



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

25th September, 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 Carinda Hall on 25th September, 2012 commencing at 09:52am 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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## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

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| <b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT CARINDA HALL<br/>ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012 AT 9.52AM</b> |
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### PRESENT

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr R Greenaway  
Clr J Keir  
Clr D Lane  
Clr M Martínez  
Clr L Walford  
Clr D Cooper  
Clr M Taylor  
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

Nil

### Public Forum Presentations

#### Mrs Margret Johnson

Mrs Johnson addressed Council advising Mr Dominic Ward sent his apologies to the meeting. Mrs Johnson also addressed Council with the following items;

- The traffic Counter that was placed on the road between Carinda and Coonamble was ill timed as it fell in the school holiday period.
- Passing traffic had been using the vacant clock next to the park in the main street across from the hotel as a camping ground. Mrs Johnson requested that old power poles be placed at the entrance to stop this occurring in addition to sign advising of directions to the recreational grounds.
- Mr Dominic Ward had mentioned issues at Patty's corner on the Carinda to Coonamble road however as Mrs Johnson did not have any further information regarding this she advised Mr Dominic Ward would contact Council directly.

#### Mrs Pat Regan

Mrs Pat Regan addressed the Council regarding the Carinda Pool having steps to allow easier access. Mrs Pat Regan advised a written application had been sent in the past however no action had been taken.

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 22- 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 22- Monthly RMCC Flood Works report and item 24- Monthly Flood works report from Director Engineering Services as his family is currently operating contract plant.

The General Manager, in his capacity of Returning Officer, took the chair for the Mayoral Elections.

**9/2012/1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the ordinary ballot method for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**Moved:**                    Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:**              Clr Martinez

**9/2012/2 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSURING TWELVE (12) MONTHS**

There being only one nomination for Mayor, that of Councillor G.A. Murray, the Returning Officer delegated Clr G.A. Murray elected as Mayor for 2012/2013.

**9/2012/3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ENSURING TWELVE (12) MONTHS**

There being only one nomination for Deputy Mayor, that of D. Lane, the Returning Officer declared Clr D Lane elected as Deputy Mayor for 2012/2013.

Clr G.A Murray returned to the chair as the newly elected Mayor for 2012/2013.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

9/2012/4 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012 having been circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**Matters Arising**

Nil

**Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

Nil

**Mayoral Minutes**

Nil

**Motions of which Notice has been given**

Nil

**Presentation of Petitions**

Nil

**Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1:**

Is the Burren Pre-School Bus stop completed?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised this is 98% completed, the Bus stop is still requiring signs.

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### **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:**

A report has been prepared by the Director of Corporate Services, please refer to the report.

### **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:**

The Director Engineering Services advised this has been programmed to start 24/09/2012.

### **Question 2:**

What has happened to the trees for Collarenebri Streets?

### **Response:**

The Director of Urban Infrastructure advised grown up trees purchased by Ms Shirley McGrath will be planted in various locations before the end of September. Suitable Trees are already ordered from A1 Trees, these will be planted before the end of September.

### **Question 3:**

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

### **Response:**

A list will be made available to Councillors at the August Meeting.

### **Question 4:**

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

### **Response:**

The Director of Corporate Services has advised the property is currently non-rateable.

### **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:**

The General Manager has advised this will be followed up with Gosford City Council after the elections.

**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:**

The Director of Engineering Services advised training was completed on 10/09/2012.

**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:**

The Director of Planning and Regulator Services has noted this.

**Question 3:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory services have sent a letter on the 07/09/2012 to Ms Wilson requesting her to finalise application.

**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 has advised this has been referred to the Traffic Management Committee for information and discussion.

**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:**

The Business Paper will be made available on the website to be viewed or alternatively a copy of the Business Paper can be provided on request for a small fee, however a copy will be made available at Collarenebri.

**Question 6:**

Can the bank house at Collarenebri be fixed ASAP?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory services and the Director Urban and Infrastructure have advised an inspection was conducted on the 13 September 2012. The scope of the works to be completed are being finalised for tender purposes.

**Question 7:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure has advised further clarification needs to be sought.

**Question 8:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised this matter was referred to the Police on 11 September 2012, and the matter is currently being investigated.

**Question 9:**

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

**Response:**

The approval to complete this was referred to the RMCC with a request that the works be carried out through the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.

**Question 10:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised ongoing observation throughout the Walgett Shire will be conducted on an ongoing basis by the Regulatory Officer to notify of overgrown properties that will require to be contacted to have the matter dealt with.

