



Ian Hooker of the Public Art Sunset Committee with the newly installed 'question mark sign' advertising the site in Henderson Street, where the chosen art work will be installed.

Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

22 July, 2015

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

16 July, 2015

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 22 July, 2015, commencing at **3pm**.

Your attendance at this Ordinary Meeting of Council would be appreciated.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

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2PM

AFTERNOON TEA

Quick Reference Guide

Below is a legend that is common between the:

- Inverell Shire Council Strategic Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Delivery Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Management Plan.

<i>Destinations</i>	<i>Icon</i>	<i>Code</i>
<p>1. A recognised leader in a broader context.</p> <p>Giving priority to the recognition of the Shire as a vital component of the New England North West Region through Regional Leadership.</p>		R
<p>2. A community that is healthy, educated and sustained.</p> <p>Giving priority to the Shire as a sustainable and equitable place that promotes health, well being, life long learning and lifestyle diversity.</p>		C
<p>3. An environment that is protected and sustained.</p> <p>Giving priority to sustainable agriculture, the protection and conservation of rivers, waterways bio diversity and the built environment.</p>		E
<p>4. A strong local economy.</p> <p>Giving priority to economic and employment growth and the attraction of visitors.</p>		B
<p>5. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.</p> <p>Giving priority to the provision of community focused services and the maintenance, enhancement and upgrade of infrastructure.</p>		S



MEETING CALENDAR

October 2014 – September 2015

	TIME	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
		Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed
Ordinary Meetings	3:00 pm	22	26	17	No Meeting	25	25	22	27	^24	22	26	*23
Major Committees		Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed
Civil and Environmental Services	8:30 am	8	12	No Meetings	No Meetings	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9
Economic and Community Sustainability	10:30 am												

^ Meeting at which the Management Plan for 2015/2016 is adopted. *Mayoral Election, to be conducted. (September)

- Members of the public are invited to observe meetings of the Council.
Should you wish to address Council, please contact the Office of the General Manager on 6728 8206.

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE, 2015, COMMENCING AT 3 PM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Mayor) [Chairperson], Crs D F Baker, H N Castledine, P J Girle, B C Johnston, D C Jones, A A Michael, M J Peters and J A Watts.

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate & Economic Services (Ken Beddie) and Director Civil & Environmental Services (Brett McInnes).

APOLOGIES **S13.6.9/08**

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES **S13.5.2/08**

41/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) *that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 May, 2015, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following interests were declared:

- Cr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in Section C, Committee Reports, Item #1, Report 1, "DA-137/2014 – Alterations and Additions to Dwelling – 15a Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones being the structural advisor for the applicants.
- Cr Harmon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section C, Committee Reports, Item #1, Report 1, "DA-137/2014 – Alterations and Additions to Dwelling – 15a Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Harmon having a family member who is a part owner of an adjacent property.

PUBLIC FORUM **S13.5.6/08**

At this juncture, the time being 3.02pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

At this juncture, the time being 3.03pm, Cr Jones left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in Section C, Committee Reports, Item #1, Report 1, "DA-137/2014 – Alterations and Additions to Dwelling – 15a Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones being the structural advisor for the applicants.

At this juncture, the time being 3.03pm, Cr Harmon left the meeting having declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section C, Committee Reports, Item #1, Report 1, "DA-137/2014 – Alterations and Additions to Dwelling – 15a Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Harmon having a family member who is a part owner of an adjacent property.

At this juncture, the time being 3.03pm, Cr Michael assumed the Chair.

Mr Jason Birch DA-137/2014

Mr Birch noted his submissions in this matter. Mr Birch queried Council's procedures in acknowledging submissions by the community in respect of development applications.

Mrs Sam Birch DA-137/2014

Mrs Birch spoke in respect of her objection to DA-137/2014.

At this juncture, the time being 3.15pm, Cr Harmon and Cr Jones returned to the meeting and Cr Harmon assumed the Chair.

At this juncture, the time being 3.16pm, the Public Forum Session closed and Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

SECTION B ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Girle McLean Care Inverell

Cr Girle informed Council that McLean Care has been awarded the 2015 ACS State Award for Excellence. McLean Care won the 'Organisation' category which is for 'demonstrating special or unique leadership, innovation and excellence to the sector'.

1. MAYORAL MINUTE: COMPUTER TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SERVICES IN RURAL AUSTRALIA S24.20.5

GM-A **42/15 RESOLVED** (Harmon/Michael) that Council advise local Federal politicians of Council's concerns for the future provision of CT services in Rural Australia.

SECTION C COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 10 JUNE 2015 S4.11.16/07

43/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendation of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council:

1. DA-137/2014 – ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLING – 15A BRAE STREET, INVERELL NSW 2360 DA-137/2014

Dealt with at the conclusion of Item #1, Section C, Committee Reports, 'Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting Minutes.

2. SHIRE TOUR S2.17.7

That Council staff prepare a Councillor Tour Schedule for the Villages of Inverell Shire.

3. NORTHERN TOUR S2.17.7

That the August, 2015 Committee Meetings be held at the Yetman Hall on the date of the Northern Tour, being 12 August, 2015.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE S24.12.5

That the information be noted.

Item #1 from Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting Minutes now considered.

1. **DA-137/2014 – ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLING – 15A BRAE STREET, INVERELL NSW 2360** **DA-137/2014**

At this juncture, the time being 3.22pm, Cr Jones left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in Section C, Committee Reports, Item #1, Report 1, "DA-137/2014 – Alterations and Additions to Dwelling – 15a Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones being the structural advisor for the applicants.

At this juncture, the time being 3.22pm, Cr Harmon left the meeting having declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section C, Committee Reports, Item #1, Report 1, "DA-137/2014 – Alterations and Additions to Dwelling – 15a Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Harmon having a family member who is a part owner of an adjacent property.

At this juncture, the time being 3.22pm, Cr Michael assumed the Chair.

MOTION (Johnston/Watts) that consideration of DA-137/2014 be deferred pending the preparation of a report to the next Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting that would provide information in response to the queries raised by Mr and Mrs Birch in their address to the Public Forum.

AMENDMENT (Peters/Baker) that consideration and debate of DA-137/2014 take place at today's meeting.

The motion on being put to the meeting was LOST. The amendment on being put to the meeting was LOST.

DP-A **44/15 RESOLVED** (*Castledine/Johnston*) that Development Application 137/2014 be approved subject to the following conditions of consent:

Preliminary

1. Inverell Shire Council issues its consent, subject to conditions stated hereunder, in accordance with Section 80A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Consent is granted for:

- Construction of a third storey on the northern side of the dwelling containing:
 - Master bedroom;
 - En-suite; and
 - Walk-In-Robe.
- Construction of an internal staircase; and
- Reconstruction of the dwelling entry

To confirm and clarify the terms of consent, the development must be carried out in accordance with the stamped and approved plans and accompanying documentation, unless modified by any following condition. Any deviation will require the consent of Council.

2. The applicant must comply with all relevant prescribed conditions as contained in Division 8A of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000* (as detailed at the end of this consent).

Prior to Construction

3. Prior to the commencement of any building works on the site a Construction Certificate must be issued in accordance with Section 109C (1)(b) and 81A (2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The application for a Construction Certificate, made to Council or an Accredited Certifier, must include plans and specifications demonstrating full compliance with the *Building Code of Australia* and associated standards.

During Construction

4. To safeguard the local amenity, reduce noise nuisance and to prevent environmental pollution during the construction period:
 - Works on site are to be carried out in accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* in relation to noise, dust and associated nuisances from the site. The carrying out of works shall not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the surrounding neighbourhood;
 - Construction may only be carried out between 7.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Saturday, and no construction is to be carried out at any time on a Sunday or Public Holiday. Council may consent to vary these hours in particular circumstances where it can be demonstrated that it is unavoidable;
 - Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material shall be stored clear of any drainage path of easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface and shall implement measures to prevent the movement of such material off site;
 - Building operations such as brick cutting, washing tools, concreting and bricklaying shall be undertaken on the building block. The pollutants from these building operations shall be contained on site;
 - Builders waste must not be burnt or buried on site. All waste (including felled trees) must be contained and removed to a waste disposal depot;
 - Sediment and erosion control measures are to be implemented onsite and maintained until the site is fully stabilised, in accordance with Council's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Policy 2004; and
 - Where the proposed development involves the disturbance of any existing survey monuments, those monuments affected will need to be relocated by a registered surveyor under the *Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002*. A plan showing the relocated monuments will then be required to be lodged as a matter of public record at the Lands Titles Office.

