, accommodation requirements and any other special requirements for study including residential course attendance expenses.
5. When awarding scholarships due consideration be had to the results achieved in the first or subsequent years of study
6. Where the annual vote of \$10,000 is not awarded, it be placed in a reserve for future years

**Specific:**

7. Scholarships be only awarded to students who have their principal place of abode within Walgett Shire
8. Formal application has to be made on the prescribed application form setting out personal details, course of study being undertaken, past results and any special circumstances for applying.

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9. Scholarship Applications close on 31 January each year
10. Applicants are to provide written proof of course fees and the like with their application.
11. Applicants are to provide information for any funding or scholarships they have previously held or intend to apply for.
12. That the selection panel awarding the scholarships be appointed by Council.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

### **8/2012/8 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in relation to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's meeting in Dubbo and that Council's working party be expanded to take in the issues being raised by the new Panel and also prepare a detailed submission for the Panel's discussion prior to the closing date for submissions.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

### **8/2012/9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR BRIEF MENTION ONLY**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the following matters for brief mention.

1. One Association voting.
2. IPART Forum.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**



**8/2012/10 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2011/2012 REFER TO AUDIT**

**Resolved:**

1. The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2011/2012 be referred to Council's Auditor.
2. The Mayor, another Councillor, the General Manager and Finance Manager be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements.
3. On receipt of the Audited Report, a copy be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's report and the Financial Statements be presented to the public.
5. Subject to any material amendments, public notice be given of the meeting date for formal presentation of the audited Annual Financial Reports for 2011/2012 at the October Council meeting

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/11 RATES OUTSTANDING TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012**

**Resolved:**

The Rates Outstanding to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 report detailing outstanding rates, being a total amount of \$1,395,089.40 to 30 June 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 11:07am.*

*Fred Coralde returned to the meeting at 11:12am.*

**8/2012/12 CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 July 2012 be received.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

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**8/2012/13 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME DONATIONS – ROUND 1 2012/2013 APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:**

That Council further applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the first round of 2012/2013 as follows:

| Organisation                            | Project                                                                              | Cost of Project/Activity | Amount Requested | Recommended Amount | Beneficiaries                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Council | Artistic Competition and workshop Sponsorship                                        | \$500.00                 | \$500.00         | \$500.00           | Lightning Ridge Community, elderly, disabled, disadvantaged and indigenous artists by increasing confidence and self esteem |
| Lightning Ridge Diving Incorporated     | Purchase a safety harness for divers when attempting difficult twists and manoeuvres | \$10,000.00              | \$5,000.00       | \$500.00           | Lightning Ridge Youth by providing a safe environment and build skills, ability and confidence                              |

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| <b>Totals</b>                      | <b>\$5,500.00</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| Applications approved 24 July 2012 |                   | \$6,800.00        |
| ANNUAL BUDGET                      |                   | \$16,000.00       |
| Remaining Budget if approved       |                   | \$8,200.00        |

**Moved: Clr Lane**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/14 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ADJUSTMENT**

**Resolved:**

1. The Council note the advice from the Local Government Grants Commission and the Budget implications as noted in the report.
2. Representations be made to the Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Local Government in terms similar to the submission being made by the Local Government & Shires Association.
3. In the event that the submission for a reversal of the decision to recoup the funds in the amount of \$156, 794.00 is not successful, that adjustments to the 2012/2013 Budget to recognise the reduction be at the 30 September Financial Review considered.

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

**CARRIED**

*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 11:18am.  
Fred Coralde returned to the meeting at 11:20am.*

**8/2012/15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report on Community Development be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith left the meeting at 11:25am.*

**8/2012/16 REPORT ON NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK REQUIREMENTS**

**Resolved:**

1. That the report on National Quality Framework Policies regarding early childhood and care providers be received and noted
2. That the following Policies and Procedures pertaining to the framework be approved and placed on public exhibition for the prescribed period;
  - i. Gov - Vacation Care / Youth Centres Administration Policies & Procedures
  - ii. Gov – Vocation Care / Youth Centres Operation Policies & Procedures
  - iii. Gov – Youth Centres Hygiene Policies & Procedures
  - iv. Gov – Youth Centres Environment and Facilities Policies & Procedures
  - v. Gov – Youth Centres Safety and Emergency Policies & Procedures

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith returned to the meeting at 11:27am.*

**8/2012/17 WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL LIBRARIES**

**Resolved:**

That the Walgett Shire Libraries half yearly report January-June 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/18 REPORT ON ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

**Resolved:**

That the Walgett Shire Aboriginal Affairs and Liaison Report, May 2012 – July 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/19 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Resolved:**

That the quarterly report on Youth Development and Services for the period April 2012 – June 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/20 REPORT ON NSW YOUTH WEEK**

**Resolved:**

That the report on NSW Local Government Youth Week Awards be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**Resolved:**

