

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors DJ Cross, JM Archdale, KW Ferrier, L Levingston, RS Thomson, MJ Woods and SJ Schmutter.

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

APOLOGIES:

NIL.

ANNUAL MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor welcomed the new Councillor, Councillor Schmutter to the Meeting. He then presented his Annual Mayoral report for the year 2007-2008 year as follows.

No report can hope to cover Council's involvement with all the issues that affect the lives of the people of Walcha. It is incumbent upon leadership from Walcha Council through to World Leaders to provide appropriate responses to what is affecting our lives at this point in time, to ensure the future. The big issues over the past twelve months to my mind, that are worthy of serious consideration are **elections, vision and sorry**.

THE WORLD

Elections: The most powerful country in the World is going to Presidential elections in November. There is probably no person in the Western World who would not like to also cast a vote in the American elections but we sit, watch and listen to the news on the election race as only the Americans do it. The major difference to our election process is the length of time taken to pick the candidates, around twelve months. The Republicans (Liberal equivalents) did not take long to pick their candidate, John McCain. A Vietnam pilot who became a POW in the Hanoi Hilton, a survival experience that has helped build a formidable character. The Democrats (Labor equivalents) are Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama who were still slogging out their pre-selection process at years end. If Hilary loses the pre-selection process some reasons for the failure have been suggested. Her campaign took long to offer a compelling rationale for her candidacy beyond a sense of entitlement to be elected. This turned voters off (and me) and her campaign failed organisationally despite Hilary having to put in \$US 11m of her own money to keep it all going. May the best person win.

The complete antithesis of democratic elections has taken place in Zimbabwe where the incumbent President Robert Mugabe refuses to accept the votes of the people and has forced the opposition leader to go to a run-off poll. This gives him time to murder, bash and intimidate those who might vote for somebody other than himself. A mindful example how power can corrupt.

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Vision: The Democrat pre-selection race also shows the importance of Vision. Hillary's campaign is based on the premise that she can play the game better than anybody else, as she has already had tenure in the White House. Barack keeps saying that the game itself could be changed. This obliquely goes back to Martin Luther King and his "I have a dream". This has appealed more to American voters. Of course it remains to be seen whether it can be done.

Sorry: The World is frequently subject to catastrophic events. Seeing on TV the suffering of people subjected to these events should touch us all. Most of us are thankful that our government acts on our behalf to provide charitable help. This year we have had a cyclone in Burma that has literally devastated the country. Other countries offered aid, food, helicopters, boats, clothing, despite this, the army junta running the country have repeatedly rejected help. This leadership has no human compassion and is prepared to let possibly thousands of their own people die. I can only conjecture that it is what will prove to be a vain attempt to keep themselves in power. As people we should feel genuine sorrow for these people and do what we can so that this situation does not occur again.

China on the other hand just weeks later suffered a devastating earthquake. Its response was to mobilize its army to help and to bring in as much international aid as it could to help its people. We feel sorrow for their suffering particularly for the number of children killed in schools in a one child per family country. However, our sorrow becomes sympathetic because we can feel that the World has become a more human and nicer place.

AUSTRALIA

Elections: The year saw the second longest serving government, which lasted almost twelve years, rejected by the Australian people. This leaves no conservative government (Liberal/National parties) in office anywhere in Australia at federal or state level. The Labor party's Kevin Rudd as Prime Minister appointed Julia Gillard as the nation's first female Deputy Prime Minister.

Why did the Nation tip out a government that was governing in good economic times? There are as many reasons as there are voters. The one piece of legislation that the government pushed through that it had not taken to an election for a mandate, was "Work Choices". The Union movement mounted what could be described as an effective media campaign against the legislation, playing on the fear that working conditions would be eroded. The Government failed to respond to this effectively. One of the first acts of the new Labor government was to repeal "Work Choices".

Vision: Another other issue that underpinned Labor's electioneering was Vision for the Country. They campaigned on being a fiscal twin of the government so that the government could not show them to be poor financial managers. They then had to show that they could plan for the future needs of the country. The government has now brought in its first budget where besides a budget surplus further money is being set aside to future proof the country by investing present mining taxation windfalls into a future infrastructure fund. The only way to bring vision into reality.

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The government is reducing our troop commitment to Iraq but remaining rock solid in its support for Afghanistan by increasing troop numbers by 300. This is despite losing four soldiers in battles.

