

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at
The Old Vic Inn Canowindra, on Wednesday, 11 June 2014,
commencing at 10.30am**

<u>Present</u>	Cr. Geoff Braddon OAM	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. David Somerville	(Deputy Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne
	Cr. Kevin Walker		Cabonne
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland		Weddin
	Cr. Alan Griffiths		Weddin
	Tony Perry	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Manager Operations & Technical Services)	
	Gavin Rhodes	(Manager Finance & Corporate Services)	

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Norma Russell of George Russell Drive addressed Council with her concerns over the frequency and cost of replacing pressure reducing valves on her property. The General Manager and Manager of Operations and Technical Services offered information and advice to Mrs Russell in this regard.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

Cr Durkin arrived at the meeting at 11.00am and offered his apology for the late arrival.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

14/034 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 9 April 2014, being minute numbers 14/015 to 14/033 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Councillors this is quite an eventful meeting today as it is the last ordinary meeting of our General Manager. Next Saturday's Special Meeting, when we will be interviewing for his replacement, will be his official last official meeting.

Tony has been with us since May 1991, serving as Finance Manager for 7 years and the past 16 years as General Manager. Tony started in local government 41 years ago in 1973 and it was pleasing to see that his service to local government and the community was recognised last weekend when he was awarded the Public Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honour list.

Today we will be moving to adopt the 2014/2015 draft budget and draft operational and delivery plans that have been on public exhibition for the statutory 28 days with no public submissions being received.

It was pleasing to see that Council has been invited to make an application for funding from the \$20 million that the NSW State Government has made available through the Restart NSW program. The General Manager has a report on this matter for consideration today.

I understand that the Centroc Board meeting held at Parliament House Sydney on the 29th May was a great success and I thank Cr Somerville who was able to deputise for me at this meeting.

The WBC Board met last Wednesday and at that meeting the Board received and considered the final report from KPMG on the Shared Services Project. The Board recommended that the KPMG proposal to proceed to Stage 3 of the project be deferred pending future announcements from the State Government on the reform process. The WBC Executive Manager has a report in this business paper which includes the Boards recommendations and future directions for the Alliance.

Finally, welcome all to our first meeting in Canowindra for quite a number of years hopefully this will prove to be a regular occurrence in this CTW area of Cabonne Council.

Would someone like to move the adoption of my Chairman's minute.

14/035 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Griffiths)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somerville reported that he attended the Centroc Board Meeting at Parliament House Sydney on 29 May and the WBC Board Meeting in Blayney on 4 June.

Cr Braddon reported that he attended the WBC Board Meeting in Blayney on 4 June.

01) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - 2014/2015 MANAGEMENT PLAN (FM.PL.1)

14/036 RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993, and, following the statutory period of 28 days public display, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft Plans:

- a. Delivery Plan 2014 – 2018
- b. Operational Plan 2014 - 2015 – Part 1 & 2

- c. Workforce Management Plan 2012 – 2016
- d. Asset Management Strategy and Plans
- e. Long Term Financial Plan

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

02) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31ST MARCH 2014 (FM.FR.1)

14/037 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31st March 2014 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

03) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

14/038 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in accepting the settlement offer from the Liquidators of Lehman Bros Australia Ltd and note the remaining information in the report.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

04) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL (GR.LR.4)

14/039 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairman and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

05) WATER SECURITY - CENTRAL WEST NSW (WS.SP.4)

14/040 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

06) RESTART NSW - WATER SECURITY FOR REGIONS 2013-2014 (GR.LR.2)

14/041 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the submission of an application to the *Water Security for Regions* funding program seeking funding for the Lake Rowlands Dam security upgrade and, dependent on the outcome of the State Government budget, funding for investigation studies for the Lake Rowlands enlargement proposal, incorporating an upgrade to the Centroc Water Security Study, and also dependent on an equal commitment from

the Centroc Councils towards any co-contribution to the government funding.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Somerville)

07) NSW POLICE - SITE ACCESS EUGOWRA (PM.US.1)

14/042 At this stage, the time being 11.45am, Cr Durkin declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the action taken by the General Manager in his communication and negotiations with NSW Police and authorise the Chairman and General Manager to sign and execute under Council's Common Seal the Deed of Access, granted to NSW Police, over Lots 1-3 DP 383826 Eugowra.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

Cr Durkin returned to the meeting at 11.50am

08) GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT (GO.CO.4)

14/043 RESOLVED:

That:

1. a Special Council Meeting be held on Saturday 14 June 2014 at Council's Blayney office for the purpose of conducting interviews and making an appointment to the position of General Manager for Central Tablelands County Council.
2. Cr Durkin be granted leave of absence from the Special Council Meeting.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

09) STAFF PERFORMANCE REVIEWS (PE.EC.1)

14/044 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Griffiths)

10) WBC ALLIANCE - PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)

14/045 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

11) ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN & QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CA.JV.1)**14/046 RESOLVED:**

That Council accept the proposal from HydroScience Consulting to upgrade Council's existing Asset Management Plan and to prepare and develop a Quality Management System.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

12) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**14/047 RESOLVED:**

That:

1. the information be noted.
2. That a report be presented to the next meeting of Council on succession planning for the eventual retirement of Mr Darrell Sligar, Council's Manager of Operations and Technical Services.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

13) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**14/048 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

14) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Cr Walker enquired as to whether Councillors were any closer to receiving their corporate blazers. The General Manager apologised for the delay in supplying these blazers and undertook to follow up on the matter.

Cr Griffith mentioned the issue of Cabonne Council's proposal to place fluoride in the water supply at Molong and enquired as to whether CTW has fluoride in its water supply. Cr Griffiths was advised that CTW has been fluoridating its water supply for over thirty years.

**15) REQUEST FOR DONATION (CR.SD.1)
GENERAL MANAGER - FINAL ARRANGEMENTS (GO.CO.4)****14/049 RESOLVED:**

That, as these matters deal 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. Griffiths)

16) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/050 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. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REQUEST FOR DONATION (CR.SD.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council decline the request and note the information.

(Cr. Griffith/Cr. Durkin)

GENERAL MANAGER - FINAL ARRANGEMENTS (GO.CO.4)

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager left the meeting at 12.35pm

That:

1. Council accept the offer of \$30,000 to purchase his Council vehicle or at the time of his retirement.
2. Council agree to host and fund a farewell function for the General Manager

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

The General Manager returned to the meeting at 12.35pm

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Walker)

17) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/051 RESOLVED:

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

(Somerville/Walker)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Grenfell on 13th August 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.05pm