That a letter be sent congratulating George McCormick for his efforts in achieving excellent results in the annual LGSA Youth Week Awards.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/21 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES JUNE 2012**

**Resolved:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
  - Chick Pea Recipe Book
  - Heart Foundation Doorknock Appeal
  - Healthy Communities Coordinator
  - National Carers week
2. That a budget vote be established for the recording of income from the sale of chick pea recipe books.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/22 LIGHTNING RIDGE & SURROUNDING OPAL FIELDS MANAGEMENT RESERVE TRUST**

**Resolved:**

That the draft minutes of the Lightning Ridge & Surrounding Opal Fields Management Reserve Trust meeting held on 23 July 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/23 LIGHTNING RIDGE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Resolved:**

That the draft minutes of the Lightning Ridge Advisory Board meeting held on 17 May 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/24 DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:**

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority from June to July 2012.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/25 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted regarding;
  - Draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012.
  - Draft Development Control Plan
  - New Planning System Green Paper
  - Lidar survey of Flood Plains in the vicinity of Urban Areas
  - Local Heritage fund
  - Opal Fields Trust Meeting
  - MDA- Murray Darling association meeting
  - NBN- National Broadband Network
  - Regulatory Officer
  - Environmental Health & Building surveyor
  
2. Amend Walgett Shire Council's fees and charges for 2012-2013 by adding the following fees:
  - (a) \$20 for colour copy of the draft Walgett LEP document.
  - (b) \$50 for colour copy of all draft Walgett LEP maps (on A3 paper).

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/26 CEMETERY ROAD ENTRANCE REPORT**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council note the Cemetery Road Entrance Report.
2. That Council staff take action to carry out minimal gravelling work from the various maintenance votes to enable limited vehicle access during wet weather as soon as possible.
3. That Council gravel the Carinda Cemetery access and re-sheet the Collarenebri Cemetery road access.
4. The General Manager report back to Council advising the costs involved.

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in the following report and left the meeting at 12:30pm.*

**8/2012/27 MONTHLY FLOOD WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
– AUGUST 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**Carried**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12:38pm*

**Resolved:**

That Council investigate the upgrade of alternative access ( all weather road) via Kurrajong road to Brewarrina road (SH29W) and also from Kurrajong road into the Grawin.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Walford left the meeting at 12:25pm.*

*Clr Walford returned to the meeting at 12:30pm.*

**8/2012/28 2012 ALGA National Local Roads and Transport Congress-Wrest Point Conference Centre-Hobart on 14-16 November 2012**

**Resolved:**

That Council endorses action for Council to be represented at the Congress by the Mayor and available Senior staff and expenses be paid.

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

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/29 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES- AUGUST 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information be received and noted regarding;

- North West NSW Heavy Vehicle Breakfast Forum Program
- National Building Black Spot Program 2013-2014

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

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:58pm.  
The meeting re-adjourned at 1:35pm.*

**Questions for the next Meeting**

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1:**

Is the Burren Pre-School Bus stop completed?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised the signs and land marking at the site are expected to be completed in the first week of September.

**Question 2:**

Clr Keir would like it noted that there will be a play "Boxing Day" by Theatre Company Critical Stages, Saturday 2 November 2012 at the RSL Hall Walgett. The play is currently being sponsored by OBA's and the play is seeking sponsorship from the Walgett Shire Council.

**Response:**

This has been noted.



**Clr Greenaway:**

**Question 1:**

Clr Greenaway has requested that an inspection be carried out on the causeway on SR 5, between SR 123 and SR 16, has this been done?

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 2:**

What has happened to the trees for Collarenebri Streets?

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 3:**

Clr Greenaway requested a list of current staff and their positions for the next meeting.

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 4:**

Are the rates being paid on the property "Eurool"; Between Walgett and Collarenebri?

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Clr Lane**

**Question 1:**

Noted that Gosford City Council valued our sister city relationship and would like to ensure that this relationship is fostered, ensuring we communicate regularly to ensure both Councils are aware of upcoming events. Gosford Council also noted that they would have been interested in sharing their Engineers for the Floods at the beginning of the year.

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Clr Smith**

**Question 1:**

Can the Outdoor Staff be retrained in the placing of signs, ie ensuring that slow down signs are placed in an appropriate distance from the hazard.

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 2:**

Clr Kelly noted that a number of complaints have been received from the resident of Collarenebri regarding the Walgett Shire Council's ranger.

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 3:**

What is the current progress of Shirley Wilson's application for water connection?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory services will send letter to Mrs Shirley Wilson regarding whether she would like to formalise the water connection or disconnect.

**Question 4:**

The signs at the service station at Collarenebri need to be investigated as they are not big enough to be noticed and therefore are causing a potential hazard.

**Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

**Question 5:**

Noted that staff changes have resulted in a copy of the Business Paper not being delivered to the Agency in Collarenebri or the Depot.

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 6:**

Can the bank house at Collarenebri be fixed ASAP?

