

**Minutes of the meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 6 AUGUST 2013**

The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr D McCann, Cr J McGregor, Cr C Manchester, Cr Morris, Cr D Palmer and Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Finance and Administration), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Cr Speirs declared an indirect non pecuniary interest in matter 7.1.1 Relocation of GWCC Operations to Temora Agriculture Research Facility, as he is the Chairperson of the Section 355 Committee for the Temora Agriculture Research Facility. Cr Speirs will vacate the chair to Cr Manchester when this item is deliberated.

3. PUBLIC ACCESS

No requests for public access were received.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No notices of motion or rescission motions were received.

5. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

13/066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Palmer that Council consider the late report of 2012/13 Financial Statements.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil.

Cr Palmer delivered a report to Council on his attendance at the Water 2013 Conference on 29 and 30 July 2013.

7. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

7.1.5 2012/13 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (G35401005)

13/067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McCann that:

1. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2013 (including movements in restricted assets) be formally adopted, as presented, for referral to Council's Auditor;
2. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statements by Councillors and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2013;
3. The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the auditors reports subject to their being no material audit changes or audit issues; and
4. Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports to the public at a public meeting to be held in conjunction with a future ordinary meeting.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2013 have been prepared with Council's auditor completing his onsite audit on 29 and 30 July. The follow-up off-site audit is continuing.

Under section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to refer its draft Financial Statements for audit. The Auditor's Report will be made available to Council after it has formally resolved the referral.

It is envisaged that Council will present its Financial Statements to the public in conjunction with its ordinary October meeting.

The primary statements of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements (statements subject to audit) are attached. Councillors will be supplied with a complete set of reports, including the Auditor's Reports, before the public meeting.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

CLOSED SESSION 12.00PM

13/068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council meet in Closed Session.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Cr Speirs declared an indirect non pecuniary interest in matter 7.1.1 Relocation of GWCC Operations to Temora Agriculture Research Facility, as he is the Chairperson of the Section 355 Committee for the Temora Research Facility. Cr Speirs vacated the Chair to Cr Manchester.

Matters 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 were deferred to the end of the meeting.

Cr Speirs resumed the Chair.

7.1.3 DATA NETWORK ROLLOUT (G55053010)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

13/069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that Council

1. Approve the General Manager to progress a rollout of the second phase of installation.
2. Budget \$200,000 for the rollout in accordance with procurement policies.

7.1.4 REGIONAL PLAN STRATEGIES (G03301005)

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13/070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the General Manager in liaison with the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson decide on material and a time frame for distribution/communication with the public, businesses and State and Federal Government.

7.1.1 RELOCATION OF GWCC OPERATIONS TO TEMORA AGRICULTURE RESEARCH FACILITY (G10056005)

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Cr Speirs vacated the Chair for the item 7.1.1 to Cr Manchester. The meeting was adjourned at 12.45pm to enable Councillors to inspect the Temora Agriculture Research Facility.

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The meeting reconvened at 1.40pm with Cr Manchester occupying the chair.

13/071 RESOLVED on the motion of Manchester and McCann that Council approve the General Manager to:

1. Progress a Memorandum of Understanding with Farmlink.
2. Investigate lease arrangements with Temora Shire Council
3. Progress the development of Botanical Gardens and Conference Centre concept.
4. Progress transfer of the Depot and Workshop to the Temora Research Facility.
5. Investigate and report on cost of office and other appropriate operations relocation to the Temora Research Station with the intention of moving.
6. Investigate possible lease opportunities of 84 Parkes Street Temora.

7.1.2 PROVISION OF REGIONAL FACILITIES (G10200505 & G10201005)

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(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

No resolution was required for this report as these items were resolved as part of 7.1.1.

OPEN SESSION 2.25pm

13/072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Clinton that Council revert back to open session and that the resolutions made in closed session be made public.

8. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Manchester requested the ordinary Council meeting to be held on Thursday 22 August 2013 begin at 10.00am instead of 1.00pm. Councillors agreed to begin the meeting at the earlier time of 10.00am.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 2:30pm.
