

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 2007, COMMENCING AT 1 PM.

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

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**251/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Barnes) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 September, 2007, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

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

At this juncture, the time being 1.02 pm, the following interests were declared:

- Cr Cameron declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section C, General Manager's Reports, Item # 2 "Concept Plan for Inverell Transport Museum". The nature of the interest relating to Cr Cameron being a member of the Inverell Transport Museum Committee.
- Cr Cameron declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section D, Corporate Services Reports, Item # 3, "Sublease by North West District Flying School to Inverell Aviation". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Cameron being the Chairman of Directors of the North West District Flying School.
- Cr Irvine declared a pecuniary interest in Section I, Information Reports, Item # 12 "Development Consent and Refusals during September, 2007". The nature of the interest relating to Cr Irvine being one of the Applicants.
- Cr Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Section K, Confidential Reports, Item #1, "Provision of Medical Services to Ashford". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Lewis being the President of the Ashford Business Council.

**PUBLIC FORUM** **13.5.4**

There were no Public Forum items.

**SECTION C**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

GM-A **1. TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYORS** **4.10.5**

**252/07 RESOLVED** (Barnes/Irvine) that Council advise the Department of Local Government that Council supports the appointment of Mayors for a period of one (1) year.

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 1.30 pm, the Mayor sought agreement to suspend Standing Orders to welcome students from Inverell High School, Macintyre High School and Inverell Public School to the meeting.

**ADDRESS BY STUDENTS OF INVERELL HIGH, MACINTYRE HIGH AND INVERELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The students addressed Council on the 2007 NSW Youth River Health Conference which will be held in Inverell during November, and research they have undertaken on the Macintyre River, its health, its environment and associated wildlife.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 2.06 pm, Standing Orders resumed and Council considered the balance of the Agenda.

GM-A      **2.      CONCEPT PLAN FOR INVERELL TRANSPORT MUSEUM      **S8.5.9****

Conflict of Interests – Code of Conduct (Section 6)

At this juncture, the time being 2.07 pm, Cr Cameron declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item #2, “*Concept Plan for Inverell Transport Museum*”, the nature of the interest relating to Cr Cameron being a member of the Inverell Transport Museum Committee. Cr Cameron did not vote on the matter.

**253/07 RESOLVED** (Kneipp/Jones) that:

- a) *the concept for the Inverell Transport Museum, as proposed by the Museum’s Executive Committee be noted;*
- b) *Council agree to support the Committee of the Museum in approaches to the State & Federal Government for financial assistance; and*
- c) *the Museum Committee be informed that in the event of any financial assistance being requested from Council, that a full assessment of the economic risk and legal implications will need to be undertaken before the matter is considered by Council.*

**SECTION D  
CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

AS-A      **1.      COUNCIL OPERATIONS – ACTION CHECKLIST      **13.5.1****

**254/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Baker) that:

- a) *the information be received and noted; and*
- b) *items DCS #1, DTS #3 and #4 be deleted from the Action Checklist.*

**2.      FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**a)      Reconciliation of Cash Book and Bank Statements      **12.11.1****

**255/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Baker) that the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Ledger Accounts with the Bank Statements be noted.

b) **Payment of Accounts for Month Ending 30/09/2007** **12.20.2**

**256/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Baker) that the report be received and it be noted that accounts totalling \$2,029,728.04 have been paid.

ASO-A 3. **SUBLEASE BY NORTH WEST DISTRICT FLYING SCHOOL TO INVERELL AVIATION** **5.10.3**

Conflict of Interests – Code of Conduct (Section 6)

At this juncture, the time being 2.20 pm, Cr Cameron declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item #3, “Sublease by North West District Flying School to Inverell Aviation”, the nature of the interest relating to Cr Cameron being the Chairman of Directors of the North West District Flying School. Cr Cameron left the Chamber.

**257/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Kneipp) that:

- a) Council consent to the request submitted by Avern McIntyre & Co on behalf of the North West District Flying School to sublease part of the land at the Inverell Aerodrome, Gilgai to Inverell Aviation; and
- b) all documents relating to the sublease be completed under the Common Seal of Council.

At this juncture, the time being 2.22 pm, Cr Cameron returned to the Chamber upon completion of Council’s consideration of item #3.

