

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2007, COMMENCING AT 1.40 PM.

PRESENT: Cr B C Johnston (Mayor) [Chairman], Crs D F Baker, D K Barnes, J L Cameron, H N Castledine, W J Irvine, D C Jones, K L Kneipp, M P Lewis, and P H Lloyd.

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate Services (Ken Beddie), Acting Director Technical Services (Graham Bendeich) and Director Planning & Development (Brett McInnes).

APOLOGIES:

The General Manager advised that Crs Harmon and Mudaliar tendered their apologies and sought leave of absence for business and personal reasons respectively.

220/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Baker) that the apologies from Crs Harmon and Mudaliar be accepted, and that leave of absence be granted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

221/07 RESOLVED (Castledine/Lloyd) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 August, 2007, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held 25 September, 2007, as circulated to members, be confirmed as true and correct records of those meetings.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

PUBLIC FORUM **13.5.4**

There were no Public Forum Items.

At this juncture, the time being 1.41pm, Standing Orders were suspended in order to welcome Dr John Irving, Northern NSW Oral Health Network, to address Council.

PRESENTATION BY DR JOHN IRVING

Dr Irving addressed Council in respect of Oral Health and the Ashford Tooth-brushing Program. The Program will be launched at Ashford Public School on 25 October, 2007 at 6pm. A number of options exist for the Program going forward and these will be further pursued following the launch.

At this juncture, the time being 1.50pm Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

SECTION C
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ex-A **1. COUNCILLORS EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY** **13.6.4**

222/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Castledine) that Council:

- a) adopt the Policy on the Payment of Expenses to, and Use Of Council Facilities And Equipment and the Schedule of Allowances & Expenses in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993,

- b) *such policy be made available for inspection by members of the public, and*
- c) *a copy of Council's policy be supplied to the Director General.*

GM-A 2. **GAME COUNCIL NSW - UPDATE S21.8.1**

MOTION (Kneipp/Lloyd) that the information on the progress of the Games Council NSW be noted.

223/07 AMENDMENT (Barnes/Irvine) that:

- i) *Council support the concept of "Humane Conservation Hunting" in State Forests and on Crown Lands;*
- ii) *The Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) and NSW Farmers be provided with a copy of this report and be respectfully requested to oppose Hornsby Shire Council's decision requesting the prohibition of conservation hunting in State Forests and to support through appropriate channels, "Humane Conservation Hunting" in State Forests and Crown Lands; and*
- iii) *Council seek details of the information considered by Hornsby Shire Council in reaching their decision and note the damage caused by feral animals across NSW.*

The Motion on being put to the meeting was LOST.

The Amendment on being put to the meeting then became the Motion, and the Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

GM-A **224/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Baker) that:

- i) *a Powerpoint presentation be prepared in relation to the impact of Feral Animals across NSW and be made available to NSW Council's.*
- ii) *a Sunset Committee be formed with the Committee Membership to be Crs Lloyd, Irvine, Baker and Kneipp.*

GM-A 3. **WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE HOSTED BY INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL S4.3.14**

225/07 RESOLVED (Cameron/Jones) that the Association's thanks be conveyed to Inverell Shire Council and the staff of Inverell Shire Council who were involved in running the event, in particular Barbara Eshman and Les Moulds whose hard work ensured the smooth running of the conference.

**SECTION D
CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

ASO-A 1. **REQUEST TO RENEW LICENCE AGREEMENT – PART LOT 112, DP 753277, RIFLE RANGE ROAD, INVERELL 5.10.95**

226/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Cameron) that:

- a) *Council offer Mr Darrell Priest and Ms Katherine Nicholson a ten (10) year License Agreement for the land being part Lot 112, DP 753277, Rifle Range Road, Inverell;*
- b) *the License fee amount of \$110.00, including GST, be subject to annual CPI increases commencing 1 November, 2008;*

- c) *the License Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager; and*
- d) *all relevant documents be completed under the Common Seal of Council.*

AO-A **2. PROPOSAL TO RE-ESTABLISH ALCOHOL FREE ZONES 18.8.1**

227/07 RESOLVED (*Irvine/Cameron*) that Council:

- i) *resolve to establish the Alcohol-Free Zones over the following streets and laneways for the period 31 December, 2007 to 31 December, 2010;*
- ii) *notify the Inverell Police, Liquor Licensees and Registered Clubs of the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones and invite their feedback; and*
- iii) *endorse the placement of an advertisement in the Inverell Times advising the public of the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones, also inviting their submissions on this matter.*

Inverell

- *Byron Street from Ross Hill Bridge to Arthur Street excluding the footpath in front of Café on Byron;*
- *Campbell Street from Captain Cook Drive to Rivers Street;*
- *Rivers Street from Campbell Street to Vivian Street;*
- *Evans Street from Campbell Street to Lawrence Street;*
- *Lawrence Street from Evans Street to Captain Cook Drive excluding the footpath in front of Café on Byron;*
- *Oliver Street from Vivian Street to Wood Street;*
- *Wood Street from Oliver Street to Captain Cook Drive;*
- *Otho Street from Byron Street to Wood Street;*
- *Vivian Street from Rivers Street to Captain Cook Drive;*
- *Wynne Street from Borthwick Street to Stirling Street;*
- *Eugene Street from Borthwick Street to Stirling Street;*
- *Borthwick Street from Wynne Street to Waratah Avenue;*
- *Waratah Avenue and Mawson Street;*
- *Willow Place, Wattle Place, Flinders Place, Elm Place;*
- *Oxley Place, Cunningham Place and Stirling Street;*
- *Captain Cook Drive between Campbell Street and Vivian Street;*
- *Gunson Way between Campbell Street and Vivian Street;*
- *Sweaney Street between Vivian Street and Wood Street;*
- *Mansfield Street from O'Connor Bridge to Oliver Street;*
- *Byron Lane between Vivian Street and Wood Street;*
- *Oliver Lane between Vivian Street and Lawrence Street;*
- *Otho Lane from Byron Street to Rivers Street;*
- *Campbell Lane between Byron Street and Sweaney Street;*
- *Unnamed Lane between Campbell Street and Campbell Lane.*

Ashford

- *Albury Street between Martyn Street and Frazer Street;*
- *Duff Street between Bukkulla Street and Inverell Street;*
- *Bala Street between Martyn Street and Frazer Street;*
- *Martyn Street, between Bukkulla Street and Inverell Street;*
- *Unnamed laneway between Martyn Street and Duff Street running adjacent to Bala and Albury Street.*

Delungra

- *Anzac Park on Australia Day and ANZAC Day only.*

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Book and Bank Statements 12.11.1

228/07 RESOLVED (*Irvine/Cameron*) that the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Ledger Accounts with the Bank Statements, be noted.

(b) Payment of Accounts for Month Ending 31/08/2007 12.20.2

229/07 RESOLVED (*Irvine/Cameron*) that the report be received and it be noted that accounts totalling \$4,435,060.09 have been paid.

AS-A **4. COUNCIL OPERATIONS - ACTION CHECKLIST 13.5.1**

230/07 RESOLVED (*Irvine/Cameron*) that:

- a) *the information be received and noted; and*
- b) *items GM #2 and GM #3 be deleted from the Action Checklist.*

**SECTION F
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

SP-A **1. COPETON DAM ROAD RE-ALIGNMENT 28.10.SR 192**

231/07 RESOLVED (*Kneipp/Castledine*) that the Council Seal be applied to all necessary documentation to finalise the road acquisition and realignment for SR 192 (Copeton Dam Road).

DPD-A **2. BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN S16.13.8**

232/07 RESOLVED (*Barnes/Lloyd*) that:

- i) *the information be received and noted; and*
- ii) *Council Staff be commended for their initiative in this matter.*

**SECTION G
TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS**

DTS-A **1. 40KM/H HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY SPEED ZONE IN INVERELL CBD
S30.9.5**

233/07 RESOLVED (*Cameron/Lloyd*) that a further Report with treatment options be prepared for consideration by the Works/Services Committee.

