

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BUNGOWANNAH HALL, METHODIST ROAD, BUNGOWANNAH
AT 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors Osborne (Chairperson), Evans, Jacob, McDonald, O'Neill, Scheuner and Wilton.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Director Corporate & Community Services, Director Engineering, Director Environment and Planning and Executive Assistant.

APOLOGIES:

1844 **RESOLVED** [Wilton/Scheuner]

That apologies for Councillors McInerney and Ross be received and leave of absence granted.

PRAYER: Pastor Bruce Brown opened the meeting with a prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 18 MARCH 2009

1845 **RESOLVED** [O'Neill/Jacob]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Shire Council, held at Holbrook on Wednesday, 18 March 2009, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

1408 - RURAL CARE LINK, JINDERA – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cr Evans queried progress in the matter of Rural Care Link seeking a charitable status independent of Council. Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that the organisation has been advised that if it requires any further assistance, it should contact Council. Mr Smith further commented that he understood that Rural Care Link was still working toward an alternative structure.

1509/10 – HOLBROOK AIRPARK BUILDING AUDIT

Cr Evans asked for an update on the progress of compliance with the building audit matters outstanding for residents at Holbrook Airpark. In reply, Director Environment and Planning advised that works had been undertaken where occupancy certificates had been issued.

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1543 – RURAL ADDRESSING

Cr Evans presented a booklet (developed by AlburyCity) explaining rural addressing for residents of that local government area. Cr Evans queried if Council was planning to develop a similar initiative. In reply, Director Engineering advised Council's strategy is that all residents will shortly receive correspondence explaining rural addressing in Greater Hume Shire Council.

1814 - ANZAC DAY

An update on Anzac Day services in Greater Hume Shire was briefly discussed.

Bowna-Wymah – Cr McDonald

Brocklesby – Cr Jacob

Burrumbuttock – Cr Jacob

Culcairn – Cr Scheuner

Henty – Cr Evans

Holbrook – Cr Wilton

Jindera – Cr Osborne

Walla Walla – Cr O'Neill

Full details regarding individual Anzac Day services is available via Council's web site www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

1810 – COMMUNITY BASED HERITAGE STUDY

Cr McDonald advised that a landholder did not want to be included in Schedule 5. Cr McDonald advised that the landholder claimed that he did not know his property was included on the list, nor had he ever received correspondence. Cr Osborne (who was a member of the working party) explained the process. Director Environment and Planning agreed to write to the landholder asking him to formally advise Council (in writing) requesting his removal from the listing.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (EXEMPT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CODES) 2008

1846 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Wilton]

That:

1. Sections 4 and 5 of the *Consideration of Applications Development Control Plan* which affects all land in the former Hume Shire LGA and the *Culcairn Development Control Plan No. 1 – Exempt and Complying Development* which affects all land within the former Culcairn Shire LGA be repealed and public notices to this effect be implemented in accordance with clauses 22 and 23 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*; and
2. Council request the Minister for Planning to remove the word "Holbrook" from Part 2 of Schedule 1 of *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 60 – Exempt and Complying Development*.

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GOVERNANCE

1. LEASE TO ROBINSON – FACTORY LOT 5, DP 9695 GORDON STREET, CULCAIRN

1847 RESOLVED [Wilton/Scheuner]

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the lease of Lot 5 Gordon Street with Graeme Robinson under the Common Seal of Council.

2. NSW HEALTH – PROPOSAL TO SELL NURSING HOME BEDS AT HOLBROOK

1848 RESOLVED [Wilton/Jacob]

1. That Council submit an Expression of Interest for the 16 Nursing Home beds at Holbrook.
2. A further report be submitted to Council following the notification of short listed respondents as a result of the Expression of Interest process.

3. REVIEW OF ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

1849 RESOLVED [Wilton/Jacob]

That an extraordinary meeting be held on Wednesday 6 May 2009 at the Holbrook Community Meeting room commencing at 5pm to receive a presentation by Employment Solutions on the external review of the organisation.

4. HENTY COMBINED CHURCHES – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO COLIN BUCHANAN CONCERT

1850 RESOLVED [Scheuner/McDonald]

That the matter be deferred pending further investigation.

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5. WALBUNDRIE SHOW SOCIETY INC. – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1851 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Evans]

That:

1. a contribution of \$500 be approved to Walbundrie Show Society to assist in hosting the 2010 Sydney Royal Show Zone Show Girl Final, subject to Council having the opportunity to display signage at the event.
2. the contribution be funded from the 2008/2009 Tourism Incentives allocation.

3. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN POTTERY – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RATE RELIEF

1852 RESOLVED [McDonald/Wilton]

That:

1. Council accede to the request to supply and erect two tourist signs as detailed in **ANNEXURE 3**.
2. The cost of the installed signs be funded from the 2008/2009 Tourism Incentives allocation.
3. Mr & Mrs Ford be advised that it is unable to accede to its request for rate relief to rates and charges rated on the National Museum of Australian Pottery Museum.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION FORUM – MONDAY 1 JUNE 2009. SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MONDAY 1 JUNE TO WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2009

1853 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Wilton]

That, in accordance with previous practice, Council be represented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Shires Association of New South Wales by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Delegates and the General Manager as an Observer.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. HENTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1854 RESOLVED [Evans/Wilton]

That:

1. the Terms of Reference of the Henty Community Development Committee attached as **ANNEXURE 4** be adopted.
2. Council provide assistance to the Henty Community Development Committee in the recruitment of new members to the Committee.

2. MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

1855 RESOLVED [McDonald/O'Neill]

That the report be received and noted and that staff be commended on their actions.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE PROGRAMME

1856 RESOLVED [Wilton/Scheuner]

That the report be received and noted.

4. COUNCIL POLICY

1857 RESOLVED [Jacob/Evans]

That the Administration of Contributory Footpath and Kerb and Gutter Schemes Policy be adopted.

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ENGINEERING

1. BILLABONG CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – MR331

1858 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Wilton]

Council endorse the tendering to external consultants for the project management of the design and construction of the replacement bridge over the Billabong Creek on the Culcairn – Holbrook Road (MR331).

2. CULCAIRN WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR

1859 RESOLVED [Wilton/Scheuner]

That rehabilitation of the existing Culcairn Concrete Water Tower Reservoir be undertaken instead of the construction of a new tower, and consultants be employed to project manage the refurbishment process.

3. RURAL ADDRESSING

1860 RESOLVED [Wilton/Evans]

Council proceed with the gazettal of the road name changes as detailed in **ANNEXURE 9** apart from the two unnamed lanes off Holbrook-Wagga Road, Cookardinia, and Funks Road Jindera, and that they be readvertised for renaming as Davidson Lane and Wood Swallow Lane respectively.

4. VILLAGES WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION

1861 RESOLVED [Wilton/Jacob]

That:

1. Council note the results of the investigation of the proposal to extend the Villages Water Supply scheme in Hawthorn, Molkentin and Rocks Roads, Jindera; and
2. advise residents that were part of the proposed scheme that due to lack of support that the scheme will not proceed.

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PART B – FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS [G.320.3]
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW (LGSA) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS [G.330.1]
3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE

ENGINEERING

1. WATER AVAILABILITY/RESTRICTIONS
2. MARCH REPORT OF WORKS

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009
2. RANGER'S REPORT – MARCH 2009
3. SENIOR WEED OFFICERS REPORT - APRIL 2009

1862 RESOLVED [Scheuner/Wilton]

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

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PART C – COMMITTEE REPORTS

1863 RESOLVED [Wilton/Evans]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. MR 331 – HOLBROOK TO JINGELIC – ROADWORKS AT ‘DUNKIRK’ AT BASE OF YARARA GAP

Cr Wilton questioned the time frame for completion of road reconstruction at ‘Dunkirk’, approximately 22-23 km east of Holbrook. Director Engineering indicated that the road widening and realignment on this section is nearing completion with the road seal now finished.

Cr Wilton queried if there was funding available to continue road reconstruction any further distance eastward to the top of the Yarara Gap. Director Engineering, in reply, indicated that not at this time. He added that substantial funding is required to continue any further realignment/reconstruction on this section of MR 331 due to cost of this work in the steep terrain.

Cr Wilton expressed concern that this road, at the section of road eastward from where the reconstruction has taken place is now potentially very dangerous. Director Engineering indicated that additional signage will be installed on this section of road.

2. WATER RESTRICTIONS

Cr Jacob questioned if Council has considered a strategy that encouraged those residents who have access to and use alternative sources of water (water collected on site or access to bore water) to install signage on front gates that indicates that their properties are watered from sources other than Council operated water schemes ie Villages Water Supply or Culcairn Water Supply.

Director Engineering indicated that ‘proforma’ wording for such a sign would be developed for residents to erect and that an appropriate article be included in the next issue of Council’s newsletter.

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3. HORSESHOE LAGOON, ALBURY

Cr Wilton questioned if Council was aware of additional waste water is entering the Murray River at Horseshoe Lagoon, West Albury. Director Engineering indicated that he would seek clarification from Albury City on the matter and report back to Council.

4. ROAD SAFETY AUDIT ON JINDERGA GAP

Cr Osborne requested an update on outcomes from the road safety audit undertaken by RTA. Director Engineering informed the meeting that the audit has revealed that a left turn lane is warranted along with other minor safety upgrades. Sight distance suggests that 65 - 75 kmph zone, but this is not practicable nor desirable. Any restorative work will be funded from RTA Regional Roads funding.

Cr Jacob questioned if there is any plans for a slip lane, northward from Jelbart Rd. Director Engineering advised that as traffic counts indicate that only 30% of traffic entering the road are travelling north and that the majority of traffic entering is travelling southward, this would suggest that a slip lane northward to Jindera is not warranted at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 20 May 2009, at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Denise Osborne
Mayor - Greater Hume Shire Council