Prior to Occupation

5. Prior to occupation of the premises, an Occupation Certificate must be issued in accordance with Section 109M of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Note: Prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifying Authority is required to be satisfied, amongst other things, that:

 - all required inspections (including each applicable mandatory critical stage inspection) have been carried out; and
 - any preconditions to the issue of the certificate required by a development consent have been met.
6. Prior to issue of an Occupation Certificate, all stormwater (i.e. roof water and/or surface water) shall be drained in accordance with *Australian Standard 3500.3 Plumbing and drainage*.
7. Prior to issue of an Occupation Certificate, the proposed addition and the entirety of the remaining dwelling are to be finished in the same external colour.

Ongoing Use

8. No aerial, antenna, communication dishes, air-conditioning units or similar devices are to be installed on the external walls or roof of the third storey addition.
9. Any other condition deemed appropriate by the Director Civil and Environmental Services.

S375A Record of Voting	Councillors For:	Councillors Against:
Cr D F Baker	✓	
Cr H N Castledine	✓	
Cr P J Girle	✓	
Cr B C Johnston	✓	
Cr A A Michael		✓
Cr M J Peters		✓
Cr J A Watts	✓	

At this juncture, the time being 3.50pm, Cr Harmon and Cr Jones returned to the meeting and Cr Harmon assumed the Chair.

2. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 10 JUNE 2015 S4.11.17/07

45/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Johnston) that:

- i) *the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. REQUEST FOR DONATION – LIONS CLUB OF INVERELL S12.22.1/08

That:

- i) *Permission be granted to Inverell Lions Club to paint/affix numbers to Council's kerb and guttering, provided the Club does not represent to the householder that this service is compulsory;*
- ii) *Council provide a donation of up to \$200 for advertising of the project; and*
- iii) *the Lions Club of Inverell indemnify Council of any potential legal action.*

2. OPERA NORTH WEST S26.3.14

That:

- i) *Council provide a donation of \$5K in cash and \$5K in in-kind contribution; and*
- ii) *the Town Hall costs are not included in the in-kind contribution should it be required.*

3. BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICES S24.20.3

That Council write to the Australian Red Cross requesting the provision of a mobile blood collection service for Northern NSW.

4. LIBRARY CAFE S3.6.1

That a report be submitted to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting regarding the proposed Library Café.

5. TRANSPORT MUSEUM S5.9.9

That:

- i) Council extend the loan repayment term from 10 years to 20 years;*
- ii) in line with current interest rates, the rate be 4%; and*
- iii) this matter be reviewed in two (2) years in respect of repayment term and interest rate.*

6. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFF) S13.1.2

That the required adjustments to the 2015/2016 - 2024/2025 draft budget necessary to implement the FFF Roadmap including the \$6M Shire Roads Backlog Program be adopted.

7. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/08

That:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

8. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2014/2015
S12.5.1/08

That:

- i) the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2014/2015 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2015 from operations of \$4,959; and*
- ii) the breakup of Council's invested funds be noted.*

9. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/08

That:

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) the adjustment of **\$90.74** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

10. WRITE OFF SUNDRY DEBTOR S12.8.8

That the outstanding amount of \$7,768.94 for Allpro Demolitions be written off Debtor account number 113095-4.

11. AIR SERVICES S30.16.4

That the information be received and noted.

3. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 10 JUNE 2015
S4.11.21

46/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Johnston) *that:*

- i) the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, be received and noted; and*

- ii) *the following recommendations of the Audit & Risk Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM S27.3.2

That:

- i) *a report be provided to the next Audit & Risk Committee meeting in respect of the appointment of an Independent Member to the Committee;*
- ii) *Council develop an Integrity Management Communication and Consultation Strategy/Plan;*
- iii) *Council develop a greater awareness of the organisational risk register across the Council;*
- iv) *Council include integrity management issues in risk assessments at a departmental level;*
- v) *Council regularly review Integrity Management/Governance reporting procedures;*
- vi) *Council develop an understanding of and application of the Integrity Management reporting process;*
- vii) *in-house training be conducted for Councillors and relevant staff in this matter; and*
- viii) *six (6) monthly reporting be provided to the Audit & Risk Committee in respect of Integrity Management issues.*

1. YEAR TO DATE STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE REPORT
S23.16.5/08

That:

- i) *the items contained in the Information Reports to the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the Corporate Supply Coordinator be commended on the sound management of Council's store facility.*

2. ECONOMIC FORECASTS - NSW TREASURY CORPORATION S12.20.3

That the information be received and noted.

3. GOVERNANCE – QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.5/08

That the information be noted.

4. LIGHT PLANT ACQUISITIONS S23.7.12

That the information be received and noted.

AUDIT & RISK CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS **S4.11.21**

47/15 RESOLVED (Michael/Peters) *that the confidential items discussed at the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:*

- i) *the matters and information are 'Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.'* (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993);
- ii) *on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and*
- iii) *all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

SECTION D DESTINATION REPORTS

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION S13.6.4

GM-A **48/15 RESOLVED** (Baker/Michael) *that the maximum increase of 2.5% in fees for Mayors and Councillors be applied for the 2015/2016 financial year as recommended by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.*

2. FIT FOR THE FUTURE AND ADOPTION OF 2015/2016 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET S12.5.3 & S13.1.2

DCS-A **49/15 RESOLVED** (Johnston/Baker) *that:*

1. Voting for Expenditure for 2015/2016

That the respective amounts set out in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan and Budget vide Resolution Number 28/15 be confirmed and voted for the carrying out of the various works and services of the Council for 2015/2016.

2. Operational Plan

That the 2015/2016 Operational Plan and Budget be adopted.

3. Fees and Charges for 2015/2016

That the Fees and Charges as adopted on 22 April, 2015, Resolution Number 28/15, be fixed for 2015/2016 including, the Stormwater Management Charge of \$25.00 per residential assessment, and \$25.00 for Business Premises for each 350 square metres or additional part thereof, subject to a maximum on Business Premises of \$100.

4. Fixing of Rates

A) General Activities

- i) *Whereas the Estimates of Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Fund for the year 2015/2016 were adopted by Council on 22 April, 2015, AND WHEREAS such estimates were advertised in The Inverell Times Newspaper on 1 May 2015, and in accordance with S.535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT:*

RESIDENTIAL – INVERELL

A Residential – Inverell rate of 1.3120 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable residential land in the town of Inverell;

RESIDENTIAL – GENERAL

A Residential - General rate of 0.8616 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all other rateable residential land including the villages of Bonshaw, Wandera, Bukkulla, Graman, Mount Russell, Oakwood, Elsmore, Gum Flat, Little Plain and Nullamanna;

RESIDENTIAL VILLAGES – ASHFORD

A Residential Villages – Ashford rate of 2.1136 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable residential land in the village of Ashford;

RESIDENTIAL VILLAGES – DELUNGRA

A Residential Villages – Delungra rate of 1.3515 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable residential land in the village of Delungra;

RESIDENTIAL VILLAGES – GILGAI

A Residential Villages – Gilgai rate of 1.0358 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable residential land in the village of Gilgai;

RESIDENTIAL - YETMAN

A Residential Villages – Yetman rate of 1.7714 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable residential land in the village of Yetman;

BUSINESS – INVERELL INDUSTRIAL / COMMERCIAL

A Business Inverell / Commercial rate of 3.229 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all non-residential lands zoned as Industrial or Business in the Shire;

BUSINESS – OTHER

A Business – Other rate of 2.3430 in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all other business lands in the Shire;

FARMLAND

A Farmland rate of 0.4833 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable land in the Shire being farmland;

RESIDENTIAL RURAL

A Residential Rural rate of 0.5735 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable land that satisfies the description of Rural Residential land as defined by the Local Government Act, 1993;

MINING

A Mining rate of 2.5000 cents in the dollar on the 2013 land value of all rateable land in the Shire being mining land (Coal and Metalliferous Mines);

Now be made for the year ending 30 June, 2016;

- ii) The Base Amount for each rateable assessment be \$185.00 for all categories and sub-categories. The percentage, in conformity with Section 500 is:*

<u>Category/Sub-category</u>	<u>Percentage of levy for Category/Subcategory raised from base amount (must be < 50%)</u>
Residential Inverell	20.02%
Residential General	33.19%
Residential Villages - Ashford	41.45%
Residential Villages - Delungra	39.84%
Residential Villages - Gilgai	35.06%
Residential Villages – Yetman	41.66%
Business - Inverell Industrial / Commercial	3.95%
Business - Other	14.07%
Farmland	7.33%
Residential Rural	21.72%
Mining	0.00%

B) Water Supply

- i) WHEREAS the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Consolidated Fund for the year 2015/2016 were adopted by Council on 22 April, 2015, AND WHEREAS such estimates including notice of the proposal to make and levy a charge in connection therewith were advertised in The Inverell Times newspaper on 1 May, 2015, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a Water Supply Charge of \$346.50 on all land rateable to the Water Supply charge in pursuance of Section 552 of the Local Government Act, 1993, be now made for the year ending 30 June, 2016.
- ii) The charge for water consumed and charged for by meter BE FIXED at \$1.37 per kilolitre for commercial water users.
- iii) The charge for water consumed be charged for by meter and BE A STEPPED TARIFF at a cost of \$1.37 per kilolitre for water consumption between 0 to 600 kilolitres, and \$1.60 for water consumed over 600 kilolitres for all users excluding raw water users, commercial and Abattoirs.
- iv) The charge for water consumed and charged for by meter BE FIXED at 75.00 cents per kilolitre for Abattoirs, plus a 20% early settlement discount for 2015/2016.
- v) The charge for water consumed and charged for by meter BE FIXED at 36.0 cents per kilolitre for raw water users.