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 7:**

Can there be sign put up at the Rowena camping site?

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Question 8:**

Can the Truck Trailers and the Dolly parked on the walk ways in Church Street be moved?

**Response:**

This is a matter that would need to be referred to the Police.

**Question 9:**

Can the Shrubs along the road sides please be dealt with?

**Response:**

The approval to complete this was referred to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.

**Question 10:**

The George Street house yard is overgrown can this please be dealt with?

**Response:**

To be actioned.

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**

**8/2021/30 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:05PM**

**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 Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/31 QUOTES FOR DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN**

**Recommended:**

1. Note the three quotes obtained for the preparation of a draft Development Control Plan for Walgett Shire.
2. Engage Edge Land Planning to prepare a draft Development Control Plan for the Walgett Shire for \$7,300.00
3. Thank the unsuccessful firms for submitting a quote for the preparation of a draft Development Control Plan.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/32 STREET SWEEPING – OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES**

**Recommended:**

That the proposal to consider the acquisition of a street sweeper be referred to Council's Plant committee for further investigation and report.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/33 DRAFT DEBT WRITE OFF REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2012**

**Recommended:**

1. That subject to Council's auditors approval Council formally write off the following debts:

Debtor account: 218.6 Mr J Cividin: Outstanding debt - \$50,709.00

Debtor account: 1279 Walgett Doctors Surgery: Outstanding debt - \$5,782.50

Debtor account: 1082 Best Employment: Outstanding debt - \$64,155.86

Debtor account: 1081 Mr MJ O'Brien: Outstanding debt \$5,222.67

Debtor account: 1538.6/1538.14 Mr G Nolan: Outstanding debt \$1,917.70

Debtor account: 1715 Mr O Cridge: Outstanding debt \$2,455

Ledger: 11.9050 Mr Paul Dowdle's Emu Farm: Outstanding debt \$104,554.90

Total debt write off: \$234,797.63

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/34 RFO12001- PROVISION OF TENDERS HIRED PLANT AND MINOR WORKS ON A CASUAL BASIS(ADDITIONAL OFFERS)**

**Recommended:**

That Council accepts tenders from the following businesses for RFO12001 –

1. RP & LM Malcom Pty Ltd
2. Ridgerock Earthmoving & Mining P/L
3. Stabico Pty Ltd
4. Sharpe Brothers
5. ACE Equipment Pty Ltd

**Moved: Clr Greenaway**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/35 REVIEW ON POLICY - GATES & GRIDS ON PUBLIC ROADS  
AUGUST 2012**

**Recommended:**

1. That Council receive revised policy AFM- Gates and Grids on Public roads.
2. Note the gates and grids on public roads procedures.
3. Place draft revised Policy on Public exhibition for 28 days and invite comment from the Community prior to considering formal adoption.

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

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/36 RFT12/009- REPLACEMENT OF WANGAN TIMBER BRIDGE WITH PRE CAST  
CONCRETE BOX CULVERT**

**Recommended:**

1. That Council, subject to receiving Ministerial approval, accept tender for RFT12/009 – Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting Pty. Ltd, in the sum of \$665, 468.10, (Wangan Bridge construction) as to delay acceptance may lead to price increases.
2. The General Manager make written application to the Minister for Local Government seeking approval to accept the Tender RFT12/009 – Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting Pty. Ltd in the sum of \$665, 468.10 for the construction of the Wangan Bridge for the following reasons:
  - a) The tender price is only fixed to 15 September, 2012 and following that could be subject to a substantial price increase.
  - b) The price is very reasonable when compared to the cost estimates for the Bridge works.
  - c) A full and detailed assessment of all tenders received has been undertaken as part of the tender evaluation process in determining the preferred tender.
  - d) The acceptance of tenders can not be delegated during the present caretaker period.
  - e) The incoming Council would be very unlikely to reject the tender recommendation.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

**8/2012/37 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 2:35pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

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

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Committees**

**8/2012/38 ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

- Quotes for Draft Development Control Plan
- Street Sweeping- Options and Alternatives
- Debt Write off Report
- RFO 12001 – Tenders Plant Hire (Additional Offers)
- Review on Policy- Gates & Grids on Public Roads August 2012
- Tenders- Replacement of Wangan Timber Bridge with Pre Cast Concrete Box Culvert

**Moved: Cllr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Cllr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**Vote of thanks**

Cllr Murray

Being the final meeting of the current term, Mayor Bill Murray thanked all Councillors and staff for their valued efforts during the last four years. He also wishes all those standing for re-election the very best and also sincerely thanked retiring Councillor Kelly Smith.

Cllr Greenaway

Thanked Councillor Ian Woodcock for his efforts over three years as Mayor and similarly Councillor Bill Murray as Mayor over the 12 months.

Cllr Walford

Extended all Councillors his thanks and best wishes in the forth coming elections.

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2.41pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 25 September 2012.

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Mayor

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General Manager