

25 July 2012

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

I have to advise that a **Policy Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 1 August 2012 commencing at 5.00 pm.



D J Sherley  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

# **BUSINESS AGENDA**

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2012**

1. 5:00 PM - MEETING COMMENCES
2. APOLOGIES
3. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING
  - \* Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - 4 July 2012
4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.
5. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS
  - \* Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report
  - \* General Manager's Report
6. GENERAL BUSINESS
7. DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS - Nil
8. DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER - Nil
9. MEETING CLOSE

## MINUTE

### 1 MEETING COMMENCES

**Present:** Councillors Westman (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Morse, North, Thompson, Toole.

**MINUTE**

**2     APOLOGIES**

Nil.

POLICY COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1  
AUGUST 2012**

General Manager  
Bathurst Regional Council

**1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 JULY 2012 (07.00064)**

**Recommendation:** That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 4 July 2012 be adopted.

**Report:** The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 4 July 2012, are attached.

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies**

- Objective 32: To ensure Council is supported by an adequate workforce and appropriate governance procedures. Strategy 32.2

**MINUTE**

**3     Item 1   MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 JULY 2012 (07.00064)**

**MOVED: I North SECONDED: W Aubin**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 4 July 2012 be adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON 4 JULY 2012**

**MEETING COMMENCES**

**1 MEETING COMMENCES**

**Present:** Councillors Westman, Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Morse, North, Thompson, Toole

**APOLOGIES**

**2 APOLOGIES**

**MOVED** Cr P Toole and **SECONDED** Cr T Carpenter

**RESOLVED:** That the apology from Cr Thompson be accepted and leave of absence granted. Cr Thompson advised that he will be arriving late to the meeting. Cr Thompson arrived at 5.03pm.

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 JUNE 2012 (07.00064)**

**MOVED** Cr T Carpenter and **SECONDED** Cr P Toole

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2012 be adopted.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002**

**MOVED** Cr I North and **SECONDED** Cr W Aubin

**RESOLVED:** That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

Cr Thompson arrived at 5.03pm

**RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report**

**5 Item 1 OPENING OF COUNCIL MAIL (03.00049, 41.00089)**

**MOVED** Cr B Bourke and **SECONDED** Cr I North

A **MOTION** was **MOVED** Cr B Bourke and **SECONDED** Cr I North

That no mail addressed to any individual Councillors, which is received at Council, is to be opened by Council, unless permission is granted by the individual Councillor.

The **MOTION** was **PUT** and **LOST**

**6 Item 1 OPENING OF COUNCIL MAIL (03.00049, 41.00089)**

**MOVED** Cr G Hanger



A **MOTION** was **MOVED** Cr G Hanger

That the status quo be maintained.

The **MOTION LAPSED** for want of a **SECONDER**.

- 7** **Item 1 OPENING OF COUNCIL MAIL (03.00049, 41.00089)**  
**MOVED** Cr T Carpenter and **SECONDED** Cr M Morse

A **MOTION** was **MOVED** Cr T Carpenter and **SECONDED** Cr M Morse

Council hold a Working Party to develop a policy on mail and records capture for the Council as it relates to Councillors. This is to include hard copy and electronic mail.

The **MOTION** was **PUT** and **CARRIED**

### **General Manager's Report**

- 8** **Item 1 CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (18.00008)**  
**MOVED** Cr T Carpenter and **SECONDED** Cr I North

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 9** **RECENT DROWNING INCIDENT IN NSW (02.00009-03)**

**Cr Hanger** - spoke to recent incident where a child was drowned in NSW. Queried what is Council's policy with respect to pools.

The **Acting Director Environmental Planning & Building Services** spoke to Council procedures that are in place.

- 10** **MINES - FRACKING (20.00237)**

**Cr Hanger** - asked if any approaches have been made to Council concerning coal seam mining.

The **Mayor** advised not aware of any approaches having been made to Council.

