

# MEETING MINUTES

## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL



Rowena Cracker Night 2022– David Glazebrook

**Council Chambers | Walgett Shire Council**  
**77 Fox Street, Walgett**

**Held Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 9.00am**

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.05am

**PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Colin Hundy  
Councillor Jane Keir  
Councillor Daniel Walford  
Councillor Greg Rummery  
Councillor Michael Cooke  
Councillor Ian Woodcock  
Councillor Alf Seaton

Megan Dixon (General Manager)  
Kazi Mahmud (Director Infrastructure and Compliance)  
Sharon Smith (Minute Secretary)

**ABSENT**

Mayor Jasen Ramien  
Councillor Sue Currey

Public: 0

*The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and acknowledged the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this Shire.*

**07/2024/01 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor Cooke; Seconded by Councillor Walford; That Council grant the leave of absences for Mayor Jasen Ramien and Councillor Currey for 25 June 2024 Ordinary Business Meeting.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

<b><i>Councillor</i></b>	<b><i>Item No.</i></b>	<b><i>Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary</i></b>	<b><i>Reason</i></b>
Councillor Jane Keir	12.2.3	Pecuniary	Family Business
Councillor Michael Cooke	12.1.1	Non Pecuniary	Board Member of LRMA

**6. Public Forum**

The Council reports having met with the following persons during Public Forum:  
NIL

**07/2024/02 ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor RUMMERY; Seconded by Councillor SEATON that the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

**07/2024/03 ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 5 JUNE 2024**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMREY That the minutes from the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held on the 5 June 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

**06/2024/04 ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW HELD 10 MAY 2024**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor RUMMERY; Seconded by Councillor SEATON  
That the minutes from the Country Mayors Association of NSW held 10 May 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

**07/2024/05 MAYORAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor COOKE  
That the Mayoral Report for June 2024 be received and noted.

**07/2024/06 CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That Correspondence Barwon Group CWA Secretary be received and noted.

**07/2024/07 MATTERS IN PROGRESS**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor SEATON; Seconded by Councillor WOODCOCK  
That the Matters in Progress up until June 2024 be received and noted.

**07/2024/08 IMPORTANT DATES – UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENTS**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor RUMMERY; Seconded by Councillor SEATON  
That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events

**07/2024/09 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor COOKE  
That the information contained in the following Department circular 24-06 to 24-09 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet, be received and noted.

**07/2024/10 CASH AND INVESTMENT FOR MAY 2024**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor RUMMERY; Seconded by Councillor WALFORD  
That the Investment report be received and noted.

**07/2024/11 OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES AS AT 31 MAY 2024**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor SEATON  
The May 2024 Outstanding Rates & Charges Report be received and noted.

**07/2024/12 DICK COLLESS SCHOLARSHIP**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That Council adopt the following recommendations for the award of the 2024 scholarships in equal parts to the following:

Beatrice Thwaites	Bachelor of Environmental Sciences	\$1428
Erin Tym	Certificate III in Electrotechnology	\$1428
Georgia Hiscox	Bachelor of Education (K-6)	\$1428
Jack Witts	Certificate III Engineering and Fabrication	\$1428
Billy Witts	Certificate III Engineering and Fabrication	\$1428
Nicholas Tedim	Bachelor of Paramedicine	\$1428
Clancy Barry	Certificate IV in Vet Nursing	\$1428

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

## **MOTION**

### **ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN THE WALGETT SHIRE**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor COOKE  
That the Council adopt the Alcohol-Free Zones in the Walgett Shire Local Government Area in the locations of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri for a four-year period, effective 1 July 2024.

## **AMENDMENT**

### **07/2024/13 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN THE WALGETT SHIRE**

**MOTION MOVED** by Councillor COOKE; Seconded by Councillor SEATON  
That the Council adopt the Alcohol-Free Zones in the Walgett Shire Local Government Area in the locations of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri noting that the Cemeteries be excluded from the Alcohol Free Zoning for a four-year period, effective 1 August 2024.

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor Hundy

#### **For**

Councillor Woodcock  
Councillor Cooke  
Councillor Seaton  
Councillor Walford

#### **Against**

Councillor Keir  
Councillor Rummery

The amendment upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED 4/2

### **07/2024/14 DRAFT CEMETERY POLICY AND MODIFICATION OF NEWLY PROPOSED NON-DENOMINATIONAL BEAM SECTION**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor WOODCOCK  
That Council adopt the attached Draft Cemetery Policy and Newly Proposed Non-Denominational Beam Section with minor amendments based on public exhibition submissions.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

### **07/2024/15 LIGHTNING RIDGE SCULPTURE ACQUISITION "STANLEY"**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor WALFORD  
That Council approve and take ownership of the Western Lands Lease for the sculpture "Stanley" from the Lightning Ridge Tourism Association.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

### **07/2024/16 COUNCIL PROJECTS UPDATE JUNE 2024**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor COOKE  
That the Council projects list be received and noted.

