

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COONABARABRAN TOWN HALL ON MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT
9.04AM**

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PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Chairman), Cr Murray Coe, Cr Tilak Dissanayake,
Cr Mark Powell, Cr Victor Schmidt, Cr Kerry Campbell, Cr Ray Lewis,
Cr Ron Sullivan, Cr Denis Todd, General Manager, Director Technical
Services, Director Environmental Services, Director of Community Services
and Director of Corporate Services.

In attendance: S Morris (minutes)

Cr Peter Shinton welcomed new Councillors and members of the gallery to the meeting,
declared the meeting open and invited the General Manager to take the Chair.

1S) Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The General Manager (acting as Returning Officer for the election) advised Council that the
method of voting needed to be dealt with before taking nominations.

Method of Voting

73 A motion was moved by Councillor Todd seconded Councillor Sullivan that the voting
be by secret ballot.

The Returning Officer determined that a vote by show of hands for secret ballot if lost would
automatically determine open vote

The motion was put and lost.

Election of Mayor

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

The General Manager announced that one nomination had been received for the position of
Mayor being a nomination for Councillor Peter Shinton.

**The General Manager declared Councillor Peter Shinton elected to the position of
Mayor for the period 29 September 2008 to September 2009.**

Election of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager announced that one nomination had been received for the position of
Deputy Mayor, that of Councillor Murray Coe.

**The General Manager declared Councillor Murray Coe elected to the position of
Deputy Mayor for the period 29 September 2008 to September 2009.**

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2S) COUNCIL COMMITTEES

74 RESOLVED that Council endorse the following Committees and Councillor representatives:

External Committees

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Shinton and Coe

Macquarie Regional Library

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Powell and Campbell

Traffic Advisory Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Lewis

Warrumbungle Bushfire Management Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Shinton

Local Emergency Management Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Dissanayake

The North West Weight of Loads Group

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Todd

Central West Explorer Country Tourism

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Schmidt

Police Accountability and Consultation

Mayor and General Manager represent Council

Central Ranges Natural Gas Association

Mayor and General Manager represent Council

Orana Regional Organisation of Councils

Mayor and General Manager represent Council

Golden Highway Consultative Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Coe

Warrumbungle Shire Liquor Accord

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Schmidt

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Internal Committees

Plant Advisory Committee

4 Councillor representatives being Councillors Sullivan, Coe, Lewis and Powell

Occupational Health & Safety Advisory Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Schmidt

Consultative Advisory Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Schmidt and the establishment of a roster system to enable each Councillor to participate during their term of office

General Manager's Review Committee

All Councillors are representatives on this committee.

EEO Advisory Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Sullivan

Finance Committee

All Councillors are representatives on this committee.

Community Committees

Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Shinton and Schmidt

Warrumbungle Shire Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Schmidt and Campbell

Medical Services Advisory Committee

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Dissanayake and Todd

Shire Halls Advisory Committee

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Schmidt and Coe

Warrumbungle Aerodromes Advisory Committee

2 Councillor representatives being Councillors Powell and Campbell

Urban Creeks Steering Committee

It was determined that this Committee would be set aside

Roads Review Committee

All interested Councillors

Coolah Town Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Powell

Dunedoo Town Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Coe

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Mendooran/Merrygoen Town Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Lewis

Binnaway Town Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Lewis

Baradine Town Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Campbell

Warrumbungle Shire Council Social Services Advisory Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Campbell

Council Representation

Membership of Central Orana Regional Arts Steering Committee

Director of Community Services to represent Council

Namoi Catchment Management Authority

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Sullivan and the General Manager

Central West Catchment Management Authority

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Sullivan and the Director of Technical Services

Inland Rail Committee

1 Councillor representative being Councillor Todd

Todd/Schmidt

3S) COUNCIL MEETING DAYS AND TIME

75 RESOLVED that the ordinary meetings of Council be held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 1.00pm and that meetings alternate between Coonabarabran and Coolah and if residents are interested that one of the meetings be held at Goolhi and

FURTHER that the October 2008 meeting be held on 16 October, the November 2008 meeting be held on 13 November and the December 2008 meeting be held on 18 December.

FURTHER that no ordinary meeting be held in January 2009 and that the February 2009 meeting be held on the second Thursday of the month in lieu of the third Thursday.

Lewis/Campbell

76 RESOLVED that the Town Committee meetings at Baradine, Binnaway, Mendooran, Dunedoo and Coolah be held once every 6 months.

Powell/Coe

Councillor Shinton assumed the role of Chairman of the meeting.

4S) CHANGES TO RTA ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS

77 RESOLVED that Council enters into the Road Maintenance Council Contract with the RTA and the General Manager is given delegation to sign the contract.

Sullivan/Todd

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5S) DONATIONS

78 RESOLVED that Council agree to the request from St Michael's P&F that Council apply an "Internal Hire rate" for the hourly hire of the grader and backhoe to undertake earthworks at the school oval and that Council donate an amount of \$1,348.64 from Donations Other representing the difference between the private works charge and the internal hire charge. **FURTHER** that Council undertake a review of the Donations Policy.

Coe/Lewis

GENERAL BUSINESS

The General Manager advised the meeting of the following items:

Council Picnic Day – 10 October 2008

Closure of Council's Offices between Christmas and New Year. Council in agreeance with closure of office until 5th January 2009. Staff to take Annual Leave or Rostered day off to cover additional day of closure.

Reservoir Street land and house – minor renovations

79 RESOLVED that Council arrange for the sale and removal of house from land owned by Council in Reservoir Street, Coonabarabran.

Schmidt/Coe

Report on progress of LEP and DCP process presented by Ron VanKatwyk.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.42pm.

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CHAIRMAN