



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

at

2:10pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors PR Blomfield, KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, JM Kealey, SJ Kermode, CM Lyon and RL Wellings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr JG O'Hara, General Manager and Mrs LJ Latham, Environmental Services Manager.

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

Nil.

MINUTES



**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2017:**

20 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Kermode that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 July 2017, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Item: 12.1 Council Owned Houses Appraisal WINT/2017/02311**

Environmental Services Manager, Lacey Latham, declared a pecuniary in this matter as her partner is part owner of a real estate business that may potentially market the sale of or rent the properties discussed.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil.

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

21 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Heazlett that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

**6.1 Draft Fees & Charges 2017 – 2018 – Community Services Section for Adoption by Council WO/2017/01409**

22 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that the fees for Community Care and the Library be **ADOPTED** as per schedule below:

Fee Description	Fee Type	GST Y/N	Fee:
<b>Walcha Community Transport – Individual (each way)</b>			
Walcha	B	N	\$3.00
Walcha – outside town limits	B	N	\$4.00
Armidale	B	N	\$7.50
Tamworth	B	N	\$9.00
<b>Walcha Community Transport Bus – Group (CT eligible groups only)</b>			
Walcha	B	N	\$20.00
Uralla	B	N	\$60.00
Armidale	B	N	\$90.00
Tamworth	B	N	\$120.00
<b>Social Group Cost</b>			
Daily attendance – in house	C	N	\$5.00
Daily attendance – in house inc. WCT bus	C	N	\$5.00
Daily attendance - outing	C	N	\$15.00



Fee Description	Fee Type	GST Y/N	Fee:
<b>Individual Support Cost</b>			
Medical Drive – Walcha	B	N	\$10.00
Medical Drive – Armidale	B	N	\$25.00
Medical Drive - Tamworth	B	N	\$25.00
<b>Shopping Fee - Walcha</b>	B	N	\$12.00
<b>Library Photocopying Fees:</b>			
A4 black and white single sided	D	Y	\$0.20
A4 black and white double sided	D	Y	\$0.30
A3 black and white single sided	D	Y	\$0.40
A3 black and white double sided	D	Y	\$0.50
A4 colour single sided	D	Y	\$0.80
A4 colour double sided	D	Y	\$1.20
A3 colour single sided	D	Y	\$1.60
A3 colour double sided	D	Y	\$2.40

**6.2 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2017 WO/2017/01367**

23 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that Council approve the attendance of the Mayor and the General Manager and two Councillors, Clr Kealey and Clr Kermode, as representatives at the 2017 Annual Conference of Local Government NSW **FURTHER THAT** the payment of all expenses associated with the attendance at the Conference be approved by Council.

**6.3 Grants for Junior Sporting / Coaching Clinics WO/2017/01454**

24 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Lyon that Council allocate the following funds to each applicant:

1. Walcha & District Tennis Association - \$600.
2. Walcha Flippers Swimming Club - \$1,600.

**6.4 Refer 2016 2017 Financial Statements to Audit WO/2017/01363**

25 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the 2016/2017 Financial Statements be referred for Audit **FURTHER THAT** a Statement in accordance with Section 413(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 be completed and signed by the appropriate signatories.

**6.5 Financial Assistance Grants for 2017/2018 WO/2017/01461**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**6.6 Water Security Feasibility Study – Stage 2 – Desktop Assessment of Feasible Dam Site Options – Final Report WO/2017/01459**

26 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Wellings that Council **ADOPT** the Apsley River Dam Sites Desktop Assessment report



**FURTHER THAT** Council send copies to both the Federal Member, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, and the State Member, Mr Kevin Anderson MP.

**6.7 Pecuniary Interest Annual Returns for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017**  
**WO/2017/01349**

27 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council formally records that the Ordinary Returns of Pecuniary Interest required to be submitted by Councillors, the General Manager and Designated Staff, for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 have been submitted as required and have been tabled in accordance with the provisions of Section 450A of the Local Government Act, 1993.