**2. CONSTRUCTION WORKS – RELOCATION OF POWER POLE
28.10.SR 199**

234/07 RESOLVED (*Lloyd/Jones*) that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:

- a) *the report includes 'commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it' (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993);*
- b) *on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting, and*
- c) *all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

**SECTION H
COMMITTEES REPORTS**

- DCS-A 1. **YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 24.10.3**
- 235/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Lewis) that the Minutes of the Youth Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 August, 2007 be received and noted.*
2. **GWYMAC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11.7.1**
- 236/07 RESOLVED (Jones/Baker) that the Minutes of the GWYMAC Committee Meeting held on Friday, 10 August, 2007 be received and noted.*
- MW-A 3. **MR63 YETMAN ROAD (CH 63.6KM-65.7KM) PROJECT CONTROL GROUP MEETING MINUTES 28.10.TR 63**
- 237/07 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Barnes) that the Minutes of the MR63 Yetman Road (Ch 63.6km-65.7km) Project Control Group Meeting held on 13 September, 2007 be received and noted.*
- DPD-A 4. **PLANNING/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.3**
- 238/07 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Baker) that:*
- a) *the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 September, 2007 be received and noted however noting the amendment that Cr Castledine was in attendance at this meeting; and*
 - b) *the following recommendations of the Planning/Community Committee be adopted by Council:*
 1. **MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS 11.15.14**
 - i) *a Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee be formed for the purpose of advising the Director Planning and Development on the management of the noxious weeds function; and*
 - ii) *three (3) Councillors be nominated for membership of that Committee, being Cr Cameron, Cr Lloyd and Cr Kneipp, with the Mayor being an ex-official member of the Committee.*
 2. **VILLAGE OF DELUNGRA RESIDENTIAL LAND AVAILABILITY STUDY S5.2.53**
 - i) *the Draft Village of Delungra Residential Land Availability Study be endorsed for the purpose of consultation with the Delungra District Development Council; and*
 - ii) *a letter of recognition be provided to Kirsty Wilkes for her work in this matter.*

3. REVIEW OF LAND USE PLANNING IN THE CENTRAL WEST S8.3.3

- a) the contents of the Review of Land Use Planning in the Central West Report be noted;
- b) Council continue with the finalisation of it's Rural Land Use Study on the basis of the workshop outcomes of May, 2007; and
- c) Council prepare a submission in this matter and liaise with the Local Government Shires Association to ensure these matters are taken into consideration in the review.

4. COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN S11.1.1

That the Draft Companion Animal Management Plan be placed on public exhibition and comment invited for a period of thirty (30) days.

5. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN NORTHERN INLAND REGIONAL WASTE GROUP 31.3.8

That the activities of the Northern Inland Regional Waste Group be acknowledged and the associated information noted.

6. FAST TRACK APPROVAL PROCESS – CLASS 10 BUILDINGS 7.15.1

That Council note the introduction of a new 'fast track' approval process for Class 10 Buildings.

7. ROAD NAMING DA-168/2005

- i) Council take the appropriate steps to formally name the road as per the subdivision approved under DA-168/05; and
- ii) Council authorise the Director Planning and Development, Mr Brett McInnes, to adopt Cockran Close and submit it for publication to the Government Gazette.

8. MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE 10.10.3

That Council support the concept of the provision of a range of mobile phone towers to provide full coverage of the Shire and surrounding area.

9. CAR PARKING ISSUES 28.27.2

That the General Manager be delegated authority to take the necessary action to finalise this matter, following receipt of the determination of the Traffic Committee.

DTS-A 5. WORKS/SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.4

239/07 RESOLVED (Barnes/Castledine) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Works/Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 September, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendations of the Works/Services Committee be adopted by Council:

1. FLEET REPORT 23.7.12
 - i. the information be noted; and
 - ii. a report be presented to the next meeting of the Works/Services Committee on the use and benefits of alternate truck/trailer combinations, noting Council currently only utilises truck/pig trailer combinations.
2. TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF AGGREGATE AND SUPPLY AND SPRAY OF BITUMEN FOR 2007/08 RESEALING 28.28.3 & 28.28.2
 - i) Sami Road Services be awarded the tender for supply and spray of bitumen;
 - ii) Inverell Aggregate be awarded the tender for supply of precoated aggregate to sites 1 – 8, 12, 14 – 17 and 19 – 22;
 - iii) Inglewood Quarries be awarded the tender for supply of precoated aggregate to sites 9, 10, 13, 18 and 23;
 - iv) Wayne McCarthy Aggregate 11 and 24; and
 - v) the tenders be completed under the Common Seal of Council.
3. PLANT REPLACEMENT 23.7.9005

