



**G W Y D I R**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES SPECIAL ORDINARY MEETING**

**GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

**WARIALDA OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cr. John Coulton (Mayor), Cr. Angela Doering, Cr. Rod King, Cr. Kerry McDonald, Cr. Claude Nichols, Cr. Peter Pankhurst, Cr. David Rose and Cr. Bob Tremain.

**Staff:** Max Eastcott (General Manager), Leeah Daley (Organisation Development Director), Harry Seccombe (Director Engineering Services), Andrew Cooper (Town Services Engineer), and Glen Pereira (Environmental Services Manager)

**Public:** Mrs N Williams (*Bingara Advocate*)

**Visitor:** Nil

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**OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR**

**APOLOGIES** Cr Catherine Egan

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**MINUTE: 215/10**

**THAT the apology of Cr Egan is accepted.**

**(Moved Cr Tremain, seconded Cr McDonald)**

**PRESENTATION - Nil**

**CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST - Nil**

**Item 1 Election of Mayor**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 22 September 2010

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**COMMENT**

The Local Government Act and Regulations provide that Councillors elect a Mayor from among their number; unless there is a decision in force that the Mayor is elected by the electors.

The relevant process is detailed in the Statutory Environment Section of this report.

**CONCLUSION**

Nominations may be received up until the election on the day of the Special Meeting.

The Council has, in the past, not used 'open voting' nor has it used an 'ordinary ballot' when 3 or more candidates have nominated for the position.

As the Returning Officer it has also been my practice to request a person from the gallery to act as a scrutineer for the election.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 - REG 394**  
**Election of mayors by councillors**

**394 Election of mayors by councillors**

If a mayor or deputy mayor is to be elected by the councillors of an area, the election is to be in accordance with Schedule 7.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 - SCHEDULE 7**  
**SCHEDULE 7 – Election of mayor by councillors**

(Clause 394)

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**Part 1 - Preliminary**

**1 Returning officer**

The general manager (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.

**2 Nomination**

- (1) A councillor may be nominated without notice for election as mayor or deputy mayor.
- (2) The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- (3) The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer.
- (4) The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the council meeting at which the election is to be held.

**3 Election**

- (1) If only one councillor is nominated, that councillor is elected.
- (2) If more than one councillor is nominated, the council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.
- (3) The election is to be held at the council meeting at which the council resolves on the method of voting.
- (4) In this clause:  
"ballot" has its normal meaning of secret ballot.  
"open voting" means voting by a show of hands or similar means.

**Part 2 - Ordinary ballot or open voting**

**4 Application of Part**

This Part applies if the election proceeds by ordinary ballot or by open voting.

**5 Marking of ballot-papers**

- (1) If the election proceeds by ordinary ballot, the returning officer is to decide the manner in which votes are to be marked on the ballot-papers.
- (2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part must be determined in accordance with clause 345 (1) (b) and (c) and (6) of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
- (3) An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

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**6 Count-2 candidates**

- (1) If there are only 2 candidates, the candidate with the higher number of votes is elected.
- (2) If there are only 2 candidates and they are tied, the one elected is to be chosen by lot.

**7 Count-3 or more candidates**

- (1) If there are 3 or more candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes is to be excluded.
- (2) If 3 or more candidates then remain, a further vote is to be taken of those candidates and the one with the lowest number of votes from that further vote is to be excluded.
- (3) If, after that, 3 or more candidates still remain, the procedure set out in subclause (2) is to be repeated until only 2 candidates remain.
- (4) A further vote is to be taken of the 2 remaining candidates.
- (5) Clause 6 of this Schedule then applies to the determination of the election as if the 2 remaining candidates had been the only candidates.
- (6) If at any stage during a count under subclause (1) or (2), 2 or more candidates are tied on the lowest number of votes, the one excluded is to be chosen by lot.

**Part 3 - Preferential ballot**

**8 Application of Part**

This Part applies if the election proceeds by preferential ballot.

**9 Ballot-papers and voting**

- (1) The ballot-papers are to contain the names of all the candidates. The councillors are to mark their votes by placing the numbers "1", "2" and so on against the various names so as to indicate the order of their preference for all the candidates.
- (2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part is to be determined in accordance with clause 345 (1) (b) and (c) and (5) of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
- (3) An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

**10 Count**

- (1) If a candidate has an absolute majority of first preference votes, that candidate is elected.
- (2) If not, the candidate with the lowest number of first preference votes is excluded and the votes on the unexhausted ballot-papers counted to him or her are transferred to the candidates with second preferences on those ballot-papers.

