

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 15 May 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.42am

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Mayor

Cr Joanna Sheppard

Deputy Mayor

Cr Karen Ticehurst

Cr Don Dunsdon

Cr David Land

Cr Carmel Meurant

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer

Mark Watt

Director Governance

Neil Mitchell

Minutes Secretary

Rita McIntyre

APOLOGIES

Nil

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes 17 April 2009

Res.M09/061

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 17 April 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Regional Arts Development Fund Community Advisory Committee**Res.M09/062**

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Ticehurst that the minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Community Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 17 April 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Paroo Wild Dog Advisory Committee**Res.M09/063**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the minutes of the Paroo Wild Dog Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 20 February 2009 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

OFFICERS REPORTS**Chief Executive Officer**

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Public Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 464 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to publish in a newspaper, the dates of General meetings.

Res.M09/064

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon that the date and time for future General Council Meetings be changed from the third Friday of every month commencing at 10.30am to the third Tuesday of every month commencing at 9.00am. The new dates and time will start from July with the first meeting being held on 21 July 2009.

CARRIED

Budget Dates 2009/10 Budget

Consideration may now be given to setting meeting dates for budget deliberations for the 2009/10 Budget.

Res.M09/065

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that the budget meeting dates, as listed below, be adopted.

Meeting	Time	Day	Date
<i>Pre-Budget</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28 May 2009</i>
<i>Pre-Budget</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>25 June 2009</i>
<i>Pre-Budget</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9 July 2009</i>
<i>Pre-Budget</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>21 July 2009</i>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>18 August 2009</i>

CARRIED

Attendance: Mark Watt left the room at 11.24am returning at 11.25am and again at 11.55am returning at 11.56am

Director Governance Report

Consideration of the Director Governance Report

RADF Liaison Officers Report

Consideration of the RADF Liaison Officers Report

Applications for Assistance

The RADF Community Advisory Committee met on Friday 17 April 2009 to consider a supplementary round of funding for the year. Council is requested to approve the following projects.

Res.M09/066

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that Council approve the RADF Community Advisory Committee's recommendations from the minutes of their meeting conducted on the 17 April 2009 for the supplementary round of funding to the value of \$23,043.00 as shown below on the table of listed projects.

Applicant Name	Project Description	Amount (No Gst)
<i>Nash Snider</i>	<i>To create a body of aboriginal artwork for display at the Cunnamulla Art Gallery</i>	<i>\$2,724.00</i>
<i>Victoria Haig</i>	<i>To let five members of the community gain skill in collection management and preventative conservation in the up and coming workshop.</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
<i>Linda Wharton Paroo Shire Youth Program</i>	<i>To hold a youth workshop at Murra Murra teaching traditional dancing and explore aboriginal art.</i>	<i>\$1,595.00</i>
<i>Linda Wharton Paroo Shire Youth Program</i>	<i>To be used to bring professional artists to hold workshops in writing and music</i>	<i>\$8,946.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group.</i>	<i>To send a member of the group to McGregor Winter School USQ Toowoomba to attend a workshop in creative acrylics.</i>	<i>\$1000.00</i>
<i>Louise Travers</i>	<i>To bring a teacher to the area to teach a class in Italian Hand Embroidery.</i>	<i>\$443.00</i>

Applicant Name	Project Description	Amount (No Gst)
<i>Phillip Collins</i>	<i>To be used to hold a workshop to teach skills in aboriginal art</i>	<i>\$1,560.00</i>
<i>Liz Land</i>	<i>To deliver bull riding and bull fighting workshops to school students</i>	<i>\$6,600.00</i>
	Total	\$23,043.00

CARRIED

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.10pm returning at 1.05pm.

Attendance: John McCormick entered the room at 1.05pm.

Attendance: Rita McIntyre left the room at 1.09pm returning at 1.11pm

Engineers Report

Consideration of the Engineers Report and Late Report

Yowah Water Augmentation

Consideration of a report from John McCormick, Shire Engineer, regarding the Yowah Water Upgrade. In 2002 the residents of Yowah lobbied Council not to proceed with the upgrade owing to increased water rates arising from the project and the requirement for each resident to install a hot water system.

Res.M09/067

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that a further decision on the future of the Yowah Water Augmentation upgrade be deferred until the Yowah town residents are surveyed regarding their desire to either continue or not with the water upgrade and such survey results be further considered by Council.

CARRIED

Blackgate Road

Consideration was given to measures to immediately open up access along the Blackgate Road. Discussion revolved around short term and long term measures to provide ongoing access and to include such road in Council's road register.

Res.M09/068

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that

- 1. Council undertake an immediate maintenance grade of the Blackgate Road, from the Bulloo Shire boundary to Yowah, consisting of 11km at an approximate cost of \$8,000 to allow limited access to appropriate vehicles;*
- 2. That the maintenance grade be conducted subject to the permission of the landowner, Mr Shane Warner; and*
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer undertakes an investigation into the survey of the Blackgate Road for permanent dedication as a road.*

CARRIED

Attendance: John McCormick departed the meeting at 1.56pm.

Attendance: Cr Land left the room at 1.56pm returning at 1.58pm

Attendance: Rita McIntyre left the room at 1.58 returning at 2.01pm

Attendance: Penny Jackson and Marsha Bolitho entered the room at 2.07pm, Marsha left at 2.30pm and Penny left at 2.35pm.

PETITIONS

Nil

TENDERS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Cr Land – enquired if there had been an update on the Paroo River Crossing at Eulo given a recent accident. The Chief Executive Officer will follow up in writing to the Department of Main Roads

Cr Dunsdon – enquired if there was any response regarding the spelling centre upgrade to the Landmark yards and possible upgrade options.

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS

Nil

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2.45pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer