

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
35 GORDON STREET, ARAMAC  
ON WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2015  
COMMENCING AT 9.20AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, A Cowper, G Peoples, P Mitchell and R Glindemann.

**OFFICERS**

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), I Kuhn (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

**PRAYER** – Cr. Cowper read the prayer.

**CONDOLENCES**

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Brenda Lindeberg of Alpha, Mr. Graham Hack of Alpha, Mrs. Fay Wills of Aramac, Mrs. Teresa Ngairé formerly of Muttaborra, Mr. Frith Fysh formerly of "Acacia Downs" Muttaborra and Mr. Edward "Ned" Willes formerly of Barcaldine.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Nil**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, past and present.

**DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS**

**Material Personal Interest on any items of Business**

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Peoples informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.3.2 (as a supplier for the tender) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Chandler informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.6.6 (as an adjoining owner to the subject property) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

**Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Brett Walsh for Item 3.5.2:-

I declare I may have a real conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, due to my Committee membership of the Barcaldine Arts Council.

I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I honestly believe that I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of council's area by participating in this discussion and voting on this matter.

**Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil**

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**BUSINESS**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-  
General Meeting – 15 April 2015.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/096**      **Moved Cr Glindemann**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 15 April 2015 be received.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

**Resolution: 2015/05/097**      **Moved Cr Glindemann**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 15 April 2015 be confirmed.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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**2. PETITIONS - Nil**

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**3. REPORTS**

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**3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**3.1.1 Councillor Information Bulletin**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 22 May 2015.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/098**      **Moved Cr Glindemann**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That the report be received.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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**3.1.2 Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that correspondence has been received from the Australian and Queensland Local Government Associations in relation to Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/099**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That Council:-**

- (a) acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of councils services and infrastructure;**

- (b) acknowledges that Council will receive \$ 6,701,659 in 2014-15; and
- (c) will ensure that this federal funding, and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs, is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in Council publications, including annual reports.

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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### **3.1.3 Good Neighbourhood Programme**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on a programme to assist with the control of weeds in Western Queensland.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**  
**2015/05/100** **That Council adopts the concept of trialing the Good Neighbourhood Programme (GNP) by being a partner in the War on Western Weeds (WOWW) project in the river catchment north of Muttaborra with Council's active involvement being the Driftway Reserve, Tablederry Facility and the Potosi, Bowen Downs, Crewkerne and Prairie Road corridors.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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### **3.1.4 Thompson River Weed Eradication Project**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on the Thompson River Weed Eradication Project.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**2015/05/101** **That Council :-**

**1. accepts RAPAD's resolution :-**

**"The Board endorses the expenditure of \$35,000.00 from RAPAD funds in addition to \$5,000.00 each from LRC and BRC towards an additional WoWW site project, in partnership with DCQ & RESQ. Cr Britton will seek approval from the CWRPMG to allocate the outstanding Pristine Waterways funds towards the project"**

**and partners in the Thomson River Weed Eradication Project from Muttaborra heading south in partnership with RAPAD, RESQ, DCQ, WOWW and landholders; and**

**2. commits an additional \$5,000 contribution to the project as well as providing the services of our Rural Lands Officers to assist within the Barcardine Regional Council area.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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## **3.2 FINANCE**

### **3.2.1 Financial Report – May 2015**

*Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 20 May 2015 was presented to Council.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/102**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Bettiens**  
**That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 20 May 2015.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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## **3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES**

### **3.3.1 Works Report**

*Summary: From the Manager Engineering Services submitting for Council's advice and consideration his report on engineering works and environmental matters in Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra for the period ending 30 April 2015.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/103**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That the Works Report for the period April 2015 be received.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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*Councillor Peoples declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.3.2 Tender No. 2015-003 - Sewerage Treatment Plant Fencing**

*Summary: From the Manager, Engineering Services submitting a report pertaining to the Supply and Installation of approximately 1,600m of chain link fabric fencing to enclose the Sewerage Treatment Plants located in Muttaborra, Aramac and Barcaldine.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/104**      **Moved Cr Glindemann**      **Seconded Cr Cowper**  
**That the matter be deferred pending further consideration of tenders and the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to decide the tender.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

*At this stage Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting.*

*At 10.30am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.00am.*

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*At this stage Mr. David Coulton attended the meeting to inform Councillors of his proposal to establish a kangaroo processing plant in Aramac. Mr. Coulton left the meeting at 11.50am.*

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### **3.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ALPHA**

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#### **3.4.1 General Information Report**

*Summary: The Executive Manager's – Alpha report was presented to Council for information.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/105**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Glindemann**  
**That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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#### **3.4.2 Jericho Swimming Pool**

*Summary: Funding for the proposed Jericho swimming pool has been confirmed. Council now needs to determine whether the tender is for a joint design and construct or individual design and then construct.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/106**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**That Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to call tenders for the design and construction of a 25m x 6 lane swimming pool and associated filtration and chlorination plant room at the present site in Jericho.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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#### **3.4.3 Tumbar Water Facility**

*Summary: The mill at the above facility has blown over and is unusable. A report on the repairs required is attached, along with a quote to replace.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/107**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That Council asks the State Government to fund the reinstatement of the water facility at Tumbar or it be decommissioned.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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#### **3.4.4 Landscaping of the Eastern Entrance to Jericho**

*Summary: From the Jericho Tourism Association presenting a proposal to landscape the eastern entrance to Jericho and requesting Council contribute \$2,500 plus connect the drippers to the reticulated water supply.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/108**      **Moved Cr Cowper**      **Seconded Cr Glindemann**  
**That Council agrees to place \$2,500 cash plus \$500 in-kind for consideration in the draft budget for 2015/16 to assist with the funding of the landscaping of the eastern entrance to Jericho.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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#### **3.4.5 Jericho Aerodrome**

*Summary: From the Jericho Bush Nursing Fundraising Committee Inc advising that they are prepared to contribute on a 50:50 basis to a maximum of \$20,000 to have solar lighting installed on the runway at the Jericho Aerodrome.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/109**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Cowper**  
**That Council agrees to place \$20,000 for consideration in the draft budget for 2015/16 to assist with the funding of the installation of solar lights on the runway of the Jericho Aerodrome.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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#### **3.4.6 Request for Write-Off of Rates**

*Summary: From the owners of 2 Shakespeare Street, Alpha requesting that the rates and charges be written off for the half year ending 30 June 2015 as the residence has been removed and the lease of the land cancelled.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/110**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That Council agrees to write-off the rates and charges for the period 19/04/2015 to 30/06/2015 only for 2 Shakespeare Street, Alpha described as part of Lot 11 on SP113231.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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#### **3.4.7 Relocation of Beta Tourist Hut**

*Summary: The Alpha and District Tourist Development Association Inc. has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to relocate the Beta Tourist Hut from the present site in Dryden Street to the Roley Roberts Tourist Centre in Shakespeare Street, Alpha.*







### **3.6.3 Desert Uplands – Green Army Project**

*Summary: A proposal from the Desert Uplands Committee for a Green Army project, “Ecologica” for Council consideration.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/117**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
**That Council agrees to be a partner in the Desert Upland Committee’s “Ecologica” project involving environmental works to be conducted on the Barcaldine Town Common for a period of 18 months from June 2015.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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### **3.6.4 National Stronger Regions Fund**

*Summary: Applications for the National Stronger Regions Fund are now open.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/118**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Cowper**  
**That Council applies for funding from the National Stronger Regions Fund for the following projects:-**

- (a) Construction of a new swimming pool in Aramac; and**
  - (b) Stage 2 of the Barcaldine Cultural Precinct Development (Art Gallery)**
- and that Council contributes 50% of the cost of these projects.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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### **3.6.5 LGM Assets**

*Summary: LGAQ has established a mutual fund for insuring Council’s property assets.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/119**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That Council agrees to join the LGM Assets scheme for insurance of Council’s property assets.**

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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*At this stage the Mayor declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon. During his absence the Deputy Mayor occupied the Chair.*

### **3.6.6 Debtor Write-off**

*Summary: Adopted Infrastructure Charges proposed to be written off for Council consideration.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/120**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Mitchell**  
That Council writes off a debt of \$12,000 owing by Robert K Ryan and Hamcor Pty Ltd for Adopted Infrastructure Charges because the related infrastructure was approved by Barcaldine Shire Council in 2003 and was completed prior to Council adopting an Adopted Infrastructure Charges Policy in 2012.

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

*At this stage the Mayor returned to the meeting and returned to the Chair.*

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### **3.6.7 Request for Access to Council Property**

*Summary: A letter has been received from a ratepayer requesting access to Council property.*

**Resolution: 2015/05/121**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
That Council:-  
(a) prohibits the request to access water from Council property described as Lots 19-22 on RY185 and situated at 39 Cypress Street for private use; and  
(b) prohibits parking of private vehicles in the pensioner units carports, except for those vehicles owned by the residents of those units.

**Carried**  
*Unanimous*

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### **3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS - Nil**

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### **3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil**

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### **3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil**

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As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: 24 June 2015