AS-A 4. **STATEWIDE PUBLIC LIABILITY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS** **27.3.2**

ExA-A

**258/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Jones) that the policies in respect of Trees and Tree Root Management; Gathering Information; Footpaths, Nature Strips and Medians; and Signs as Remote Supervision be adopted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY  
SECTION F  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

**259/07 RESOLVED** (Barnes/Irvine) that Council consider the following Supplementary Planning & Development Report, “Transfer of Council Owned Land”.

TTP-A 1. **TRANSFER OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND** **DA-220/2004**

**260/07 RESOLVED** (Barnes/Irvine) that the Seal of Council be affixed to the documents relating to the transfer of Lot 11 DP 1117547.

**SECTION H  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

DCS-A 1. **YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** **24.10.3**

AS-A

**261/07 RESOLVED** (Harmon/Castledine) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Youth Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 September, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendation of the Youth Council Committee be adopted by Council:

1. PA SYSTEM – GRAFTON TO INVERELL S3.16.19

That:

- i) the amount of \$50 be donated to Mr Andrew King; and
- ii) Mr Ian McRae be nominated for membership of the Youth Council for the 2007/2008 period.

ExA-A  
AS-A

2. TOURISM ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 8.6.6

**262/07 RESOLVED** (Cameron/Lloyd) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday, 24 September, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendation of the Tourism Advisory Sub-Committee be adopted by Council:

1. PARKING – INVERELL VISITORS CENTRE 5.11.13

That signs be placed at the entrance of the Visitor Centre Carpark advising 'Parking for the Convenience of Visitors Only', and that staff determine the appropriate supplementary wording.

ExA-A  
AS-A

3. INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
19.9.1

**263/07 RESOLVED** (Baker/Castledine) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 October, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendations of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting be adopted by Council:

1. SHOTS, DOUBLES AND BOMBS 19.9.1

That following the conduct of a successful four (4) month trial period:

- i) shots, doubles and bombs not be sold after 10pm;
- ii) the House Policy be amended to reflect the changes;
- iii) a copy of the House Policy to be distributed to all members of the Liquor Consultative Committee; and
- iv) future consideration be given to banning the sale of premium strength drinks.

2. SECONDARY SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL S19.9.1

That the Sporting Complex Lighting be utilised for the duration of the 2008 Inverell Show to curb the incidence of secondary supply of alcohol, and further, that a representative of the Inverell Show Society be invited to attend the next Inverell Liquor Accord Meeting to discuss any alcohol related areas of concern.

3. DRINKING IN ALCOHOL FREE ZONES S19.9.1 & 18.8.1

That additional Alcohol Free Zone signage be placed:

- a) in the vicinity of the parkland directly behind the Woolworths Carpark;
- b) on the footpath at the front of every club and hotel in the Inverell Alcohol Free Zone (with the signage to face the club or hotel); and
- c) a rubbish bin be placed aside every additional sign.

DPD-A  
AS-A

4. PLANNING/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.3

**264/07 RESOLVED** (Lloyd/Harmon) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 October, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendations of the Planning/Community Committee be adopted by Council:

1. CORRUPTION RISKS IN THE NSW DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS  
14.6.1

That the contents of the ICAC position paper titled 'Corruption Risks in the NSW Development Approval Process' be noted.

2. NEW DWELLING – LOT 72, DP 754861, ONUS ROAD, COPETON  
DA-129/2007

That the Development Application 129/2007 be approved subject to the following conditions:

**Preliminary**

1. Inverell Shire Council issues its consent, subject to conditions stated hereunder, in accordance with Section 80A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Consent is granted for the construction of a new dwelling.

To confirm and clarify the terms of consent, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and accompanying supportive documentation. Any deviation from this will require the prior consent of Council.

2. At the commencement of building works and in perpetuity the property around the existing dwelling to a distance of 20 metres shall be managed as an 'Inner Protection Area' as outlined within Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006 and the Service's document 'Standards for asset protection zones'.
3. Native vegetation is not to be removed from the site as a result of the development without the prior consent of Council.

**Prior to Construction**

4. A Construction Certificate is to be issued prior to the commencement of any site or building works. This certificate can be issued by Council as the Principal Certifying Authority or by a private certifier. Plans showing full compliance with the Building Code of Australia are to be submitted with the Construction Certificate.

