

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 1.15PM**

**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:**

254 **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**.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
WALCHA COUNCIL HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2007:**

255 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 22 August 2007, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 6 – Councillor Ferrier declared an interest due to being on the organising Committee.

**SENIOR OFFICERS’ REPORTS**

256 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Thomson that the Senior Officers’ Reports be received for further information.

**1. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE UPGRADE OF  
AMENITIES AT THE WOOLBROOK SPORTSGROUND**

**WINT/07/75**

257 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Levingston that Council meet with the President to find out more details about the project and to convey Council’s support for the project following which the matter be referred back to Council for further consideration.

**2. FENCE POLICY**

**WINT/07/83**

258 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Archdale that Council amend the Fence Policy by including the following clause:

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- Fences located on the secondary building line of corner allotments are to commence behind the primary building line and:
  - Be constructed in conventional fencing materials that are sympathetic to the streetscape, and
  - Having a maximum height of 1.5 metres above natural ground level.

**FURTHER THAT** Council approve the application by Rebecca Rodwell to construct a colourbond fence along the Middle Street alignment, as detailed in the application subject to the following condition:

- That the maximum height of the fence to be 1.5 metres high.

**3. HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY SPEED ZONE** **WINT/07/92**

259 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that Council accepts the offer of the Roads and Traffic Authority of a grant to carry out investigation work into 40 kph High Pedestrian Activity Speed Zones.

**4. HERITAGE ACT REVIEW** **WINT/07/79**

Council **NOTED** the Report.

**5. RURAL ROAD NETWORK EXTENSION** **WINT/07/93**

260 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Levingston that Council:

1. Proceed with the dedication of Roads 40, 21 and 77.
2. Maintain its offer to the National Parks & Wildlife Service of \$15,000 to assist with the dedication of the road through Kanangra Vale.
3. Negotiate with the in-kind dozer owner to carry out a trial of ripping the rock on Road 11, the results of the trial to be considered when reviewing the Network Extension program in 2007/08.

**6. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WOOLBROOK  
SPRING FESTIVAL** **WINT/07/74**

Councillor Ferrier declared an interest and left the Meeting.

261 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Woods that Council donate \$1,000 towards the cost of hosting the Woolbrook Spring Festival **FURTHER THAT** the Committee forward invoices, up to this amount, to Council for payment. Councillor Ferrier returned to the Meeting.

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**7. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS UPGRADE WORK 2007/08      WINT/07/94**

262 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Ferrier that the cost of the pedestrian works at Middle Street / Fitzroy Street and Middle Street / Hill Street be determined for further consideration by Council.

**8. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS      WINT/07/95**

NESAC Asset Manager made a presentation to Council on the importance and work being done on asset management plans

**AFTERNOON TEA**

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00pm and resumed at 3.35pm.

**9. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING VARIATION – APPROVAL TO AFFIX  
COUNCIL’S COMMON SEAL      WINT/07/73**

263 **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:

- ❖ Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care – Acceptance of Funding Variation of Early Childhood Intervention Services.

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

**LATE REPORTS**

**1. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY      WINT/07/97**

264 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Woods that Council endorse the Walcha Emergency Risk Management Report for public exhibition and submission to the Combined Local and District Emergency Management Committees for consideration and adoption.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

The matter of providing a way of recognising Walcha residents involved in other conflicts was discussed. The Mayor and Senior Staff will investigate.

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**MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**WINT/07/038**

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

**Committee Reports:**

- a) Minutes of the Walcha Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee Meeting held at the Council Chambers on Monday, 27 August 2007. WINT/07/80
- b) Minutes of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walcha Preschool on Thursday, 28 August 2007 W07/3848
- c) Minutes of the Walcha Council Traffic Committee Meeting held at the Council Chambers on Friday, 7 September 2007 WINT/07/87

267 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Levingston that Council:

- 1. Approve the use of Middle Street, Walcha from Fitzroy Street to Jamieson Street by B-Doubles.
- 2. Approve the use of the following roads by B-Doubles:
  - (i) Tia Falls Road from Oxley Highway to “Old Woombi” subject to the completion of upgrading work and a trial.
  - (ii) Nine Mile Church Road from Nowendoc Road to the end.
  - (iii) Surveryors Creek Road from Campfire Road to “Wilberforce” (no access across the McDonald River).
  - (iv) Mandaloo Road from St Leonards Creek Road to “Sallywood”.
  - (v) Harford Road from Oxley Highway to the end subject to a trial.
  - (vi) Kangaroo Flat Road from Oxley Highway to “Mountain View”.
  - (vii) Middle Street from Fitzroy Street to Jamison Street.
- d) Minutes of the Walcha Council Plant Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Monday, 10 September 2007 WINT/07/90

**Delegate Reports:**

- a) Minutes of the NESAC Audit Committee Meeting held at Armidale Dumaresq Council Chambers on Tuesday, 31 July 2007. WI/07/49
- b) Minutes of the NESAC Audit Committee Meeting held at Armidale Dumaresq Council on Tuesday, 28 August 2007. WI/07/44
- c) Minutes of the TCT Advisory Committee Meeting held at Armidale on Wednesday, 29 August 2007.
- d) Minutes of the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 3 September 2007 at Uralla Shire Council Chambers. WI/07/179

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- e) Minutes of the Walcha Food, Wine & Craft Festival Committee Meeting  
held on 4 September 2007-09-13 WINT/07/82

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.40PM.**