

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRENFELL THURSDAY, 19 JULY 2007 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: The Mayor Clr M A Simpson in the Chair, Clrs D W Hughes, N W Hughes, G B Halls, D Taylor, R W Atchison, G Grimm, J C Niven, G McClelland and B R Hinde.
General Manager (T Lobb), Director Corporate Services (G Carroll) and Director Environmental Services (C Slade).

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- 001 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 21 June 2007 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED** with Clr N Hughes replacing Clr Niven as seconder of the amendment in the General Manager's report Item 12, Resolution No. 739.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

SECTION A - Matters Noted.

17. NJ & AU Alcorn, P2.2.5:

- 002 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr N Hughes that a letter be forwarded advising Council is not required to contribute to the fencing as requested and requesting they undertake the works.
- 003 RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Halls that the letters 1-28, in Section A be noted except where otherwise resolved.

SECTION B - Matters referred to Committees

- 004 RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr Niven that the letters 29-35, in Section B be noted except where otherwise resolved.

SECTION C - Matters with Recommendations.

- 005 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr D Hughes that the recommendations be adopted for letters 36-39, in Section C.

SECTION D - Matters for determination or consideration

40. Wendy Johnson, P2.6.4:

- 006 RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr Grimm that an Open Day be considered.

41. Horsham Rural City Council, T4.3.13:

- 007 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council reply to Horsham City Council advising the "Spirit of the Bush" drought relief concert held on 30 June 2007 was an outstanding success.

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42. Local Government and Shires Association, A3.8.2:

008 RESOLVED: Clr Grimm and Clr Niven that Council contribute towards the legal costs as requested to be funded equally from A, B, C and D & E Wards.

43. South West Alliance, C2.9.11:

Noted

44. Department Local Government, A3.9.3:

Noted

45. LGSA, C2.9.12:

Noted

46. Ross Armstrong, T4.5.1:

009 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Taylor that Council advise Mr Armstrong that Council supports the proposal “in principle” and will await the outcome of the involvement of the National Parks.

47. Department Local Government, A3.9.3:

Noted

Director Engineering entered the meeting at this point 5.39 pm.

48. Local Government Weekly 27/2007, A3.9.1:

Noted

49. Department of Lands, C2.1.4:

010 RESOLVED: Clr Taylor and Clr N Hughes that the proposal be rejected.

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011 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Halls that Section D be noted except where otherwise resolved.

012 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Hinde that Late Correspondence be received and dealt with.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

50. Forbes Rural Lands Protection Board, A3.6.26.1:

013 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr Niven that a letter of support be provided.

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51. Department Transport and Regional Services, A3.8.1:

Noted

52. Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, H2.8.2:

Noted

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53. ARTC, P2.1.10:

Noted

54. RTA, R2.51.11:

014 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that the Agreement be signed on behalf of Council.

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55. Clr RW Atchison, C2.2.6:

015 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that leave of absence be granted to Clr Atchison.

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56. Katrina Hodgkinson MP, R2.11.7:

Noted

57. Stephen White (Lee Kernaghan Management), T4.3.13:

Noted

016 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Section E be noted except where otherwise resolved.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ORDINARY REPORT: Was here submitted

1. Lot 1 DP 1063985 Memory Street, Grenfell, T2.2.19/2002

Noted

2. Drought Relief Concert, T4.3.13

017 RESOLVED: Clr Taylor and Clr Atchison that the Executive be authorised to investigate the possibility of another concert in 2008.

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3. WorkChoices, P1.1.7

Noted

4. Annual Returns of Disclosure of Interest, C2.2.2

Noted

5. Replacement of Chairs, A3.16.11

Noted

6. Membership of Council Committees, C2.6.1

018 RESOLVED: Clr Grimm and Clr N ~~Hughes~~^{iven} that written confirmation be obtained from the Department of Local Government in regards to Councillor representation on operational committees.