**Reports of Delegates and Representatives**

**9/2012/5 North West Slopes and Plains Co-operative Library Service Minutes**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the the North West Slopes and Plains Co-operative Library service held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Lane**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

**Reports of Officers**

**9/2012/6 COUNCIL DECISIONS ACTION REPORT – August 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Greenaway**

**CARRIED**



## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### 9/2012/7 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 34-37 from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Waldford

**CARRIED**

### 9/2012/8 CIRCULAR RECEIVED FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - AUGUST 2012

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-30 TO 12-34 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

- Circular to Councils 12-30 – September 2012 Local Government Elections- Answers to commonly asked questions about pre-election requirements
- Circular to Councils 12-31 – End of Year Financial reporting 2012
- Circulars to Council 12-32 – Modernisation of Local Government Legislation
- Circulars to Council 12-33 – 2012 Councillor Workshop
- Circulars to Council 12-34 – 2012 Local Government Elections – Survey of Candidates and Councillors

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 9/2012/9 MONTHLY CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2012

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period September 2012 to November 2012.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### 9/2012/10 FEES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS 2012/2013

**Resolved:**

That 25% of the Mayoral fee be allocated to the Councillor who occupies the position of Deputy Mayor

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 9/2012/11 CLOSEDOWN OF ADMINISTRATION OVER FESTIVE SEASON

**Resolved:**

1. Council operations close for the three days Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.
2. The closedown be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.
3. Note the Outdoor Staff shutdown period from Friday 21 December, 2012 to Monday 14 January 2013.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 9/2012/12 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS - DATES AND VENUES FOR 2013

**Resolved:**

That the schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings for 2013 be outlined as follows:

- 12th February – Walgett
  - 26th March – Lightning Ridge
  - 23rd April – Collarenebri
  - 28th May – Walgett
  - 25th June – Walgett
  - 23rd July – Rowena
  - 27th August – Walgett
  - 24th September – Carinda
  - 22nd October – Walgett
  - 26th November – Burren Junction
  - 17th December - Walgett
- and that the meetings commence at 10.00am

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

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**9/2012/13 DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO, AND MEMBERS OF EXTERNAL BODIES**

**Resolved:**

That members, representatives and delegates be outlined in the attached schedule.

**Moved:** C/r Walford

**Seconded:** C/r Lane

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

| COMMITTEE                                                                        | NOMINATED OFFICER                                 | COUNCILLOR                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Australian Airports Association                                                  | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Not Required                                           |
| Bushfire Management Committee                                                    | Director Engineering Services                     | Cir Keir                                               |
| Camps on Claims Working Group (Status to be determined)                          | Director Planning and Regulatory Services         | Cir Lane                                               |
| Castlereagh Macquarie County Council                                             |                                                   | Cir Woodcock and Cir Greenaway                         |
| Collarenebri Community Working party                                             | General Manager                                   | Cir Greenaway                                          |
| Community Safety Precinct Committee                                              | General Manager                                   | Mayor and Deputy Mayor                                 |
| Lightning Ridge & Surrounding Opal Fields Management Crown Reserve 1024168 Trust | Director Planning and Regulatory Services         | Cir Lane<br>Alternative Cir Murray                     |
| Floodplain Management Authorities Group                                          | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Cir Taylor and Cir Cooper                              |
| Inland Tourism Organisation                                                      | Tourism Development Officer & General Manager     | Cir Taylor<br>Alternative Cir Lane                     |
| Kamilaroi Highway Group                                                          | Tourism Development Officer & General Manager     | Not Required                                           |
| Lightning Ridge Advisory Board                                                   |                                                   | Delegate Cir Lane<br>Alternate Cir Murray              |
| Lightning Ridge Tourism Board                                                    | General Manager                                   | Cir Taylor<br>Alternative Cir Walford                  |
| Lightning Ridge Community Working Party                                          | General Manager                                   | Cir Walford                                            |
| Local Emergency Management Committee                                             | General Manager as LEMO                           | Mayor                                                  |
| Local Government Group of the Namoi Catchment Management Authority               | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Cir Lane                                               |
| Local Traffic Committee                                                          | Director Engineering Services and General Manager | Cir Martinez<br>Alternative Cir Keir                   |
| Mungindi Menindee Advisory Council                                               |                                                   | Cir Greenaway and Cir Murray                           |
| Namoi Peel Catchment Customer Service Committee                                  | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Cir Greenaway                                          |
| Nelwasele                                                                        | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Not Required                                           |
| Northwest Slopes & Plains Cooperative Library Service                            | Director Corporate Services                       | Cir Cooper and Cir Keir                                |
| Regional Development Australia - Orana                                           | General Manager                                   | Cir Lane                                               |
| Orana Regional Organisations of Council – GMAC                                   | General Manager                                   | Not Required                                           |
| Orana Regional Organisations of Council (OROC)                                   | General Manager                                   | Mayor and Deputy Mayor                                 |
| Outback Arts Incorporated                                                        | Director Corporate Services                       | Cir Keir<br>Alternative Cir Taylor                     |
| Plant Committee                                                                  | Director Engineering Services and General Manager | Cir Lane, Cir Martinez, Cir Woodcock and Cir Greenaway |
| Regional Procurement Initiative                                                  | Director Engineering Services                     | Not Required                                           |
| Rural Bush Fire Management Group                                                 | Director Engineering Services                     | Cir Keir                                               |
| Saleyards Advisory Committee                                                     | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Cir Murray                                             |
| Shire's Association of NSW C Division                                            | General Manager                                   | Mayor and Deputy Mayor                                 |
| Western Division of the Shire's Association                                      | General Manager                                   | Mayor and Deputy Mayor                                 |
| Walgett Community Working Party                                                  | Manager Community Services and General Manager    | Mayor<br>Alternative Cir Walford                       |
| Walgett Community College Board                                                  |                                                   | Cir Murray                                             |
| Walgett Shire Interagency Group                                                  | General Manager                                   | Mayor and Cir Keir                                     |
| Weight of Loads Committee                                                        | Director Engineering Services                     | Cir Lane and Cir Cooper                                |
| Coonabarabran – Mungindi Road Upgrade Project steering Committee                 | Director Engineering Services and General Manager | Mayor<br>Cir Greenaway                                 |
| Water Utilities Group                                                            | Director Urban Infrastructure Services            | Not required                                           |
| "C" Division of the Shires Association                                           | General Manager                                   | Mayor and Deputy Mayor                                 |
| Internal Audit and Risk Management                                               | General Manager                                   | Cir Woodcock                                           |
| Joint Regional Planning Panel                                                    | Not Required                                      | Cir Lane Cir Woodcock<br>Alternative Cir Murray        |
| Namoi House                                                                      | General Manager                                   | Cir Keir                                               |
| Walgett HACC                                                                     | General Manager                                   | Cir Keir                                               |