- 11** **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVER FOR EVENTS (03.00006)**

**Cr Carpenter** - has been approached about insurance cover for events Council has been involved in e.g. NAIDOC day. Has a change in procedures occurred and can we help with insurance.

The **Director Cultural & Community Services** advised no change for those events run by Council. If run by groups outside of Council, they need to put their own insurance cover in place. Council will continue to assist NAIDOC week through existing budgets in place.

- 12** **TRAINEESHIP PROPOSAL (16.00129)**

**Cr Carpenter** - raised the Management Plan meeting which dealt with a traineeship proposal that was not taken up. Could Council review trainee opportunities that are available.

**13**      **EVANS ARTS COUNCIL (25.00018)**

**Cr Carpenter** - expressed concerns about the right hand turn into Lee Street not being available, can this be looked at.

The **General Manager** gave history of this matter and noted that the Roads and Maritime Services will not put a right hand turn in. Further planned works for the highway would not facilitate such a turn.

**14**      **LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN REGARDS TO ELECTION (12.00010)**

**Cr Morse** - noted there was an article in the Sun Herald about Council staff involvement in elections.

The **Director Cultural & Community Services** advised that the article referred to political activities.

**15**      **LAFFING WATERS LANE (25.00106)**

**Cr Morse** - informed that she has had approaches about concerns with access from Laffing Waters Lane being blocked if there is an accident on the Sofala Road at the entrance to the subdivision. Could Traffic Committee or Engineers look at this.

**16**      **LITTER ON ENTRANCES TO THE CITY (07.00097)**

**Cr Aubin** - informed there is a problem with this. Could a report come to Council on frequency of cleaning and processes in place. Raised as an example the approach from the Orange side of town.

The **Mayor** noted Works Engineer is currently reviewing this matter.

**17**      **ST PATS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB - OVAL PROBLEM (22.01560)**

**Cr North** - spoke of an issue with water impact on the grounds out there. Can this be reviewed by staff and St Pats sporting groups be contacted. Also problems with ground highlights need for more ovals into the future, we need to look at future demands.

The **Mayor** spoke to discussions that have been held with St Pats concerning the water problem.

The **Director Corporate Services & Finance** noted we are looking at acquiring various sites particularly on the flood plains.

**18**      **HARNESS RACING (23.00098)**

**Cr North** - spoke of recently going through Goondiwindi and there is a great museum which had paraphernalia on Gunsynd. Bathurst has some great museums

and perhaps Bathurst should look at doing something for the recording of harness racing history in Bathurst.

**19 SWIMMING POOLS 02.00009)**

**Cr North** - spoke to inspection regime for pool fencing. When a pool is sold can we make sure that the site is inspected to see complies with appropriate standards.

The **Acting Director Environmental Planning & Building Services** advised protocols in place are being assessed as part of the Swimming Pools Act reform process.

**20 ST PATS (22.01560)**

**Cr Bourke** - need to look at water problem. There are many teams utilising this facility.

**21 RAGLAN CREEK CHANNEL FUNDING (31.00006)**

**Cr Bourke** - asked where are we at with funding.

The **Director Engineering Services** advised Roads and Maritime Services have allocated funding in 2012/2013, currently seeking licence approval from the Office of Water.

**22 BENTINCK STREET/CARRINGTON PARK (25.00067)**

**Cr Bourke** - asked when we get a storm, gravel fills the gutters. Could this be looked at, perhaps cement the path along this strip.

**23 HAVANNAH STREET TURN ONTO HIGHWAY (25.00027)**

**Cr Carpenter** - asked where are we at trying to get two lanes turning right onto the highway.

The **Director Engineering Services** advised expecting to do heavy patching work in next two weeks. This will then allow Roads and Maritime Services to alter signals.

**24 BRIDLE TRACK (25.00283)**

**Cr Bourke** - advised has received approaches about this matter.

The **Mayor** advised a report is being prepared, perhaps may be available for July meeting.