Sorry: February the 13th 2008 became Sorry Day, when in an elaborate ceremony Kevin Rudd apologised to the indigenous peoples of Australia for the poor treatment metered out to them by settlers and more recently by governments taking children from their parents, “the stolen generation”. This also contrasts with the previous direct intervention of the former government into aboriginal communities to reduce child abuse, likely fuelled from alcohol abuse. The arguments against saying sorry were that it wasn’t us that did it, and it would open the flood gates of litigation. The latter has proved to be spurious and we all have to accept some responsibility for those forebears who act on our behalf.

Nobody has said sorry to David Hicks, but he has now completed his sentence and is a free man.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Elections: The NSW Government is not without its problems, the largest of these is finding money to support its services, particularly the high costs of education, health, transport and policing. The Premier and his Treasurer initiated a proposal to sell off the state’s power generation. This caused great dissension in the party so a modified proposal to lease the generators for 99 years has been mooted. This idea in its totality was rejected by the state Labor conference. Not to be deterred the Premier introduced the bill to carry this sale out and then left the country. I would not hesitate to say that this puts the government at great odds with the majority of people. No elected group can hope to remain in office if they do not heed the voice of the people over time. One hopes that the proposal will generate enough opposition to fail in the short term.

Vision: There is no grouping of people that I mix with that the sentiment is regularly expressed that the state government should be abolished. There is little value in considering the constitutional difficulties of how to bring this about, but great value in considering why such a view should be so widespread. I believe that it can all be attributed to a lack of Vision. At the state level we have a mindless future, nothing for the people to support or look forward to.

While all services could show lack of vision two of these are of concern to me at the local level, education and health. To provide the workers that Australia needs, women are being urged to work all their lives. This is in conflict with nature which has ordained women as the producers and major carers of children. Women cannot be home with family and at work at the same time. One helpful amelioration of this is to provide more long day care. Council is investigating this possibility.

Sorry: Walcha receives very few visits by government ministers but last year we did receive a visit from the then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Milton Orkopolus. He opened a new dam, community centre and vineyard for the aboriginal community at Summervale. With typical country hospitality, we remain interested in people we know

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and were shocked to see on the news that Milton was charged with sexual abuse of minors. He was subsequently found guilty and sentenced to nine years gaol. As a result he has been stripped of his parliamentary pension, so when he is released he will have a very difficult financial future. Both Milton and those he interfered with, could well be scared for the rest of their lives. At sentencing Milton did not express any sorrow to or for his victims. This is a great pity as sorrow is the only way to gain redemption, the only way to bring about a fundamental change in a person.

All great people elected or otherwise possess this personal strength to say sorry. To state an old truism, we learn by our mistakes, but only if we know we have made them.

NEW ENGLAND STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Elections: NESAC consists of a Committee of the Mayors, Deputy Mayors and General Managers, of the five Alliance Councils. Each Council though must individually and therefore collectively ratify all decisions. Despite this reality once the Mayors and Deputies are elected at the start of a Council term, NESAC does not change its members. At the formation of NESAC it was agreed that each Mayor would be leader for one year. This is the final year of this agreement and what can be said of it, is that it shows the strengths and weaknesses of each leader.

An individual Council would most likely become unworkable if each Councillor had to have a turn as Mayor.

At NESAC giving each Council a turn may help to ensure common goals and unity but perhaps allow leadership by any member of the NESAC Committee.

Vision: NESAC began with a utopian vision of unity in a significant number of service provision areas. After an enormous amount of work by staff in finances the connectivity and common software platform is producing the dividends in cost savings through efficiencies.

Other service areas are gradually working towards a similar outcome.

Sorry: In preparation of the election of new Councils it was decided to conduct a review of the Alliance progress and weaknesses to show the way forward into the future. Unfortunately the result was at best disappointing and at worst, a great waste of time. It involved meetings where Councillors spoke to written submissions, reiterating views that were already discredited through the successful functioning of the Alliance.

The ongoing success of the Alliance can only be assured if members plan and work through strategies to work more effectively both individually and collectively.

WALCHA

Being a community founded by pastoralists there has always been a great love and interest in all things involving horses. This year all horse events came to a halt with the outbreak of horse flu, as a result of lax isolation measures at a quarantine station. This

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requires the inoculation of all horses in the district and the cancellation of the races, rodeo and horse events at the show.

Our Economy: Statistical figures show that the population of the community grew slightly while prices for rural properties continue to be variable. However most producers continue to be economically viable by being efficient and keeping their costs to a minimum. There is possibly hope of increased prices as there are now forecasts of world food shortages.

Wool, sheep and beef producers make money through having extensive low cost production. The costs of fertilizers and fuel is now starting to make pasture re-sowing of doubtful economic benefit. As always, the people who can invest to produce a higher value product can still make money. A Victorian dairy farmer is setting up a high tech dairy to cash in on our relatively cheaper good land and higher rainfall. It will be interesting to watch this dairy to see if it can make a profit under Walcha conditions. It could be the start of a new agricultural revolution for the district.