C) Sewerage Services

- i) WHEREAS the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Consolidated Fund for the year 2015/2016 were adopted by Council on 22 April, 2015, AND WHEREAS such Estimates including notice of the proposal to make and levy a charge in connection therewith were advertised in the Inverell Times newspaper on 1 May, 2015, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a Sewerage Charge Occupied of \$476.20 on all land rateable to the sewerage charge in pursuance of Section 552 of the Local Government Act, 1993, now be made, excepting any assessment in respect of land not built upon and not supplied with sewerage in which case a Sewerage Charge Unoccupied of \$298.30.

In accordance with Section 501(1) the following charges be made for the year ending 30 June, 2016, for the provision of other sewerage services:

Hotels/Licensed Clubs Charge \$1,428.40

(Excludes Motels, Clubs, Hostels, Nursing Home Hostels)

Nursing Homes/Supported Aged Care Sewerage Charge

\$2,230.50

Charge for Residential Flat or Unit Buildings, Attached and Detached Dual Occupancy developments, Multi Housing developments, Retirement Living Units, and Boarding Houses.

1 Service = 1 Unit/Flat, eg a six (6) Unit/Flat development used for residential purposes on a single General Assessment will pay for six (6) services, ie \$1,967.70 for 2015/2016. One (1) Duplex = two (2) Units.

Number of Services per Assessment	Annual Charge Per Assessment
1	\$ 476.20
2	\$ 774.50
3	\$ 1,072.80
4	\$ 1,371.10
5	\$ 1,669.40
6	\$ 1,967.70
7	\$ 2,266.00
8	\$ 2,564.30
9	\$ 2,862.60
10	\$ 3,160.90
11	\$ 3,459.20
12	\$ 3,757.50
13	\$ 4,055.80
14	\$ 4,354.10
15	\$ 4,652.40

etc

Non-rateable Properties Charges

Schools - w/c's	\$ 69.00*
Other - w/c's	\$115.00*
Urinals	\$ 69.00*

(* these charges are per receptacle).

Motels Charges

Motel Residence	\$476.20
Motel Restaurant	\$476.20
Ensuite/Room per service*	\$149.15

* Eg A six (6) room motel will pay for six (6) services, ie \$894.90

Motel/Hotel Complex Charges

Hotel	\$1,428.40
Motel Residence	\$ 476.20
Ensuite/Room per service*	\$ 149.15

* Eg A six (6) room motel will pay for six (6) services, ie \$894.90

Caravan Parks Charges

Caravan Park Residence	\$ 476.20
Caravan Park Amenities Block	\$1,428.40
Ensuite Cabin per service	\$ 149.15

5. Waste Management Charges

Waste Management Charge

In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993 a Waste Management Charge of \$70.00 per assessment be made for the year ending 30 June, 2016, on all rateable land.

Domestic Waste Management

In accordance with Section 496 the following charges be made for the year ending 30 June, 2016, for the provision of domestic waste management services:

Domestic Waste Management Charge – Un-Occupied \$40.00

Domestic Waste Management Charge - Occupied

Number of Services Per Assessment	Annual Charge Per Assessment
1	\$ 300.00
2	\$ 600.00
3	\$ 900.00
4	\$ 1,200.00
5	\$ 1,500.00
6	\$ 1,800.00
7	\$ 2,100.00
8	\$ 2,400.00
9	\$ 2,700.00
10	\$ 3,000.00
11	\$ 3,300.00
12	\$ 3,600.00
13	\$ 3,900.00
14	\$ 4,200.00
15	\$ 4,500.00

etc

Other Waste Management Services

In accordance with Section 502 the following charges be made for the year ending 30 June, 2016, for the provision of other waste management services (Collection from Business/Commercial Premises):

Other Waste Management Charge

Number of Services	Yearly Charge Per Service (excl GST)
1	\$ 300.00
2	\$ 600.00
3	\$ 900.00
4	\$ 1,200.00
5	\$ 1,500.00
6	\$ 1,800.00
7	\$ 2,100.00
8	\$ 2,400.00
9	\$ 2,700.00
10	\$ 3,000.00
11	\$ 3,300.00
12	\$ 3,600.00
13	\$ 3,900.00
14	\$ 4,200.00
15	\$ 4,500.00
	Etc

Weekly Commercial Recycling Charge \$ 100.00 excl GST

Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge \$ 50.00 excl GST

6. Interest Charges on Overdue Rates and Charges

Extra charges on overdue rates and charges will be levied at the rate of eight and half (8.5%) per cent per annum on a daily simple interest basis for the year ending 30 June, 2016.

7. Fit for the Future Roadmap

That:

- i) Council submit its final Fit for the Future Roadmap to the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART); and
- ii) Council note the efforts of staff and the extensive process that has been undertaken in the development of its Fit for the Future Roadmap.

**SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. TOURISM INVERELL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE S6.8.9
2. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE S13.5.5/08
3. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR MAY 2015 S7.2.4/08
4. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING MAY 2015 S7.2.4/08

5. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR MAY 2015 S7.2.4/08
6. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING MAY 2015
S18.10.2/08
7. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR MAY 2015 S29.19.1
8. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR MAY 2015 S18.10.1
9. STRATEGIC TASKS – ‘SIGN OFF’ – MAY 2015 S4.13.2
10. PETITION - PARKING IN OSWALD STREET S28.10.IN163

50/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Baker) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 June, 2015, be received and noted.

**SECTION G
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COUNCIL
(SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)**

At 4.15pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council. There was no response.

CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

51/15 RESOLVED (Castledine/Watts) that Council proceed into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

Upon resuming Open Council at 4.28pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

1. AUDIT & RISK CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS S4.11.21

That the information be noted.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

52/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON

TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 22/07/2015

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S19.9.1
DESTINATION 2:	A community that is healthy, educated and sustained.	C
SUBJECT:	INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Meeting held on 3 March, 2015.

For the consideration of Council.

COMMENTARY:

MINUTES OF THE INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE TATTS, BYRON STREET, INVERELL ON TUESDAY, 3 MARCH, 2015, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT: Tim Palmer (Inverell RSM) [Chair], Damien Smith (Australian Hotel/Inverell Rugby Club), Ewan Wilkinson (Liquorland), Lucas Chan (BWS Inverell), Kevin Stoessel (Ashford Bowling Club), Leanne Brown (Inverell Jockey Club), Trish Koina & Daniel Stapleton (Delungra Bowling Club), Colin Thompson (Oxford Hotel), Donna Thom (Gilgai Store) and Debbie Smith (Royal Hotel Motel).

Also in attendance were Sharon Stafford (Inverell Shire Council) [Secretary] and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services, Inverell Shire Council).

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Rowan O'Brien (Inverell Police) and Penny Sutton (Roads & Maritime Services).

RESOLVED (Stoessel/Wilkinson) that the apology received from Rowan O'Brien and Penny Sutton be received and noted.

**SECTION A
MINUTES**

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Stoessel/Wilkinson) that the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee held on 2 December, 2014, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Inverell Jockey Club

Advised that Inverell Jockey were going to utilise the CCTV Mobile Cameras to provide additional security at the entrance to the racecourse on Boxing Day however, this did not proceed.

Tennis Event

A 4-5 day tennis tournament in Inverell this weekend will bring significant business to local venues.

Liquor Act Reforms

The remaining reforms introduced by the *Liquor Legislation Amendment (Statutory Review) Act 2014* commenced on 1 March, 2015 and include:

- Liquor Licence Exemptions for non-profit organisations
- Clarification of Primary Service Authorisations
- New Registration Process for Accords
- Special Licence conditions
- Guidelines for the Prevention of Intoxication
- New Fee Structure
- Harsher penalties.

Detailed information can be found at www.olgr.nsw.gov.au

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Police

Reminder that regular signage audits will continue, particularly in respect of poker machine signage.

Staggered Closing Hours

The Police suggested that pubs stagger departure times for patrons to reduce the incidence of large groups forming. This is in response to a number of incidents occurring at the Caltex Service Station.

Drugs in the Community

General discussion was held in response to the 7 February, 2015, Daily Telegraph story on the ice epidemic in Brewarrina. The Police advised that this is not isolated incident and that many towns are experiencing similar issues with Ice/Pills/Addictions etc.

