



EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 29 September 2014

at

4:00pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr JG O'Hara (General Manager), Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services) and Mr Matthew Fanning (Director – Engineering Services).

1. APOLOGIES:

31 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the apologies received from Clr Woods being overseas, Clr Thomson due to a medical appointment in Sydney and Clr Lyon due to a vehicle failure be **ACCEPTED**.

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.....General ManagerMayor

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2. MAYORAL REPORT

WO/2014/01840

Opening this Special Meeting of Council today sees the completion of two years for me as Mayor of Walcha. I wish to thank Clr Schmutter for his support in the position of Deputy Mayor as I know matters delegated to him are handled professionally, assiduously and in the best interests of the community. Also thank you to all Councillors who have offered support to me in the role of Mayor and for the dedication and respect you have for the position you hold.

The past 12 months, although the everyday wheels have been in motion, I feel has had Walcha Council, and indeed many councils across the state, in a holding pattern until the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panels final paper, Revitalising Local Government - October 2013, was released in January 2014. Since then we have patiently waited for the NSW Government to release its findings on the 65 recommendations. Fit for the Future has now been released by the NSW Government and Walcha Council has been recommended to become either a Rural Council, merge with Uralla Council or amalgamate with Armidale, Guyra and Uralla. Walcha Council recognises the need for change within Local Government and supports being an autonomous member of a regional Joint Organisation. Walcha Council has already indicated its willingness to be part of a "Pilot" Joint Organization of Councils with the current Namoi Councils. We will need to again consult with our community and neighbouring councils in preparation of our submission to become Fit for the Future due by June 2015.

The drought continues to place enormous pressure on the Walcha community as a whole affecting not just our farmers but also our local businesses and jobs. Many graziers have been forced to destock and/or commit to feeding their stock through the winter and now into the spring. Walcha Council is not unscathed as the dry weather has had a detrimental effect on our gravel road network, parks, gardens, sporting fields and truck wash bay to name a few. Council and the Walcha town ship was put under extra pressure when the McDonald River stopped running and the town water supply was at the lowest ever known. It is very timely that a Ministerial Working Group has been appointed to identify new water infrastructure projects across Australia. Local Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce chairs the group and it is exciting that the Apsley River Project from the 80's has resurfaced and is in the mix for consideration. This project has huge potential on many levels for the Walcha district, water security being first and foremost however a hydro scheme, tourism, employment and the possibility of irrigation enabling diverse land use would give Walcha substantial growth and promise of an assured future.

In October 2013 the inaugural LGNSW Annual Conference was held in Sydney. The conference had the opportunity to flag its future in good light, however there was and continues to be much analysis of the event. The change of venue to Coffs Harbour this year has been met with apprehension and I believe the successful future for this event will rely heavily on the Business Section being tightly controlled and political persuasions in the room not being allowed to stifle productive debate.

The completion of the Woolbrook Bridge is an achievement of which Walcha Council should be very proud. The project is the perfect example of successful collaboration



between neighbouring councils and the no fuss co-operation with Tamworth Regional Council has to be commended. A short time of inconvenience has produced the best result possible for the residents and users of the Woolbrook Bridge.

The Office of Local Government conducted a Promoting Better Practice Review Program of Walcha Council in May this year. This review gave Walcha Council the opportunity to examine its performance, ascertain its strengths and weaknesses and identify the focus required for continuous improvement. Although we are yet to receive the official report, the assessors were genuine in their positive comments and offered helpful suggestions for areas that can be strained due to the staffing constraints of smaller councils. The suggestion of having a “buddy” metropolitan council is of great merit and one that Walcha Council is pursuing.

Council once again conducted the annual Regional meetings in June this year after deciding to trial new venues being the Tia and Summervale churches. Europambela, Yarrowitch, Brackendale and Ingleba were taken off the list with the intent to bring these communities together in a centralised location. The Nowendoc, Woolbrook and town meetings went ahead as usual. I have for a number of years been concerned over the small number of people these meetings reach and believe we need to find a better way to meet with our community. The attendance this year of both councillors and community members was more than disappointing.

Walcha Council has recently joined the Country Mayors Association of NSW Inc and I have been appreciative of the opportunity to attend the last 2 meetings. The calibre of speakers that are invited to address these meetings and the direct access to state politicians is impressive. I see a great future for this growing organisation as it gives the chance for liked-minded councils to consider and make representations on issues pertinent to country areas.

