

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN  
AT 4.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Wilton (Chairperson), Heriot, Meyer, McInerney, O'Neill, Osborne, Quinn, Schilg and Schoff.

**PRESENT:** General Manager, Director Environment & Planning, Director Engineering, Director Corporate & Community Services and Executive Assistant.

Cr O'Neill offered a prayer to open the meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)**

Cr Schilg gave notice of her intention to declare a non pecuniary interest in ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING PART A ITEM 1 REQUEST TO WAIVE SECTION 94A DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2014.63 FOR A PROPOSED GLASS ROOM EXTENSION AT THE HOLBROOK HOSPITAL LOT 11 DP1055714 BOWLER STREET HOLBROOK

General Manager, Steven Pinnuck, also gave notice of his intention to declare a non pecuniary interest in ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING PART A ITEM 1 REQUEST TO WAIVE SECTION 94A DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2014.63 FOR A PROPOSED GLASS ROOM EXTENSION AT THE HOLBROOK HOSPITAL LOT 11 DP1055714 BOWLER STREET HOLBROOK

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr Wilton offered an Acknowledgement of Country at the commencement of the meeting.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2014**

**3977 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Meyer]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Shire Council held at Holbrook on Wednesday, 17 December 2014 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

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## **ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

1. DOG ATTACK ON LIVESTOCK – OXTON, 2164 MOUNTAIN CREEK ROAD HOLBROOK  
Cr Heriot queried Council's costs incurred in the court action. General Manager advised that it was appropriate that the matter be discussed later in the confidential section of the meeting.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION**

### **GOVERNANCE**

#### **1. PRESENTATION BY BORDER TRUST**

**3978 RESOLVED** [McInerney/Osborne]

That standing orders be suspended at 4.32pm to enable a presentation by Glenys Atkins, Executive Officer, Border Trust.

**3979 RESOLVED** [Osborne/McInerney]

That standing orders resume at 4.57pm.

At this juncture, Cr McInerney advised the meeting that he had received a petition from Walla Walla residents regarding the closure of Short Street, Walla Walla.

**3980 RESOLVED** [McInerney/Osborne]

That the petition regarding the closure of Short Street, Walla Walla be received and the matter be presented for consideration as a Matter Of Urgency later in the meeting.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

#### **1. REQUEST TO WAIVE SECTION 94A DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2014.63 FOR A PROPOSED GLASS ROOM EXTENSION AT THE HOLBROOK HOSPITAL LOT 11 DP1055714 BOWLER STREET, HOLBROOK**

COUNCILLOR ANNETTE SCHILG MADE A DECLARATION OF NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE MATTER NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 5.00PM PURSUANT TO SECTION 45(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 AND TOOK NO PART IN THE VOTING ON THE MATTER. THE REASON BEING IS THAT CR SCHILG IS CURRENTLY AN EMPLOYEE OF MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT, WHICH IS THE PROPONENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2014.63.

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GENERAL MANAGER, STEVEN PINNUCK, MADE A DECLARATION OF NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE MATTER NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 5.00PM PURSUANT TO SECTION 45(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 AND TOOK NO PART IN THE VOTING ON THE MATTER. THE REASON BEING IS THAT MR PINNUCK'S WIFE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT, WHICH IS THE PROPONENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2014.63.

**3981 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Heriot]

That Council resolve to waive the Section 94A levy of \$665.00 for the proposed sunroom at the Holbrook Hospital.

**REQUEST TO WAIVE SECTION 94A DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION FEE  
FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2014.63 FOR A PROPOSED GLASS  
ROOM EXTENSION AT THE HOLBROOK HOSPITAL LOT 11 DP1055714  
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COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Heriot Quinn McInerney Meyer O'Neill Osborne Schilg Schoff Wilton			

Cr Schilg and General Manager, Steven Pinnuck, returned to the chamber at 5.02pm.

**2. SURRENDER OF LEASES FOR THE JINDERA AND WALLA WALLA SWIMMING POOLS BY C, J & D PETERS**

**3982 RESOLVED** [Osborne/O'Neill]

The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Deeds of Surrender of Leases for both the Jindera and Walla Walla Swimming Pools under the Common Seal of Council.

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**3. LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS (FORMERLY LOCAL HERITAGE FUND) 2014-2015**

**3983 RESOLVED** [O'Neill/Heriot]

That Council Approve Heritage Fund Application Numbered 02-14/15 and the associated recommended grant amount of \$2,000.