Inverell Jockey Club

The Jockey Club informed the Committee that they are upgrading security at the Club due to a recent break in.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee will be held at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday, 28 July, 2015 commencing at 10 am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11am.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 March, 2015, be received and noted.

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S4.11.16/07	
DESTINATION 2 DESTINATION 3 DESTINATION 5:	A Community that is healthy, educated and sustained. An environment that is protected and sustained. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.		CES
SUBJECT:	CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 8 JULY 2015		
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing		

SUMMARY:

Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015.

For the consideration of Council.

COMMENTARY:

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, 2015, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr H N Castledine (Chairperson), Crs A A Michael, B C Johnston, P J Harmon, D C Jones and P J Girle.

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering) and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Watts for business reasons and Cr Baker for personal reasons.

RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the apology from Cr Watts and Cr Baker be noted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 10 June, 2015, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following interest was declared:

- Cr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item #3, 'DA-83/2015 - 25 Lot Subdivision and New Road – 165-186 Moore Street, Inverell - Naming of New Road'. The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones providing professional services to the applicant.

3. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6

At this juncture, the time being 8.37am, the Chair welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mr Nigel Brown Feral Cats

Mr Brown spoke regarding the higher incidents of domestic cats becoming strays and feral in the area. Mr Brown stated it is his belief that this occurs as domestic cats are allowed to roam and breed. Mr Brown spoke about feral cats spreading disease and decimating wildlife.

Mrs Shirlee Handee Spread of Feral Cats

Mrs Handee spoke of her concern of the spread of feral cats in the area. Mrs Handee requested that her submission regarding registration of cats and the implementation of stricter controls imposed on the breeding of cats be received by the Committee.

At this juncture, the time being 8.42am, the Public Forum Session closed and the Committee resumed the balance of the Agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

**SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS**

Cr Harmon New England Group of Councils (NECOG) Meeting

Cr Harmon provided a summary of the latest NEGOC meeting. Cr Harmon advised that the emphasis was on examining ways that the Councils can work together to further the interests of the area. The minutes of the meeting will be placed before Council.

Cr Jones National Broadband Network (NBN) Towers

Cr Jones advised that NBN towers have been switched on at Stirling & Delungra sites.

The Fernhill area remains un-serviced; residents in this area will be offered satellite service. Mobile phone towers will be installed in five (5) locations in the Shire.

Cr Castledine

Pioneer Village

Cr Castledine provided an update on activities at Pioneer Village.

Cr Girle

Inverell Court House

Cr Girle acknowledged the work on the painting of the Inverell Court House.

Cr Castledine

Feral Cats S6.8.3

Cr Castledine referred to the submission from Mrs Handee and the address from both Mr Brown and Mrs Handee in the Public Forum of today's meeting.

RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the Local State Member be informed of Mrs Handee's views about registration and control of domestic cats; and*
- ii) Council continue the work with Local Land Service on feral cat control.*

SECTION D DESTINATION REPORTS

1. CHANGE TO AGREEMENT - PROVISION OF FLOOD WARNING MONITORING SERVICES S18.6.19

RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) an investigation into the service level requirements for flood warning monitoring be undertaken; and*
- ii) a further report be presented to the Committee outlining possible options for provision of services for the 2015/16 year.*

2. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY - INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY S18.6.63

RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to the Council that the Communications Strategy for the Inverell Public Open Space Strategy be endorsed.

3. DA-83/2015 – 25 LOT SUBDIVISION AND NEW ROAD – 165-186 MOORE STREET, INVERELL - NAMING OF NEW ROAD DA-83/2015

At this juncture, the time being 9.25am, Cr Jones left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item #3, 'DA-83/2015 - 25 Lot Subdivision and New Road – 165-186 Moore Street, Inverell - Naming of New Road'. The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones providing professional services to the applicant.

RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the appropriate steps be taken to formally name the new road in the subdivision approved under DA-83/2015 as Victor Drive; and*
- ii) Council authorise the Director Civil and Environmental Services to undertake the road naming in accordance with the NSW Road Naming Policy October 2013.*

At this juncture, the time being 9.26am, Cr Jones returned to the meeting.

4. CRITERIUM CYCLE TRACK S7.2.7/08

RESOLVED (Johnston/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the Cycle 'n' Tri club be advised that the identified site is not a favored site; and*
- ii) discussions be held with the Club to identify a suitable alternative site for development as a criterium track.*

5. PETITION - PARKING IN OSWALD STREET S28.10.IN163

RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) a meeting with the Department of Education be arranged as a matter of priority to discuss traffic management issues surrounding Inverell High School;*
- ii) the outcome of the meeting be reported back to Council for consideration; and*
- iii) the principal author of the petition from Oswald Street resident's be advised what action Council is taking in response to the matter.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. ASHFORD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PCG MEETING MINUTES –
18 JUNE 2015 S5.9.12

2. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1

RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015, be received and noted.

MANSFIELD STREET/HIGHWAY INTERSECTION S28.10.IN144

RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the Director Civil & Environmental Services seek comments from the Roads & Maritime Services regarding the concept plan prepared for the Mansfield Street/Highway intersection.

SECTION F
GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Michael Non-smoking Policy

Cr Michael raised the matter of the 4m non-smoking zone around outdoor eating facilities and the need for this to be promoted.

Cr Harmon Ring Street Bridge

Cr Harmon asked if the Ring Street Bridge is Heavy Mass Load (HML) approved.

The Director Civil & Environmental Services advised that the bridge is approved for HML vehicles and the Roads and Maritime Services website has been updated to inform trucking companies.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15am.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i) *the Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendation of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be considered by Council:*

1. FERAL CATS S6.8.3

That:

- i) *the Local State Member be informed of Mrs Handee's views about registration and control of domestic cats; and*
- ii) *Council continue the work with Local Land Service on feral cat control.*

2. CHANGE TO AGREEMENT - PROVISION OF FLOOD WARNING
MONITORING SERVICES S18.6.19

That:

- i) *an investigation into the service level requirements for flood warning monitoring be undertaken; and*
- ii) *a further report be presented to the Committee outlining possible options for provision of services for the 2015/16 year.*

3. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY - INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE
STRATEGY S18.6.63

That the Communications Strategy for the Inverell Public Open Space Strategy be endorsed.

4. DA-83/2015 – 25 LOT SUBDIVISION AND NEW ROAD – 165-186 MOORE
STREET, INVERELL - NAMING OF NEW ROAD DA-83/2015

That:

- i) *the appropriate steps be taken to formally name the new road in the subdivision approved under DA-83/2015 as Victor Drive; and*
- ii) *Council authorise the Director Civil and Environmental Services to undertake the road naming in accordance with the NSW Road Naming Policy October 2013.*

5.	<u>CRITERIUM CYCLE TRACK</u>	<u>S7.2.7/08</u>
<i>That:</i>		
i)	<i>the Cycle 'n' Tri club be advised that the identified site is not a favored site; and</i>	
ii)	<i>discussions be held with the Club to identify a suitable alternative site for development as a criterium track.</i>	
6.	<u>PETITION - PARKING IN OSWALD STREET</u>	<u>S28.10.IN163</u>
<i>That:</i>		
i)	<i>a meeting with the Department of Education be arranged as a matter of priority to discuss traffic management issues surrounding Inverell High School;</i>	
ii)	<i>the outcome of the meeting be reported back to Council for consideration; and</i>	
iii)	<i>the principal author of the petition from Oswald Street resident's be advised what action Council is taking in response to the matter.</i>	
7.	<u>MANSFIELD STREET/HIGHWAY INTERSECTION</u>	<u>S28.10.IN144</u>
<i>That the Director Civil & Environmental Services seek comments from the Roads & Maritime Services regarding the concept plan prepared for the Mansfield Street/Highway intersection.</i>		

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S4.11.17/07
DESTINATION 1 DESTINATION 4:	A recognised leader in a broader context. A strong economy.	RB
SUBJECT:	ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 8 JULY 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015.

For the consideration of Council.

COMMENTARY:

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, 2015, COMMENCING AT
10.30AM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Chairperson), Crs P J Girle, B C Johnston, A A Michael, D C Jones and H N Castledine.

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager) and Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Baker for personal reasons and Cr Watts for business reasons.

RESOLVED (Jones/Michael) that the apologies from Crs Baker and Watts be received and noted.

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Castledine/Johnston) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 June, 2015 as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. CIVIC RECOGNITION AWARDS S2.2.2

RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the information be noted.

2. REQUEST FOR DONATION – KINDAMINDI PRESCHOOL
S12.22.1/08

RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council decline the offer to make a donation.