Council is watching with trepidation the Collateral Debt Obligation (CDO) market which has effectively ceased to operate. This market was a way for Council to gain up to 2% more bank interest. Council took advantage of this for a number of years. When banks ceased to back these paper debts, Council ceased investing. Council has around 40% of its investment portfolio in these CDO's. To date, all of Council's investments have continued to meet their interest payments, but the face value of the script is less than the sums Council has invested. Council will try to divest itself of these CDO's as soon as possible, as a major world recession would see a minimalist redemption value.

Governance: The Federal election saw Tony Windsor returned as our representative in Australia's parliament. He played an active role in the 2020 summit which is a process that signalled a change in the way this government obtains community input into the decision making process. It had the added value of reviewing the government's role in many areas, infrastructure, climate change and a taxation review, being the most significant. Taxation changes could have the most significant effect of Local Government. Councils' need access to different taxation revenue streams.

Our Local Member, Richard Torbay, continues to work hard for us, gaining an extra \$600,000 of state money to continue work on the Topdale Road. He is continuing to push to have the last 4.2kms completed.

Roads: The Bergen Road will be completed in the next financial year using the Roads to Recovery money. There is also comprehensive forward planning capital works and maintenance so the future expenditure of Roads to Recovery money might need to start shifting to maintenance to extend the life of the road network.

A dangerous corner was comprehensively rebuilt on Thunderbolts Way and there has not been an accident since the work was completed. The sooner Topdale Road is completed and more spent on Thunderbolts Way before its restoration becomes a major project, the better our overall road network will be.

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Bridges: The State Government was able to restore the bridge replacement program for regional roads in its budget and Council applied and received half the funding to replace the last three remaining wooden bridges on Thunderbolts Way. The tender accepted was for 1.2m and the work is all but completed.

The replacement of other bridges on the local road network may gradually take place when their longevity is assessed in an asset maintenance program.

Truck Inspection Station: This is now operational at the Council's work depot and provides this service to our local truck and heavy vehicle operators.

Multi Purpose Health Service: Council has tried hard to get an official opening for the Hospital. When the Labor Cabinet met in Armidale we were able to get the Health Minister, Reba Meagher, to call into the new hospital but the timing was at such short notice that arrangements to have it officially opened could not be arranged. The Hunter New England Area Health Service have now handed arrangements over to Council and we are hopeful of getting the Hospital officially opened.

The community want to be involved with the Hospital and the Walcha Garden Club stepped in with a lot of work and replanting of the new Hospital grounds with species that can survive a Walcha winter.

The Elizabeth Crosse Wing continues to be fully utilized and provides a sound basis for the operation of the whole Hospital.

Planning: The NESAC Local Environment Plan splutters along and has yet to be finalized as State Government Departments were for a long time unable to reach decisions on key issues, like property sizes. Minister Sartor in charge of Planning, pushed through legislation that significantly altered the planning process, particularly to give the State Government more powers over significant planning issues. Council does not expect this to have major effects on our community.

The one change that is of significance is changes with regard to Heritage determinations. Planning may deal with heritage matters locally and not go to the Heritage Council.

Community Based Heritage Study: This has yet to be finalized.

Preschool and Early Intervention Centre: This is going along from strength to strength with dedicated staff and committee. Improvements are continuous and investigations are planned to turn the facility into long day care if required. Playgroup also use the facility.

WALCHA'S DEVELOPMENT:

Housing: The trend of retirees living in Walcha was given a special lift with a development application to build our first \$1m house. A significant increase over other large houses built in Walcha. The quality of this house benefits the whole community.

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Another house that is increasing in size but maintaining its 1900's quality is "Langford". This house is already being used for photo-shoots as it is a standout.

Subdivision: Council received its biggest application to roll out a small farm subdivision on the eastern edge of town. This will add a further 43 lots with town water and sealed road. Planning laws restrict these developments to be close to town. It should be a boon to those who wish to have a small rural allotment lifestyle near a small friendly community.

Streetscape: The major addition during the year was almost 30 verandah posts to awnings around the town. These were carved by a group of artists at Stephen King's property and erected by Council workers. These have proved to be so popular that Council will make a further application to do more of the town. The other part of the Streetscape that was completed was the Market Fresh Fruit Shop Corner. The rock wall complements the other wall on Boultons Corner and ties in the Streetscape theme.

The next work to be done is the North Eastern corner on the song cycle intersection.