## **GOVERNANCE**

*Item 1 dealt with earlier in the meeting.*

**2. 2014/2015 DELIVERY PLAN – REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

**3984 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Heriot]

The report be received and noted.

**3. HOLBROOK SUBMARINE MUSEUM COMMITTEE – INCREASE IN ADMISSION FEES**

**3985 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Meyer]

That Council endorse the increase in admission fees of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children to the Holbrook Submarine Museum.

## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1. INTERIM 2014/2015 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

**3986 RESOLVED** [Heriot/Osborne]

That Council note and approve the Interim Budget Review Statement as at 31 December 2014.

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**4. SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION TO INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL**

**3987 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Osborne]

That:

1. Council make application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation, retained permanently in Council's rate base, of 7.21% for the 2015/2016 financial year, 7.46% for the 2016/2017 financial year and 7.15% for the 2017/2018 financial year, as permitted under Section 508(A) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
2. Council adopt the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2014/2015 – 2023/2024;
3. the updated Debt Recovery Policy, Hardship Policy and Pensioner Concession Policy as presented to the November 2014 meeting of Council be adopted;
4. Council note the conclusion of community engagement on the proposal and acknowledge the community's contribution in developing the final application;
5. Council continue to pursue organisational efficiencies through the continued implementation of regular service reviews; and
6. a further report be submitted to Council following IPART's determination of Council's application, expected in June 2015.

**5. SPORTING & RECREATION RESERVE USE AGREEMENT AND POLICY**

Cr McInerney left the chamber at 5.25pm and returned at 5.29pm.

**3988 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Schilg]

That:

1. Council endorse the implementation of the Sporting & Recreation Reserve Use – Application and Agreement for all Council owned and managed sporting and recreation reserves and facilities, including a slight revision to include tennis in seasonal activities.
2. the Greater Hume Shire Council's Sporting and Recreation Reserve Use Policy be adopted, as presented.
3. that the policy and procedure be widely and ongoing publicised.

**6. MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES**

**3989 RESOLVED** [Heriot/Quinn]

The report be received and noted.

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## **ENGINEERING**

1. **GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL CRASH STATISTICS FOR 2013**

**3990 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Osborne]

That the report be received and noted.

2. **RENAMING OF OLD HUME HIGHWAY NORTH OF HOLBROOK**

**3991 RESOLVED** [McInerney/Meyer]

That Council seeks to name the old Hume Highway Holbrook from Albury Street to its northern end as Old Sydney Road or Sydney Road.

## **ITEM TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL**

1. **GENERAL MANAGER – MIDTERM PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

**3992 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Meyer]

That the matter of the General Manager's Performance Review is confidential in nature and that the matter be referred to Closed Council (Committee Of The Whole) for discussion, in accordance with the relevant section of the Local Government Act 1993 section 10a (2)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

### **REASON FOR REFERRAL**

Details relating to the General Manager's Performance Review are confidential in nature.

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## **PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **GOVERNANCE**

1. **OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS**
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES (LGNSW) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS**
3. **TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT**
4. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY BRIEFING REPORT**

### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. **CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARIES OF MONTHLY REQUESTS**
2. **STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014 AND 31 JANUARY 2015**
3. **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015**

### **ENGINEERING**

1. **REPORT OF WORKS – DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015**
2. **WATER AND SEWER REPORT – JANUARY 2015**

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## **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

1. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015**
  
2. **SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015**
  
3. **RANGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015**

**3993 RESOLVED** [O'Neill/Quinn]

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

## **PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS**

**3994 RESOLVED** [O'Neill/Quinn]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

## **MATTER OF URGENCY**

**3995 RESOLVED** [Schilg/Osborne]

And ruled by the Chair that the matter of CLOSURE OF SHORT STREET, WALLA WALLA be dealt with at this time.

### **CLOSURE OF SHORT STREET, WALLA WALLA**

**3996 RESOLVED** [McInerney/Schoff ]

That the decision to make Short Street Walla Walla into a no through road be reconsidered following consultation with the Walla Walla community.



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## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

1. ORGANIC COMPOST FACILITY AT GEROGERY

Cr Heriot questioned whether there has been any further action by the proponents and land owners in the establishment of an organic compost facility at Gerogery. In response the Director Environment and Planning advised that one month ago he did have a meeting with the previous applicant, who advised that they are preparing a revised environmental impact statement for the proposed development.