3. E-WASTE FACILITY AND 'BUY BACK' CENTRE (LISTING) S31.8.1

RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:

- i) the matters and information are 'commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.' (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993);*
- ii) on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and*
- iii) all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. FOOTPATH RISK MANAGEMENT S27.3.2

2. 2013/2014 COMPARATIVE DATA REPORT S4.12.2

the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015, be received and noted.

2013/2014 COMPARATIVE DATA REPORT S4.12.2

RESOLVED (Castledine/Michael) that a summary report of the performance data be presented to Council.

SECTION H
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/08

RESOLVED (Michael/Castledine) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

SECTION G
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COMMITTEE
(SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

At 11.06am, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Committee Meeting should not be considered in Closed Committee. There was no response from the public.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED (Michael/Castledine) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

Upon resuming Open Committee, at 11.21am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. E-WASTE FACILITY AND 'BUY BACK' CENTRE S31.8.1

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the concept of establishing a Regional Waste Facility and Buy Back Centre at the Inverell Waste Facility be endorsed; and*
- ii) the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to hold discussions with Warra-Li on the details of the concept.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED (Jones/Johnston) that the recommendation from Closed Committee be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.22am.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i) the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) the following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be considered by Council:*

1. CIVIC RECOGNITION AWARDS S2.2.2

That the information be noted.

2. REQUEST FOR DONATION – KINDAMINDI PRESCHOOL S12.22.1/08

That Council decline the offer to make a donation.

3. 2013/2014 COMPARATIVE DATA REPORT S4.12.2

That a summary report of the performance data be presented to Council.

4. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/08

That:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

5. E-WASTE FACILITY AND 'BUY BACK' CENTRE S31.8.1

That:

- i) the concept of establishing a Regional Waste Facility and Buy Back Centre at the Inverell Waste Facility be endorsed; and*
- ii) the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to hold discussions with Warra-Li on the details of the concept.*

TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 22/07/2015

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S24.20.5
DESTINATION 2:	A community that is healthy, educated and sustainable	C
SUBJECT:	BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICES	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Steven Eldridge, Donor Services Manager NSW/ACT from the Australian Red Cross Blood Service in response to representations made by Council requesting the provision of a mobile blood collection service for Northern NSW. Councillors are being asked to note the advice received.

COMMENTARY:

Following advice confirming that Inverell's demountable blood collection service was to be retired in June 2015, Council wrote to the Australian Red Cross requesting the provision of a mobile blood collection service for Northern NSW.

A response to Council's representations has now been received and is attached for the information of Council (refer to Appendix 1, D4).

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: C.10 Contribute to the health of the community by promoting healthy lifestyles and practices.

Term Achievement: C.10.01 Council is actively supportive and involved in programs and initiatives that promote and contribute healthy lifestyles and practices.

Operational Objective: C.10.01.01 To establish measures and processes to protect the environment and safety of the residents of the Shire through both direct control and education.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S30.9.4
DESTINATION 2:	A community that is healthy, educated and sustainable	C
SUBJECT:	POPPY SCULPTURE - HENDERSON STREET ROUNDABOUT	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

The Organising Committee for the 'Kurrajong Celebrations' seeks permission to erect a temporary sculpture in the Henderson Street roundabout.

Councillors are being asked to make a determination in respect of this matter.

COMMENTARY:

In order to promote activities associated with the 'Kurrajong Re-Enactment March', the organising Committee seeks Council permission to erect a sculpture in the Henderson Street Roundabout.

Details of the approach are:

- Feature – the sculpture depicts five (5) red poppies. It is constructed in metal and can be bolted to the cement base of the roundabout.
- Rationale – the five (5) poppies represent the one in five men who enlisted in the services during WWI and did not return home.
- Size – the feature will be 2m (h) x 2.5m (w). This size is well within the 6m x 6m building envelope approved by the RMS for a permanent sculpture.
- Exhibition – it is requested that the sculpture be permitted to be displayed from 1 December, 2015 to 18 January, 2016.
- Installation – Council is requested to install the sculpture in the roundabout. The feature can be lifted by two (2) men and has a number of anchor points.
- Security – Can a mobile security camera be installed at this location during the exhibition period?

Council is requested to determine the request.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: C.17 Promote Inverell Shire as an integral component of the cultural fabric of the New England North West Region.

Term Achievement: C.17.01 Inverell is recognised as an integral component of cultural diversity and excellence in the New England North West Region.

Operational Objective: C.17.01.01 Develop partnerships and projects with cultural organisations and connect where appropriate with cultural plans and development of other Council's on the New England area.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

A matter for Council.

APPENDIX 1

**Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE**

10 July 2015

Mr P J Henry
Inverell Shire Council
PO Box 138
INVERELL NSW 2360

Dear Mr Henry

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the retirement of our mobile unit in Inverell and your request for a blood donormobile in its place. As you are probably aware, we have made this change to ensure we are able to respond to the changing demand for blood. In recent years, advances in science have meant that while Australia's need for plasma continues to grow, demand for traditional red cells have declined. Plasma is a precious blood component used to make 18 different life-saving products and we need to respond to this increase in demand.

In order to do this we need our northern New South Wales donor centres to play a bigger role in helping meet Australia's need for plasma, and to collect 9,000 additional plasma donations. Our regional donor centres have the capacity and equipment to take on a large number of plasma donations in coming years. To enable this, we need our staff to return full-time to the donor centre floor.

We do have Donormobiles in other areas of NSW collecting blood. The type of blood mainly collected on these units is red cell donations, and at present our existing network is able to meet demand meaning we do not need to add to this infrastructure at this time. We know these changes will mean it is not possible for some people to continue donating; however collecting what patients need is our priority.

We appreciate all the time and support of all our donors in Inverell and whilst we know that this decision may be disappointing for some people, it is an important one as part of our responsibility to collect what is needed for Australian patients.

I hope this information is useful in your current discussions and if you need any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

Steven Eldridge
Donor Services Manager NSW/ACT

17 O'Riordan Street
Alexandria NSW 2015
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seldridge@redcrossblood.org.au

TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 22/07/2015

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S4.11.5/08
DESTINATION 1:	A recognised leader in a broader context	R
SUBJECT:	MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING MINUTES	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer – Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Management Team Meeting held on Thursday, 25 June, 2015.

INFORMATION:

The following items were discussed at the Management Team Meeting:

- i) GPS Tracking
- ii) Work for the Dole Program
- iii) Backlog Program
- iv) Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 4 June 2015

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S4.13.2
DESTINATION 1:	A recognised leader in a broader context	R
SUBJECT:	STRATEGIC TASKS – ‘SIGN OFF’ – JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

A part of a successful governance program is a need for administration to indicate to the policy makers that the requirements of the legislation, under which the organisation operates, has been provided. As a result, this information report provides Councillors with a statement of assurance from the General Manager that in accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the tasks have been complied with.

COMMENTARY:

The June, 2015 tasks required to be undertaken are detailed below. Any of these tasks may be added to as Council becomes familiar with this new initiative.

Date	Compliance Requirement	Achieved/Not Achieved	Comments
9 June, 2015	Last date to enter into an arrangement with the NSW Electoral Commission for Council's next Ordinary Elections.	Achieved	Resolved in September, 2013, for NSW Electoral Commission to conduct Ordinary Election.
30 June, 2015	Objections to the inclusion of land to be vested in public bodies lodged (s.600(6)).	Achieved	No parcels of land are to be vested in public bodies.
30 June, 2015	Valuer General to provide increase/decrease in values of rateable land (s.513(2)).	Achieved	The Valuer General has provided increase/decrease in values of rateable land.
30 June, 2015	Delivery Program Progress reports provided to Council at least every 6 months (s.404(5)).	Achieved	Reports provided to Council as part of Quarterly Governance Reports.
30 June, 2015	Operational Plan (2015-16) adopted and Long Term Financial Plan updated.	Achieved	Adopted June, 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting.
30 June, 2015	General Manager to report to Council on contractual conditions of senior staff (s.339).	Achieved	Information included in Council's Annual Report.

I confirm that the performance criteria as set out in the criteria for scheduled tasks have been met for the month of June, 2015. I confirm the accuracy and completeness of the information provided above, in that to the best of my knowledge and understanding, all material information has been herein disclosed.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S15.8.44/04
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained	E
SUBJECT:	STREET LIGHTING SCHEDULE (REVISED)	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

Essential Energy has planned to commence installing the new LED street lights in Inverell shortly. Councillors are being asked to receive and note this report.

COMMENTARY:

Essential Energy had planned to commence installing the new LED street lights in Inverell on 13 July, 2015. However, due to the need to reschedule work, installation will now commence on 30 September, 2015 and finish on 3 November, 2015.

ITEM NO:	4.	FILE NO: S7.2.4/08
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained.	E
SUBJECT:	CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Nicole Riley, Administration Officer	

SUMMARY:

The following details the Construction Certificates approved by Council for June 2015.