Law & Order: The police are to be commended for a large drug bust at Yarrowitch. The offenders are not people who are a part of our community. Vigilant locals can help by not allowing these offenders to hide in our midst.

The police have been particularly severe on drinking at licenced public functions by enforcing the letter of the law. While this reduction of drinking also reduces associated crime, it also reduces social interaction. This is exacerbated by the lack of public transport in town.

Sport: This continues to be the major form of leisure activity for most members of the community. Dedicated officials in each sport make this possible throughout the year with over 10 sports on offer for those interested.

This year's story: (From Arthur Drage) Arthur was boarding at the Commercial Hotel during the 1950's when the pub changed hands. The day the new publican took over the Anglican minister arrived at the Hotel and asked for a bottle of rum, his weekly purchase. He then asked for his usual discount, the bottle at cost price. This arrangement occurred for some weeks until the publican raised it with the permanent boarders one night at tea. One volunteered a remedy, carefully remove the seal from a bottle and use it to dispense rum until a fair portion was used. Keep this bottle in a special place and fill it back up with water, then carefully replace the top and make sure all staff knew which one was the minister's bottle. This was dutifully done and the secret bottle became legend. No doubt dampening the minister's spirits.

Timber Plantations: Forest Enterprises Australia continues to establish more hardwood plantations to the east and south of Walcha. They are some years away from harvesting these trees.

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The softwood mill at Quirindi is just starting to take logs for milling. No doubt full scale operations will get underway in the next year.

Development Applications:

	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>Value \$</u>
New Houses	14	3,771,560
Additions	18	1,077,911
Commercial	11	1,729,900
Sheds/carports	10	98,176
Subdivisions	8	0
Other	<u>7</u>	<u>128,360</u>
TOTAL	68	\$6,805,907

Tourism: The horse flu and the increasing price of petrol has made a significant reduction in Tourism figures for the past year. The Walcha Mountain Bike Challenge was a resounding success but took a lot of hard work. Timber Expo was postponed for a year.

RTA: The RTA service provided by Council was moved from the front desk to its own office. This service is well supported by the public.

Councillors: John Cross and myself were awarded long service medals at the Local Government & Shires Associations Annual Conference.

It is significant that the changing role of Councillors is beginning to be reflected in Council meetings. The future of Walcha is very much a dependent on the input of these elected representatives to progress through challenges by giving community leadership. By including 'items for discussion' Councillors can raise and put views forward that do not necessarily require management of Council to deal with an issue.

Staff: Council is fortunate to have dedicated senior staff. Their leadership at both Council and community level is valued and appreciated by all. I believe all other staff show respect for this, by doing their best through their work.

Those who joined the Councillor during the year are: Gail Ashby, Marita Frazier, Josh Everleigh, Frank Wiedermann, Josh Guttridge, Linda Scherff, Gordon Margery, Paul Wells, Darren Bird, Cynthia Ward, Fiona Poole (Term), Jody Green and Jenny Haslem. Those who left Council's employ during the year were: Michael Lisle, Gail Ashby and Kim (Buck) Cross.

There are 14 Indoor Staff and 43 Outdoor Staff.

Australia Day Awards 2008

Citizen of the Year – Shirley Davidson

Young Citizen of the Year – Scott Henry

Senior Sportsperson of the Year – Maria Ireland

Junior Sportsperson of the Year – Jack Garrad

Community Organisation of the Year – Walcha Show Society

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People:

Oldest Resident Citizen – Edith Madrick (28/05/1907) – 101 years young.

Oldest Local Citizen – Millie Whitehead – 98 years young.

Erica Sweeney is a student at St Patricks Primary School (2007) and was successful in gaining State selection during the year to represent NSW in the National Cross Country Championships in Perth where she came fifth in the Under 12's race. Erica is one of a number of young athletes who, with community support, are performing at top levels.

Arthur and Edna Drage – Edna was a Robson from Woolbrook who went to Sydney to work and met Arthur (a sailor) in Sydney the day the War in the Pacific ended. Arthur had been in the London Fire Brigade during the London Blitz and then joined the Navy where he was part of the flotilla that landed the allied army back to Europe on “D” day (6 June 1944). Edna went to London as a war bride, but in 1949 they returned to Australia and the family property at Woolbrook. Arthur was not cut out for farming and started a watch repair gift shop in Walcha where they both worked until they retired.

Arthur and Edna both contributed through being volunteers to almost all organizations in Walcha. Arthur was directly responsible for getting a fire brigade in Walcha manned by volunteers, as it is to this day.

