

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2006 COMMENCING AT 2.32PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors JM Archdale, Clr PR Blomfield, Clr DJ Cross, L Levingston, RS Thomson and MJ Woods

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr JG O'Hara (General Manager), Mr SC McCoy (Director – Engineering Services) and Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services).

**APOLOGIES:**

1 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Blomfield that the apology received from Councillor Ferrier that due to him being overseas and not arriving in time for the Meeting be **ACCEPTED**.

Councillor Ferrier consequently arrived at the Meeting at 3.00pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2006:**

2 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 28 June 2006, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS**

3 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Cross that the Senior Officers' Reports be received for further consideration.

**1. ROADSIDE VEGETATION ASSESSMENT SURVEY** W06/

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**2. REQUEST TO RELOCATE RAMP FROM GLENROY ROAD TO  
KANGAROO HILLS ROAD** W06/346

4 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Cross that Council agree to advertise the proposal to erect a public gate on the Kangaroo Hills Road **AND FURTHER THAT** if no objections are received in the specified time, grant a

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permit to the owner of Lot 191, DP753836 to erect the gate subject to the following conditions

1. The gate and ramp are installed, maintained and administered in accordance with the requirements of Section 128 to 137 of the Roads Act 1993, and Section 67 to 70 of the Roads (General) Regulation 2000)
2. A gate with a clear opening of at least 4.0 metres shall be erected to one side of the existing road alignment
3. A stock grid/ramp shall be installed with its centreline corresponding to the centreline of the existing road
4. The grid shall be certified by a structural engineer as being capable of carrying normal highway loading
5. The grid shall have a clear opening of at least 4.0 metres
6. The pavement and adjacent areas on Glenroy Road and Kangaroo Hills Road shall be properly restored.
7. All costs associated with the relocation and erection of the public gate shall be met by the owner.

**3. REGIONAL MEETINGS 2005 FOLLOW UP ACTION PROGRESS  
REPORT**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

5 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Levingston that Council write to Uralla Shire Council informing them of the proposed timetable for the completion of the seal at Bergen Road.

**4. GST COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**

**W06/**

6 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that the Goods and Services Tax Certificate concerning payment of GST for the period 01/07/2005- 30/06/2006 be signed by the General Manager, Mayor and one Councillor as required.

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**5. APPOINTMENTMENT OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADE CAPTAINS &  
DEPUTIES** **W06/**

7 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that in accordance with the Rural Fires Act 1997 the following personnel be appointed to the respective positions:

<u>Brigade:</u>	<u>Captain:</u>	<u>Deputy Captain:</u>
Bergen	James Goodwin	Justin Hoad Bill Pearce Brett Wilkinson - Secretary
Flags/Niangala	Neil Brazel	Bill Pearce - Senior Joy Brazel - Secretary Bill Pearce - President Timothy Brazel
Ingelba	Scott Rizzi	Andrew Hewitt John Riches – Vice President Allan Kermode - President Janice Rizzi – Secretary Suzanne Harrison - Treasurer
Moona-Winterbourne	Greg Schaefer	Warwick Fletcher - Senior Brad Crofts John Lockyer Rob Blomfield Ross Blake Stuart Blake – Secretary Burgh Blomfield - Tresurer
Nowendoc	Gordon Margery	Donna Margery – Senior/Sec Doug Wild Stephen Germon Alison Morris - Treasurer
Oxley	Graham Partridge	Tony Partridge - Senior Daniel Kermode - President Eric Noakes Joe Mansfield John Green - Secretary
Yarrowitch	Peter O’Keefe	Richard Green - Senior Don Noakes

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Ian Colwell - President  
Jeff O'Keefe  
Ken O'Keefe  
Noel Goodwin  
Shane Carey  
Colin McNaught – Sec/Tres

Woolbrook

Colin Noon

Tim Laurie – Senior  
Simon Blake – Senior  
Ian Rennie  
Michelle Noon  
Neville Henry  
Len Hawkins  
Jason Cooper  
Kevin Noon – President  
Carolyn Noon – Secretary  
Belinda Laurie – Treasurer

**6. REGIONAL MEETINGS 2006 FOLLOW UP ACTION PROGRESS  
REPORT** **W06/**

The report was **NOTED** by Council.

**7. JUNE 2006 QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW** **W06/**

8 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that Council adopt the June 2006 Quarterly Management Review.

**8. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 71-05/06 – AFFIX SEAL TO  
SUBDIVISION AND ROAD PLAN** **W06/**

9 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Cross that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the following legal document:

- ❖ Subdivision and new road plan, Chinnocks Road Resumption Survey and associated documents.

**FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

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**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REFERRAL – GENERAL  
MANAGERS' CONTRACT** **W06/**

10 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Ferrier that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matter of the General Manager's Contract, be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

**10. FUNDING AGREEMENT – DEPARTMENT OF AGEING,  
DISABILITY & HOME CARE** **W06/**

11 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Ferrier that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the following legal document:

- ❖ Acceptance of Funding Agreement with the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

**FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

**LATE REPORTS**

**1. ENTERING AND SEALING OF RATE BOOK – 2005/2006 YEAR** **W06/388**

12 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that the Common Seal be affixed to the 2005/2006 Rate Book Reconciliation and be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

**2. INITIAL RECONCILIATION OF VALUATIONS TO RATES LEVIED  
– 2006/2007** **W06/388**

13 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that the Common Seal be affixed to the Initial Reconciliation of valuations to rates levied as at the 1 July 2006 and be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

**3. STAFF HOUSING**

14 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Woods that the General Manager prepare a report to Council detailing alternate methods for disposal of 213n Uralla Road house.

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**AFTERNOON TEA**

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.36pm and Council resumed at 4.08pm.

**MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**W06/**

15 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 8 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

**DELEGATE REPORTS**

- a) Minutes of the Walcha Australia Day Committee AGM held on Monday, 5 June 2006.
- b) Minutes of the Advisory Committee of the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils Meeting held on Wednesday, 5 July 2006 at Guyra Shire Council.

**Report from Portfolio General Manager for Works**

16 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that Council adopts the amended organization structure proposed in this report, that the position descriptions be amended to reflect the roles outlined in this report and the General Managers be authorized to proceed to advertise to fill the positions as described in this report.

**Report from Portfolio General Manager Community Services**

17 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that, until such time as the business case for the shared delivery of Community Services management is reviewed, Community Services will remain a local service in the member Councils and the Community Services Managers will continue to report to a local Director or Manager.

- c) Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council trading as New England Weeds Authority held on 31 May 2006.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The General Manager, Jack O'Hara, declared an interest in this matter, being the subject of it, and left the Council Chambers.

18 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the reason that it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

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19 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier.

The Mayor reported whilst in Committee of the Whole the following matters were discussed.

**PRESENT:** Present and In Attendance were the same as listed in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting with the exception of the press and the public and Mr JG O'Hara, General Manager, and Mr SC McCoy, Director – Engineering Services, who left the Meeting prior to Committee of the Whole.

**1. GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT**

**W06/**

It was moved by Councillors that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the General Managers Contract **FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

**ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

20 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Woods that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 26 July 2006.

The Chairman publicly conveyed the recommendations passed by the Committee whilst in Committee of the Whole.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.10PM.**