



GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – 18 FEBRUARY 2016 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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Mission Statement:

West Wimmera Shire Council will work in partnership with the community, business and government to develop and enhance a productive, healthy and safe community by providing leadership, services, advocacy and good governance

HELD: Thursday 18 February 2016

LOCATION: Kaniva Council Chamber

COMMENCEMENT: 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE:	
Councillors	Senior Management Group
Annette Jones, Mayor	David Leahy
Ron Hawkins	Chief Executive Officer
Bruce Meyer	Venkat Peteti
Richard Wait	General Manager Corporate & Community Services
Warren Wait	Robyn Evans
	General Manager Infrastructure Development & Works

Vision Statement:

*West Wimmera Shire delivers the very best experience
and opportunity that rural living has to offer*



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APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2015.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2015, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Mayor:

Items 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 should be removed from the General Committee Meeting Minutes of 17 December 2015, as they detail a conversation that took place during the 17 December 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved: Councillor Richard Wait

Seconded: Councillor Warren Wait

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2015, as circulated, subject to correction, be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried Unanimously



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2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

2.1 COUNCILLOR RON HAWKINS

2.1.1 INFORMATION SESSIONS REGARDING SALE OF UNALLOCATED GROUNDWATER LICENCE VOLUME – GWMWATER

Councillor Hawkins attended a GWM Water seminar in Goroke recently regarding the release of more water in Gymbowen and Ullswater areas.

Cr. Hawkins noted a good example of the benefits of additional water licences, and stated that the Hardy family from the Nurcoung area had recently won awards for lucerne crops grown under newly acquired irrigation. They have won an award for the best first year crop and the best sample.

Cr. Hawkins hopes that this success will encourage people to apply for extra water rights that are available.

2.2 COUNCILLOR BRUCE MEYER

2.2.1 ACHIEVEMENTS OF NOTE BY WEST WIMMERA SHIRE RESIDENTS

Cr. Meyer notes the recent significant achievements of three West Wimmera Shire residents.

Moved: Councillor Bruce Meyer

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait

That Council writes congratulatory letters to:

- **Gerald Murnane from Goroke for winning the Premiers Literary Award;**
- **Wayne Hawker for being selected to represent Australia for gun shooting;**
- **Lauren Tink for being selected to represent Australia in Ultimate Frisbee competition.**

Carried Unanimously



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2.3 COUNCILLOR RICHARD WAIT

2.3.1 INFORMATION REQUEST REGARDING COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Moved: Councillor Richard Wait

Seconded: Councillor Ron Hawkins

That Council be informed of all major grant applications by Council or auspiced by Council before being commenced, with a final report before lodgement.

Carried Unanimously

2.4 COUNCILLOR WARREN WAIT

2.4.1 SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS IN TOWNSHIPS

Cr. Wait raised the issue of reducing the speed limit to 50km/hr for the centre of the township of Gorokey.

GMIDW stated that a letter detailing this request for the townships of Edenhope, Gorokey and Kaniva has been sent to VicRoads.

2.5 COUNCILLOR ANNETTE JONES

2.5.1 RURAL RUBBISH COLLECTION

Cr. Jones stated that she had attended a meeting with the Douglas/Harrow community regarding the extension of the rural refuse collection. Cr. Jones asked what follow up measures were in place to keep the Community informed of progress on this issue.

GMIDW stated that investigation is underway for a report to come back to Council outlining the additional costs, extension options and numbers. The contractor is near to capacity for this service. Officers are investigating if there is opportunity for Council to reduce the service in one area for a greater benefit in another area. Officers are aiming for a report to Council in May 2016.

MEETING CONCLUDED:

NEXT MEETING:

7.17PM

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016

EDENHOPE COUNCIL CHAMBER