

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Weddin
Shire Council, on Wednesday, 10th August 2016, commencing at 10.30am**

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| <u>Present</u> | Cr. David Somerville | (Chairman) | Blayney |
| | Cr. Kevin Walker | (Deputy Chairman) | Cabonne |
| | Cr. Anthony Durkin | | Cabonne |
| | Cr. Geoffrey McClelland | | Weddin |
| | Cr. Alan Griffiths | | Weddin |
| | Cr. Geoffrey Braddon OAM | | Blayney |
| | Gavin Rhodes | (General Manager) | |
| | Darrell Sligar | (Director Operations & Technical Services) | |
| | Leonie Freeth | (Director Operations & Technical Services - elect) | |
| | Raelene Mulligan | (Director Finance & Corporate Services) | |

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**16/051 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 15 June 2016, being minute numbers 16/032 to 16/050 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The General Manager advised Council that after consultation with Senior Management and the Chairman, it was decided not to proceed with a submission for the NSW Legislative Council's inquiry into water augmentation in rural and regional NSW. However, Council will closely monitor the outcome of the inquiry.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services provided an update on the Standard and Poor's Class action settlement.

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Since our last meeting there has been several developments in the local government reform process of relevance to Central Tablelands Water:

In the two months since the council last met, there have been no further developments regarding the potential merger of two of our constituent councils – Blayney and Cabonne, with Orange City Council. The merger is still held up pending the outcome of a court challenge.

However, the general manager and I have been doing what we can to ensure that the government's commitment, namely that county councils will be unaffected by the current merger proposals, is honoured.

In late June we met with Paul Toole, in his capacity as the local member for Bathurst, to stress the importance of continuity in elected member representation on the governing body of county councils.

Last week, we participated in a meeting in Parliament House between representatives of the water county councils and Paul Toole, in his capacity as Minister for Local Government. The adviser to Minister Niall Blair on water policy was also present. The issues of concern to CTW are shared by three of the other water county councils, who have been affected by mergers amongst their constituent councils. We discussed a range of other issues, including the county council structure, the relationship with proposed Joint Organisations, water industry reform and the anomaly that county councils are ineligible to access concessional rate TCorp funding, notwithstanding their financial sustainability.

I ask that this chairman's minute be accepted, noted and endorsed.

16/052 RESOLVED:

That the Chairman's Minute, as read, be accepted and the contents therein be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Durkin)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somervaille represented CTW at the following meetings:

- Meeting with the State Member for Bathurst Paul Toole MP on 24 June 2016.
- Meeting with the Minister for Local Government Paul Toole MP and Water County Councils at Parliament House Sydney on 2 August 2016.

01) FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY COUNCIL (FM.FR.1)

16/053 RESOLVED:

1. That the statement required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 in relation to Council's Financial Reports for the period ending 30 June 2016 be completed.
2. That Intentus Chartered Accountants be invited (in accordance with regulations) to complete the audit for the financial year ending 30th June 2016.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

02) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.FR.1)**16/054 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**03) GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS ACT 2009 (GIPA) –
AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE (IM.CO.1)****16/055 RESOLVED:**

That Council adopt the Draft Agency Information Guide 2017 in accordance with the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA).

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Braddon)

04) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (GO.CO.3)**16/056 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

05) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE (CM.CF.1)**16/057 RESOLVED:**

That Council give approval for the Chairman, General Manager and one other Councillor to attend the 2016 Local Government NSW Conference in Wollongong, from Sunday 16 October 2016 to Tuesday 18 October 2016, and any Councillor interested in attending should contact the General Manager to arrange registration.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

06) WBC STRATEGIC ALLIANCE (CM.AG.6)**16/058 RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the WBC Alliance Board Meeting, held Monday 22 June 2016, be received.
2. That Council endorse and adopt the following recommendations from the WBC Alliance Board:
 - a) Blayney and Cabonne Councils will be responsible for 40% each and Central Tablelands Water 20% of the ongoing costs (inclusive of all oncosts) of the WBC Alliance effective for the operational year 2016/17 commencing 1 July 2016;

- b) In the event that Blayney and Cabonne cease to exist and are merged into a new council area that any potential future costs regarding redundancy of the WBC Executive Manager be covered 50/50 by Blayney and Cabonne;
- c) In the event that Blayney and Cabonne cease to exist as individual entities the WBC Alliance will be terminated as at the date of proclamation pursuant to Clause (L) of the WBC Strategic Alliance Agreement dated 29 August 2003 notwithstanding the absence of requisite notice.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Walker)

07) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

16/059 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Braddon)

Councillor Walker moved a motion that Council apply for possible disaster relief funding for the costs associated with the repair of the damaged trunk main due to flooding on 21 July 2016, between Carcoar Water Filtration Plant and Carcoar township.

16/060 RESOLVED:

That Council apply for disaster relief funding for the costs associated with the repair of the damaged trunk main on 21st July 2016, between Carcoar Water Filtration Plant and Carcoar township, caused by river flooding.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

08) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

16/061 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Walker)

09) CENTRAL TABLELANDS REGIONAL WATER SECURITY PROJECT-STATUS UPDATE (WS.AM.1)

16/062 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

Councillor Walker moved a motion requesting that Council writes to all candidates who are contesting the by-election of the NSW seat of Orange, seeking their support for the proposed new Cranky Rock dam on the Belubula River.

