

# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

21 July 2009

### OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

### 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

#### **Res.M09/102**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that a Motion of Sympathy be passed for Anneleise McIntyre.*

*CARRIED*

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### **General Meeting Minutes 19 June 2009**

#### **Res.M09/103**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 19 June 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: Cr Dunsdon entered the room at 9.35am

**Pre Budget Meeting Minutes 23 June 2009****Res.M09/104**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the Pre Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.*

CARRIED

**Pre Budget Meeting Minutes 09 July 2009****Res.M09/105**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the minutes of the Pre Budget Meeting held on Thursday 09 July 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.*

CARRIED

**Wild Dog Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 17 June 2009****Res.M09/106**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that the minutes of the Wild dog Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2009 be received.*

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE****Show Holiday - 2010**

File/Ref: 7/9:139265

**Description:**

Letter from Hon Cameron Dick MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations requesting that Council appoint a holiday in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983* for Paroo Shire Council. Such request should be received no later than Friday 4 September 2009.

**Res.M09/107**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that a voluntary survey be conducted of shire residents seeking a preferred annual holiday and what event it may coincide with, such as Melbourne Cup, Brisbane Exhibition, Charleville Show or other.*

CARRIED

**State Government Funding Cuts – 2009/10 State Budget**

File/Ref: 14/1:139252

**Description:**

Letter from Michael Kinnane, Associate Director-General, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, advising of the status of continued funding for previously approved projects in Paroo Shire. Such projects have been reviewed owing to State Budget pressures and the need to finalise unclaimed amounts for long-standing projects.

**Res.M09/108**

*Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that Cardno, Consulting Engineers be advised not to proceed with an amendment report to the Water Planning Report 2003 for Cunnamulla Water and that the Yowah Water Upgrade be discontinued.*

CARRIED

Attendance: Mark Watt left the room at 10.01am returning at 10.03am.

**Consultation – Annual Valuation Effective 30 June 2010**

File/Ref: 90/1; 139155

## Description:

Letter from the Department of Environment and Resource Management regarding Paroo Shire Council's opinion on whether an annual valuation should be undertaken for the Shire.

**Res.M09/109**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that Vern DiSalvo, Director, State Valuation Services, be advised that Council objects to an annual valuation being undertaken.*

CARRIED

**Land without a Registered Trustee**

File Ref: 67/1

## Description:

An email was received by the Department of Environment & Resource Management regarding land offered to the Paroo Shire Council to hold and manage as Trustee.

**Res.M09/110**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that the Department of Environment and Resource Management be advised that Council has no objection to being allocated as Trustee for the parcels of land as follows.*

Assessment	Town	Lot	Plan	Area
752/00000	Eulo	L101	E1811	2.023ha
794/00000	Wooroorooka	L801	W2901	4,578m <sup>2</sup>
793/00000	Wooroorooka	L702	W2901	5,716m <sup>2</sup>
791/00000	Wooroorooka	L601	W2901	2.165ha
790/00000	Wooroorooka	L501	W2901	2.023ha

CARRIED

**Cunnamulla Tennis Club**

File Ref: 9/12

## Description:

The Cunnamulla Tennis Club has written to Council requesting that invoices 1891 (\$275) and 2546 (\$275) be written off due to financial difficulties.

**Res.M09/111**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that Council hold off the Cunnamulla Tennis Club invoices 1891 for \$275.00 and Invoice 2546 for \$275.00 until their meeting in September and Council is consulted regarding the outcome.*

CARRIED

**OFFICERS REPORTS****Chief Executive Officer**

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Attendance: Neil Mitchell left the room at 10.30am returning at 10.35am; Cr Land left the room at 10.35am returning at 10.36am.

**Disaster Risk Assessment Study**

Consideration of a Disaster Risk Assessment Study of the Shire including such events as flooding, bushfire, storm, earthquake and other likely natural disasters. To run this project will both guarantee funding and ensure the study could lead to the completion of a new and revised Disaster Management Plan in accordance with the *Disaster Management Act 2003*.

**Res.M09/112**

*Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Ticehurst that the Mayor be authorised to sign the Emergency Management Queensland Funding agreement and that the necessary Council funds for the project be allocated in the 2009/10 Budget.*

CARRIED

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.45am returning at 11.07am.

**Kooma House - Coongoola**

Council has been approached regarding its intentions with the disused and dilapidated house on land located at 16 Coongoola Road, and described as L1/C5054 Parish Coongoola.

Further to an enquiry by the Federal Department for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Council, after some research, became aware of its position regarding the property. It appears the land is owned by Paroo Shire Council and following an investigation into the legal rights to selling, demolishing or removing the building, Council is quite within its rights to sell or remove the building.

**Res.M09/113**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the house located at 16 Coongoola Road, and described as L1/C5054 Parish Coongoola be offered for sale by tender in accordance with s.491 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

CARRIED

**Nancy Bird Walton – Naming of Airport Road**

Council recently discussed the option of naming the newly upgraded airport road in honour of Nancy Bird Walton, to coincide with her passing in January 2009, age 93. Such dedication was to recognise her lifelong achievements in addition to recognizing her connections with Cunnamulla as a young pilot.