That the following item of plant be purchased:

- i. A Caterpillar 12M Grader complete with front mounted bull blade from WesTrac, with trade to WesTrac for a change over to Council of \$172,718.18, subject to WesTrac agreeing to cover any major breakdowns on the existing unit to be traded on the basis of Council continuing the maintenance program.
4. 40KM/H HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY SPEED ZONE IN INVERELL CBD S30.9.5
 - i) a letter be sent to the RTA indicating that Council are very interested in pursuing Stage 2 of the High Pedestrian Zone project and would gratefully accept any available funding towards this project;
 - ii) the rezoning of the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40km/h in Evans Street (between Campbell Street to Mansfield Street) and Oliver Street (between Vivian Street and Mansfield Street) and Lawrence Street (between Byron Street and Evans Street) be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration;
 - iii) a report be prepared for the September Council meeting in respect of Campbell Street and similar areas;
 - iv) discussions be held with the RTA in respect of the proposed treatments; and
 - v) a letter be sent to Mr Terry Orvad at the RTA commending the RTA on their program to improve pedestrian safety;
 5. REGIONAL ROADS TIMBER BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP 28.9.1

That Council reply to the RTA:

- i) thanking the RTA for the allocation of funds for the Spencers Gully Bridge on MR 187;

- ii) *thanking the RTA for acknowledging the condition of the Camp Creek Bridge and including this bridge in the next round of funding for bridges to be replaced on the Main Road system; and*
- iii) *acknowledging that Inverell Shire Council would be in a position to accept the grant funding for the Spencers Gully Bridge and Camp Creek Bridge within this Financial Year.*

6. BRIDGE PROGRAM – FUTURE PROGRAM 28.9.1

- i. *Council continue to pursue funding to replace the timber bridge structures on the Regional Road system throughout the Inverell Shire Council area;*
- ii. *Council continue with the Bridge Asset Management Infrastructure Replacement Program as indicated in the current Management Plan with the Kings Plains Bridge, Glenesk Bridge, Spencers Gully Bridge, Camp Creek Bridge and Sandy Creek; and*
- iii. *Council continue the program of replacement of the timber bridge structures on the Local Road system on a priority basis bearing in mind the bridge condition and the traffic loading situation.*

7. STANNIFER WATER SUPPLY 32.12.1

That Council not proceed with the provision of a non-potable water supply to the Village of Stannifer due to the lack of interest in a scheme.

DTS-N DELUNGRA BYPASS ROAD 28.10.SR 173

The Acting Director Technical Services advised Council that Council will be receiving funding to seal 600m of the Delungra Bypass Road.

DCS-A 6. FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.2

240/07 RESOLVED (Barnes/Castledine) that:

- a) *the Minutes of the Finance/Budget Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 September, 2007 be received and noted; and*
- b) *the following recommendations of the Finance/Budget Committee be adopted by Council:*
 - 1. INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT S14.9.3

That Council acknowledge and endorse the Associations' positions on the 49 recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government and call on the Minister for Local Government to coordinate a whole-of-government response and establish a reform implementation fund.

- 3. REQUEST FOR A DONATION TOWARDS THE YOUTH INSEARCH FOUNDATION S3.16.13

That Council provide the Youth Insearch Foundation a donation of \$500 to assist Inverell Youth attend Youth Insearch workshops.

4. REQUEST FOR A DONATION – INVERELL SHOW SOCIETY INC FOR THE SAPPHIRE SPURS CAMPDRAFT S12.22.1

That Council provide a donation of \$500 to the Inverell Show Society subject to the event being conducted with strong support by way of nominations and participation.

5. INVESTMENTS 12.12.2

- a) the information be received and noted; and
- b) Council amend its Investment Policy to require that Investment advisers and Managed Funds make a “Declaration of Disclosure” for any product recommended by the Company which is a product of the Companies Parent, Subsidiary or a related entity.

7. MOBILE PHONE TOWERS 10.10.3

That the General Manager be delegated authority to make a submission on mobile phone towers and coverage to the Federal Government.

AO-A
EX-A

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 13.6.7

241/07 RESOLVED (Baker/Castledine) that:

- a) the membership of the Major Committees consist of (5) five Councillors;
- b) in instances where a quorum is not present, the Chairperson of each Committee be delegated authority to co-op Councillors in attendance at the meeting to be a member of the Committee to that meeting for the purpose of providing a quorum; and
- c) the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be ex-officio members of all Committees.