**25 OPENING COUNCILLOR MAIL (03.00038)**

**Cr Bourke** - asked is there a policy in place on this. Can he seek legal advice.

The **General Manager** advised there is no policy. Current procedures are that all mail is currently opened, refer to report this business paper. Noted that the Councillor is not able to seek legal advice at the cost of Council.

**MEETING CLOSE**

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**MEETING CLOSE**

The Meeting closed at 6.00pm.

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(18 July 2012)**

**MINUTE**

**4     DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002**

**MOVED: I North SECONDED: W Aubin**

**RESOLVED:** That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

POLICY COMMITTEE  
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT AND MINUTES  
1 AUGUST 2012

**DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT TO THE POLICY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2012**

General Manager  
Bathurst Regional Council

**1 REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 27 JUNE 2012  
(07.00096)**

**Recommendation:** That the information be noted.

**Report:** The minutes of the Bathurst Regional Council Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 27 June 2012 are shown at **attachment 1**,

**Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies**

- Objective 32: To ensure Council is supported by an adequate workforce and appropriate governance procedures. Strategy 32.2
  
- Objective 28: To plan for the growth of the region and the protection of the region's environmental, economic, social and cultural assets. Strategy 28.8

**MINUTE**

**5 Item 1 REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 27 JUNE 2012 (07.00096)**

**MOVED: R Thompson SECONDED: W Aubin**

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.



## **2 SKILLSET (18.00195-26/007)**

**Recommendation:** That Council:

- a) not sponsor the FACETS 2012 event to be held in Bathurst.
- b) enact this resolution immediately

**Report:** Council at its meeting of the 18 July 2012 considered a request from Skillset for financial support in running a conference in 2012 to be held on the 24 August at the Flannery Centre, Bathurst. The original request can be found at **attachment 1**.

Council resolved that Council consider how it can be involved in the event and report back to the August Policy meeting. Council wrote to Skillset seeking further information.

Council has received further detail in relation to the FACETS 2012 event to be presented by Skillset to be held 24 August 2012. (**Attachment 2**)

The sponsorship opportunities are as follows:

<b>Package</b>	<b>Cost</b>
FACETS VIP Dinner	\$5,000
FACETS 2012 Cocktail Function	\$5,000
Session Sponsor	\$5,000
Q & A Debate	\$5,000
Exhibition Sponsors	\$2,500
Lunch Sponsor	\$2,000
Morning/Afternoon Tea	\$1,500
Donate Cash or In Kind	\$1,000
Name Tags	\$500
Tickets	\$500

**Financial Implications:** Council's Section 356 Donations budget remains very tight, it currently has a balance of \$6,391.

### **Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies**

- Objective 23: To encourage a supportive and inclusive community. Strategy 23.3
- Objective 30: To identify the needs of the community and encourage and support communication, interaction and support within the community. Strategy 30.5

**MINUTE**

**6 Item 2 SKILLSET (18.00195-26/007)**

**MOVED: P Toole SECONDED: B Bourke**

**RESOLVED:** That Council:

- a) not sponsor the FACETS 2012 event to be held in Bathurst.
- b) enact this resolution immediately

Yours faithfully



R Roach  
**DIRECTOR  
CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE**

POLICY COMMITTEE  
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MINUTES  
1 AUGUST 2012

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2012**

General Manager  
Bathurst Regional Council

### **1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS 1 JULY 2011 TO 30 JUNE 2012 (07.00088)**

**Recommendation:** That the information be noted.

**Report:** Council's Code of Conduct requires at Clause 12.33 the following:

*"The General Manager must report annually to council on code of conduct complaints. This report should include, as a minimum, a summary of the:*

- (a) number of complaints received*
- (b) nature of the issues raised by complainants, and*
- (c) outcomes of complaints."*

**Code of Conduct complaints** - 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, present the following profile, as referred to in Clause 12.33 of the Code of Conduct.