**Res.M09/114**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that subject to prior approval from the Family of Nancy Bird Walton, Council investigate the naming of the Airport Road in her Honour given her lifelong achievements and local connections to Cunnamulla.*

CARRIED

**South West Local Government Association – Annual Meeting**

The South West Local Government Association Annual Meeting and dinner is scheduled to be held in Cunnamulla on Monday 27 July 2009. Invitations have been sent to various Government Ministers and the Australian Bureau of Statistics to attend.

**Res.M09/115**

*Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend the South West Local Government Association Meeting in Cunnamulla on Monday 27 July 2009.*

CARRIED

**Pest & Stock Route Committee**

Following the recent Pest & Stock Routes Management Committee meeting held on Friday 22 May 2009, it was decided on further decision regarding membership was required.

A few applications of interest were received in response to local advertising for nominations and as it is difficult to make sufficient places for all applicants, a single chair would be made available on the committee with the nominated Traditional Owner Groups to nominate from amongst themselves.

**Res.M09/116**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that in accordance with s.453 of the Local Government Act 1993, the membership of the Pest & Stock Route Management Committee be appointed as follows:*

Number	Name	Organisation
1	Cr Jo Sheppard	Mayor
2	Cr Don Dunsdon	Council representative
3	Mark Watt	Chief Executive Officer
4	Anthony White	Stock Routes Officer
5	Murray Wingett	DPI Stock Inspector
6	Steve Downey	Land Protection Officer
7	Neil Judd	South West NRM
8	David Land	Ergon Energy
9	Mark Handley	Ranger – Currawinya NP
10	Andrew Gardiner	Primary Producer 'Paddabilla'
11	Geoff Dunsdon	Primary Producer 'Yallambee'
12	Kate Beresford	Community Representative'
13	Peter Lucas	Chairman: Wild Dog Advisory Committee
14	Nominated Position	Indigenous Traditional Owners

CARRIED

**Raw Water Irrigation Project Stage 3 – Appointment of Contractor**

Advice was recently received from Hon Desley Boyle, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships regarding the success of a grant application for the Cunnamulla Raw Water Irrigation Project – Stage 3.

In accordance with legislative provisions s.486(1)(a) and s.486(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council seeks exception to the normal tender process and the tender be assigned to Water Equipment Technology (WET) who were the cheapest tender and conducted all prior works relating to the Raw Water Project - Stages 1 & 2.

**Res.M09/117**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that in accordance with s.486(1)(a) & (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, Water Equipment Technology (WET) be appointed the contract for the Raw Water Irrigation Project – Stage 3 at a total cost of \$267,600.00 (No GST).*

CARRIED

Attendance: Rita McIntyre left the room at 11.34am returning at 11.36am.

**Blueprint for the Bush Funding – Brokering Growth: A multiple outcome approach**

Advice was recently received from Tim Mulherin MP, Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland regarding Blueprint for the Bush Funding. This project was submitted in conjunction with the Queensland Rural Industry Training Corporation (QRITC) and achieved a successful outcome.

Council seeks exemption to the normal call for tenders in accordance with legislative provisions s.486(1)(a) and s.486(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* given the project was submitted in conjunction with the QRITC and that QRITC be selected to conduct the project.

**Res.M09/118**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that in accordance with s.486(1)(a) & (f) of the Local Government Act 1993, Queensland Rural Industry Training Corporation (QRITC) be appointed the contract for the Brokering Growth: A multiple outcome approach initiative at a total cost of \$116,000.00 (No GST).*

**Engineers Report**

Consideration of the Engineers Report

Attendance: Mark Watt left the room at 11.54am returning at 11.55am; Cr Land left the room at 11.55am returning at 11.56am.

**Director Governance Report**

Consideration of the Director Governance Report

**Addition to Fees and Charges**

Consideration of the need to tag animals on agistment in areas such as the Cunnamulla common so they are easily identified when mustering takes place. A fee of \$10 per animal would cover direct costs as the collars themselves cost \$8.80.

**Res.M09/119**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that as per s36(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, a charge of \$10 be charged to cover the cost of each collar issued to animals agisted on the town common.*

CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS**

The Mayor requested Council consider writing to Peter Lucas "Cliffdale" and Chairman of the Wild Dog Advisory Committee to extend its appreciation for his efforts and outline Council's strategies during the 2009/10 financial year

**Res.M09/120**

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that a letter of thanks be sent to Peter Lucas for his relentless pursuit and hard work in ensuring the continued success of the Wild Dog Advisory Committee and informing him of the upcoming figure budgeted for this year, and that he be notified of his nomination as a representative on the Pest and Stock Route Management Committee.*

CARRIED

**PETITIONS**

Nil

**TENDERS**

Nil

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**QUESTIONS**

Cr Land enquired about the reasons for a Pest and Stock Route committee and whether such matters could be dealt with by Council. The Mayor responded.

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATE**

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard  
Mayor

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Mark Watt  
Chief Executive Officer