INFORMATION:

<u>Construction Certificate Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CC-45/2015	Mrs Lynda Grace Partridge	6C Brewery Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Construction of Bus Turning Bay	18,000
CC-50/2015	Mr Colin John Moore	81-85 King Street, Inverell NSW 2360	New Dwelling & Boundary Adjustment	320,000
CC-55/2015	McLean Care Limited	67 Killeen Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Alterations to Hector Wing	100,000
CC-59/2015	Ms Maria Therese Makim	130 Staggs Lane, Inverell NSW 2360	Additions to Existing Dwelling	19,500

CC-60/2015	Barber Management Services Pty Ltd	Emmaville Road, Ashford NSW 2361	Relocate Dwelling	20,000
CC-61/2015	McMahon Structural	9-11 Byron Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Carport	8,000
CC-63/2015	Mr Bradley Jason House	142 Roscrae Lane, Inverell NSW 2360	New Dwelling	267,000
CC-64/2015	Mr Mark Geoffrey O'Brien	4C Brewery Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Construct Carport	16,500
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: June 2015			8	\$769,000

AMENDED CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES

<u>Construction Certificate Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CC-33/2015/A	Mr Dennis Tome Lennon	170 Otho Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Shop front Awning	Nil

SUMMARY:

The following details the Construction Certificates approved by Private Certifier for June 2015.

INFORMATION:

Nil.

ITEM NO:	5.	FILE NO: S7.2.4/08
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained.	E
SUBJECT:	COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Nicole Riley, Administration Officer	

SUMMARY:

The following details the Complying Development Certificates approved by Council during June 2015.

INFORMATION:

<u>Complying Development Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CD-28/2015	McMahon Structural	Fernhill Road, Inverell NSW 2360	New Dwelling & Shed	390,000
CD-29/2015	Mrs Susanne Clare Coss and Mr Robert David Coss	33 Oswald Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Internal Alterations and Addition of a Pergola Area	86,000
CD-30/2015	Mr Don Malcolm Watkins	10 Corella Court, Inverell NSW 2360	New Dwelling	220,000
CD-31/2015	Mr Darren Michael Wilkins	106 Runnymede Drive, Inverell NSW 2360	Covered Deck Additions	29,900
CD-33/2015	Mr Michael Brian Jorgensen	34 High Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Internal Alterations	3,800
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: June 2015			5	\$729,700

AMENDED COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

Nil.

SUMMARY:

The following details the Complying Development Certificates approved by Private Certifier for June 2015.

INFORMATION:

Nil.

ITEM NO:	6.	FILE NO: S7.2.4/08
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained.	E
SUBJECT:	SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Nicole Riley, Administration Officer	

SUMMARY:

The following report summarises the Building Construction for the Inverell Shire in June 2015.

INFORMATION:

Total Building Construction for Inverell Shire for June 2015:

<u>Type of Consent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Construction Certificates – Council Approved	8	769,000
Construction Certificates – Private Certifier	0	Nil
Complying Development – Council Approved	5	729,700
Complying Development – Private Certifier	0	Nil
Totals	13	\$1,498,700

Estimated Value of Approvals issued in the financial ytd in:	2014/2015	(180)	\$ 28,146,348
	2013/2014	(160)	\$ 16,504,913

ITEM NO:	7.	FILE NO: S18.10.2/08
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained	E
SUBJECT:	DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Nicole Riley, Administration Officer	

SUMMARY:

The following details the Development Consents and Refusals during June 2015.

INFORMATION:

APPROVALS

<u>Development Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DA-137/2014	Mr Mark John Warrener	15A Brae Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Alterations/Additions to Dwelling	70,000
DA-70/2015	Mr Colin John Moore	81-85 King Street, Inverell NSW 2360	New Dwelling & Boundary Adjustment	320,000
DA-73/2015	Ronald Dean Alexander	49 Oliver Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Bearing Centre	380,000
DA-79/2015	Ms Maria Therese Makim	130 Staggs Lane, Inverell NSW 2360	Additions to Existing Dwelling	19,500

DA-82/2015	Mrs Kayleen Joy Miller	173 Ashford Road, Inverell NSW 2360	Use of Premises for Function Venue	Nil
DA-83/2015	David C Jones (Consulting Engineers) Pty Ltd	165-189 Moore Street, Inverell NSW 2360	25 Lot Subdivision with Associated Roads and Infrastructure	Nil
DA-85/2015	Barber Management Services Pty Ltd	Emmaville Road, Inverell NSW 2360	Relocate Dwelling	20,000
DA-86/2015	McMahon Structural	9-11 Byron Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Carport	8,000
DA- 87/2015	Mr Bradley Jason House	142 Roscrae Lane, Inverell NSW 2360	New Dwelling	267,000
DA-89/2015	Mr Mark Geoffrey O'Brien	4C Brewery Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Construct Carport	16,500
DA-91/2015	Inverell Shire Council	55 Burtenshaw Road, Inverell NSW 2360	Community Recycling Centre	328,375
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: June 2015			11	\$1,429,375

DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENTS

<u>Development Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DA-22/2013/A	Doctor Gundula Rhoades	131 Yetman Road, Inverell NSW 2360	Modification to Subdivision	Nil
DA-39/2015A	Mr Dennis Tome Lennon and Mrs Elizabeth Anne Lennon	170 Otho Street, Inverell NSW 2360	Shop front Awning	Nil

REFUSALS

Nil.

ITEM NO:	8.	FILE NO: S29.19.1
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained	E
SUBJECT:	SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Nicole Riley, Administration Officer	

SUMMARY:

The following details the Septic Tank approvals for June 2015.

INFORMATION:

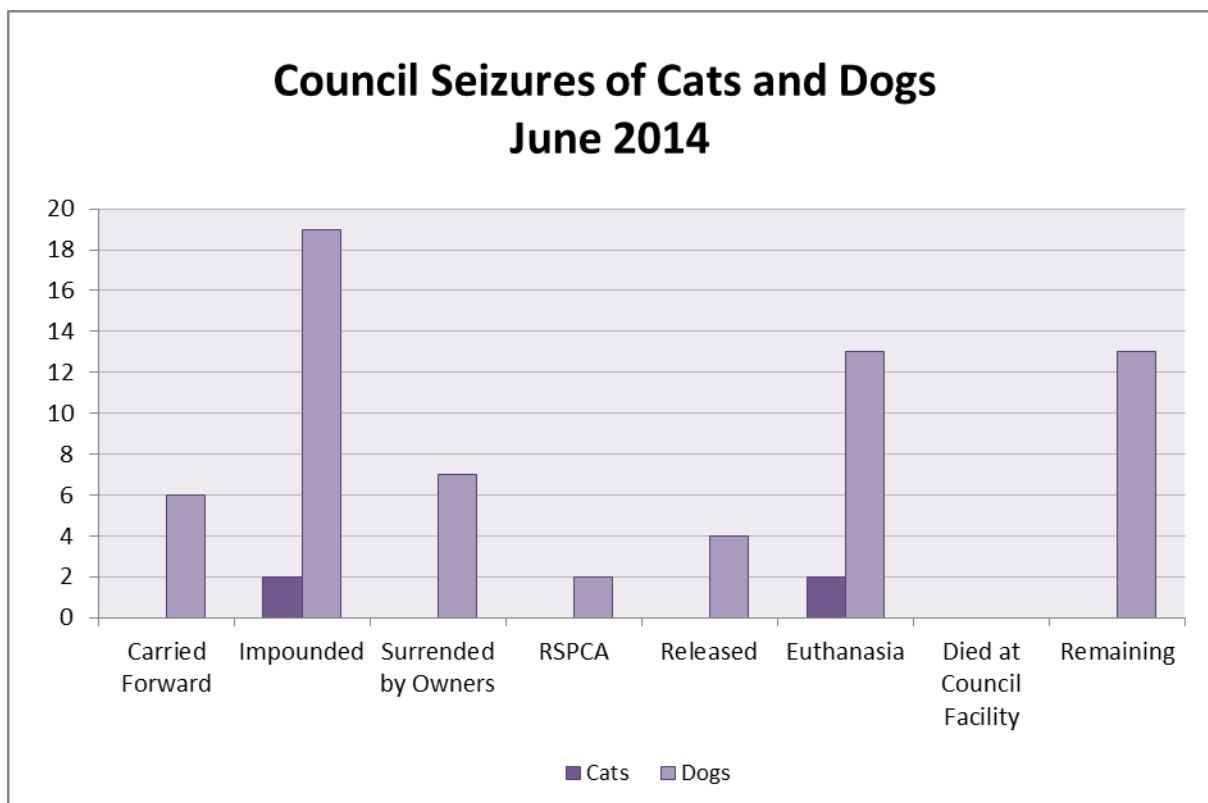
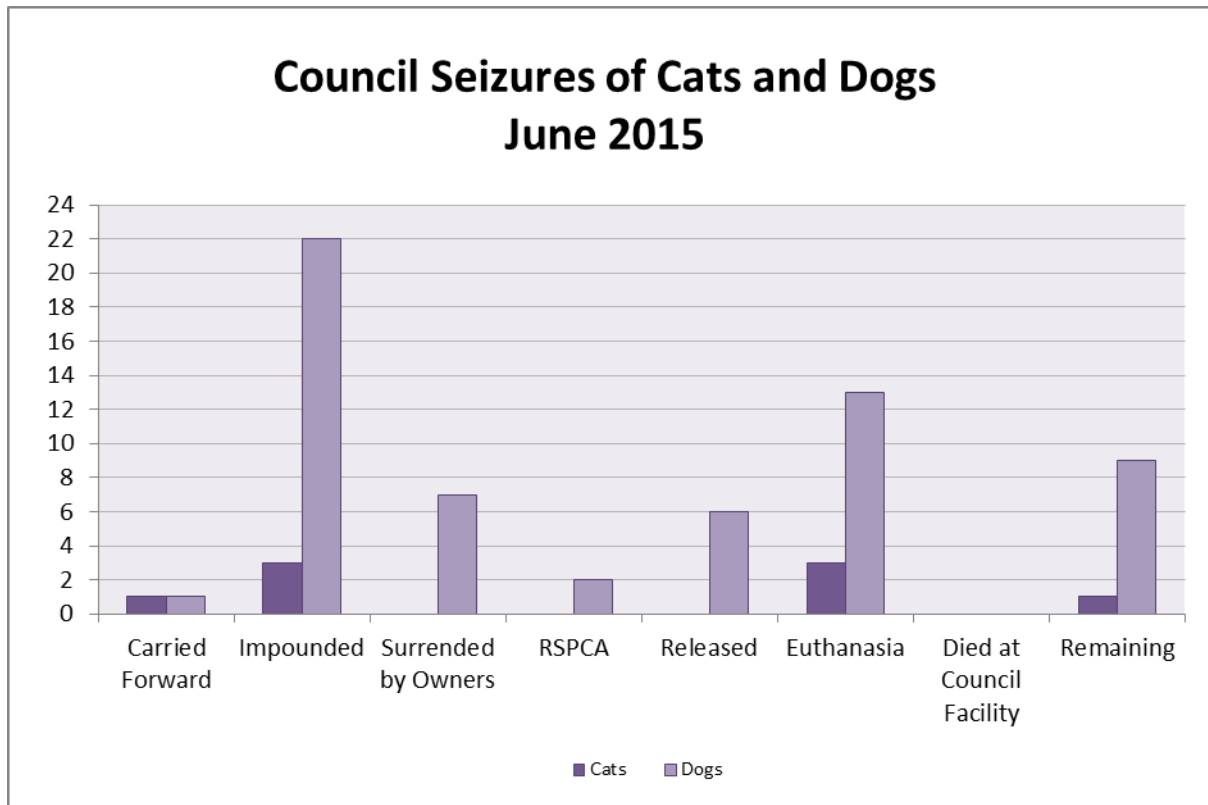
<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>
S-12/2015	Barber Management Services Pty Ltd	Emmaville Road, Ashford NSW 2361