This year, for many reasons, has been a difficult year for Council and our community. However there have been highlights and positives that must be acknowledged. Walcha Preschool gaining a rating of “Exceeding National Quality Standards” through the National Quality Standards Assessment and Rating process is an outstanding result. The library having a 120% increase in visits, primarily due to a change in opening hours and having exceptional staff. Walcha Local Health Committee won the Best Presented Annual Report in the Hunter New England Region as it highlighted the enormous support from volunteers and service groups and the many and varied health care sessions conducted in Walcha throughout the year. Councils support of the Growers Market and another sculpture for our Open Air Gallery that brings so many to our town. These are just a few and I acknowledge that they are not politically significant, not even of regional importance but very indicative of the fibre of this community.

Our Walcha community is remarkable and more supportive than any I know. Our community deserves no less than each and every councillor elected to act in the best interests of this community and this can only be achieved by working together. We are not here for self-promotion or personal political gain but to do what we have been elected to do whilst adhering to the Code of Conduct by showing respect at all times. The next 12



months will be crucial for the autonomous future of Walcha Council and we need to work closely with our community and represent their wishes for the future clearly and decisively.

The September General Meeting of Council sees the completed Asset Management Plans for Roads and Bridges presented for adoption. These plans are immense and importantly show the replacement value of councils assets which in turn gives a correct depreciation value of those assets. This is vital for council to be able to dispute the TCorp ranking and prepare for our submission for Fit for the Future. Councils decision to employ additional staff to assist in the preparation of these plans shows proactive decision making at its best and the engineering department staff involved are to be congratulated on their accomplishment.

Again I am concerned at the workload that is placed on our General Manager and Directors and know that the preparation of the submission, Fit for the Future, will add extra to the work load that is already more than demanding . I congratulate retired Engineer Steve McCoy on his 25 years service to Walcha Council and wish him a long and happy retirement with his wife Lee. I also am pleased to welcome Matt Fanning to Council and his family to Walcha and look forward to his valued input.

I thank the General Manager, Directors and all Walcha Council staff for the support and friendship I have received over the last 12 months it has been an absolute honour to serve Walcha as Mayor for the last two years and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Janelle Archdale
Mayor

The above Mayoral Report was **NOTED** by Council.

3. SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS:

3.1 Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor

WO/2014/01684

32 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that in the event 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.

a) Election of Mayor

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 JM Archdale, the Returning Officer, declared Councillor Archdale elected Mayor for the ensuing period unopposed.



b) Election of Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor SJ Schmutter, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Schmutter elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period unopposed.

Mayor Archdale returned to the Chair.

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides the authority for Council to delegate its powers. It provides that Council may, by resolution, delegate to the General Manager or any other person or body (excluding another employee of Council) certain of its functions.

Subsequent to those changes, the following authorities are now delegated to the Mayor.

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.
7. In accordance with the provisions of Section 378(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, authority to approve Council orders for the provision of goods and services up to the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Archdale, these powers are delegated to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, **EXCEPT** for Clause 7.

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 Archdale, the Delegations made to Councillor Archdale shall be deemed to be made to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, **EXCEPT** for Clause 7.

33 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, the Delegations of Authority listed above be made to the Mayor, Councillor Archdale and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, respectively.

Councillor Archdale, Mayor of Walcha, took the Chair.

3.2 Committees and Delegates Membership

WO/2014/01680

34 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier that if more than one person expressed an interest in the Committees then Council would hold a Secret Ballot to elect the Delegate to that Committee.

35 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the list of Delegates, listed below, be **ADOPTED** for the ensuing twelve months, with the exception of the New England Weeds Authority which is for a four year period and with the exception of the WCCC Advisory Committee which is to be referred to the next Council Meeting:

New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council – trading as New England Weeds Authority (NEWA)

Organisations: Uralla Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council and Walcha Council



Purpose: Special Purpose County Council set up for the control of noxious plants.

Delegate – Clr M J Woods (4 year term – due September 2016)

Namoi Councils

Organisations: Namoi CMA, Gunnedah Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Walcha Council

Purpose: To provide strong local government leadership, to work co-operatively for the benefit of the Namoi region, and effectively advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities.

Delegate – Mayor – Clr JM Archdale
Alternate Delegate – Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter
Representative – General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Mid North Weight of Loads Group

Organisations: Armidale Dumaresq Council, Bellingen Shire Council, Coffs Harbour City Council, Dungog Shire Council, Gloucester Shire Council, Great Lakes Council, Greater Taree Council, Kempsey Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Council, Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Upper Hunter Council, Uralla Shire Council, Walcha Council.