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- (3) A candidate who then has an absolute majority of votes is elected, but, if no candidate then has an absolute majority of votes, the process of excluding the candidate who has the lowest number of votes and counting each of his or her unexhausted ballot-papers to the candidates remaining in the election next in order of the voter's preference is repeated until one candidate has received an absolute majority of votes. The latter is elected.
- (4) In this clause, "absolute majority", in relation to votes, means a number that is more than one-half of the number of unexhausted formal ballot-papers.

**11 Tied candidates**

- (1) If, on any count of votes, there are 2 candidates in, or remaining in, the election and the numbers of votes cast for the 2 candidates are equal- the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to have received an absolute majority of votes and is therefore taken to be elected.
- (2) If, on any count of votes, there are 3 or more candidates in, or remaining in, the election and the numbers of votes cast for 2 or more candidates are equal and those candidates are the ones with the lowest number of votes on the count of the votes- the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to have the lowest number of votes and is therefore excluded.

**Part 4 - General**

**12 Choosing by lot**

To choose a candidate by lot, the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes are written on similar slips of paper by the returning officer, the slips are folded by the returning officer so as to prevent the names being seen, the slips are mixed and one is drawn at random by the returning officer and the candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is chosen.

**13 Result**

The result of the election (including the name of the candidate elected as mayor or deputy mayor) is:

- (a) to be declared to the councillors at the council meeting at which the election is held by the returning officer, and
- (b) to be delivered or sent to the Director-General and to the Secretary of the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales.

**Informal ballot-papers** – Section 345 of the Local Government Act provides:

Informal ballot-papers

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- (1) **A ballot-paper of an elector at an election is informal if:**
- (a) **the elector has failed to record a vote on it in the manner directed on it, or**
  - (b) it has not been initialled on the front by an election official, or
  - (c) it contains a mark or writing that, in the returning officer's opinion, would enable the elector to be identified.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election in which only one candidate is to be elected is not informal merely because a tick or a cross has been placed in one square and the other square or squares have been left blank. In such a case the tick or the cross is to be treated as a first preference.
- (4) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election is not informal merely because a preference (other than a first preference) has been repeated or omitted so long as the ballot-paper shows at least the minimum number of preferences required by the directions.
- (5) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election is not informal merely because it has not been initialled on the front by an election official, so long as it bears the mark referred to in clause 305 (2).
- (6) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election is not informal by virtue of the existence of an unnecessary mark on the ballot-paper if, in the opinion of the returning officer, the elector's intention is clearly indicated on the ballot-paper.
- (6A) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper is not informal by reason only that the elector has placed one or more numbers, a tick or one or more crosses adjacent to but outside a square or squares if, in the opinion of the returning officer, the elector's intention is clearly indicated on the ballot-paper. In such a case, each such number, tick or cross is taken to have been placed within the relevant square.
- (7) Nothing in subclause (2) authorises any person to encourage a voter to place a tick or a cross in a square on a ballot-paper.

RETURNING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

(If an election is required):

EITHER

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(Only 2 candidates nominating)

THAT the election for the Mayor be held with an ordinary ballot.

OR

(3 or more candidates nominating)

THAT the election for the Mayor be held with a preferential ballot.

AND

FURTHER that the ballot paper are destroyed immediately following the declaration of the poll.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

[AT-1](#) Nomination Form 1 Page

**The Returning Officer announced that following Councillor had been nominated for the position of Mayor:**

**Cr. Coulton (Nominated by Crs. McDonald and Tremain)**

**The Returning Officer called for any further nominations.**

**There being no further nominations and following the nominee's acceptance of the nomination, Cr John Coulton was declared elected.**

## GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

### NOMINATION FOR MAYOR

**We hereby nominate**

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
position of Mayor.

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the above nomination.

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 2 Election of the Deputy Mayor**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 22 September 2010

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

1. Section 231 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides that Council may elect a Deputy Mayor. If Council wishes to do so it should resolve accordingly
2. The same provisions apply for the election as for the Mayor except that the Term of Office may be determined by Council. This has always been nominated as for one year.

Nomination forms are enclosed with this Agenda. Further nominations may be received up until the election on the day of the Special Meeting.

**RETURNING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Council elects a Deputy Mayor for the 2010/2011 Mayoral term.

(If an election is required)

EITHER

(Only 2 candidates nominating)

FURTHER that the election for the Deputy Mayor be held with an ordinary ballot.

OR

(3 or more candidates nominating)

FURTHER that the election for the Deputy Mayor be held with a preferential ballot.

AND

FURTHER that the ballot paper are destroyed immediately following the declaration of the poll.

**ATTACHMENTS**

[AT-1](#) Deputy Mayoral Nomination Form 1 Page

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE: 216/10**

**THAT the Council elects a Deputy Mayor for the 2010/2011 Mayoral term.**

**(Moved Cr Coulton, seconded Cr McDonald)**

**The Returning Officer announced that the following Councillor had been nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor:**

**Cr. Egan (Nominated by Crs. Coulton and McDonald)**

**The Returning Officer called for any further nominations.**

**There being no further nominations and noting the nominee's written acceptance of the nomination, Cr Catherine Egan was declared elected.**

## GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

### NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

**We hereby nominate**

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the above nomination.

Cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 3 Adoption of the Meeting Cycle**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 22/09/2010

**BACKGROUND**

Last year the Council adopted the following arrangements in respect of its Meetings:

Regular day and time of Ordinary Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings:

THAT the regular day and time of Ordinary Council Meetings cycle of Council is set as the last Thursday of each month commencing at 10 am

FURTHER that the Standing Committee Meetings be held, if required, on the second Thursday of each month commencing at 10 am.

Manner of giving notice of Meetings:

The Business papers and summons for the Ordinary Council and Committee Meetings are issued no later than from the close of business on the Fridays prior to the Meetings.

It has also been the practice to alternate the Meeting venues monthly between Warialda and Bingara.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Ordinary Meeting cycle of Council is set as the last Thursday of each month, or otherwise as shown, commencing at 10 am; namely;

28 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	Bingara Council Chambers
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Warialda Council Chambers
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	Bingara Council Chambers (No Committee Meetings)
January 2011	No Ordinary Meeting – Special or Committee Meetings, if required
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Warialda Council Chambers

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31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011	Bingara Council Chambers
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Bingara Council Chambers

(Possible clash - Shires Association Annual Conference is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> week in June Sydney)

30 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Bingara Council Chambers
25 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Bingara Council Chambers

(Mayoral Election Extraordinary Meeting)

(Possible clash - Local Government Managers' Australia NSW Annual Conference usually held in September)

FURTHER that the Ordinary Meeting schedule be advertised in the appropriate local newspapers.

FURTHER that the Council's Standing Committees meet as determined by the Chair and members of each Committee but preferably on the second Thursday of the month.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MINUTE: 217/10**

**THAT the Ordinary Meeting cycle of Council is set as the last Thursday of each month, or otherwise as shown, commencing at 10 am; namely;**

<b>28<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b>	<b>Bingara Council Chambers</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2010</b>	<b>Warialda Council Chambers</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2010</b>	<b>Bingara Council Chambers (No Committee Meetings)</b>

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January 2011	No Ordinary Meeting – Special or Committee Meetings, if required
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011	Bingara Council Chambers
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Bingara Council Chambers

(Possible clash - Shires Association Annual Conference is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> week in June Sydney)

30 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Bingara Council Chambers
25 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Warialda Council Chambers
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Bingara Council Chambers

(Mayoral Election Extraordinary Meeting)

(Possible clash - Local Government Managers' Australia NSW Annual Conference usually held in September)

**FURTHER** that the Ordinary Meeting schedule be advertised in the appropriate local newspapers.

**FURTHER** that the Council's Standing Committees meet as determined by the Chair and members of each Committee but preferably on the second Thursday of the month.

(Moved Cr Pankhurst, seconded Cr Tremain)

**Item 4 Appointment of Council's Standing Committees**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 22/09/2010

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

The following are the current active Committees of the Council that have met over the last year:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (Four Councillors)**

**Committee Membership and quorum**

The Finance Committee has a minimum of 4 elected Councillors.

Councillors appointed to the Committee are Crs. Tremain, King, Doering and Nichols.

**Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

To be elected by the Committee.

**Committee Delegation**

Nil

**Committee Function**

As a fundamental tenet of the Council's commitment to legal compliance, integrity and openness, the Council commits to a transparent system for auditing and reporting of the Council's financial performance.

This Charter summarises the committee's role, main responsibilities, structure, meeting guidelines and reporting requirements in line with current best practice for corporate governance.

**Role of the Committee**

The principle role of the Finance Committee is to provide the Community and other relevant stakeholders with confidence that the financial reports for the Council represent a true and fair view of the Council's financial condition and operational results in all material respects, and are in accordance with relevant accounting standards.

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The Finance Committee will:

- Review and assess the Council's accounting policies, and determine in consultation with the Financial Manager if any changes to policy should be enacted.
- Ensure the integrity of the financial statements of the Council.
- Communicate with, and monitor the effectiveness of, the external auditor.
- Make recommendations to the elected Council for the appointment, reappointment or replacement and remuneration of an appropriate independent external auditor at the appropriate time.
- Review and assess the Council's performance against its Management Plan's adopted performance measures.
- Review and assess the Council's risk management program
- Develop and review the annual Management Plan (including the annual budget).
- Develop and review the Council's 10 year financial plan.
- Develop and review the Council's Revenue Plan.

### **Meeting Cycle**

Must meet at least quarterly but can meet more regularly as determined by the Committee Chair

### **Co-ordinating Officer**

Corporate Services Director

### **ORGANISATION STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE (All Councillors plus the Organisation Development Director)**

### **Committee Membership and quorum**

Quorum set at 5 members.

### **Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

The Mayor is the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman is elected by the Committee.

### **Committee Delegation**

No delegation.

### **Committee Function**

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The role of the Corporate Strategy and Policy Committee is to oversee the strategic direction of the Council and ensure that a common, united and understood focus is shared by the organisation.

The Committee will achieve this through performing the following functions;

- Determine the Council's management structure and review as required.
- Develop and review the Council's Mission and strategic objectives.
- Appoint the General Manager and conduct the General Manager's Performance Reviews.
- Develop and review the Council's Policies and procedures.
- Develop and review the delegated authority structure.
- Review any Strategic Plans developed by the Council's other Committees.
- Develop and review the Council's Economic and Tourism Strategic Plans.
- Review the 'whole of life' viability plans for any major acquisition.
- Oversee the introduction of the Sustainability Plan
- Monitor the performance of the Bingara and Warialda Medical Centres.
- Monitor the performance of the Gwydir Learning Region.

### **Meeting Cycle**

Must meet at least bi-monthly but can meet more regularly as determined by the Committee Chair

### **Co-ordinating Officer**

Organisation Development Director

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (Five Councillors)**

#### **Committee Membership and quorum**

Five Councillors, quorum 3 Councillors however all Councillors may attend with full participation rights.

Councillors appointed to the Committee are Crs. Egan, Doering, Coulton (Chair), Rose and Tremain.

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### **Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Mayor.

Whenever the voting on a motion put to this Committee is equal, the Chairperson is to have a casting vote as well as an original vote.

### **Committee Delegation**

No delegation

### **Committee Function**

The role of the Community Services and Planning Committee is to oversee the efficient and effective operation of the Council's social infrastructure/capital development program (including recreational facilities), forward strategic planning, development application determination, health and building matters and community services in general.

The Committee will achieve this through performing the following functions;

- Develop and review the Council's Social Plan.
- Develop and review the Council's State of the Environment Report.
- Develop and review Plans of Management for Council's Community Land holdings and Recreational Facilities.
- Develop and review the Council's Economic and Tourism Strategic Plans.
- Review the 'whole of life' viability plans for any major acquisition.
- Develop appropriate policy options for the consideration of the Corporate Strategy and Policy Committee.
- Oversee the introduction of the Sustainability Plan and the Local Environmental Plan and monitor its effectiveness.
- Monitor the performance of the Bingara Medical Centre.
- Develop and review the Council's 3 year Building Maintenance Plan.

### **Meeting Cycle**

Meet monthly or as determined by the Committee Chair

### **Co-ordinating Officer**

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Social and Environmental Director

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (Five Councillors)**

**Committee Membership and quorum**

Five Councillors, quorum 3 Councillors however all Councillors may attend with full participation rights.

Councillors appointed to the Committee are Crs. Pankhurst, King, McDonald, Nichols and Rose.

**Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

To be elected by the Committee.

Whenever the voting on a motion put to this Committee is equal, the Chairperson is to have a casting vote as well as an original vote.

**Committee Delegation (Undecided from workshop)**

No delegation

**Committee Function**

The role of the Public Infrastructure Committee is to oversee the efficient and effective operation of the Council's public infrastructure (other than buildings, recreation facilities and community land).