ITEM NO:	9.	FILE NO: S18.10.1
DESTINATION 3:	An environment that is protected and sustained	E
SUBJECT:	ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JUNE 2015	
PREPARED BY:	Nicole Riley, Administration Officer	

SUMMARY:

The following details the number of various Ordinance activities carried out during June 2015, in comparison to the same month in 2014.

INFORMATION:

COMPLIANCEInverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report June 2015

ITEM NO:	10.	FILE NO: S2.17.7
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	NORTHERN TOUR - PRELIMINARY AGENDA	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 June, 2015, Council resolved that in conjunction with a Northern Tour, the August 2015 Committee Meetings would be held at the Yetman Hall.

A Preliminary Agenda has been prepared and is placed before Council for information.

COMMENTARY:

The following Preliminary Agenda has been prepared for the Northern Tour/Committee Meetings scheduled for 12 August, 2015.

P R E L I M I N A R Y A G E N D A

7:30am	Depart Council's Administration Centre and travel to Ashford
8:20am	Inspection of New Ashford Water Treatment Plant (30mins)
8.50am	Depart Ashford
10:00am	Arrive Yetman Morning Tea with Community Members/Hall Committee
10:15am	Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting
12:30pm	Community Session
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Depart Yetman
4:00pm	Arrive Inverell Shire Council Administration Centre.

ITEM NO:	11.	FILE NO: S3.16.2
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	INVERELL POLICE STATION	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

Correspondence has been received from the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall in response to representations made by Council in relation to the need for the construction of a new Police Station in Inverell.

Council are being asked to receive and note the report.

COMMENTARY:

Council, at their April Ordinary Meeting resolved to advise the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall, that they support the need for the construction of a new Police Station in Inverell and requested that he seek support from the community for the construction of the new facility and to obtain a funding commitment from the State Government for this project.

Attached as Appendix 1 (E13) for the information of Council, is Mr Marshall's response.

ITEM NO:	12.	FILE NO: S14.11.2
DESTINATION 1:	A recognised leader in a broader context	R
SUBJECT:	NEW ENGLAND GROUP OF COUNCILS (NEGOC) MEETING	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

The Councils of the New England Region met in Uralla on 1 July, 2015. The key issues arising out of the meeting and the minutes are provided. Councillors are being asked to receive and note the information.

COMMENTARY:

The Councils of the New England Region met on 1 July, 2015, and the minutes of that meeting are attached (refer to Appendix 2, E14 – E24). The key issues arising out the meeting were:

- To seek information from Regional Australia Institute on the identification of the key issues impacting on the future of the New England. The work could be a precursor to other work such as a 'Regional Prospectus' and Regional Strategic Plan,
- Work with RDANI on an emission trading scheme.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: R.08 Council leads the community by influencing and participating in policy development to the benefit of the Shire through partnerships and alliances with government, regional interests, shire groups and communities.

Term Achievement: R.08.01 A targeted program of advocacy and policy discussion is being conducted with the active cooperation of others benefiting interests around social, environmental, economic and infrastructure priorities.

Operational Objective: R.08.01.01 To facilitate intergovernmental relations to ensure maximum cooperation between the Council and the Federal and State Governments to achieve the optimum support for the Inverell Shire

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.



LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 22 July, 2015, be received and noted.

APPENDIX 1



Adam Marshall MP
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

Ref: km:ips

29 June 2015

Mr Paul Henry PSM
General Manager
Inverell Shire Council
PO Box 138
INVERELL NSW 2360

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
02 JUL 2015


Dear Mr ^{Paul} Henry

I write further to your letter dated 11 June 2015 regarding the Inverell Shire Council's concerns about the operational difficulties posed by the limitations of the existing Inverell Police Station.

I have recently met with the Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police, the Hon Troy Grant MP, and have raised my concerns with him regarding the inadequacies of the premises. I have also invited the Deputy Premier to Inverell to see first-hand the problems that arise from an overcrowded and out dated police station. I have also made representation to the Deputy Premier on the community's behalf and requested due consideration be given to the funding of a new police station.



Please be assured that once I receive a response from the Deputy Premier, I will get in touch with you again.

Yours sincerely



ADAM MARSHALL MP
Member for Northern Tablelands

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APPENDIX 2

MINUTES OF THE NEW ENGLAND GROUP OF COUNCILS MEETING HELD IN URALLA
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY, 2015, COMMENCING AT 10AM.

PRESENT:	Armidale Dumaresq Council:	Cr L Bishop, Mr G Wilcox
	Glen Innes Severn Council:	Cr D Newman, Mr H Basson
	Guyra Shire Council:	Cr H Heitbrink, Mr P Stewart
	Inverell Shire Council:	Cr P Harmon, Mr P Henry
	Uralla Shire Council:	Cr M Pearce, Mr D Connor
	Walcha Council:	Mr J O'Hara
	New England Weeds Authority:	Mr W Deer

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Pearce/Bishop) that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March, 2015 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

1. PRESENTATIONSA. Namoi JO

Cr Murray and Mr Bartlett spoke to a presentation prepared for today's meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

In supporting the information contained in the attached printed material, Cr Murray stressed the following matters:

- NAMOI ROC does not seek to be a 4th tier of government; it exists as a mechanism to support member Councils,
- Developing and promoting Regional Strategic priorities is the current focus of the organisation,
- The GMAC is a vital tool for the JO as it allows matters to be considered in depth and as a means of enlisting support from senior staff of other disciplines,
- The notion of 1 vote per member was a means of overcoming any concern about domination by Tamworth Regional Council,
- The focus on Strategic Planning and Regional Infrastructure priorities is another way of overcoming a perception of dominance by TRC,
- The development of a Regional Prospectus will be the focus of the JO during 2015/2016,
- Cr Murray spoke of the synergy between Namoi and New England areas, which means an opportunity exists for integration of specific projects and a joint meeting once a year.