Purpose: The Group was established in 1986 for the purpose of minimising pavement damage caused by overloaded trucks.

Delegate – Clr L Levingston
Alt Delegate – Clr CM Lyon
Representative – Matt Fanning, Director – Engineering Services

Public Libraries NSW – North Eastern Zone

Organisations: The Group represents libraries from Tweed Heads to Forster across to Gunnedah and up to Tenterfield

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett
Library Officer Delegate – DM Garrad – Librarian

Central Northern Libraries Committee

Organisations: Tamworth Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council Walcha Council, Liverpool Plains Council, Narrabri Shire Council

Purpose: To monitor and negotiate the provision of library services through the Central Northern Libraries



Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Local Traffic Committee and Council Advisory Committee

Organisations: Roads and Traffic Authority, Police, Walcha Council.

Purpose: To advise Council on local traffic matters.

Representative – Matt Fanning, Director – Engineering Services

Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)

Organisations: Police, State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service, Ambulance, NSW Fire Brigade and Hunter New England Area Health Service, local Councils.

The Local Emergency Management committee covers the local government areas of Guyra, Walcha, Armidale Dumaresq and Uralla.

New England Local Emergency Management Committee

Delegate – Clr RS Thomson

Local Emergency Management Officer – Matt Fanning, Director – Engineering Services

NSW Rural Fire Service Zone Liaison Committee

Organisations: Rural Fire Service, Walcha Council, Uralla Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council, Volunteer Fire Brigades.

Purpose: To develop and monitor a Service Level Agreement between the NSW Rural Fire Services and the Councils of the New England Zone.

Delegates – Clr CM Lyon

Alternate Delegate – Clr RS Thomson

Other Members: Jack O’Hara – General Manager



Zone Bush Fire Management Committee

Organisations: Unless the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee determines otherwise, the following persons are to be invited to become members of a Bush Fire Management Committee:

- (a) A person nominated by each local authority whose area comprises land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area, being (in the case of a local authority that is a council) the Mayor or a councillor of the Council;
- (b) A person nominated by each of the following organisations as being in charge of its affairs in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area:
 - (i) The Roads & Maritime Services;
 - ii) The Land & Property Management Authority;
 - iii) The NSW Fire Brigades;
 - iv) The NSW Police;
 - v) Each distribution network service provider listed in Schedule 3 to the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* having a distribution district comprising land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
 - vi) Each Livestock Health & Pest Authority established for any rural lands protection district comprising land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
 - vii) Rail Corporation NSW
 - viii) Rail Infrastructure Corporation.
- (c) A person or persons nominated by the Director-General of the Department of Environment & Climate Change and Water NSW as being in charge of the affairs of the Department in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
- (d) A person or persons nominated by the Deputy-General, Primary Industries of the Industry & Investment NSW as being in charge of the affairs of the Department in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
- (e) A person nominated by each local authority for the Bush Fire Management Committee's area as having responsibilities for the performance of the local authority's functions respecting the environment;
- (f) A person nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW;
- (g) Not more than 2 persons chosen by rural fire brigades operating in the area;
- (h) A rural land holder nominated by the NSW Farmers Association or, if the Association does not nominate a rural land holder within a reasonable time (as determined by the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee), by the local authority for the area;
- (i) A person nominated by each Local Aboriginal Land Council for any Local Aboriginal Land Council area comprising land located in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
- (j) An other person or persons approved by the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee.

Purpose: Each Bush Fire Management Committee must, in accordance with the State Legislation, prepare and submit to the State Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee a draft of each of the following kinds of bush fire management plans for the rural fire district or other part of the State for which it is constituted:

- (a) A plan of operations; and



(b) Bush fire risk management Plan.

Delegate – Clr RS Thomson
Alternate Delegate – Clr CM Lyon

Tablelands Community Transport Management Committee

Membership: Chairperson, Uralla Shire Council’s delegate to the Committee; Delegates nominated by each of Armidale Dumaresq Council, Walcha Council and Guyra Shire Council. One representative of volunteers and one representative of customers from each of the four local government areas involved in the service area. Representative of special need groups, on an ad hoc basis, by invitation from the Manager of the service (those representatives having no voting rights).”

The Manager of the program is also a member of the Committee, with no voting rights.

Purpose: To advise Uralla Council on the management and operation of TCT in the provision of transport facilities for the frail aged, disabled and other transport disadvantaged people in the Shire and on a regional basis.”

Delegate – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

Arts North West

Membership: Arts North West was established in 1996 as a Regional Arts Development Program and established as an independent Regional Arts Board in 1997. The program receives financial support from Arts NSW and twelve local governments in the New England North West region.