DCS-A

COUNTRY WEEK 2007 8.12.6

242/07 RESOLVED (Barnes/Lewis) that:

- a) the information be received and noted;
- b) Council undertake to participate in Country Week 2008 to be held from the 8 - 10 August, 2008 on the basis outlined in the report and
- c) a further report be presented to the Finance Committee on options to improve Councils marketing efforts at Country Week.

DTS-A

INLAND RAIL ROUTE S30.16.7

243/07 RESOLVED (Lewis/Jones) that Council obtain details of Commercial Tonnages of Freight that may originate out of Inverell Shire for inclusion in a submission in respect of the Inland Rail Route.

DTS-A

7. **TRAFFIC/DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** 30.8.1

244/07 RESOLVED (Jones/Kneipp) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Traffic/Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 September, 2007 be received and noted; and

b) *the following recommendations of the Traffic/Development Advisory Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. FITNESS CENTRE DA-113/2007

That any consent issued for Development Application 113/2007 contain the following condition of consent:

a) *the site is in deficit nine (9) car spaces. A Section 94 Car Parking contribution of \$3,035.00 is to be paid to Council per space, totalling \$27,315.00.*

3. CBD PARKING 28.27.2

That further investigation be carried out into pole protection rather than wheel stoppers and that this information be presented to Council.

4. 2007/08 TRIATHLONS 28.27.1

That the Inverell Cycle 'n' Tri Club Inc. be advised that permission is granted for the fortnightly triathlons and also the annual junior and senior triathlons (which will be conducted on 1 March, 2008) subject to directions from the Police.

5. INVERELL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STREET MARCH 28.23.1

That permission be granted for the march to proceed from Vivian Street to the Court House via Byron and Otho Streets subject to Police consultation. An application to hold the march also needs to be submitted.

6. PROPERTY ACCESS INTERSECTION WITH GWYDIR HIGHWAY
28.10.SH 12

That Council offer a quote to Sundown Pastoral Company for reconstruction of the intersection (between their property access and the Gwydir Highway) to RTA standards.

7. NARROW SECTION OF GWYDIR HIGHWAY NEAR SWANBROOK
28.10.SH 12

That Council write to the RTA seeking funding for rehabilitation works between the end of the proposed bridge approaches and the wide "edge lined" section of road further west.

8. SIGNAGE AROUND INVERELL 28.9.18

That a "No Stopping" sign be erected near the intersection of Brae Street and Howard Street, and that the "No Stopping" signs in Chisholm Street and Brown Street be moved to a location where they are not being obstructed by School Zone signs.

HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION AND WEIGH STATION - 1 RAILWAY CLOSE
INVERELL DA-94/2007

245/07 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Jones) *that:*

- i) *the Developer be required to fund the cost of the upgrade of Osterley Terrace from their property to Ring Street; and*
- ii) *in conjunction with the upgrade of Osterley Terrace, Council undertake the associated kerb and guttering and edge treatment works.*

FORKLIFT REGISTRATION FOR USE ON PUBLIC ROADS 30.9.6

246/07 RESOLVED (Jones/Kneipp) that the issue of forklift registration be raised at the Regional Development Committee Meeting and Local Government and Shires Association Meeting.

OBSCURED LINE OF SIGHT AT CBD ROUNDABOUTS 30.9.9

247/07 RESOLVED (Cameron/Lloyd) that a further report be presented to Council in this matter.

**SECTION I
INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE & PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.5**
2. **MANAGEMENT TEAM MINUTES 4.11.5**
3. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
 - a) **Statement of Bank Balances as at 31/07/2007 12.11.4**
 - b) **Statement of Investments Held as at 31/07/2007 12.12.2**
4. **CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 2007 7.2.4**
5. **CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY PRIVATE CERTIFIER FOR AUGUST 2007 7.2.4**
6. **COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING AUGUST 2007 7.2.4**
7. **DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AND REFUSALS DURING AUGUST 2007 18.10.2**
8. **SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR AUGUST 2007 24.9.1**
9. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2007 18.10.1**
10. **ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2007 19.8.1**
11. **MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS 28.21.1**
12. **GRAVEL RESHEETING ON SHIRE ROADS 28.21.1 & 15.8.19**
13. **PARKS AND RESERVES 21.8.1**

248/07 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Irvine) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 25 September, 2007 be received and noted.

