



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 19 May 2014

at

5:31pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

PRESENT: Clr JM Archdale (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, L Levingston, CM Lyon, 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.

1. APOLOGIES:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. RESCISSION MOTION

WO/2014/00507

191 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston, Schmutter and Woods that Council rescind Minute No.: 148 passed at 26 March 2014 Council Meeting which read:

*148 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Thomson that Council suspend the dust suppression program and any future dust suppression works be regarded as private works.*

3. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

3.1 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Review 2014

WO/2014/00860

It was **MOVED** Councillor Schmutter **Seconded** Councillor Ferrier that the Mayoral and Councillor Fees remain the same for 2014/2015 as 2013/2014.

An **Amendment** was **MOVED** Councillor Heazlett **Seconded** Councillor Lyon that the Councillor fees be \$10,000 and the Mayoral Fee be \$19,000 for 2014/2015.

The **Amendment** on being put to the **VOTE** was **CARRIED**.

193 It then became the **Substantive Motion** and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

3.2 Namoi Councils Regional Infrastructure Priority List

WO/2014/00756

194 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Schmutter that Council submit the following items to the Namoi Councils to be put on the Regional Infrastructure List:

1. Oxley Highway including the Bridge at Walcha Road and the unfinished repairs due to mountain slips.
2. Hydro scheme on the Apsley River
3. Upgrade the electricity infrastructure to facilitate the wind industry.

3.3 Draft Budget 2014/2015

WO/2014/00616

It was **MOVED** Councillor Schmutter **Seconded** Councillor Lyon that the Streetscape Project and the Croudace Street house painting and repairs be removed from the Budget **FURTHER THAT** the number 1 Dust Suppression



Project on Council's Works Program and the General Manager's Performance Review be included in the Budget.

An **Amendment** was **MOVED** Councillor Lyon **Seconded** Councillor Ferrier that the Streetscape Project be reduced to \$25,000, the Croudace Street house painting and repairs be removed from the Budget **FURTHER THAT** the number one on the Dust Suppression Project on Council's Works Program and the General Manager's Performance Review be included in the Budget.

A **FORESHADOWED MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor Heazlett that Council accept the deletions as presented in the report as well as the Capital Works Program and proceed with a \$35,000 deficit.

The **Amendment** on being put to the **VOTE** was **CARRIED**.

195 It then became the **Substantive Motion** and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

(h) Waste Drop Off Centre

196 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Schmutter that Council approve the provision of '25 per cent of the cost of the design, construction and slab for the shed' and to sign the Deed of Agreement to accept the funding offered.

Fees & Charges 2014/2015

197 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Schmutter that Council add a Pensioner admission charge to the Baths for the amount of \$2.20 GST included.

198 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Thomson that the Draft Budget for the year 2014/2015 as amended be **ADOPTED** by Council and be included in the annual Operational Plan to be presented to the June 2014 Meeting of Council.

Councillor Woods recorded her vote **AGAINST** this Resolution.

3.4 Referral to Committee of the Whole – Doctor Recruitment Strategy
WO/2014/00870

199 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Levingston that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of "Doctor Recruitment" be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.



4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

200 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon 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 it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

201 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Thomson.

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.

4.1 Doctor Recruitment Strategy

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Heazlett and Lyon that Council offer the Croudace Street house to the new Registrar rent free for a period of six months, after this time the rent will be reviewed.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

202 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Lyon that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Monday, 19 May 2014 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

The Chairman publicly declared the recommendations passed by the Committee whilst in Committee of the Whole.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:50PM.