Purpose: To build community capacity in the Arts North West region through supporting creative activity.

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
Alternate – Clr SJ Schmutter

Northern Inland Regional Waste Group (NIRW)

Organisations: Armidale Dumaresq Council, Glen Innes Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Tenterfield Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council.

Purpose: Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW) is a voluntary local Government networking group to specifically address waste management issues on a regional level.

Representative – Matt Fanning, Director – Engineering Services

Plant Committee

Membership

Representative – Clr CM Lyon



Representative – Clr L Levingston
Representative – Clr RS Thomson
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director – Engineering Services – Matt Fanning
Project Manager – Brian Hoad
Plant Foreman – Stephen Bath

Staff Committee

Membership:

Representative – Mayor – Clr JM Archdale
Representative – Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter
Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
Representative – Clr CM Lyon
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Other Senior Officers as appropriate.

Purpose:

- ❖ To assess applications, carry out interviews and report to Council on appointments to the following Senior positions:
 - ❖ General Manager.
 - ❖ Director – Engineering Services.
 - ❖ Director – Environmental Services
 - ❖ Manager of Finance.
 - ❖ To assist the Mayor and Senior Staff in the resolution of industrial disputes as considered necessary.
 - ❖ To advise Council on conditions of employment including Staff Housing.
 - ❖ To advise Council, as necessary, on matters of Staff training.
 - ❖ To advise Council on other Staff matters as considered appropriate with the exception of those matters falling within the responsibility of the Staff Consultative Committee.
 - ❖ To carry out the General Manager’s performance appraisal and negotiate performance agreement.
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Staff Consultative Committee

Membership:

2 Management Representatives: Mayor – Clr JM Archdale & Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter & Brian Hoad
1 Local Government Manager – General Manager – Jack O’Hara
1 Environmental Health Professional – Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran
2 USU Members: Kevin Creighton & Bernard Lynch
1 Local Organiser of the USU – Chris Preston
Secretary – Nadean McKenna – non voting member

Baths and Squash Courts Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier
Alternate – Clr CM Lyon



Director – Engineering – Matt Fanning
Director – Environmental – Gerry Moran
President Walcha Squash Club – Scott Kermode
President Walcha Swimming Club – Erica Halliday
Pool Supervisor – Andrew Cross

Purpose:

- ❖ To advise Council on an annual basis of appropriate fee structures for both the Memorial Baths and the Squash Court complex.
- ❖ To advise Council on Policy matters relating to both the Memorial Baths and the Squash Court complex such as opening times, building maintenance and improvements, methods of operation and the like.
- ❖ To generally advise Council on all matters relating to the operation of the Walcha War Memorial Baths and the Squash Courts.

Walcha Town and District Beautification and Tidy Towns Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr JM Archdale
Representative – Clr RS Thomson
Director – Engineering Services – Matt Fanning
Urban Works Supervisor – Steph Sweeney
Citizen Representatives - Phyllis Hoy
Citizen Representatives - Robyn Vincent
Citizen Representatives – Felicity Nivison
Citizen Representatives – Irene Woods
Citizen Representatives – Alex Smith

Purpose:

- ❖ To generally monitor the appearance of the town and district and to advise Council of areas requiring enhancement.
- ❖ To advise Council on its Tree Planting Programme particularly as to suitability of species to be planted.
- ❖ Administer Council’s participation in the Keep Australia Beautiful Council’s Tidy Towns Competition. The Committee should also review the results of Council’s entry in this competition making recommendations as appropriate.
- ❖ Administer the conduct of the Garden Competition.

Walcha Work Health and Safety Committee

No Elected Representatives

Roads Management Committee

Membership: All Council

Director – Engineering Services – Matt Fanning

Purpose: Oversee the development of the Roads Management Plan for Walcha shire.

Walcha Council Australia Day Committee

The Services Clubs currently fill this role.



Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston
Representative – David Savory – Manager of Finance

Walcha Council Waste Management Committee

Representative – Clr MJ Woods
Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter
Representative – Clr L Levingston
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director-Engineering Services – Matt Fanning
Director-Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Management Committee Pioneer Cottage

Representative – Clr L Levingston
Alternate Representative – Clr RS Thomson

Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee

Function of the Committee – To advise Council on future public art projects.

Membership:

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter - Chairperson
Alternate Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director – Engineering Services – Matt Fanning
Three community representatives – James Rogers, Carley McLaren and Stephen King.

