

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT
THE COONABARABRAN TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2009
COMMENCING AT 11.00AM

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNEXURE 1

1.1 "C" DIVISION CONFERENCE (CM0003)

The Annual "C" Division Conference of the Shires Association is to be held on Thursday 18th March 2010. This conference brings together Mayors, General Managers, Councillors and Staff from 10 Shires; Bogan, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle, Wellington, Dubbo City and Castlereagh Macquarie County Council. The 2010 conference is being hosted by Warren Shire Council.

Council needs to determine at the January 2010 meeting what items it wishes to be submitted for consideration at the "C" Division Conference and forwarding to the State Conference to be held in June 2010.

Motions for the Conference to be submitted by Friday 5th February 2010. An Agenda and Business Paper will be distributed during the first week in March 2010.

The number of Councillors attending the Divisional Conference will also need to be determined.

Motions to date include:

1. That Council pursue the inequity of the NSW Ministry of Transport unit costing of per km trips in relation to the target outputs for Community Transport programs in rural areas.
: Social Services Advisory Committee meeting 25/09/09 (October 2009)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine any motions for the "C" Division Conference and the number of representatives it will have attending the Conference at Warren at the January 2010 Council Meeting.

1.2 NOTICE OF MOTION (GW0001)

The following Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Denis Todd.

To investigate the upgrade of the road between Coonabarabran and Mungindi as a road of significance and pursue funding opportunities for it's upgrade, in conjunction with the Narrabri and Walgett Shires from the Federal and State Government.

Rationale:

This proposal is put forward to instigate an investigation by the Warrumbungle Shire Council to consider as a means of obtaining funding to complete urgently needed road maintenance projects of Road 129 and Road 329 in the Warrumbungle Shire.

Proposal:

Attached, under separate cover, is a draft copy of a tentative proposal.

This proposal has been presented to the Walgett Shire Council for consideration and the following motion was passed at the Council Meeting held on the 24th November 2009;

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Moved Councillor Greenaway, Seconded Councillor Smith, "that the Council supports the establishment of the route between Coonabarabran and Mungindi as a road of significance and pursue funding opportunities for it's upgrade with Warrumbungle and Narrabri Shire Councils."

At the recent National Roads and Transport Congress held in Mackay, Queensland, it was emphasized that councils would benefit greatly by joining forces to apply for joint road funding crossing Shires rather than individual Shire applications, hence this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's consideration.

1.3 POLICY FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS (GW0001)

Council at its ordinary meeting held on the 22 October 2009 resolved that the draft Policy for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayors and Councillors be placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.

Advertisements were placed in the various diaries and local paper with submissions closing at 4.00pm on Monday, 30th November 2009. The policy and details of any submissions are to be forwarded to the Director-General of the Department of Local Government by 21 December 2009.

No submissions have been received and the policy is now submitted for Council's endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following Policy for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayors and Councillors.

1.4 COONABARABRAN COMMUNITY GARDEN (CM0018)

Council resolved at its ordinary October 2009 meeting, in principle, to make land available for the Coonabarabran Community Garden (Resolution No 122). (Council advertised the proposal for 28 days seeking public comment and neighbouring land owners were written to seeking comments by Friday 20 November.)

Three letters have been received, in general, neither opposing or supporting the Community Garden, however have raised some questions about infrastructure such as sheds and/or toilets and fencing, opening hours, access and insurance.

This feedback has been provided verbally and in writing, with a request to the Garden Committee to provide to Council a detailed Plan of Management. From this document, Council can make an assessment of all the issues which have been raised and prepare a Licence Agreement which sets the terms and conditions for the right to occupy this land for the purpose of a Community Garden.