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Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 11:10  
Meeting recommenced at 11:20

**9/2012/14 RESULTS OF QUADRENNIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - INFORMATION AND TRAINING FOR NEW COUNCILLORS.**

**Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report be received and noted and appropriate arrangements made for Councillors to attend the various training sessions being offered following the recent elections

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/15 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.

**Moved:** Clr Cooper  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/16 NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION NGEMBA, NGIYAMPAA WANGAAYPUWAN & WAYILWAN FEDERAL COURT FILE NUMBER NSD 415/2012**

**Resolved:**

1. That the report be received and noted
2. That the Council give notice of its intention to become a party to the Determination Application by the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan people to the Federal Court.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

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### 9/2012/17 CULTURE ACTIVITIES – WALGETT SHIRE REPORT

**Resolved:**

That the Council assume responsibility for staging the performance of 'Boxing Day' in Walgett on Saturday 3 November 2012 and that it underwrite the cost of the Walgett performance with the maximum payment to Critical stages being \$2200 plus 15% of ticket sales (plus GST).

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

**CARRIED**

### 9/2012/16 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.
2. That the General Manager's action in rescheduling the commencement of water billing consumption to October be endorsed.
3. That the Collarenebri Central School be advised that the Council is not able to make a contribution to their new school bus project.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Cooper

**CARRIED**

### 9/2012/17 CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT REPORT

**Resolved:**

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

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

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/18 GRAWIN GLENGARRY SHEEPYARD OPAL FIELDS MEN'S SHED**

**Resolved:**

1. Note the letter dated 3 September 2012 from the NSW Department of Primary Industries regarding licence application 505387 for occupation in the name of the Grawin Glengarry Sheeppark Opal Fields Men's Shed.
2. Respond with a letter that states in principle Council has no objection to a community owned and operated "Men's Shed" facility. However formal approval for the facility will be required from Council via a Development Application and a Construction Certificate prior to the commencement of any construction works.
3. Seek amendments to the draft Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012 to enable the proposed men's shed to be development that is permissible with Council's consent under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**Moved:** Cllr Lane  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/19 DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Cllr Lane

