

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2006 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors JM Archdale, PR Blomfield, KW Ferrier, 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:

45 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier that the apology received from Councillor Cross being out of the Council area for business reasons be **ACCEPTED**.

MAYORAL ANNUAL REPORT

46 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Heazlett that the Mayoral Report be **ADOPTED**.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR **W06/1360**

47 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that in the event that there is more than one Councillor nominated for each of the positions of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, then the method of election to determine the position(s) be by Ordinary Ballot **FURTHER THAT** the Returning Officer destroy all documentation following such elections.

The Returning Officer then called for nominations for the position of Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor WJ Heazlett, the Returning Officer, General Manager Jack O'Hara, declared Councillor Heazlett elected Mayor the ensuing period unopposed.

The Returning Officer then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor KW Ferrier, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Ferrier elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period unopposed.

2. DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY **W06/1360**

48 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Delegations of Authority listed below be made to the Mayor, Councillor Heazlett and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ferrier respectively.

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TO THE MAYOR:

To perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions within the terms of the Local Government Act and Regulations thereunder:-

1. To appoint any Councillor to represent either the Mayor or the Council at any function or Meeting or other event as the Mayor deems appropriate or necessary.
2. In conjunction with the General Manager to approve the admittance of new Councils in the Mid-North Weight of Loads Group.
3. The authority to adjudicate on or to grant approvals as appropriate under the terms of the adopted Code of Conduct for Local Government provided that in all cases, a right of appeal to the full Council shall exist.
4. The authority to consider and determine Council's response to representations seeking leniency or outlining extenuating circumstances from persons who have been served with a Penalty Notice. This determination shall extend only to those representations referred through the New South Wales Police Service Infringement Processing Bureau.
5. The authority to approve a mode of travel, other than by Council vehicle, for Councillors and Staff travelling on Council business, as circumstances may, from time to time, warrant.
6. The authority to approve CBD Small Grant Programme Applications for Assistance, in accordance with adopted guidelines.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Heazlett, these powers are delegated to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ferrier.

TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR:

To perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions within the terms of the Local Government Act and Regulations thereunder:-

1. During periods of absence of the Mayor, Councillor Heazlett, the Delegations made to Councillor Heazlett shall be deemed to be made to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ferrier.

3. LIST OF DELEGATES & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

W06/1358

49 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that the list of Delegates, listed below, be **ADOPTED** for the ensuing twelve months:

New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council

Delegate – Clr MJ Woods

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D Division of the Shires Association of NSW

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Alt Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier

New England Local Government

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Namoi Local Government Group

Delegate – Clr MJ Woods

Representative – Gerry Moran – Director – Environmental Services

Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Jack O’Hara – General Manager

Mid North Weight of Loads Group

Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

Alt Delegate – Clr L Levingston

Country Libraries Association of NSW – North Eastern Zone

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Library Officer Delegate – Donna Garrad – Librarian

Central Northern Regional Libraries Committee

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Alt Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Local Traffic Committee and Council Advisory Committee

Representative – Steve McCoy – Director – Engineering Services

Local and District Emergency Management Committee (LEMC & DEMC)

District Emergency Management Committee

Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

Alt Delegate – Clr PR Blomfield

Local Emergency Management Committee

Chairman – Clr DJ Cross

Dept Chairman – Clr PR Blomfield

Local Emergency Management Officer – Steve McCoy

Dept Local Emergency Management Officer – Jim Moon

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NSW Rural Fire Service Local Liaison Committee

Delegates – Clrs DJ Cross & RS Thomson

Other Members: Jack O’Hara – General Manager & Colin Noon

Zone Bush Fire Management Committee

Delegate – Clr PR Blomfield

Bush Fire Management Committee Walcha Sub Committee

Chairman – Clr PR Blomfield

Representative – Gerry Moran – Director – Environmental Services

Tablelands Community Transport Management Committee

Representative – Gerry Moran – Director – Environmental Services

Arts North West

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

New England – North West Forestry Investment Group

Representative – Jack O’Hara – General Manager

Northern Inland Regional Waste Group

Representative – Gerry Moran – Director – Environmental Services

Walcha Community Based Heritage Study Committee

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Gerry Moran – Director – Environmental Services

Plant Committee

Representative – Clr DJ Cross

Representative – Clr L Levingston

Representative – Clr RS Thomson

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

Works Superintendent – Brian Hoad

Plant Foreman – Frank Salter

Staff Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

Representative – Clr DJ Cross

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

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Staff Consultative Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Library Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Baths & Squash Courts Committee

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Asset Manager –

President Walcha Squash Club – Scott Kermode

President Walcha Swimming Club – Phillippa Lawrence

Walcha Town & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee

Representative – Clr PR Blomfield

Representative – Clr RA Thomson

Alt Representative – Clr JM Archdale

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

Urban Works Supervisor – Steph Sweeney

Mr Doug Laurie

Mrs Phyllis Hoy

Mrs Barbara Dunn

Mrs Robyn Lyon

Mrs Robyn Vincent

Walcha Occupational Health & Safety Committee

No elected representatives.

Roads Management Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Clr RS Thomson

Representative – Clr L Levingston

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

Walcha Council Australia Day Committee

The Services Clubs currently fill this role.

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Jack O’Hara – General Manager

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Walcha Council Waste Management Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor
Representative – Clr KW Ferrier
Representative – Clr L Levingston
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy
Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Management Committee Pioneer Cottage

Representative – Clr L Levingston
Alt Representative – Clr RS Thomson

Walcha Arts Council Inc

Representative – Clr PR Blomfield

Walcha Local (Liquor) Consultative Committee

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Community Centre Committee (Multi-Purpose Centre)

Representative – Clr PR Blomfield

Walcha HACC Advisory Committee

Representative – Clr MJ Woods

Walcha Council Preschool Advisory Committee

Representative – Clr MJ Woods
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran
Director Walcha Preschool – Lesley Mouton
Parent/Citizen Representatives (4):

- ❖ Rachel Laurie
- ❖ Anne Lyon
- ❖ Erica Halliday
- ❖ Rachel Grieg

The following two can attend Meetings but do not have voting rights:

- ❖ Clerical Assistant – Trish Christie
- ❖ Early Intervention Officer – Rhonda Barnett

Walcha Business Houses & Tourism Association (Walcha Together??)

Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier

Walcha Community Consultative Committee

Delegate – Clr L Levingston
Alt Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

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Armidale Regional Tourism

Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier

Armidale Economic Development Group

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Alt Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Plantation Development Unit

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Representative – Jack O’Hara – General Manager

Walcha Health Service Advisory Committee

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Sub Regional Strategy Committee

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Representative – Gerry Moran – Director – Environmental Services

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT
1.42PM**