

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2007 COMMENCING AT 1.52PM**

PRESENT: Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors PR Blomfield, DJ Cross, JM Archdale, 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: Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES OF THE
WALCHA COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY 2007:**

234 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Cross that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 25 July 2007, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY 2007:**

Telstra

The General Manager advised Council of the result of the independent survey comparing the CDMA coverage with the Next G and advised that both systems provided a similar coverage.

235 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Woods that Council write to Telstra highlighting the black spots around Woolbrook and Walcha Road and between Niangala and Ingleba requesting Telstra investigate increasing coverage in this are **FURTHER THAT** Council provide possible sites for additional towers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS

236 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Woods that the Senior Officers' Reports be received for further consideration.

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**1. TIMBER BRIDGES PARTNERSHIP – RR7719 – REPLACEMENT OF
MCHATTANS, DAVIDSONS AND MUKKI BRIDGES W07/3477**

237 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Archdale that Council amend its 2007/2008 Management Plan by:

1. Deferring
 - ❖ Thunderbolts Way 5.7km to 6.3km South \$252,000
 - ❖ Topdale Road Extend Seal \$300,000
2. Including expenditure on:
 - ❖ McHattans Bridge – 16.6kms south of Walcha \$300,000
 - ❖ Davidsons Bridge – 1.9kms south of Walcha \$240,000
 - ❖ Mukki Bridge – 57.2kms south of Walcha \$470,000
3. Including income from:
 - ❖ Bridge Partnership Grant \$505,000

CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE BUSINESS PAPER

238 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council consider the late report Application for Variation of Fence Policy – 72E Apsley Street.

LATE REPORT

**2. APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF FENCE POLICY 72E APSLEY
STREET, WALCHA W07/3918**

239 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that the application to construct a colourbond fence 1.8 metres high along the Middle Street alignment commencing six metres from the Apsley Street alignment and continuing to the southern boundary of the property be refused **FURTHER THAT** the reason for the refusal is that the proposal does not comply with the Council's Fence Policy **STILL FURTHER THAT** Council review the Fence Policy and the Director – Environmental Services to prepare a report for September Council Meeting.

2. REVIEW OF CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE W07/3865

240 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Thomson that Council as per Section 361 of the Local Government Act, 1993, adopt the Draft Code of Meeting Practice and place on public exhibition for a period of 42 days inviting submissions from the community.

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**3. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT
PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR & PLANNING ASSESSMENT PANELS
UNSATISFACTORY COUNCIL PERFORMANCE ORDER 2007**

W07/3847

Council **NOTED** the Report.

AFTERNOON TEA

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00pm and resumed at 3.37pm.

4. RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

W07/3877

241 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Thomson that Council adopt the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils Records Management Program/Policy as presented.

5. GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY

W07/3878

242 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council adopt the Gifts and Benefits Policy as presented.

6. LOCAL COMPANION ANIMALS MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007

W07/3856

243 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Cross that Council adopt the draft Companion Animals Management Plan 2007 and place on public exhibition for twenty eight days.

7. 2007/2008 REGIONAL ROAD BLOCK GRANT

W07/3516

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**8. AGREEMENT TO REMOVE GRAVEL – APPROVAL TO AFFIX
COUNCIL’S COMMON SEAL**

W07/3844

244 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Ferrier that Council approval be given to affix the Common Seal of the Walcha Council to the following documents:

- ❖ Agreement to Remove Gravel – TA & JM Pointing – Portion 17, DP 756485, Parish of Kangaroo Flat, Property “Burraki”
- ❖ Agreement to Remove Gravel – K Lockyer – Portion 77, Parish of Fenwicke, Property “Roseville”.

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

LATE REPORT

1. APPOINTMENT OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

W07/3892

245 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Ferrier 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/Treas Bill Pearce - President Timothy Brazel |
| Ingelba | Robert Harrison | Andrew Hewitt - Senior Ian Olrich Allan Kermode - President Janice Rizzi – Secretary Suzanne Harrison - Treasurer |
| Moona-Winterbourne | Greg Schaefer | Warwick Fletcher - Senior John Lockyer Rob Blomfield Ross Blake Stuart Blake – Secretary Burgh Blomfield - Treasurer |
| Nowendoc | Gordon Margery | Donna Margery – Senior/Sec Doug Wild 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 |

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

Woolbrook

Colin Noon

Carolyn Noon – Group Captain
Garry Bashford – Group Captain
Ian Rennie
Tim Laurie – Dep Group Cap
Graham Chaffey – Dep Grp Cap

2. JUNE 2007 QUARTERLY REVIEW

W07/3893

246 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that Council adopt the June 2007 Quarterly Management Review.

3. OPENING OF THE NEW HOSPITAL

247 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that Council write to the Health Minister through the Member for Northern Tablelands requesting the opening of the new MPS to be held in a timely manner.

WALCHA MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

W07/3788

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

Committee Reports:

- a) Minutes of the Walcha HACC Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walcha Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on Monday, 30 July 2007. W07/3848

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.27PM.