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7. 2006 Census, T4.3.2

Noted

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8. Management Plan 2006/2007 - June 2007 Quarterly Report, A3.4

Noted

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9. Policy for Fees, Expenses and Facilities for Councillors 2007/2008, C2.4.10

The General Manager advised Councillors that the fees are incorrect in the policy and will be amended.

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019 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that except where otherwise dealt with the General Manager's Report be adopted.

THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT: - Was here submitted:-

1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 June 2007:

Noted

2. Summary of Income for the month of June follows

Noted

3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2006/2007

Noted

4. Library Development Project P2.3.5

Noted

5. Debt Recovery – Rates and Debtors, A1.7

Noted

6. Insurance Renewals 2007/2008 A3.11.1

020 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council endorse the actions of the Director Corporate Services in accepting the Insurance Premium Renewals as listed above for the 2007/2008 financial year.

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7. Country Week T4.3.7

Clr McClelland declared a pecuniary interest as being a Real Estate Agent invited to attend Country Week and left the room.

021 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr N Hughes that Council authorise the representatives as listed above to attend Country Week from 10th – 12th August 2007 at the Rosehill Racecourse with Clr D Hughes replacing Clr N Hughes and Clr Niven being a reserve.

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Clr McClelland returned to the room.

8. Open Days/Trade Expo T4.3.7

Noted

9. Economic Development/Tourism/CTC Managers Position, T4.5.1

Noted

10. IT Trainee Position, T4.5.1

Noted

022 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Grimm that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' Report be adopted.

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THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING'S REPORT: Was here submitted:-

1. **Works Report (8 July 2007)**

Noted

2. **Parks and Ovals Report**

Noted

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| 3. | <u>Future Works</u> | Noted |
| 4. | <u>Other Works</u> | Noted |
| 5. | <u>CENTROC Weight of Loads Group, C2.7.16</u> | Noted |
| 6. | <u>Plant Report</u> | Noted |
| 7. | <u>Engineers Alliance – Weddin, Forbes, Parkes and Lachlan, C2.9.9</u> | Noted |
| 8. | <u>RTA Single Invitation Maintenance Contract, R2.54.1</u> | Noted |
| 9. | <u>New Depot, P2.6.4</u> | Noted |
| 10. | <u>Local Traffic Committee Presentation, A3.6.24</u> | Noted |
| 11. | <u>The Spirit of the Bush Concert, T4.3.13</u> | Noted |
| 12. | <u>National Local Roads and Transport Congress</u> | Noted |
| 13. | <u>Bimbi Bridge, R2.11.7</u> | Noted |
| 14. | <u>Main Street – Proposed Taxi Rank, T3.6.3</u> | Noted |

Clr D Hughes declared a conflict of interest as his father-in-law is the taxi ~~operator~~driver and left the room.

- 023 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Hinde that Council seek clarification in regards to the specifications for a new taxi rank as compared to the relocation of an existing taxi rank.

Clr D Hughes returned to the room.

- 024 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering's Report be adopted.

THE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT: Was here submitted:-

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| A. | <u>Public Health and Environmental Matters.</u> | |
| 1. | <u>Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1:</u> | Noted |
| 2. | <u>Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3:</u> | Noted |

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| 3. <u>Animal Control, A4.4</u> | Noted |
| B. <u>Development Applications – Building Matters:</u> | |
| B1. <u>Development Applications under Delegated Authority</u> | Noted |

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C. Other Matters

C1. Development Applications “Temporary Dwellings”

Clr McClelland declared a conflict of interest as an applicant for a temporary dwelling and left the room.

Noted

Clr McClelland returned to the room.

025 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr Grimm that Council adjourn for supper.

Council adjourned for supper: 7.01 pm
Council resumed at: 7.31 pm

026 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Grimm that Council resume.