Arthur and Edna left Walcha this year to enter a retirement home on the Central Coast to be near their married daughters. A community function was held to say farewell and express appreciation for almost 60 years of exemplary Walcha citizenship.

Thanks: I would take this opportunity to thank Councillors, their spouses, staff and community for their support. Council is there to provide services to all the community. This has been achieved with harmony to the highest standards throughout the year.

Clr Bill Heazlett
Mayor of Walcha

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR **WO/08/831**

36 **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 Mayor then vacated the Chair and the Returning Officer, General Manager then called for nominations for the position of Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor WJ Heazlett, the Returning Officer, declared Councillor Heazlett elected Mayor the ensuing period unopposed.

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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.

Mayor Heazlett returned to the Chair.

2. DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

WO/08/831

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Schmutter 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.

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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 WO/08/830

38 **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 MJ Woods

‘D’ Division of the Shires Association of NSW

Delegate – Mayor – Clr WJ Heazlett

Alt Delegate – Deputy Mayor – Clr K W Ferrier

New England Local Government

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Namoi Local Government Group

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Alternate Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier

Representative – Gerry Moran, Director – Environmental Services

Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils

Delegate – Mayor – Clr WJ Heazlett

Representative – General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Mid North Weight of Loads Group

Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

Alt Delegate – Clr L Levingston

Representative – Steve McCoy Director – Engineering Services

Country Libraries Association of NSW – North Eastern Zone

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Library Officer Delegate – DM Garrad, Librarian

Central Northern Libraries Committee

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Alt Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

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Local Traffic Committee and Council Advisory Committee

Representative – SC McCoy, Director – Engineering Services

Local and District Emergency Management Committee (LEMC & DEMC)

District Emergency Management Committee

Delegate – Clr DJ Cross

NESAC Local Emergency Management Committee

Chairman – Clr DJ Cross

Local Emergency Management Officer – SC McCoy

NSW Rural Fire Service Zone Liaison Committee

Delegates – Clr DJ Cross

Alternate Delegate – Clr RS Thomson

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

Zone Bush Fire Management Committee

Delegate – Clr MJ Woods

Bush Fire Management Committee Walcha Sub Committee

Chairman – Clr MJ Woods

Representative – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

Tablelands Community Transport Management Committee

Representative – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

Arts North West

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Alternate Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter

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 WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Representative – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

Plant Committee

Representative – Clr DJ Cross

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Representative – Clr L Levingston
Representative – Clr RS Thomson
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy
Works Superintendent
Plant Foreman

Staff Committee

Representative – Mayor – Clr WJ Heazlett
Representative – Deputy Mayor – Clr KW Ferrier
Representative – Clr DJ Cross
Representative – Clr JM Archdale
General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Staff Consultative Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Baths and Squash Courts Committee

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier
Representative – Clr SJ Schmitter
Director – Engineering – Steve McCoy
Director – Environmental – Gerry Moran
President Walcha Squash Club – Scott Kermode
President Walcha Swimming Club – Virginia Fenwicke
Pool Supervisor

Walcha Town and District Beautification and Tidy Towns Committee

Representative – Clr JM Archdale
Representative – Clr RA Thomson
Alternative Representative – Clr JM Archdale
Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran
Urban Works Supervisor – Steph Sweeney
Mr Doug Laurie
Mrs Phyllis Hoy
Mrs Barbara Dunn
Mrs Robyn Lyon
Mrs Robyn Vincent

Walcha Occupational Health and Safety Committee

No Elected Representatives

Roads Management Committee

All Council
Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

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Walcha Council Australia Day Committee

The Services Clubs currently fills this role.

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter

Representative – General Manager

Walcha Council Waste Management Committee

Representative – Mayor – Clr WJ Heazlett

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 SJ Schmutter

Alternate Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Walcha Local (Liquor) Consultative Committee

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Community Centre Committee (Multi-Purpose Centre)

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter

Walcha HACC Advisory Committee

Representative – Clr MJ Woods

Walcha Council Preschool Advisory Committee

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

Director Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Director Walcha Preschool – Lesley Mouton

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.

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

Walcha Community Consultative Committee

Delegate – Clr L Levingston

Delegate – Clr SJ Schmutter

Armidale Regional Tourism

Delegate – Clr K W Ferrier

Representative – Tourism Officer

Armidale Economic Development Group

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett – Mayor

Alternate Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

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 – Mayor

Representative – Deputy Mayor

General Manager

New England Strategic Alliance (NESAC) Audit Committee

Representative – Clr RS Thomson

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

Representative – Indoor – Liz Hobbs

Representative – Outdoor – Kevin Creighton

Management Representative – Gerry Moran

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