16/063 RESOLVED:

That Council write to all candidates who are contesting the upcoming by-election for the seat of Orange, seeking their support for the new Cranky Rock Dam proposal on the Belubula River.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

10) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

11) WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 20205000001 (CR.EQ.1)

16/064 RESOLVED:

That, as this matter deals with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

12) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

16/065 RESOLVED:

That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 20205000001 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant a one-off concession of 50% off the consumption charge as recorded on the April 2016 water account.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

RECOMMENDATION:

That as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Braddon)

13) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**16/066 RESOLVED:**

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Braddon)

14) RETIREMENT OF CR MCCLELLAND AND DARRELL SLIGAR**Proceedings in brief**

The Chairman and General Manager acknowledged the dedicated service provided to CTW by Cr Geoff McClelland (29 years) and Darrell Sligar (43 years). Cr McClelland will not be seeking re-election at the upcoming Council Elections and Darrell Sligar is retiring from his position of Director Operations & Technical Services on 12 August 2016.

CTW's Chairman, Cr David Somerville presented Cr McClelland with a commemorative award in recognition of his dedicated service to CTW.

Attached to these minutes is the citation of service by Cr McClelland which the Chairman read to the meeting, as well as a record of the service and achievements of Darrell Sligar.

The Councillors and Staff of CTW wish both Cr McClelland and Darrell Sligar all the very best in their respective retirements.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on 12th October 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.40am.

ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING**Cr Geoff McClelland**

Cr Geoff McClelland, a representative of Weddin Shire Council, has served on CTW Council for 29 years (1987-2016), and as Deputy Chairman for 18 consecutive years (1995-2013). Since his election to CTW, and particularly in the past 29 years, Cr. McClelland has dedicated himself to ensuring that CTW is a local water utility operating under the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines, as issued by the NSW Office of Water (NOW), and providing good quality and reliable water to some 12,000 consumers across the local government areas of Blayney, Cabonne, Weddin and parts of Cowra and Bland Shires.

In his time as a representative of CTW, he has achieved the following milestones:

- Commencement of User Pay pricing of water in 1994 (one of the first local water utilities in NSW to abandon the rating system of charging for water);
- Construction of a new state of the art DAFF Water Filtration plant at Carcoar, without government financial assistance, replacing the original 50 year old plant;
- Replacement of 40 kilometres of unlined cast iron reticulation water mains in Grenfell without government financial assistance;
- Provision of a potable water supply to the village of Quandialla;
- Replacement of unlined cast iron reticulation water mains in Canowindra;
- Expenditure of approximately \$7 million over the past 20 years on the replacement of reticulation water mains across all towns and villages within the supply network;
- Completion of Council's Developer Servicing Plan in 2004 and the introduction of full Section 64 Developer Charges, and
- CTW being compliant with NSW Water & Sewer Best-Practice Management Guidelines.

Darrell Sligar

After over 43 years of dedicated and loyal service to Central Tablelands Water, Darrell Sligar, Council's Director Operations & Technical Services retires on 12 August 2016. Darrell's contribution to Local Government over his 43 year career, and in particular his commitment, dedication and loyalty to CTW and the local government water industry in general, is certainly recognised and respected.

In his time as a loyal staff member of CTW, he has contributed towards and achieved the following key milestones:

- In 2000, the old water filtration plant at Carcoar replaced with a New State of the Art filtration plant at a cost of \$3.3 million;
- Replacement of 42 kilometres of old unlined cast iron reticulation mains in Grenfell \$3.6 million;
- Replacement of remaining 10 kilometres of unlined cast iron reticulation mains in Canowindra;
- 65% of the total reticulation mains have been fully renewed;
- New water supply designed and constructed for the village of Quandialla;
- Duplication of trunk main from Cudal to Manildra which has increased the transfer capacity to that town from 518 kilolitres per day to 1,728 kilolitres per day;
- New pump station at Grenfell North, 2 new pump stations on Trunk Main 'C' to increase transfer capacity of Lake Rowlands water to Canowindra, Manildra, Eugowra and Grenfell;
- New pump station and reservoir in western area of Eugowra township to overcome delivery and pressure problems in that area of the town;
- Every reservoir has been fully roofed to maintain good water quality;
- One of the first water utilities in the State to move from land valuation rating to a 'User Pay' system in 1994;
- Assisted in the introduction of Developer charges in July 2001;
- Compliance with Best Practice Management Guidelines of Water Supply and Sewerage;
- Strategic Business Plan in place supported by a 30 year Financial Plan and Capital Works Plan;
- Research and investigation into enlarging Lake Rowlands with a new dam 2.5 kilometres downstream which will increase the current volume of 4,500 megalitres to 26,500 megalitres. Continuing lobbying and agitation in promoting the Lake Rowlands enlargement proposal;
- Overseeing the technical and operational requirements of water supply provided to 13 towns and villages across Blayney, Cabonne and Weddin Shires and 2 villages in Cowra Shire;
- 2012/2013 Completion of emergency pipeline from Cowra, via Woodstock, to Council's trunk main 'C' at Limestone Creek, between Mandurama and Canowindra. The pipeline was constructed by Cowra Shire Council in collaboration with CTW and with funding assistance from the NSW Government;
- 2012/2013 Installation of Water Bottle Filling Stations at Millthorpe, Manildra and Canowindra;

- 2015/2016 Commencement of the CTW & Orange City Council Water Security Pipeline Project and replacement of Trunk Main 'K' water pipeline infrastructure between Gooloogong and Grenfell.