**6.8 Committee of the Whole Referral – Event Proposal for Council AND Council Owned Houses Appraisal**  
**WO/2017/01371**

28 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of the Event Proposal for Council and Council Owned Houses Appraisals be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**7.1 Notice of Motion Number 3: Multi Purpose Centre Grants – Request for Council Contribution**  
**WO/2017/01339**

29 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council consider a giving a financial contribution to the upgrade of the Multi Purpose Centre Project **ONLY IF** the Walcha Central School and/or the Walcha Central School P & C Association make a contribution as well **FURTHER THAT** Council match the combined contribution of Walcha Central School and Walcha Central School P & C Association up to the value of \$8,000.

30 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council request the Multi Purpose Centre Committee to re-negotiate the Lease Agreement Long Term Community Use of the Multi Purpose Centre.

**8. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

**Woolbrook Small Hall Festival**

31 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that the matter of Woolbrook Small Hall Festival be considered a matter of urgency as well as declared by the Chairperson.

Clr Ferrier declared a non-serious non-pecuniary interest as he is a committee member of the Woolbrook Hall.



32 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council underwrite the cost of the Festival and provide the bus with the funds to be financed from the remaining allocation of the Village Improvement Grants.

**9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS WO/2017/01351**

33 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 9.1 to 9.16 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Town & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at the Walcha Council Chambers. WO/2017/01473**

4.5 Showground Area – Derby Street

34 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that Council’s Engineer prepare a report on the matter for a future Council meeting.

**Afternoon Tea**

Council adjourned for afternoon at 3:05pm and resumed the Meeting at 3:38pm. During afternoon tea members of the Town & Country Association were thanked for their donation towards the McHattan Park Playground Equipment.

5.1 Glen Grow Rest Area South of Walcha

35 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that Council gravel and seal the car park area as travellers use it as a rest area, trucks also use the area for parking, resting and livestock inspection.

5.3 Substation on Uralla Road

36 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council liaise with Essential Energy to remove the old substation site that is now used for pole storage with the intention of moving the site to an industrial area.

**10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 7 August 2017 at the Walcha Preschool WO/2017/01423**

**10.3 Minutes of the Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 August 2017 at the Walcha Council Chambers. WO/2017/01474**

3.4 Updating on investigation “Sculpture in the Mountains” Festival

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council allows the Action Group to seek funds for the maintenance of the Open Air Gallery.



4.1 Relocating Sculpture “Figure in the Landscape” by John Petrie, to a new position in Semphill Park

38 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council reply to the letter, stating that the Committee agrees with the letter sent to Council, however, the item will be considered as future refinements to the Open Air Gallery and will not be treated as a matter of urgency.

4.4 Artwork Located at the Star Casino Sydney

**Motion:**

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **Seconded** Clr Heazlett that if the Artwork becomes available as a result of James Roger’s actions that Council provide transport for the artwork from Sydney to Walcha.

On being put to the **VOTE** the Motion was **LOST**.

39 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that Council prepare a report detailing the cost of the transfer of the artwork, the maintenance costing and the installation of the artwork.

4.5 Sign for Art Trail on the Levee

**Motion:**

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **Seconded** Clr Kermode that the sign for Art Trail on the levee not be pursued and that the best medium is by mobile and brochure.

On being put to the **VOTE** the Motion was **LOST**.

**Motion:**

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **Seconded** Clr Blomfield that the sign for the Art Trail be placed in the Visitor Information Centre as it is the central location for this information.

On being put to the **VOTE** the Motion was **LOST**.

**11. DELEGATE REPORTS**

**11.1 Minutes of the Namoi Councils Joint Organisation Board Meeting held at McKell Room, NSW Parliament, Macquarie Street, Sydney on Thursday, 10 August 2017. WI/2017/01414**

**12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

40 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the reason



that they relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

41 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kermode.

The Mayor reported whilst in Committee of the Whole the following matters were discussed.

**PRESENT:** Present and IN Attendance were the same as listed in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting with the exception of the press and the public.

**12.1 Council Owned Houses Appraisal WINT/2017/02311**

The Environmental Services Manager left the Chambers and took no part in the Meeting.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council set the rent of the property at 225E Croudace Street, Walcha at \$310 per week.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Wellings that Council place the property at 21W Churchill Street, Walcha for sale with the proceeds to be reserved for future use in an investment portfolio.

The Environmental Services Manager returned to the Chambers and the Chair informed her of the Committee's recommendations.

**12.2 Request for Funding – Opera 2018 at Langford WINT/2017/02095**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kermode that Council not provide any additional support for this event but agree to continue to provided in-kind support.

**ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:40PM.**