

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 1.03PM**

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 SC McCoy (Director – Engineering Services) and Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services).

APOLOGIES:

249 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Cross that the apology from the General Manager, Jack O’Hara, being on annual leave be **ACCEPTED**.

ANNUAL MAYORAL REPORT

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

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR WINT/07/27

251 **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, Acting General Manager Steve McCoy, 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.

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2. DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

WINT/07/27

252 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Levingston 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.

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.

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3. LIST OF DELEGATES & COMMITTEE MEMBERS WINT/07/28

253 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross 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 M J Woods

‘D’ Division of the Shires Association of NSW

Delegate – Clr W J Heazlett

Alt Delegate – Clr K W Ferrier

New England Local Government

Delegate – Clr W J Heazlett

Namoi Local Government Group

Delegate – Clr Maria Woods

Representative – Gerry Moran, Director – Environmental Services

Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils

Delegate – Clr Bill Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Jack O’Hara, General Manager

Mid North Weight of Loads Group

Delegate – Clr D J Cross

Alt Delegate – Clr L Levingston

Representative – Steve McCoy, Director – Engineering Services

Country Libraries Association of NSW – North Eastern Zone

Delegate – Clr J M Archdale

Library Officer Delegate – Mrs DM Garrad, Librarian

Central Northern Libraries Committee

Delegate – Clr W J Heazlett

Alt Delegate – Clr J M Archdale

Local Traffic Committee and Council Advisory Committee

Representative – S C McCoy, Director – Engineering Services

Local and District Emergency Management Committee (LEMC & DEMC)

District Emergency Management Committee

Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

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Alt Delegate – Clr PR Blomfield

Local Emergency Management Committee

Chairman – Clr DJ Cross

Dept Chairman – Clr PR Blomfield

Local Emergency Management Officer – SC McCoy

Dept Local Emergency Management Officer – TBA

NSW Rural Fire Service Zone Liaison Committee

Delegates – Clrs DJ Cross

Alternate Delegate – 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 – Northwest Forestry Investment Group

Representative – Jack O'Hara, General Manager

Northern Inland Regional Waste Group

Representative – Matthew Maxwell – Engineering Assistant

Walcha Community Based Heritage Study Committee

Delegate – Clr Bill Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Gerry Moran, Director – Environmental Services

Plant Committee

Representative – Clr D J Cross

Representative – Clr L Levingston

Representative – Clr RS Thomson

General Manager – Jack O'Hara

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

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Works Superintendent
Plant Foreman

Staff Committee

Representative – Clr W J Heazlett
Representative – Clr D J Cross
Representative – Clr K W Ferrier
Representative – Clr JM Archdale
General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Staff Consultative Committee

Representative – Clr W J Heazlett
Representative – Clr K W Ferrier

Library Committee

Representative – Clr W J Heazlett – Mayor
Representative – Clr J M Archdale
General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Baths and Squash Courts Committee

Representative – Clr K W Ferrier
Representative – Clr J M Archdale
Director – Engineering – Steve McCoy
Director – Environmental – Gerry Moran
Asset Manager – TBA
President Walcha Squash Club – Scott Kermode
President Walcha Swimming Club – Phillippa Lawrence

Walcha Town and District Beautification and Tidy Towns Committee

Representative – Clr PR Blomfield
Representative – Clr RA Thomson
Alternative 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

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Walcha Occupational Health and Safety Committee

No Elected Representatives

Roads Management Committee

Representative – Clr W J Heazlett

Representative – Clr RS Thomson

Representative – Clr L Levingston

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

Walcha Council Australia Day Committee

The Services Clubs currently fills this role.

Representative – Clr W J Heazlett

Representative – Jack O’Hara – General Manager

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

Alternate Representative – Clr RS Thomson

Walcha Arts Council Inc

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

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 WJ Heazlett (Mayor)

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Director Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Director Walcha Preschool – Lesley Mouton

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Parent/Citizen Representatives (4):

- ❖ Serah Nivison
- ❖ Karen Kermode
- ❖ 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 Community Consultative Committee

Delegate – Clr L Levingston

Alt Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

Armidale Regional Tourism

Delegate – Clr K W Ferrier

Representative – Charlie Winter, Tourism Officer

Armidale Economic Development Group

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Alternate Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Plantation Development Unit

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – KW Ferrier

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Walcha Health Service Advisory Committee

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Sub Regional Strategy Committee

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Representative – Gerry Moran, Director – Environmental Services

New England Strategic Alliance Advisory Committee (NESAAC)

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

New England Strategic Alliance (NESAC) Audit Committee

Representative – Clr PR Blomfield

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**New England Strategic Alliance (NESAC) Equal Employment Opportunity
(EEO) Committee**

Representative – Indoor - TBA

Representative – Outdoor - TBA

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.14PM.**