At this juncture, the time being 3.35pm, the Meeting adjourned.

At this juncture, the time being 4.04 the Meeting re-convened.

**SECTION K
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COUNCIL
(SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)**

At **4:05 pm**, the Chairman offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council. There was no response.

CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

249/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Lewis) that Council proceed into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

Upon resuming Open Council at 4.31 pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

- DTS-A 1. **CONSTRUCTION WORKS – RELOCATION OF POWER POLE
28.10.SR 199**

That Council accept the quotation prepared by Country Energy.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

250/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Castledine) that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.

**SECTION J
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

QWN/ORD 82/07 Inverell Art Gallery
Cr Baker

Cr Baker informed Council that a number of articles promoting the Inverell Art Gallery have been placed in appropriate media.

QWN/ORD 83/07 Development Issues
Cr Baker

Cr Baker noted the significant development occurring in Inverell and noted that Inverell is currently only second to Tamworth in the region.

DCS-A **QWN/ORD 84/07** Country Week/Industry Development S8.12.6
Cr Irvine

Cr Irvine noted the current initiative and enquired as to how industry and business development/relocation could be addressed to a higher standard. This would include direct promotion of Inverell to appropriate industry and business and the possible establishment of a "Scouting Team" for this purpose.

DTS-A **QWN/ORD 85/07** Bus Shelters 30.17.4
Cr Castledine

Cr Castledine enquired as to when action would be taken in respect of damaged bus shelters.

- GM-A **QWN/ORD 86/07** State Forest Nursery 8.3.1
 Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes noted the Nursery Shed is to be relocated to Grafton, following an assurance that this would not occur and that jobs would not be lost. Cr Barnes enquired as to whether representations could be made to the Member for Northern Tablelands, Hon Richard Torbay in this matter. The future development of Tarangower was also noted.
- GM-A **QWN/ORD 87/07** Border Rivers Gwydir - Catchment Management Authority
 Cr Barnes S11.15.1
- Cr Barnes noted the issue of clearing west of Moree and the Governments action in this matter. Cr Barnes requested that Council raise the issue of the CMA's future and their autonomy with the LGSA and Member for Northern Tablelands, Hon Richard Torbay to ensure the future of these organisations.
- GM-A **QWN/ORD 88/07** Electricity Distribution Industry S10.12.1
 Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes enquired as to whether the issue of the privatisation of this industry could be raised with the Member for Northern Tablelands, Hon Richard Torbay.
- QWN/ORD 89/07** NEVAT
 Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired as to the progress of the installation of the shed for use as a Hangar. The Director Corporate Services advised that an order has been issued in this matter.
- DTS-A **QWN/ORD 90/07** Metropolitan Water Restrictions 11.15.11
 Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired as to whether these restrictions will be extended to Rural NSW.
- QWN/ORD 91/07** Ashford Oval Irrigation
 Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired as to when this project would be undertaken. The Acting Director Technical Services advised the equipment has been ordered and that the works will be programmed.
- GM-A **QWN/ORD 92/07** Ashford Power Station S8.3.4
 Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired as to whether Council had received any advice in respect of the future of this site.
- QWN/ORD 93/07** Tidy Towns
 Cr Lloyd
- Cr Lloyd noted Delungra has been entered in the Tidy Towns Awards. Judging has taken place with positive comments being received. The Awards will be presented in November, 2007.
- DTS-A **QWN/ORD 94/07** Bruxner Highway 28.10.SH 16
 Cr Kneipp
- Cr Kneipp noted there are limited toilet facilities between Tenterfield and Yetman and requested that representations be made to the RTA in this matter.

QWN/ORD 95/07 Growing Regions Plan

Director Corporate
Services

The Director Corporate Services advised that the Federal Government has announced a new \$200M Growing Regions Plan. A report will be presented to the Finance Committee when full details become available.

QWN/ORD 96/07 Transport Museum

Cr Cameron

Cr Cameron advised that a comprehensive proposal will be brought to Council in this matter in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

B C JOHNSTON

CHAIRMAN