### **07/2024/17 COUNCILLOR FEES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor SEATON; Seconded by Councillor COOKE  
That Council apply a 3.75% increase to Mayoral and Councillor fees, effective 1 July 2024.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

### **07/2024/18 CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR COMMUNITY LAND WITHIN WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor KEIR  
That Council advertise the draft Crown Land Plan of Management inviting written public submissions and comments up until 4.00 pm Friday 26 July 2024.

**07/2024/19 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION FROM ACTING MANAGER COMPLIANCE**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor RUMMERY; Seconded by Councillor COOKE  
That the Council receive and note this report.

**07/2024/20 DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS MAY 2024**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That Council receive and note this report

*At 10.23 am Councillor Keir declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Council Chamber.*

**07/2024/21 WORKS UPDATE**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor RUMMERY; Seconded by Councillor WOODCOCK  
That Council receive and acknowledge the report.

*At 10.26am Councillor Keir returned to the meeting.*

**07/2024/22 INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WALFORD; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Services monthly works services report for May 2024.

**07/2024/23 ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOOD; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That Council receive and note the Engineering Department Progress Report for May 2024.

**07/2024/24 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor COOKE at 10.37am  
That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (1) (a) (b) & (2) (a) (b) & (c) the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- 1) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises--
  - a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
  - b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.
  
- 2) The matters and information are the following--
  - a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
  - b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
  - c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

*Deputy Mayor Hundy declared a short break commencing at 10.37am*

*Council reconvened at 11.03am*

**07/2024/25 REGIONAL PROCUREMENT TENDER PROPOSAL**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY

That Council Acknowledge the report and endorse the following tenders for use,

1) That the following tenderers representing best value: Go Traffic Pty Ltd, Golding Lane Pty Ltd t/a GoldLane Traffic Management, Lack Group, Traffic Pty Ltd, Aristocrat Australia Pty Ltd t/a National Traffic Australia, Northwest Traffic Management Pty Ltd, Platinum Traffic Services Pty Ltd, Workcontrol Operations Pty Ltd be awarded this contract as the panel source suppliers to Walgett Shire Council for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025, and

2) That Tyres4U Pty Limited t/a Tyres4U be awarded this contract as the single source supplier to Walgett Shire Council for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025, and

3) That the following tenderers representing best value: Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd and Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd be awarded this contract as the panel source suppliers to Walgett Shire Council for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025, and

4) That the following tenderers representing best value: ACT Linemarking Pty Ltd, Central West Linemarking Pty Ltd t/a Central West Linemarking, Capital Lines & Signs Pty Ltd, Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd, OZ Linemarking NSW Pty Ltd, Stelcorp Pty Ltd t/a Total Linemarking Resources, Jenalad Pty Ltd t/a Whiteline Road Services be awarded this contract as the panel source suppliers to Walgett Shire Council for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025, and

5) That a provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take these contracts through to 31 December 2026.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

**07/2024/26 MINERAL LEASE RATES WRITE OFF**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**

That rates levied on expired Mineral Leases as per attachment totalling \$64,415.72 be written off.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

**07/2024/27 WALGETT TOWNSHIP HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY

That Council allocate a budget \$250,000 from Council's annual allocation on roads infrastructure out of revenue funded stream, for the investigation and development of design for a heavy vehicle bypass of the Walgett Township

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

**07/2024/28 WALGETT SWIMMING POOL REDEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY

1. That the information in the report be noted.

2. That Council nominate 3 Councillors to participate in the project reference group for the project – these Councillors being Councillor Keir, Councillor Rummery & Councillor WALFORD

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED

**07/2024/29 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That Council return to open session at 11.34am.


**07/2024/30 ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor RUMMERY  
That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports as follows:

- 15.1.1 Regional Procurement Tender Proposal
- 15.1.2 Mineral Lease Rates Write Off
- 15.1.3 Walgett Township Heavy Vehicle Bypass
- 15.1.4 Walgett Swimming Pool Redevelopment

**CLOSE OF MEETING 11.35am**

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 23 July 2024.

  
Jasen Ramien (Jul 30, 2024 08:19 GMT+10)

Mayor Jasen Ramien  
Chairperson

*Megan Dixon*

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General Manager