



GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – 24 MARCH 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 24 March 2016
LOCATION: Edenhope Council Chamber
COMMENCEMENT: 7.00pm

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

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 Thursday 18 February 2016.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Warren Wait

Seconded: Cr Ron Hawkins

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

2.1 COUNCILLOR RON HAWKINS

2.1.1 INVITATION TO MINISTER PULFORD TO VISIT WEST WIMMERA SHIRE

Moved: Cr Ron Hawkins

Seconded: Cr Richard Wait

That West Wimmera Shire Council reaffirms our invitation to Minister Pulford to visit our Shire as agreed before Christmas.

Carried Unanimously



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2.1.2 MULLAGH WILLS FOUNDATION

Moved: Cr Ron Hawkins

Seconded: Cr Richard Wait

That West Wimmera Shire Council indicates to the Mullagh Wills Foundation that they consider Mr Geoffrey Carracher as a potential Board Member of the Foundation.

Carried Unanimously

2.1.3 FAIR GO RATES SYSTEM

- Local government receives 3% in the tax dollar, compared to 16% for the States and 81% for the Commonwealth.
- Cost shifting is a significant issue that Local Councils deal with (eg: funding of local libraries).
- Northern Grampians Council has taken the initiative by highlighting in the media the issues local Councils face, including the inequity of cost shifting. We should give Northern Grampians our support.
- That the campaign for a fairer tax share being run by Northern Grampians Council is called 3 – 16 – 81.

CEO: WWSC provided in-principle support along with the other member Councils of the North West Municipalities Association (NWMA), and information from the campaign documents was used during the discussions recently held in Canberra with senior advisors and Shadow Ministers.

2.2 COUNCILLOR RICHARD WAIT

2.2.1 NEW NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE LAW AND REGULATIONS

- Am aware of the new national heavy vehicle law and regulations, and a new calculation system which will come into effect in early July 2016.
- The National Party and Andrew Broad MP are working through some of the issues it has created.
- Would like to acknowledge their efforts.



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2.2.2 CONGRATULATIONS TO MR JESSE IESE

- Edenhope school boy Mr Jesse Iese has recently won two gold medals at the Australian Junior Athletic Championships in Perth.
- The gold medals were awarded for his performance in the under 16 discus and shot-put events.
- These medals are national titles for Mr Iese.

Moved: Cr Richard Wait

Seconded: Cr Ron Hawkins

That West Wimmera Shire Council write to Mr Jesse Iese congratulating him for his achievements at the recent Australian Junior Athletic Championships in Perth.

Carried Unanimously

2.2.3 VICROADS AND SHORTFALL IN FUNDING FOR SCHOOL ROAD CROSSING SERVICE

Moved: Cr Richard Wait

Seconded: Cr Ron Hawkins

That Council write to VicRoads:

1. To inform them of the shortfall between the cost of providing the schools road crossing service in Kaniva and the amount VicRoads pay to Council for providing that service; and
2. To request that they urgently review their contribution to ensure that it reflects the true cost to Council.

Carried Unanimously

CEO: The shortfall in funding by VicRoads is for School Crossing Supervisors.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 7.21PM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2016
DORODONG PUBLIC HALL