B. RDANI (Executive Officer, Nathan Axelsson)

Nathan provided an overview of the role of his organisation and these common objectives which are common to NEGOC. He highlighted a range of activities being undertaken by RDANI to support the Region.

A copy of the documents referred to by Nathan is attached to these minutes.

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Nathan referred to the Namoi JO study on the 6 key factors shaping the future of the Namoi (prepared by Regional Australia Institute). He suggested that a similar study could assist NEGOC. If NEGOC wishes to undertake a similar study, financial assistance may be available from RDANI.

He indicated that another matter that may be of interest to NEGOC is an Emission Trading Scheme which could be administered by RDANI and covering all local government activities in the Region.

RESOLVED (Pearce/Bishop) that RDANI be advised:

- a) *that NEGOC has an interest in engaging Regional Australia Institute to prepare a scoping document on the issues that could shape the future of the New England,*
- b) *that an application will be lodged with RDANI by NEGOC to seek financial assistance with the cost of this study.*

2. CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED (Heitbrink/Bishop) that:

- a) *the Draft Constitution be adopted, subject to the following changes:*

- *Clause 2B(ii) – no voting rights for Associate members.*
- *Clause 3D(i) – quorum be four (4) members.*

- b) *Clause 1E(i)(c) be amended to read:*

Receive funds for:

- (1) *Carrying out of projects or studies agreed by the organisation,*
- (2) *For any purpose that may be authorised by the organisation.*

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Funding Opportunity – JO Activities

Discussion took place in relation to suggestions that another release of funds by the Office of Local Government for establishing JO's was to occur in the near future.

Members saw value in resubmitting this group's application for 'seed funding'. This funding could be utilised for a variety of activities – an Executive Officer, a Regional Prospectus etc.

RESOLVED (Pearce/Bishop) that:

- a) *information be sought from the Office of Local Government on a second tranche of funding from the Fit for the Future program,*
- b) *if funding is available, that NEGOC's original application for support funding be submitted.*

B. Emissions Trading Fund

RESOLVED (Pearce/Heitbrink) that RDANI be requested to examine the establishment of an Emission Trading Scheme covering the NEGOC area.

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NEXT MEETING

- The next NEGOC Meeting will be held on Friday 16 October, 2015, commencing at 10am in Glen Innes.
- The next GMAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29 September, 2015, commencing at 10am in Guyra.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.40pm.

P J HENRY PSM

SECRETARY

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Namoi JO Presentation

Appendix 2 – RDANI Activities

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The Journey So Far – a Snapshot

- Namoi Councils Pilot JO commenced January 2015
- Members: Gwydir, Gunnedah, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth and Walcha
- Associate Member: Uralla
- JO Charter adopted March 2015
- Core Functions: *regional strategic planning and prioritisation, intergovernmental relations, leadership & advocacy*
- Discretionary Functions: *member shared services and building strategic capacity*
- JO Board consists of Mayor of member Councils
- General Manager advisory role but no voting power
- One vote per Council
- Decisions binding
- Shared services predicated on business case identifying value and benefits to members
- Councils may opt in or out of shared services
- JO Membership Fees
- Sitting fees
- Executive Officer contract employee

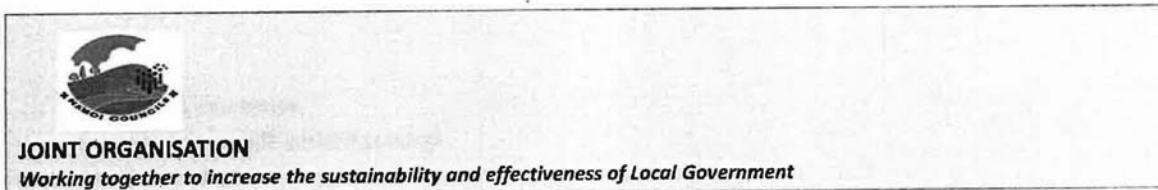
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JO Challenges

- **JO Enabling legislation with legal, governance, management and operational efficacy**
- **JO State Government policy framework**
- **Legislation to embed a direct nexus between the State Plan and Regional Strategic Plans**
- **JO legitimacy for key partnership role played in regional strategic planning**
- **Coordination of State Agency collaboration with Joint Organisations**
- **Department of Premier & Cabinet as State/JO coordinator with regulatory back-up**
- **JO serving the best interests of member Councils**
- **JO collaboration to assist member Councils remain sustainable and "Fit for the Future"**





JO Opportunities

- A partner of equal standing with State Government in regional growth and state development
- Not a 4th Tier of Government but a broker for building Regional Strategic Capacity
- The “Voice of the Region” recognised as the peak regional body and advocate
- A regional collaborative governance framework working in partnership with State Government to deliver regional priorities, infrastructure and services that matter most to the community
- An instrument for elevating key community aspirations and priorities into a regional vision and a regional strategic position
- A capacity to market the competitive advantages of the region and drive a prosperous future for the region.

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Regional Strategic Priorities

As a key action of the Pilot JO process, the Board identified 3 regional strategic priorities:

1 MR 357 Rangari Road

Infrastructure to improve accessibility to employment, services and markets within the Region and beyond.

Action

- Advocacy for a commitment to funding reconstruction, re-alignment and bitumen sealing of Main Road 357 Manilla to Boggabri Rangari Road passing through 3 of the 7 Namoi Councils member LGAs

JO Function

- Regional Strategic Planning (Transport Network Planning)
- Regional leadership and advocacy (Lobbying for financial assistance)

Agencies Consulted – Intergovernmental Collaboration

- State Members of Parliament
- Mining Companies
- Association of Mining Related Councils
- Chambers of Commerce

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2 B-Triple Transport Network

Infrastructure to improve and upgrade accessibility to jobs, services and markets within the Namoi Region and beyond

Action

- An approved B Triple route and road transport link within the Namoi Region aligned with the New England North West Regional Transport Plan for all Road Trains including Type 1 A-double road trains, modular B-triples, B-triples, AB-triples and Type 2 A-triples in respect of all Namoi Councils' member Local Government Areas

JO Function

- Regional Strategic Planning
- Inter-governmental Collaboration
- Regional leadership and advocacy

Agencies Consulted – *Intergovernmental Collaboration*

- Transport for NSW
- Department of Planning and Environment
- Regional Development Australia Northern Inland
- Transport Industry representatives

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3 Namoi Regional Investment Prospectus

To attract employment creation, grow jobs and attract private investment within the Namoi Region

Action

- To develop a Namoi Regional Investment Prospectus highlighting the competitive advantages of the Region, existing business strengths and current opportunities within the supply chain for investors

JO Function

- Regional Strategic Planning
- Inter-governmental Collaboration
- Regional leadership and advocacy

Agencies Consulted – *Intergovernmental Collaboration*

- NSW Trade and Investment
- Regional Institute Australia, Canberra
- Regional Development Australia Northern Inland
- Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Chambers of Commerce within the Namoi Region
- Key Industry Sectors.

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JO Next Steps

- Up until appointment as a Pilot JO, Namoi Councils has been a good example of an effectively operating voluntary ROC with a high level of mutual trust, respect and collaboration among member Councils
- As a Pilot JO, Namoi Councils has the capacity and commitment to pick up and run with the *"Fit for the Future"* reforms and deliver better local governance within the Namoi Region and in NSW
- Innovative leadership from the 7 member Council Mayors and a professional skills base has positioned Namoi Councils, in conjunction with the other 4 Pilot JOs, to co-design and pilot a robust yet flexible and sophisticated JO Model which is not a 4th tier of government and not another level of bureaucracy but an organisation which serves the best interests of member Councils and their respective communities
- Namoi Councils is committed to the value of strategic regional collaboration delivered via the JO but at the same time ensuring member council's democracy and identity is preserved, councils continue to be the principal decision-making body with the scale, competencies and strategic capacity for matching local, state and federal government vision and plans for social and economic growth with community views and aspirations at the regional level.



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JO Next Steps

In conjunction with piloting and co-designing a JO Model and leading up to the formal roll-out of JOs across regional NSW in September 2016, Namoi Councils will continued to refine and enhance existing collaborative arrangements and structures to integrate real capacity for strategic regional and sub-regional planning, inter-government relations, regional leadership and advocacy, information and resource sharing and technical/professional exchange between member Councils.

These collaborative arrangements and structures include:

- Namoi Joint Organisation Board (Council of Mayors)
- General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC)
- Namoi Water Utilities Binding Alliance
- Namoi Region Minerals & Energy Working Group
- Shared Panel of Conduct Reviewers
- Plant & Purchasing Working Group
- Strategic Workforce Planning Group
- Regional Planning Group