



GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – 16 JUNE 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 16 June 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 19 May 2016.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 19 May 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Ron Hawkins

Seconded: Cr Richard Wait

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 19 May 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried (5/0)

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

2.1 COUNCILLOR RON HAWKINS

2.1.1 LONGERENONG COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION UPGRADE

- Yesterday had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the Longerenong College accommodation upgrade and student centre.
- It was also attended by Senator Fiona Nash.
- A highly successful day.



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2.1.2 LARGE NUMBERS OF KANGAROOS

- Have noticed large numbers of kangaroos in our Shire.
- Each week a lot of cars are being put in for repairs, following accidents involving kangaroos.
- What can the Shire do about it?

2.1.3 LAKE CHARLEGRARK PROJECT – UPGRADE OF FACILITIES

- How close are we to getting the project started?
- How long before the funding application is lodged with Regional Development Victoria?

CEO: Will meet with Regional Development Victoria next Friday to discuss projects, Lake Charlegrark will be included in this discussion. It has the support of regional officers of RDV. Will work on the application in the next month.

2.2 COUNCILLOR BRUCE MEYER

2.2.1 SUPPORT FOR COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY

Moved: Cr Bruce Meyer

Seconded: Cr Richard Wait

1. That West Wimmera Shire Council acknowledges the work of the volunteers in the Country Fire Authority within the Shire.
2. That West Wimmera Shire Council expresses its support for the Country Fire Authority organisation.
3. That West Wimmera Shire Council hopes there is no loss of morale in the current climate, and that the volunteers continue to serve their communities.
4. That West Wimmera Shire Council sends a copy of the motion to each Group Captain within the Shire.

Carried (5/0)



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2.3 COUNCILLOR WARREN WAIT

2.3.1 KANGAROO CULLING

- Can this be carried out?

CEO: Yes, we have been approached by the local State Member of Parliament and the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP). We will participate in the proposed kangaroo culling program if given the opportunity.

Moved: Cr Warren Wait

Seconded: Cr Ron Hawkins

That Council writes to the relevant Government Department on the reason for the increased number of kangaroos in our Shire, as kangaroos on roads is a serious public safety issue.

Carried (5/0)

2.3.2 MENS' SHED FOR APSLEY

- Discussed at last weekend's Apsley Cup.
- Can a Mens' Shed be established in Apsley?

GMCCS: There is a process for establishing Mens' Sheds. First step would be for the local Social Worker to call a community meeting to gauge interest. GMCCS will follow up on this request from Cr W Wait.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 7:24PM

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016
TELOPEA DOWNS**