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/20 GRANTS FROM THE WALGETT SHIRE LOCAL HERITAGE FUND**

**Resolved:**

1. Disperse \$15,283.25 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2012-2013 in the following manner:
  - (a) \$2,208.25 to the Burren Junction CWA for the restoration of floors within the Burren Junction CWA hall.
  - (b) \$1,300 to the Lightning Ridge Historical Society to repair termite and weather damage to the bush nurse cottage, Morilla St, Lightning Ridge.
  - (c) \$900 to the Lightning Ridge Historical Society to stabilise and repair the mud hut (former post office), 3 Mile opal field, Lightning Ridge.
  - (d) \$5,100 to Phillip and Coral Marshal to stabilise and repair buildings at "Glenburnie", Burren Junction.
  - (e) \$5,775 to the Anglican Parish of Coonamble to repaint the exterior of the Anglican Church at Carinda.
2. Note that \$4,716.75 has not yet been allocated from the local heritage fund budget for 2012-2013 and request Council's Heritage Advisor to encourage further grant applications from any eligible and interested parties for Council's consideration.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/21 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES**

**Resolved:**

Note the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted regarding:

- Public exhibition of the draft Walgett LEP 2012.
- Draft Development Control Plan.
- Exponare implementation.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Lane**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary interest in the following report and left the meeting at 12.20pm*



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*Clr Martinez declared a Pecuniary interest in the following report and left the meeting at 12.20pm*  
*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 12.22pm*  
*Don Ramsland left the meeting at 12.21pm*  
*Don Ramsland returned to the meeting at 12.22pm*

**9/2012/22 MONTHLY RMCC WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report .

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

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12.24pm*  
*Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 12.24pm*  
*Fred Coralde returned to the meeting at 12.25pm*

**9/2012/23 CEMETERY ACCESS ROADS**

**Resolved:**

That the following amounts be spent on the cemetery access roads:

Lightning Ridge \$2640            (from cemetery maintenance vote)  
Carinda \$32,260                (from unsealed roads maintenance vote)  
Collarenebri \$10,000            (from unsealed roads maintenance vote)  
Burren Junction be deferred until the next financial year.

**Moved:**        **Clr Greenaway**  
**Seconded:**   **Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

*Stephen Holland left the meeting at 12.30pm*  
*Stephen Holland returned to the meeting at 12.32pm*  
*Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in the following matter and left the meeting at 12.36pm*  
*Clr Martinez declared a pecuniary interest in the following matter and left the meeting at 12.36pm*

**9/2012/24 MONTHLY FLOOD WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:**        **Clr Walford**  
**Seconded:**   **Clr Cooper**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12.44pm*

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Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12.44pm  
Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 12.51pm

**9/20/12/25 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES-SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Cooper  
Seconded: Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**

**9/20/12/26 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 12.54PM**

**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 Keir  
Seconded: Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**9/20/12/27 RFT12/009- REPLACEMENT OF WANGAN TIMBER BRIDGE WITH PRE-CAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts tenders for RFT12/009 – Deniliquin Irrigation Contracting Pty. Ltd in the sum of \$665, 468.10 for the construction of a Pre-Cast Concrete Box Culvert to replace the Wangan Bridge.

Moved: Clr Keir  
Seconded: Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

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**9/2012/28: RFT12/003: REPLACEMENT OF GRAWIN CREEK BOX CULVERT**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council accepts tenders for RFT12/003 – P W Concrete and Gravel in the sum of \$694, 260.60 for the replacement of the Grawin Creek Box Culvert noting that although this tender is 1.5% higher than the lowest tender it provides for a "cast in situ" option.
2. Seek confirmation from RMS that the cost of replacement will be fully funded under the 2012 Flood Damage Program.

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

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/29: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 13:10PM**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**9/2012/30: ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS AT 13:10PM**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Tenders- Replacement of Wangan Timber Bridge with Pre-cast Concrete Box Culvert –RFT 12/009
- 2) Tenders- Replacement of Grawin Creek Box Culvert – RFT 12-003

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

**CARRIED**

**Questions for the next Meeting**

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1:**

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

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

**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 to investigate.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### **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 to investigate.

### **Question 4:**

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

### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

### **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 to investigate.

### **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 to investigate.

### **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 to investigate.

### **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:**

The General Manager to investigate.

### **Clr Keir**

### **Question 1:**

Is the bus stop at Burren Junction completed?

### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services to investigate.

### **Clr Martinez:**

### **Question 1:**

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

### **Response:**

Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Clr Walford

**Question 1:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

**Question 2:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

**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 to investigate.

**Question 4:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

### 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 to investigate.

**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 to investigate.

**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 to Investigate.

### 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 to investigate.

**Question 3:**

Can the Grawin Road be upgraded?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

**Question 2:**

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

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

**Question 3:**

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

**Response:**

The General Manager to investigate.

**Question 4:**

Can the SR G4 Road be investigated as it requires gravelling from Wimbledon Road to Gingie Reserve?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services to investigate.

### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 13.28pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at Walgett Shire Council Chambers.

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Mayor

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General Manager