5. *Separate applications for the installation and operation of an on-site sewerage management system are to be submitted to and approved by Council.*
6. *To ensure satisfactory utility services are provided to the site, the applicant is required to submit to Council, certificates from:*
  - *Country Energy indicating that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of electricity to site.*
  - *An approved telecommunications service provider indicating that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of telecommunications to the site.*
7. *A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, such sign is to be maintained while the work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed. The sign must include the following:*
  - *showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and*
  - *showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and*
  - *stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.*

#### ***During Construction***

8. *To safeguard the local amenity, reduce noise nuisance and to prevent environmental pollution during the construction period:*
  - a) *Works on site are to be carried out in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 in relation to noise, dust and associated nuisances from the site. The carrying out of works shall not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the surrounding neighbourhood.*
  - b) *Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material shall be stored clear of any drainage path of easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface and shall measures in place to prevent the movement of such material off site.*
  - c) *Building operations such as brick cutting, washing tools, concreting and bricklaying shall be undertaken on the building block. The pollutants from these building operations shall be contained on site.*
  - d) *Builders waste must not be burnt or buried on site. All waste (including felled trees) must be contained and removed to a Waste Disposal Depot.*

#### ***Prior to Occupation***

9. *The dwelling is to be provided with a rural address number. A Rural Addressing fee of \$30.00 is to be paid to Council.*
10. *In recognition that no reticulated water supply exists, the dwelling is to be provided with a minimum 20,000 litre dedicated water supply tank (non flammable or shielded from the threat) for fire fighting purposes.*
11. *The existing access from Onus Road servicing the Right of Way along the eastern boundary is to be upgraded to prevent overland drainage scouring the edge of the road. This is to be completed to a standard acceptable by Council, at the applicant's expense.*

12. All commitments of the approved BASIX Certificate are to be fulfilled prior to occupation of the dwelling. Certification that the requirements have been completed in accordance with the Certificate is to be submitted to Council by the owner/builder prior to occupation of the building.

13. Any other conditions as determined appropriate by the Director Planning and Development.

3. NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME 11.8.5

That:

a) Council decline the invitation to participate in the NSW Local Government Emissions Trading Scheme at this time; and

b) Council maintain a watching brief in this matter.

4. CLEARING OF NATIVE VEGETATION – ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS 18.6.30

That a 'letter drop' be undertaken to all properties within an identified environmentally sensitive area reminding owners of their responsibility in relation to native vegetation and drawing their attention to regulatory actions should they fail to comply.

DTS-A  
AS-A

5. WORKS/SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.4

**265/07 RESOLVED** (Kneipp/Castledine) that:

a) the Minutes of the Works/Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 October, 2007 be received and noted; and

b) the following recommendations of the Works/Services Committee be adopted by Council:

1. GRANVILLE LANE ACCESS 28.10.IN 100 & 28.9.22

That Council confirm its previous decision in this matter.

2. AUSLINK BLACK SPOT PROGRAM – DELUNGRA BYPASS ROAD SR 173 15.8.20 & 28.10.SR 173

That Council confirm its acceptance of the \$172,200 allocation for bitumen sealing the front 600 metres of the Delungra Bypass Road SR173 from the Gwydir Highway end.

DCS-A  
AS-A

6. FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.2

**266/07 RESOLVED** (Baker/Harmon) that:

a) the Minutes of the Finance/Budget Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 October, 2007 be received and noted; and

b) the following recommendations of the Finance/Budget Committee be adopted by Council:

1. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INVERELL RSM CLUB  
DA-108/2002

*That the Inverell RSM Club be requested to provide further information and the General Manager be duly authorised to take appropriate action in this matter.*

2. GENERAL & SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS 12.11.5

*That:*

- i) *Council's Budget Review for 30 June, 2007 be adopted and that the transfers to Council's Internally Restricted Assets for the 2006/2007 Financial Year totalling \$2,720,550 and Council's transfers from Internally Restricted Assets for the 2006/2007 Financial Year totalling \$2,432,240 be endorsed;*
- ii) *the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2007/2008 Financial Year as listed in the report be adopted, altering the anticipated result to a deficit of \$9,890,495, inclusive of Depreciation and Works Funded from Internally Restricted Assets and Cash carried forward from 2006/07. The estimated Cash Surplus \$ 1,167; and*
- iii) *Council resolve to make the statements on its Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June, 2007, as referred to in Appendix 5, D13 – D14 of the Business Paper.*

**PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO ASHFORD 24.20.1**

**267/07 RESOLVED** (Lewis/Barnes) *that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:*

- a) *the report includes 'information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct business,' (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993);*
- b) *on balance of 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.*

DCS-A  
AS-A

7. **LIVESTOCK MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**8.6.2**

**268/07 RESOLVED** (Cameron/Lloyd) *that:*

- a) *the Minutes of the Livestock Marketing Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday, 12 October, 2007 be received and noted; and*
- b) *the following recommendations of the Livestock Marketing Advisory Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. MANAGER'S REPORT 8.14.1

*That:*

- a) *the information be received and noted;*

- b) *the issue of rubber matting be reconsidered at the February, 2008, meeting; and*
- c) *no action be taken at this time in respect of additional sprinklers in the cattle yards.*

2. SALEYARD THROUGHPUT 8.14.1

That:

- a) *the information be received and noted; and*
- b) *a further report be presented to Council on these matters and the future of the saleyards considering industry directions and trends.*

DCS-A  
AS-A

8. YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 24.10.3

**269/07 RESOLVED** (Lloyd/Jones) that:

- a) *the Minutes of the Youth Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 17 October, 2007 be received and noted; and*
- b) *the following recommendations of the Youth Council Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. YOUTH COUNCIL LOGO S3.16.19

*That a logo be designed for use by the Youth Council on all promotional material and Leadership Awards.*

2. ADDRESS BY AMY HIGGINS, NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC (NECOM) S3.16.19

That:

- i) *thanks NECTOM for arranging for Amy Higgins to address Youth Council; and*
- ii) *expresses the Youth Council's interest, where possible, in assisting NECTOM in the organisation of future youth events.*

3. YOUTH WEEK 2008 S3.16.14

*That an application be submitted to NSW Department of Community Services for 2008 Youth Week funding for the provision of a Youth Dance Party.*

**SECTION I  
INFORMATION REPORTS**

Conflict of Interests – Code of Conduct (Section 6)

At this juncture, the time being 2.50 pm, Cr Irvine declared a pecuniary interest in respect of item #12 "Development Consent and Refusals During September, 2007". The nature of the interest relating to Cr Irvine being one of the Applicants. Cr Irvine did not vote on the matter.

1. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE & PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.5

2. MANAGEMENT TEAM MINUTES 4.11.5

3. STAFF MOVEMENTS: 1 JULY, 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 2007 22.25.1
4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
  - a) Statement of Bank Balances as at 08/10/2007 12.11.4
  - b) Statement of Investments Held as at 31/08/2007 12.12.2
5. LETTER OF APPRECIATION – MT RUSSELL HALL COMMITTEE  
6.8.9
6. MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS 28.21.1
7. GRAVEL RESHEETING ON SHIRE ROADS 28.21.1 & 15.8.19
8. PARKS AND RESERVES 21.8.1
9. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY COUNCIL FOR  
SEPTEMBER, 2007 7.2.4
10. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY PRIVATE CERTIFIER  
FOR SEPTEMBER, 2007 7.2.4
11. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING  
SEPTEMBER, 2007 7.2.4
12. DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AND REFUSALS DURING SEPTEMBER, 2007  
18.10.2
13. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2007 24.9.1
14. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER,  
2007 18.10.1
15. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2007 19.8.1
16. DUTIES OF DISCLOSURE – PECUNIARY INTEREST 13.6.5
17. ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION 10.19.1
18. TOOWOOMBA RAIL LINK & ASHFORD COAL SUPPLIES S30.16.7
19. APPOINTMENT OF DUTY MLC 14.18.6
20. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL INVERELL INC 8.4.3
21. DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AS AN ACTIVE RECREATIONAL AREA  
21.1.1
22. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF NSW COUNCILS 4.12.2

*270/07 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Barnes) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 30 October, 2007 be received and noted.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

At this juncture, the time being 3.11 pm, Council adjourned.

**RESUMPTION**

At this juncture, the time being 3.29 pm, Council reconvened.

