

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at
Blayney Shire Council, on Wednesday, 8 October 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
	Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	
	Raelene Mulligan	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

14/077 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 13 August 2014, being minute numbers 14/056 to 14/076 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Welcome to John O'Malley our External Auditor from Intentus Chartered Accountants who will be presenting our Annual Financial Statements later this morning. It's pleasing to see another favourable operating result for financial year 13/14.

The General Manager, Director Operations & Technical Services and I attended the LGNSW Water Management Conference on 25-27 August at Port Macquarie. The Hon Kevin Humphries MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Land and Water addressed delegates at the conference, highlighting the NSW Government's key priorities in tackling water issues, particularly across regional and rural areas of the state.

Affordable high quality water supplies to regional communities, the need to improve regional water plans, and protecting access to water for industry and communities were all high on the Minister's agenda, as was identifying and developing more storage facilities in NSW over the years to protect future water security.

The President of Local Government NSW, Cr Keith Rhoades, welcomed the Minister's address, and added that Local water utilities are looking to the future, with 92 per cent having a sound 20-30 year strategic business plan and financial plan, compared to 31 per cent 15 years ago.

I hope that the State Government recognises the strong performance of council-owned local water utilities and recommends councils retain these services.

I would like to thank Cr Somerville for representing CTW at the Centroc Board Meeting held at Parliament House in Canberra on 26 August. From all reports it was very worthwhile, giving attendees the opportunity to meet with Federal Ministers and Members to discuss various regional issues.

As you would be aware, the Office of Local Government (OLG) responded to the Local Government's Review Panel's final report on the 10th September. The theme of the response is based on Council's proving that they will be Fit For the Future (FFF). In today's business paper the General Manager has provided two reports regarding the FFF of which one is for information and the other requesting concurrence to join a pilot Centroc Join Organisation of Councils (JOC). No doubt this will spark debate, however, we must do what we think is best for CTW and its consumers.

That concludes my Chairman's minute, would someone like to move that my report be received and adopted.

14/078 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

14/079 RESOLVED:

That Councils auditor Mr John O'Malley present Councils audited Annual Financial Statements for 2013/2014.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Durkin)

Councils Auditor, Mr John O'Malley a Partner with Intentus Chartered Accountants presented his findings of the 2013/2014 Financial Statements

01) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (GO.CO.2)

14/080 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the ordinary voting system for election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

Proceedings in Brief:

The General Manager advised that he had received two nominations for the position of Chairman, namely Cr. Geoff Braddon OAM and Cr. David Somerville.

The position of Chairman was chosen by lot after a tied ordinary ballot between Cr. Braddon OAM and Cr. Somerville.

Cr. David Somerville was declared duly elected as Chairman.

The General Manager advised that he had received two nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman, namely Cr. David Somerville and Cr. Kevin Walker and called for any further nominations.

Cr. Walker was elected unopposed after Cr. Somerville withdrew his nomination for the Deputy Chairman's position.

Cr. Kevin Walker was declared duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

The newly elected Chairman Cr Somerville then proceeded to chair the meeting and requested that it be noted Cr Braddon OAM left the meeting at 11.10am due to feeling unwell.

02) COUNCIL COMMITTEES (GO.CO.2)**14/081 RESOLVED:**

That Council confirm the Audit Committee comprise of the Chairman (or delegate), two (2) external independents, the General Manager as an observer, and the Director Finance and Corporate Services assuming the role of Secretariat to the Audit Committee (responsible for the coordination of the audit committee, functions and processes).

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

03) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (GO.CO.2)**14/082 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council hold its ordinary meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of alternate months, as follows:

Wednesday	10 th December 2014	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	11 th February 2015	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	8 th April 2015	-	Blayney
Wednesday	10 th June 2015	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	12 th August 2015	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	14 th October 2015	-	Blayney

2. Council consider the Draft Operational Plan and Budget at the April ordinary meeting each year.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

04) INTENTUS - INTERIM AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER Y/E 30/06/2014 (CM.AU.1)**14/083 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

05) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30/06/2014 (FM.FR.1)**14/084 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2014, together with the auditor's report; and
2. The General Manager present a report on Council's unrestricted cash position at the December Council Meeting.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

06) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014 (FM.FR.1)**14/085 RESOLVED:**

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30th September 2014 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Walker)

07) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)**14/086 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

08) OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIT FOR THE FUTURE (GR.LR.5)**14/087 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

09) FIT FOR THE FUTURE REFORMS - CENTROC SEEKING CONCURRENCE WITH EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN BEING A PILOT JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCIL (JOC) (GR.LR.5)**14/088 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report and:

- a. Advise both Centroc and the Office of Local Government of its concurrence to be part of a Pilot Joint Organisation of Councils (a Pilot) as mooted in the "Fit for the Future Joint Organisations a Roadmap for Intergovernmental Collaboration in NSW" using the existing resources of Centroc seeking State funding as required;
- b. Propose that the Pilot work as best as practicable within Centroc policy; and
- c. Central Tablelands Water County Council join the Pilot Joint Organisation strictly on the proviso of having full membership as per its current Centroc Membership status, and approving the Expression of Interest so far as it relates to Central Tablelands

Water and its structure.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

10) INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT (IWCM) MEETING WITH NSW OFFICE OF WATER (WS.AG.2)

14/089 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

11) CENTROC BOARD MEETING HELD 26 AUGUST 2014 AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE CANBERRA (CM.CF.3)

14/090 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report and associated minutes of the Centroc Board Meeting held 26 August 2014.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

12) WBC ALLIANCE - ANNUAL REPORT (CM.AG.6)

14/091 RESOLVED:

That the WBC Annual Report be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

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

14/092 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

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

14/093 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

15) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

**16) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 5203000004 (CR.EQ.1)
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SUBMISSION FOR RESTART NSW (GR.LR.2)
LETTER OF SUPPORT CABONNE COUNCIL FOR EOI SUBMISSION
FOR RESTART NSW (GR.LR.2)**

14/094 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. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

17) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/095 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. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 5203000004 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adhere to its policy of no concession for water leakage.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 1965020009 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant a 50% reduction on consumption charges for the August 2014 water account.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

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(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ORANGE CITY COUNCIL'S EOI SUBMISSION FOR RESTART NSW WATER SECURITY FOR REGIONS PROGRAM (GR.LR.2)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council formally endorse the letter of support for Orange City Council's Expression of Interest for funding under the Restart NSW Water Security for Regions Program.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CABONNE COUNCIL'S EOI SUBMISSION FOR RESTART NSW WATER SECURITY FOR REGIONS PROGRAM (GR.LR.2)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council formally endorse the letter of support for Cabonne Council's Expression of Interest for funding under the Restart NSW Water Security for Regions Program.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

18) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/096 RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Canowindra on 10th December 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm