

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

held in the Council Chambers Ray Walsh House, 437 Peel Street, Tamworth

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**PRESENT:** Cr Col Murray (Mayor), Cr Ray Tait, Cr Paul Durant, Cr Helen Tickle, Cr James Treloar, Cr Juanita Wilson, Cr Russell Webb and Cr Warren Woodley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting General Manager/Director Planning and Community Services, Director Water Enterprises, Acting Director Corporate and Governance, Director Business and Economic Development, and Director Regional Services.

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## **1 APOLOGIES**

An apology was announced as having been received from Cr Phil Betts who was unable to attend the Meeting due to health reasons.

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Durant**

### **280/11 RESOLVED**

That the apology be accepted from Cr Betts and leave of absence be granted.

## **2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Tait/Cr Woodley**

### **281/11 RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 12 September 2011, copies of which were circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

## **4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **5 MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

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## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **6 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE**

##### **6.1 RETURNING OFFICER – FILE No SF819**

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance

##### **MOTION**

Moved Cr Webb/Cr Woodley

**282/11 RESOLVED**

That the advice in relation to the role of the Returning Officer for any election required for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, be received and noted.

##### **6.2 METHOD OF VOTING – FILE No SF819**

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance

##### **MOTION**

Moved Cr Durant/Cr Woodley

**283/11 RESOLVED**

That the advice in relation to the methods of voting for any election required for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, be received and noted.

##### **6.3 DETERMINATION OF METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR – FILE No SF819**

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance

##### **MOTION**

Moved Cr Treloar/Cr Woodley

**284/11 RESOLVED**

That Council elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 2011/2012 term by Ordinary Ballot.

## **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Wilson/Cr Woodley**

### **285/11 RESOLVED**

That the following Items 6.4 Nomination for the Position of Mayor and 6.5 Nomination for the Position of Deputy Mayor be conducted by the Returning Officer and that the incoming Mayor take the Chair following the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor Cr Colin Murray vacated the Chair and handed the meeting over to the Acting General Manager for the conduct of an election for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.

### **6.4 NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR – FILE No SF819**

**DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**  
**AUTHOR: Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance**

In accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the Acting General Manager as the Returning Officer announced that one nomination for the position of Mayor was received. The Returning Officer announced that the nomination was for Cr Colin Murray.

As there was only one nomination, the Returning Officer declared Cr Colin Murray appointed as the Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.

### **6.5 NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR – FILE No SF819**

**DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**  
**AUTHOR: Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance**

In accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the Acting General Manager as the Returning Officer announced that one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor was received. The Returning Officer announced that the nomination was for Cr Russell Webb.

As there was only one nomination, the Returning Officer declared Cr Russell Webb appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.

The Acting General Manager vacated the Chair and Cr Col Murray as Mayor occupied the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## 6.6 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE – MEETINGS – FILE No SF2256

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance

### MOTION

Moved Cr Durant/Cr Wilson

### 286/11 RESOLVED

That Council maintain the current Governance Structure for the ensuing term of two Ordinary Council Meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

## 6.7 COUNCIL SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS, EXTERNAL BOARDS AND ORGANISATIONS – FILE No SF2256

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance

### MOTION

Moved Cr Tait/Cr Wilson

### 287/11 RESOLVED

That in relation to the report “Council Special Purpose Committees, Working Groups, External Boards and Organisations”, Council:

- (i) determine the status quo remain and that Councillors be appointed as delegates or representatives for the ensuing 12 month term as detailed and documented in the Annexure to this report with the exception of:
  - 1) Minerals and Energy Working Group – Cr Durant to vacate the position of Councillor Representative and Cr Webb be appointed as Councillor Representative;
  - 2) Tamworth Sports Dome Committee – Cr Murray to vacate the position of Councillor Representative and Chairperson and Cr Tait be appointed as Councillor Representative and Chairperson; and
  - 3) Bush Fire Management Committee – Cr Webb to be appointed as an alternate Councillor Representative;
- (ii) request the General Manager to review the scope and relevance of all Council Special Purpose Committees, Council Working Groups, External Boards and Organisations to identify those that are no longer active; and
- (iii) request the General Manager, upon completion of the review, to bring a further report to Council to enable an alternate Councillor to be appointed to each Committee, Working Group, External Board or Organisation.

## 6.8 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AUGUST 2011 – FILE No SF4917

**DIRECTORATE:** CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE  
**AUTHOR:** Rick Sanderson, Acting Manager Financial Services

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Durant/Cr Woodley**

### **288/11 RESOLVED**

That the report on Council's Investments for the month of August 2011, be received and noted.

## 6.9 LEASE RENEWAL TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB INCORPORATED – FILE No SF907

**DIRECTORATE:** CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE  
**AUTHOR:** Barbara Thomson, Leases and Licences Officer

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Tait/Cr Webb**

### **289/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the lease agreement between Tamworth Regional Council and Tamworth and District Seniors Computer Club Incorporated over the premises at Unit 2, 6 Denne Street West Tamworth, Council:

- (i) authorise the renewal of the current lease with Tamworth and District Seniors Computer Club Incorporated for a further period of three years; and
- (ii) authorise the Seal of Council to be affixed to the lease document between Tamworth Regional Council and Tamworth and District Seniors Computer Club Incorporated.

## 6.10 LEASE AGREEMENT PART TAMWORTH SPORTS DOME – FILE No E072/2011

**DIRECTORATE:** CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE  
**AUTHOR:** Barbara Thomson, Leases and Licences Officer

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Webb/Cr Woodley**

That in relation to the report "Lease Agreement Part Tamworth Sports Dome", Council:

- (i) authorise the leasing of a commercial space area of 178 square metres being part of the Tamworth Sports Dome to Rural Fit Exercise Physiology and Sports Science under the terms outlined in this report; and
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the lease documents.

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved Cr Treloar/Cr Wilson**

**AMENDMENT PASSED**

**AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION**

**290/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Lease Agreement Part Tamworth Sports Dome”, Council defer the report until Council staff have reviewed the Lease Agreement in relation to electricity charges and a further report be presented to Council.

**6.11 WOOLOMIN RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE– FILE No SF3681**

**DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE**

**AUTHOR: Robert Charlesworth, Acting Director Corporate and Governance**

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Durant/Cr Woodley**

**291/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Woolomin Recreation Reserve Committee”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the report from the meeting; and
- (ii) appoint John McLandsborough, Krissy Boland, Anna Roworth, Brian Roworth, Paula Gett, Marilyn Murray, Mick Webster, Warren Ryan, Jack Chalmers, Lorena Robertson, Kylie Douglas, Colin Cooper and Gae Hammond as members of the Woolomin Recreation Reserve Committee.

**7 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING**

**7.1 DRAFT ART GALLERY DONATIONS AND GIFTS POLICY FOR THE REGIONAL GALLERY – FILE No SF1630**

**DIRECTORATE: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**AUTHOR: Sandra McMahon, Director Regional Gallery**

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Wilson/Cr Treloar**

**292/11 RESOLVED**

That the Draft Art Gallery Donations and Gifts Policy for the Regional Gallery be adopted and included on the Tamworth Regional Council General Policy Register.

## **MATTER ARISING FROM THE REPORT – FILE NO SF1630**

Cr Tait raised concern over the litter and general untidiness at the front of the Gallery and requested that the area be cleaned as a matter of priority. Cr Tait also requested that Council be presented options to ensure that the area remains clean.

## **7.2 TAMWORTH REGIONAL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010 – ZONING OF THE MANILLA TOWNSHIP – FILE NO 5303**

**DIRECTORATE: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**AUTHOR: Alison McGaffin, Director Planning and Community Services**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Tait**

**293/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the zoning of the Manilla Township under the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan (TRLEP) 2010, Council:

- (i) receive and note the outcomes of the meeting attended by the Mayor on 31 August 2011 with 18 Manilla business owners; and
- (ii) confirm its previous decision of 28 June 2011 to proceed to call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) in October 2011, for potential industrial land release in Manilla and to allow landowners to make submissions concerning the implications of the “town” zoning pattern introduced under TRLEP 2010 on specific sites.

## **8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

### **8.1 NATIONAL WATER WEEK 2011 – FILE NO SF747**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER ENTERPRISES**

**AUTHOR: Ian Lobban, Water Sustainability Officer**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Durant/Cr Treloar**

Cr Durant left the Chamber at 6:58pm

Cr Durant returned to the Chamber at 7:00pm

**294/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “National Water Week 2011”, Council receive and note the preparations to promote the new Westdale Wastewater Treatment Plant and Effluent Reuse Farm during National Water Week 2011.

## **8.2 NORTHERN INLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER MANAGERS GROUP – FILE NO SF5414**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER ENTERPRISES**

**AUTHOR: Bruce Logan, Director Water Enterprises**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Tait/Cr Webb**

**295/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Northern Inland Local Government Water Managers Group”, Council support the formation of the group and the involvement of Tamworth Regional Council staff.

## **8.3 APPOINTMENT OF QUARRY PRODUCTION MANAGER – FILE NO SF1979**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**

**AUTHOR: Peter Resch, Director Regional Services**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Wilson**

**296/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Appointment of Quarry Production Manager”, Council:

- (i) in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2007, nominate Mr Murray Russell, Manager Operational Services, as its Production Manager for all quarries where Tamworth Regional Council is the Operator;
- (ii) authorise the General Manager to nominate a Temporary Production Manager as required from time to time in the event of an absence of the Production Manager; and
- (iii) advise the New South Wales Department of Industry and Investment of the nomination of Council's Production Manager for quarries where Tamworth Regional Council is the Operator.

## 8.4 TAMWORTH REGIONAL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2011 – FILE NO SF1387

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**

**AUTHOR: Warren Faulkner, Manager Infrastructure Planning**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Tait**

### **297/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee Meeting – September 2011” Council endorse the following recommendations:

34/2011 That with respect to the intersection improvement in Savoy Street at the intersection with Queen Street (MR 63) in Barraba, the following be approved;

- (i) No Stopping restrictions be imposed on each of the four corners of the intersection; and
- (ii) 30 metres of barrier line (BB) be imposed in Savoy Street at the Queen Street intersection.

35/2011 That existing parking restrictions in West Street in Barraba immediately adjacent to the Barraba High School be amended from “No Stopping 8.00am to 9.00am and 2.00pm to 3.00pm Monday to Friday” to “No Parking 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm school days”.

36/2011 That with respect to the amendments to traffic movements at Calrossy Anglican School in Brisbane Street Tamworth, the following is advised:

- (i) vehicular access be provided via the driveway on the south-west of the school frontage;
- (ii) left out vehicular egress be provided via the driveway on the north-east of the school frontage; and
- (iii) the existing No Stopping restriction immediately adjacent to the north-eastern driveway be extended 6 metres towards Raglan Street.

37/2011 Council approve the Annual Barraba Festival on 5 November 2011 in Queen Street, Barraba, the Annual Barraba Christmas Festival on 24 December 2011 and the Chevrolet Club of NSW Car Show in Bicentennial Park on 18 September 2011. These events have written Police approval and Traffic Control Plans and are considered to have minimal impact on the non event community.

## **8.5 URBAN TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT DRAFT POLICY – FILE NO SF270**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**

**AUTHOR: Brian Sheedy, Manager Parks and Horticulture**

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Webb**

### **298/11 RESOLVED**

In relation to the report “Tree Removal and Replacement Policy”, Council:

- (i) approve the Draft Urban Tree Removal and Replacement Policy to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days; and
- (ii) request the Director Regional Services provide a further report to Council following the public exhibition period.

## **9 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES**

### **9.1 DELEGATES REPORT – EVOCITIES CAMPAIGN SEPTEMBER 2010 TO JUNE 2011 – FILE NO SF1664**

**AUTHOR: Councillor, James Treloar**

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Treloar/Cr Tait**

### **299/11 RESOLVED**

That the Delegate’s report “Evocities Campaign September 2010 to June 2011”, be received and noted.

### **9.2 DELEGATES REPORT – CHAOYANG SISTER CITY PROGRAM – FILE No SF1000**

The Mayor, Cr Tait and Cr Woodley reported to Council on their attendance at the 2011 Beijing Central Business District International Business Festival from the 13 September 2011 to 19 September 2011. The Mayor commented on his extraordinary experience in Beijing and how our sister city, Chaoyang, embraces the concept. The Mayor stated he was quite humbled by the way our delegation was received and treated during the visit and believes that our region can gain value and build on the strong relationship we have. The delegation received a number of gifts and the Mayor requested that Mr John Green, Chairperson of the Tamworth Sister City Committee be invited to the next Meeting of Council to formally recognise the many years of good work that he has done to build and consolidate this relationship

Cr Tait spoke of the exceptional hospitality in Beijing and stated that one of the highlights of the 2011 Beijing Central Business District International Business Festival was how the local Council informed the Community on their 10 year plan and suggested that Council could utilise area in the foyer for displays and public comment.

The experience highlighted business opportunities that currently exist and that can be enhanced not only in Beijing but in Hong Kong following a meeting with Hong Kong Tourism. The Hong Kong Quality Assurance Program has been extremely successful for 10 years and Council could make a similar program work in Tamworth.

Cr Woodley spoke regarding the CBD presentation at the Festival that highlighted the CBD being the heart of the community and the love of the Beijing CBD that is showcased to the world. Cr Woodley was impressed by the speakers from different parts of the world but the focus on the importance of the CDB and how Tamworth can learn and grow and have a vision for our own CBD was beneficial.

## **10 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF CONCERN**

### **10.1 TRLEP 2010 PETITION – FILE No SF5116**

Cr Webb presented Council with a petition in relation to the zoning and minimum lot size requirements under the TRLEP 2010 and the implications of these provisions in the Niangala and Weabonga area. Residents wished to express their concern regarding the devaluation of their land due to the changes.

### **10.2 NEW WINTON ROAD – FILE No RF551**

Cr Webb attended a public meeting on the 22 September 2011, held by residents on New Winton Road. The residents expressed concerns over the road conditions and the increased truck activity on the road and would like to meet with Council staff to discuss concerns.

### **10.3 CONCERNS OF POLICE NUMBERS IN TAMWORTH – FILE No SF1294**

Cr Webb expressed concerns regarding a recent report in the Northern Daily Leader and Tamworth needing police from Sydney to cope with an issue over the weekend. Cr Webb commented that Tamworth Police are some of the hardest working police in NSW, but Tamworth is well short of the policing numbers needed to provide the law order services required and that Tamworth is entitled to.

Cr Webb stated that from May 2010 to May 2011 there were 14,800 events registered in our Local Area Command while Orange had 10,000 events and Dubbo had 10,500 events. However, Tamworth has less police than Dubbo and a review undertaken into Tamworth Police numbers identified Tamworth required an additional 16 constables/sergeants and an additional 6 detectives.

Cr Webb requested that Council write to the Premier, Minister for Police and Mr Kevin Anderson MP, Member for Tamworth, expressing concern on police numbers in Tamworth and requesting an increase in the current level of police numbers to meet the needs of our community.

Cr Webb observed that Tamworth did not receive any probationary constables from the last November graduation of police cadets and Tamworth should request officers from the November 2011 graduates.

Cr Tait stated that Police Officers injured in line of duty are not replaced, increasing the workload on the remaining officers. In times of staff shortages Police Officers from Kootingal, Nundle, Manilla, Barraba and Bendemeer are then required to work in Tamworth draining the resources from smaller communities and leaving those communities without a Police Officer.

Cr Woodley also stated that he supports the increase in police numbers.

Cr Wilson requested that Councillors be sent a copy of the letter to the Premier and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Webb/Cr Tait**

**300/11 RESOLVED**

That Council write to the Premier, The Hon. Mike Gallacher MLC, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Mr Kevin Anderson MP, Member for Tamworth, expressing concern on police numbers in the Tamworth Local Area Command and requesting an increase in the current level of police numbers.

**10.4 NORTH TAMWORTH TENNIS COURTS – FILE No SF889**

Cr Treloar expressed concern over a community meeting of the Piper Street Wellness Group and the discussion at their meeting regarding the building of a men's shed on the site and the use of the clubhouse as a commercial kitchen for TAFE cooking demonstrations. He stated that Victoria Park has been selected as the site for a men's shed and TAFE already have full commercial kitchen at the TAFE campus. Cr Treloar wished to express his support for the concept of a community garden, however, further investigation of appropriate sites should be undertaken.

**10.5 ROADS AND PARKS MAINTENANCE – FILE No SF217**

Cr Wilson stated that the general maintenance of our communities at the present time was tremendous and wished to compliment staff on their diligence.

**10.6 PEEL STREET AND BLIGH STREET INTERSECTION MAINTENANCE – FILE No RF444**

Cr Durant stated that the pot holes at the intersection of Bligh Street and Peel Street needed maintenance and requested the Director Regional Services take corrective action.

**10.7 REMOVAL OF TREES IN PEEL STREET OPPOSITE VIADUCT PARK – FILE No RF444**

Cr Durant referred to the removal of trees in the gutter opposite Viaduct Park and requested the Director Regional Services provide an update to Council.

**10.8 CUSTOMER PARKING FOR BUSINESSES IN BRIDGE STREET – FILE No RF62**

Cr Durant raised concern over car parking in Bridge Street which inhibits the ability of business owners to expand their operations. Cr Durant requested that investigations be undertaken to resolve the issue.

## 11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

### MOTION

Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Durant

### 301/11 RESOLVED

That the confidential reports as listed be considered in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

#### 11.1 REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETING CENTRE – FILE NO SF3290

**DIRECTORATE: BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**AUTHOR: Michael Dubois, Business Manager**

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2)(c)&(d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and/or is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### 11.2 TRADE WASTE EFFLUENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN – TEYS AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN (TEYS) (FORMERLY CARGILL BEEF) - FILE NO SF2645

**DIRECTORATE: WATER ENTERPRISES**

**AUTHOR: Daniel Coe, Water Engineer**

That Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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At 7:48pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representation as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council.

There was no response from the public. The Acting General Manager advised the Chairperson that no written public submissions or representations had been received as to whether or not part of the meeting should be closed in the public.

The Chairperson advised that it is a requirement of clause 253 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* that any resolution passed in Closed Council, be made public as soon as practicable after the meeting has ended. At the end of Closed Council meeting and upon resumption into Open Council, the Chairperson will provide a summary of those resolutions passed in Closed Council.

## 12 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

### 12.1 REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETING CENTRE – FILE NO SF3290

**DIRECTORATE:** BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Dubois, Business Manager

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Tait/Cr Woodley**

#### **302/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Regional Livestock Marketing Centre”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the report;
- (ii) write to the Regional Livestock Exchange Pty Ltd noting that the Contract for Sale of Land required all planning approval to be in place before 30 September 2011, and seek a firm construction time table for the new Livestock Facility to be submitted within 14 days;
- (iii) request a further report be submitted on the response from the Regional Livestock Exchange Pty Ltd; and
- (iv) request a workshop be programmed to ensure Council fully understands the legal implications of this matter and to discuss options available to Council in light of the response from Regional Livestock Exchange Pty Ltd.

### 12.2 TRADE WASTE EFFLUENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN – TEYS AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN (TEYS) (FORMERLY CARGILL BEEF) – FILE NO SF2645

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER ENTERPRISES  
**AUTHOR:** Daniel Coe, Water Engineer

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Tait/Cr Durant**

#### **303/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report “Trade Waste Effluent Improvement Plan – Tey’s Australia Southern (Tey’s)”, Council:

- (i) consider this report in conjunction with the report to Closed Council titled “Regional Livestock Marketing Centre”;
- (ii) agree to extend the terms of the effluent improvement plan and defer all non compliant charges until 30 December 2011; and
- (iii) in the event the site meets Council’s trade waste discharge requirements during the extension period, request the Director, Water Enterprises to prepare a report to Council recommending actions as appropriate.

### **13 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL**

At 8:03pm the meeting moved back into Open Council

In accordance with clause 253 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolutions passed in Closed Council.

**Closure:** There being no further business the Ordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 8:05pm.

Chairperson of the meeting at which these minutes were adopted, Cr Col Murray  
Chairperson  
11 October 2011

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