**SECTION J  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

DTS-A	<b>QWN/ORD 97/07</b> Cr Cameron	<u>State Parks</u> <u>S21.7.5</u>	Cr Cameron enquired whether it would be an appropriate time to resubmit an application for Pindari Dam as a State Park.
DTS-N	<b>QWN/ORD 98/07</b> Cr Jones	<u>Thunderbolts Way Signage</u> <u>28.27.17</u>	Cr Jones asked for an update of progress in the installation of Thunderbolts Way signs and Inverell signs from Inverell to Boggabilla.
DTS-A	<b>QWN/ORD 99/07</b> Cr Jones	<u>20/20 Cricket Match</u> <u>5.11.49</u>	Cr Jones noted the recent event as part of the Sapphire City Floral Festival. A player who took part in the event and who has played cricket internationally noted that the Varley Oval ground is the best in country NSW. Cr Jones enquired whether action could be taken to capitalise on this.
DTS-A	<b>QWN/ORD 100/07</b> Cr Lewis	<u>Ashford Oval and Brooks Oval Irrigation</u> <u>5.11.46 &amp; 5.11.45</u>	Cr Lewis enquired regarding the timetable for these works, noting the need to use the ovals for seven (7) home games. Cr Lewis also asked whether the Brooks Oval wicket could be looked at.
DTS-A	<b>QWN/ORD 101/07</b> Cr Lewis	<u>Ashford Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) Loading Zone</u> <u>28.9.18</u>	Cr Lewis enquired when the signs will be erected. The Director Technical Services noted the signs have arrived and the works have been programmed.
DTS-N	<b>QWN/ORD 102/07</b> Cr Lewis	<u>Inland Rail Link</u> <u>30.16.7</u>	Cr Lewis enquired if the development would impact on the priority of the Ashford/Delungra Road if a Rail Link was brought to the Ashford Coal deposits, as this would aid other freight movements. Cr Lewis asked that staff monitor this matter.
DTS-N	<b>QWN/ORD 103/07</b> Cr Barnes	<u>Regional Road Classification Review</u> <u>28.19.3</u>	Cr Barnes asked where the review was up to, noting the Nullamanna/Elsmore Road.

- DPD-N      **QWN/ORD 104/07**      Building Matters      7.2.2  
Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes noted the issue of white ant/termite attacks on housing and enquired whether the certification of new housing by Council will give rise to litigation against Council if termite attack occurs.
- The Director Planning and Development explained the requirements in this matter.
- GM-A      **QWN/ORD 105/07**      Council's Land Bank      5.19.2  
Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes asked that consideration be given to Council's Land Bank and the changing needs of the community.
- GM-A      **QWN/ORD 106/07**      Salinity Monitoring      S11.15.2  
Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes asked whether a certificate of appreciation and a suitable plaque could be presented to Mr Richard Porter for his dedication and work in this matter.
- GM-A      **QWN/ORD 107/07**      Sapphire City Floral Festival      26.3.11  
Cr Irvine
- Cr Irvine asked that Council pass on its appreciation to everyone involved in the success of the 2007 Festival.
- GM-A      **QWN/ORD 108/07**      Daily Telegraph Newspaper      24.5.2  
Cr Irvine
- 271/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Baker) that Council write a letter to the Daily Telegraph thanking them for the stance they have taken in respect of drugs, given Council's Policy position in this matter.
- QWN/ORD 109/07**      Food and Wine Trail  
Cr Harmon
- Cr Harmon noted the launch of the 2007 Food and Wine Trail.
- GM-N      **QWN/ORD 110/07**      Mayor's Drug Advisory Committee      24.10.1  
DCS-A      Cr Irvine
- Cr Irvine asked that action be commenced to reactivate the Mayor's Drug Advisory Committee.

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

At 4:25 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**

**272/07 RESOLVED** (Irvine/Baker) that Council proceed into Closed Council to discuss the matter referred to it, for the reason stated in the motion of referral.

Upon resuming Open Council at 5.30 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:

GM-A      **1.      PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO ASHFORD                      24.20.1**

Conflict of Interests – Code of Conduct (Section 6)

At this juncture, the time being 4.28 pm, Cr Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item #1 “*Provision of Medical Services to Ashford*”, the nature of the interest relating to Cr Lewis being the President of the Ashford Business Council. Cr Lewis left the Chamber.

*That:*

- a) *Council advise the Evans Street Surgery that Council is unable to accede to their request in this matter; and*
- b) *the General Manager be delegated authority to review the Administrative Support funding provided to the Ashford Business Council.*

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**273/07 RESOLVED** *(Jones/Irvine) that the recommendation of Closed Council be adopted.*

At this juncture, the time being 5.33 pm, Cr Lewis returned to the Chamber upon completion of Council’s consideration of item #1.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

B C JOHNSTON

CHAIRMAN