The Committee will achieve this through performing the following functions;

- Develop and review the Council's 3 year Rolling Public Works' Program.
- Review the 'whole of life' viability plans for any major acquisition.
- Develop appropriate policy options for the consideration of the Corporate Strategy and Policy Committee.
- Act as the Project Advisory Group for any major Water and/or Sewerage work upgrades or strategy plan development.

**Meeting Cycle**

Meet monthly or as determined by the Committee Chair

**Co-ordinating Officer**

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General Manager until an appointment is made to the position of Engineering Services Director

## **HEAVY PLANT COMMITTEE (Three Councillors)**

### **Committee Membership and quorum**

This Committee has a minimum of 3 elected Councillors with a quorum of 2.

Councillors appointed to the Committee are Crs. Pankhurst, Coulton and Tremain.

### **Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

To be elected by the Committee.

### **Committee Delegation**

Nil

### **Committee Function**

To review the Council's Heavy Plant Fleet including the current use and whether the spread of fleet vehicles is appropriate to the Council's requirements.

### **Role of the Committee**

The principle role of the Heavy Plant Committee is to provide advice to the Council on the most efficient and effective operation of the Council's heavy plant fleet.

The Heavy Plant Committee will:

- Develop and review the Council's 3 year Plant Replacement Program including the development of the replacement parameters;
- Review the operational efficiency of the current heavy plant fleet and its strategic use; and
- Review tender reports for submission to Council.

### **Meeting Cycle**

Must meet at least quarterly but can meet more regularly as determined by the Committee Chair

### **Co-ordinating Officer**

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Engineering Services Director

**Other External Committees**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Current Nominee(s)</b>
Local Government Border River Project	Crs. Tremain, Rose
Joint Weight of Loads Committee	Crs. Tremain and Cr. Doering Dave Coulton
Northern Regional Library Committee	Crs. Egan and Doering
Inverell Saleyards Committee Cr.	Cr. McDonald (Alternate Tremain)
Fossickers' Way Promotion Committee	Crs. Egan, Tremain and Doering & Jill Woodward
Local RTA Traffic Committee	Crs. Tremain and Doering
Regional Tourism Committee	Cr. Rose
Warialda Chamber of Commerce	Crs. Tremain and Coulton
Bingara and District VISION 20/20	Crs. Pankhurst and Egan
Bush Fire Liaison (Service Level Agreement) Committee	Crs. Tremain & Pankhurst & Dave Coulton
Local Emergency Management Committee	Chair Cr. Pankhurst Deputy Cr. Doering Dave Coulton
Border Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor, Cr Doering (Alt)
Copeton Dam Trust	Cr. Pankhurst (Alternate Cr McDonald)
Arts North West	Cr. Rose (Alternate Cr. Doering)

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'B' Division	Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Northwest Regional Community Care Project Advisory Committee - Cr. Egan	
Bingara District Historical Society	Cr McDonald (Alternate Cr King)
Gravesend Historical Society	Cr McDonald (Alternate Cr Coulton)
Warialda Historical Society	Cr McDonald (Alternate Cr Coulton)
Warialda Rivercare Committee	Crs. Coulton and Nichols Dave Coulton
HACC and Disability Services Advisory Committee	Cr Egan and Cr Coulton, Cr McDonald, Virginia Boland, Lenore Kennedy, Amanda Maitland and Linda Townsend
Gwydir Learning Region Committee	Crs. Egan, Doering, Coulton and Pankhurst, Max Eastcott
Bingara Showground Advisory Committee	Cr Egan and Cr Pankhurst, Max Eastcott & Andrew Cooper
Friends of Cranky Rock Advisory Committee	Crs McDonald & Tremain and Leah Daley
Disabled Access Committee	Cr. McDonald & Suzy Webber
Naroo Hostel Advisory Committee	Cr. Tremain, Cr Coulton (Alt)

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ULGA – Upper Landcare Association	Cr Pankhurst, Cr Doering (Alt)
Special Events Committee	Crs. Rose & Egan
Special Events Sub Committee(Orange Festival & Orange Picking)	Bingara Central School, RSL & Council

February 2010 meeting of Council resolved:

THAT Cr. McDonald be appointed to the following committees:

Inverell Saleyards (as delegate to replace former Cr. Caskey);

Copeton Dam Trust (alternate delegate);

Bingara District Historical Society (as delegate);

Gravesend Historical Society (as delegate);

Warialda Historical Society (as delegate);

Friends of Cranky Rock Advisory (as delegate);

HACC and Disability Services Advisory (as delegate); and

Disabled Access (as delegate to replace former Cr. Caskey).

With regard to community members on the Council's various Section 355 Committees, it is recommended that the current members of each Committee be requested to confirm that they would like to be considered for re-appointment and that the Council advertise for any interested resident to apply for membership to a Section 355 Committee.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council's representatives on the various Committees listed in the report be determined.

FURTHER the Council request confirmation from each community member currently serving on a Council Section 355 Committee that they want to be reconsidered for reappointment.

FURTHER that the Council advertise seeking applications from community members who would like to be considered for appointment to a specific Section 355 Committee.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MINUTE: 218/10**

**THAT the Council's representatives on the various Committees listed in the report be as detailed in the attached list.**

**FURTHER the Council request confirmation from each community member currently serving on a Council Section 355 Committee that they want to be reconsidered for reappointment.**

**FURTHER that the Council advertise seeking applications from community members who would like to be considered for appointment to a specific Section 355 Committee.**

**(Moved Cr Rose, seconded Cr McDonald)**

COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	Membership 2010/2011								
		Cr Tremain	Cr Rose	Cr Egan	Cr Doering	Cr Nichols	Cr King	Cr Pankhurst	Cr Coulton	Cr McDonald
Finance	Crs. Tremain, King, Doering and Nichols						1			
Organisational Strategy and Policy	All Councillors plus the Organisation Development Director	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Community Services and Planning	All Councillors	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Infrastructure	All Councillors	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Heavy Plant	Crs. Pankhurst, Coulton, Tremain & Nichols							1	1	
Local Government Border River Project	Cr Rose, Cr. Tremain (Alt)		1							
Joint Weight of Loads Committee	Cr Doering, Cr Tremain (Alt) plus Dave Coulton	1 (Alt)			1					
Northern Regional Library Committee	Crs. Egan and Doering			1	1					
Inverell Saleyards Committee	Cr. McDonald, Cr. Tremain (Alt)									1
Fossickers' Way Promotion Committee	Crs. Egan, Tremain & Doering plus Jill Woodward				1					
Local RTA Traffic Committee	Crs. Tremain and Doering (Alt)									
Regional Tourism Committee	Cr. Rose									
Warialda Chamber of Commerce	Crs. Tremain and Coulton								1	
Bingara and District VISION 20/20	Crs. Pankhurst and Egan			1				1		
Bush Fire Liaison (Service Level Agreement) Committee	Crs. Tremain, Pankhurst and Dave Coulton							1		
Local Emergency Management Committee	Chair Cr. Pankhurst, Deputy Chair Cr. Doering and Dave Coulton				1			1		
Border Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor, Cr Doering (Alt)								1	
Copeton Dam Trust	Cr. Pankhurst, Cr McDonald							1 (Alt)		1
Arts North West	Cr. Rose (Alternate Cr. Doering)		1		1					
'B' Division	Mayor and Deputy Mayor									

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Northwest Regional Community Care Project Advisory Committee	Cr. Egan			1						
Bingara District Historical Society	Cr McDonald, Cr King (Alt)						1			1
Gravesend Historical Society	Cr McDonald, Cr Coulton (Alt)								1	1
Warialda Historical Society	Cr Coulton, Cr McDonald (Alt.)								1	1
Warialda Rivercare Committee	Crs. Coulton and Nichols plus Dave Coulton								1	
HACC and Disability Services Advisory Committee	Crs Egan and McDonald plus Virginia Boland, Lenore Kennedy, Amanda Maitland and Linda Townsend			1					1	1
Gwydir Learning Region Committee	Crs. Egan, Doering, Coulton and Pankhurst plus Max Eastcott			1	1			1		
Bingara Showground Advisory Committee	Crs Egan and Pankhurst plus Max Eastcott & Andrew Cooper			1				1		
Friends of Cranky Rock Advisory Committee	Crs. McDonald, Tremain and Leeah Daley	1								1
Disabled Access Committee	Cr. McDonald and Suzanne Webber									1
Naroo Hostel Advisory Committee	Cr. Tremain, Cr Coulton (Alt)	1							1	
UGLA - Upper Gwydir Landcare Association	Cr Pankhurst, Cr Doering (Alt)				1			1		
Special Events Committee	Crs. Rose & Egan		1							
Special Events - Sub Committee (Bingara Orange Festival - Orange Picking)	BCS Representative, RSL & Council			1				1	1	
Business Strategy Committee	Membership depends on what is being considered	Membership is dependent on issue								

Meeting closed 10.29 am

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