Meetings – The Committee is to meet six monthly or as required. The appointed Councillor to act as the Chairperson. The quorum is to be four.

Walcha Local (Liquor) Consultative Committee

Membership - Representatives of all Licensed Premises’, Police and Council
Representative – Clr KW Ferrier
Alternate Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston

Community Centre Committee (Multi-Purpose Centre)

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter
Alternate Representative – Clr CM Lyon

Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr MJ Woods
Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran
Walcha Council Community Care Coordinator
ATSI Walcha Council Community Care Coordinator
Six Citizen Representatives – Ron Denham, Kate Hoy, Shirley Davison, Sue Reardon, Brenda Walker and Debra Sweeney.



Purpose:

- ❖ Advising on policy matters in accordance with the Funding Agreements
- ❖ Assisting Council with strategic issues relating to the development of programs and service delivery.
- ❖ Identifying appropriate services that are required in the community.

(updated Resolution No.: 138/1314 – 19 February 2014)

Walcha Council Preschool Advisory Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr CM Lyon
Alternate Representative – Clr JM Archdale
Director Environmental Services – Gerry Moran
Director Walcha Preschool – Zoe Herbert
Parent/Citizen Representatives (4):

- ❖ Lucie Street
- ❖ Stacey Miller
- ❖ Paula Jenkins
- ❖ Sophie Thomson

The following two can attend Meetings but do not have voting rights:

- ❖ Clerical Assistant – Karen Kermode
- ❖ Early Intervention Officer – Rhonda Barnett.

Four parent/citizen representatives to be elected for a 2 year term with half that number changing each year. They are also restricted to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms, ie 6 years.

Purpose: To advise Council on policy matters and strategic issues regarding the management of the Walcha Preschool.

Meetings: Meet quarterly (once per term) or as required on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the term. The appointed Councillor to act as Chairman. The quorum to be 5.

Walcha Community Consultative Committee

Organisations – All community organisations are invited to attend and include the police, service groups, Amaroo and Council

Purpose: To discuss community wide social issues

Delegate – Clr L Levingston
Delegate – Clr Heazlett

Armidale Regional Tourism

Organisations – Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council , Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Councils

Purpose – To facilitate regional based tourism activities.

Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier
Representative – Tourism Manager – Susie Crawford



Armidale Economic Development Group

Membership – The Armidale Development Group is an Armidale Dumaresq Council committee with a wide cross section of industry groups represented on the committee such as UNE, Camber of Commerce and Local Business when the Strategic Alliance was formed Uralla, Guyra and Walcha Council were invited to send a representative to the meetings.
Purpose – To promote Economic Development in the Armidale Regions

Delegate – Mayor JM Archdale
Alternate Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Walcha Local Health Committee

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Purpose: To facilitate information flows between the community and the Hunter New England Area Health Service (HNEAHS) and to advise HNEAHS on appropriate levels of service for our community.

Sub Regional Strategy Committee

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale
Representative – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

Walcha Community Safety Precinct Sub-Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston – Deputy Chair
Walcha Police Sergeant – Sergeant Anthony Smith
Various Community Members
Members of Oxley Local Area Command Police

Purpose:

- ❖ Ensure Local Area Commanders are communicating to their local communities;
- ❖ Encourage community partnerships to reduce crime and the fear of crime;
- ❖ Develop local solutions to local crime in partnership with local stakeholders;
- ❖ Improve public safety and reduce the fear of crime at a local level;
- ❖ Raise understanding of the relationship between policing and crime reduction; and
- ❖ Ensure Commanders take into account local community views on police visibility, police deployment and crime hotspots when deciding police tasking and deployment.

Meetings:

To meet twice yearly and report back to the Tamworth Community Safety Precinct Committee which meets quarterly.

Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee

Function of the Committee:

To advise Council on future tourism promotion.

Membership:

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier – Chairperson
Alternate Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Tourism Manager – Susie Crawford



Seven community representatives on two year term with them being eligible for reappointment on expiration of each term – Len Woods, Neil Smith, Janet Dunbar, Vanessa Arundale, Casper Ozinga and Doug Laurie.

Meetings:

The Committee is to meet quarterly or as required. The appointed Councillor to act as the Chairperson. The quorum is to be 5.

Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA)

Membership: Those eligible for membership are the Mayors and General Managers of regional and country councils in NSW.

Purpose: The CMA was established to further the interests of regional and country areas in NSW by being an effective voice and forum for country NSW Mayors.

Meetings: Held quarterly in Sydney.

Audit Committee

36 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Audit Committee be referred to the next Council Meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:24PM.