2. SWEETWATER LAND DEVELOPMENT AT HENTY

Cr Heriot also queried if there had been any further progress in the matter. General Manager advised that there has been some further activities and he was of the view that Council would receive a contract of sale within the next few weeks.

3. TREE IDENTIFIED WITH A GREEN CROSS MARKED IN HENTY

Cr Meyer questioned the reason why a tree in Memorial Park at Henty has been marked with a green cross. Director Engineering advised that the particular gum tree has recently been inspected by staff. Staff had some concerns about its condition and a formal condition assessment was then undertaken. The condition assessment identified the tree has a high risk for limb failure which proposes a major threat to users of the park. As it is located close to a nearby building, it also posed a threat to damaging the building.

The placement of the cross indicates that Council is proposing to remove the tree and is alerting the community to the proposed removal. No action is taken for a minimum of 14 days to allow for public comment as part of standard procedures. As we have received some comments, Council will now engage an expert arborist to prepare a report on the tree before a final decision on the tree is made. If the report confirms the tree as high risk, then is likely that the tree will be removed.

4. BORDER TRUST

Osborne asked that Council note that the presentation be considered during budget preparation and that greater publicity be provided to support endeavours of the organisation.

5. INTERSECTION JELBART ROAD, BUNGOWANNAH ROAD, AND HEUSKE ROAD

Cr Osborne advised the meeting that in a recent incident, emergency services had difficulty finding the intersection. Cr Osborne requested that Council staff consider erecting a sign on Urana Road, at the Hueske Road intersection that indicates 'TO BUNGOWANNAH ROAD'.

6. PROCESS FROM HERE FOR THE APPLICATION TO EXTEND THE GROUNDS OF JINDERA RFS FACILITY

Cr Osborne also queried the process going forward to extend the grounds of the Jindera Rural Fire Service facility in Urana Street, Jindera. General Manager advised Council had initiated a similar process at the Culcairn Sportsground which will provide an indication of the timeline.

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7. BACK LANES IN HENTY

Cr Meyer raised concern regarding the poor state of some back lanes in Henty. Director Engineering advised that if the lane provides primary access to allotments Council will maintain them, but if such lanes are not providing primary access it is regarded as a green lane and only mowing of the lane occurs.

8. COUNCILLOR MCINERNEY - STATEMENT RE SALE OF HIS HOME IN YOUNG STREET, HOLBROOK

Cr McInerney announced that his residential property in Holbrook is for sale, however, he indicated that he has no intention moving out of the shire in the foreseeable future, and certainly not within the life of this Council.

9. PAVEMENT DEPRESSION ON CUMMINGS ROAD

Cr Schoff advised of a developing depression on Cummings Road 6km west of Olympic Highway, and asked that Engineering staff investigate.

10. REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MARCH 2015 MEETING OF COUNCIL

**3997 RESOLVED** [Schilg/Schoff]

That Cr Osborne's request for leave of absence for the March 2015 meeting of Council be granted.

Cr McInerney left the meeting room at 6.16pm.

11. INTERIM 2014/2015 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014 – TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Cr Heriot queried the amount of detail that is contained in this section of the budget review. In response, Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that there is considerable detail in that section of the report.

12. GREATER HUME TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ROLE OF THIS COMMITTEE AND HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE

Cr Schoff requested that a report be supplied to Council regarding the role of the traffic committee. Director Engineering agreed to supply an explanatory report to a future meeting of Council.

Cr McInerney returned to the meeting at 6.18pm.

## **CLOSING THE MEETING**

At this juncture, the single journalist present in the public gallery departed the meeting room.

**3998 RESOLVED** [6.18pm] [McInerney/Quinn]

That the meeting be closed during the discussion of the confidential matter listed in the agenda.

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## **COMMITTEE OF WHOLE SECTION**

**3999 RESOLVED** [Osborne/O'Neill]

That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into 'Committee of the Whole' for the discussion of the following items of business:

**1. GENERAL MANAGER – MID TERM PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

*All staff left the chamber during deliberation on this item.*

## **ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED**

**4000 RESOLVED** 6.29pm [Osborne/Heriot]

That the Ordinary Meeting be reconvened for the purpose of determining the report of the matter dealt with in Committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Mayor reported that the Committee of the Whole makes the following recommendation

**GENERAL MANAGER – MID TERM PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDATION** [Osborne/Quinn]

That this report be received and noted.

## **RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

**4001 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Quinn]

That the foregoing report and recommendation from Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 18 March 2015 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

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Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor, Greater Hume Shire Council