C2. Tobin/Mash Complaint, Lot 320 DP 754578 Berrys Lane, Grenfell

027 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that Council issue a Notice of Intention to Serve an Order, the Notice shall require the occupier to do the following:

- Reduce the number of dogs over 6 months of age to two, to comply with Council’s policy for the keeping of animals.
- That the proposed order be complied within 60 days. Representations can be made on or before 7 August 2007 and that,
- Tobin and Jones resolve fencing issues with the Local Court, under Part 3 Clause 14. (a) (b) of the Dividing Fences Act.
- Council writes to Mr. Jones advising him that the metal fence has been erected without the prior approval of Council, and request that the whole of the metal fence is painted in a uniform colour approved by Council and that the work is completed within 90 days.

028 RESOLVED: Clr Hinde and Clr Atchison that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services Report be adopted.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Was here submitted:-

029 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr N Hughes that the Librarian’s Report be noted.

THE NOXIOUS WEEDS OFFICER’S REPORT: - Was here submitted:-

030 RESOLVED: Clr Taylor and Clr Halls that the Noxious Weeds Officer’s Report be noted.

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THE HERITAGE ADVISOR'S REPORT: - Was here submitted:-

031 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr N Hughes that the Heritage Advisor's Report be noted.

THE CTC CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: - Was here submitted:

032 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the CTC Co-ordinator's Report be noted.

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THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:- Was here submitted:

033 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr Grimm that the Economic Development Officer's Report be noted.

THE TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT: - Was here submitted:-

034 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Niven that the Tourism Officer's Report be noted.

MINUTES OF THE DROUGHT RELIEF CONCERT COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

035 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that the Minutes of the Drought Relief Concert Committee Meeting be noted.

MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

036 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Halls that the Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting be noted.

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MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

037 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the Minutes of the Property and Development Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

038 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Taylor that the Minutes of the Weddin Shire Tourism Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

039 **RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Niven that the Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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MINUTES OF THE MANEX COMMITTEE MEETING: was here submitted:-

RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr Halls that the Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

Vandalism

041 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr ~~Atchison~~~~McClelland~~ that Council offer a \$500 reward to assist in the conviction of offenders.

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042 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that the Minutes of the Town Works Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

ORDER OF THE DAY

(a) List of Inspections and Approved Works.

1 INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:

1.1 Swimming Club **In Progress**

2. LIST OF APPROVED WORKS:

2.1 Industrial Estate **In Progress**

2.2 Railway Land **In Progress**

043 RESOLVED: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that Council forward a letter to the ARTC in regard to the removal of the container.

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2.3	<u>Sewerage Treatment Works</u>	In Progress
2.4	<u>Company Dam</u>	Carried OutIn Progress
2.5	<u>Dental Surgery</u>	In Progress
2.6	<u>Company Dam Desilting</u>	In Progress
2.7	<u>Sewerage Treatment Works</u>	Carried OutIn Progress
2.8	<u>Dalton Street Depot</u>	In Progress
2.9	<u>Good Sports Program</u>	In Progress
2.10	<u>Community Hub</u>	Carried Out
2.11	<u>Councillor Chairs</u>	In Progress

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QUESTIONS

- Clr Halls - enquired if ~~Council has~~~~we have~~ a policy for fencing at the Lawson Park Estate.
→ General Manager advised ~~Council has~~~~we have~~ not.
- Clr Taylor - enquired if Hargraves old building is classified as a heritage listed building.
→ General Manager advised the building is situated in the heritage conservation area of ~~the~~ town.
- Clr N Hughes - enquired if certain drought assistance measures will cease.
→ Mayor advised it will be decided on Friday 20 July 2007.

~~044 Director Corporate Services, Director Engineering and Director Environmental Services left the meeting at the point and did not return.~~

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RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council form a Closed Council to consider the items listed below AND THAT the Press and the public be excluded from the Meeting of the Closed Council because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The three (3) Directors left the meeting at this point (7.58 pm).

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CLOSED COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- Performance Review - General Manager, P1.10041**
Reason for confidentiality: staff matter (Section 10A(2)(a))

RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that Mr Lobb's package be increased to \$120,000 pa.

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CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 16 August 2007.

.....General Manager.....Mayor