Number of Complaints Received: Nil

Nature of Issues Raised by Complainants

- Not applicable.

It is pleasing that the traditional drain on Council resources has not occurred this year. In prior years a number of the complaints have displayed behaviour that clearly falls within the indicative triggers of various behaviours including:

1. Unreasonable persistence (eg persisting with a complaint where dealt with, inability to accept final decision, reframing complaints, making issues out of anything)
2. Unreasonable demands (eg insisting on outcomes that are unattainable, making unreasonable resource demands, demanding outcomes where no reasonable basis exists) issuing instructions and making demands as to how a complaint should be handled.
3. Unreasonable arguments (eg holding irrational beliefs, holding a conspiracy theory unsupported by evidence, interpreting facts in an unreasonable way)
4. Unreasonable behaviour (eg confronting behaviour - threats)

#### **Outcomes of Complaints:**

Complaints, when they are assessed by the General Manager and Mayor, have regard to the following grounds in accordance with Clause 13.1 of the Code of Conduct:

*"The General Manager or Mayor, in the case of a complaint about the General Manager, will assess a complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct to determine if the matter should be referred to the Conduct Review Committee/Reviewer. In assessing the*

complaint, the General Manager and Mayor will have regard to the following grounds:

- (a) *whether there is any prima facie evidence of a breach of the code of conduct;*
- (b) *whether the subject matter of the complaint relates to conduct that is associated with the carrying out of the functions of civic office or duties as General Manager;*
- (c) *whether the complaint is trivial, frivolous, vexatious or not made in good faith;*
- (d) *whether the conduct of the subject of the complaint could reasonably constitute a breach of the code of conduct;*
- (e) *whether the complaint raises issues that require investigation by another person or body, such as referring the matter to the Department of Local Government, the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission Against Corruption or the NSW Police;*
- (f) *whether there is an alternative and satisfactory means of redress;*
- (g) *how much time has elapsed since the events the subject of the complaint took place;*
- (h) *how serious the complaint is and the significance it has for Council;*
- (i) *whether the complaint is one of a series indicating a pattern of conduct."*

In accordance with the above criteria, nil complaints were found to fall within the parameters of Clause 13.

**Financial Implications:** Nil

### **Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies**

- Objective 33: To be and develop good leaders. Strategy 33.5
- Objective 30: To identify the needs of the community and encourage and support communication, interaction and support within the community. Strategy 30.7

**MINUTE**

**7 Item 1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS 1 JULY 2011 TO 30 JUNE 2012**  
**(07.00088)**

**MOVED: R Thompson SECONDED: P Toole**

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

## **2 NSW INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL (18.00145)**

**Recommendation:** That the information be noted.

**Report:** Council will be aware that the State Government has appointed an Independent Local Government Review Panel. The Panel is to develop options to improve the strength and effectiveness of Local Government in NSW.

The State Government set the following Terms of Reference for the Panel:

### **"Local Government Review Panel**

#### **Terms of Reference Overview**

*Following the approach from the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, the NSW Minister for Local Government has agreed to appoint a three member panel to develop options to improve the strength and effectiveness of local government in NSW. The review will drive key strategic directions identified in the Destination 2036 initiative and support the broader objectives of the State as outlined in NSW 2021: A Plan to Make NSW Number One (the State Plan).*

*The panel will investigate and identify options for governance models, structural arrangements and boundary changes for local government in NSW, taking into consideration:*

- 1. ability to support the current and future needs of local communities*
- 2. ability to deliver services and infrastructure efficiently effectively and in a timely manner*
- 3. the financial sustainability of each local government area*
- 4. ability for local representation and decision making; and*
- 5. barriers and incentives to encourage voluntary boundary changes.*

*The panel will be comprised of three members, chaired by Professor Graham Sansom and is expected to report to the Minister by 12 to 14 months from the start of the review.*

#### **Other considerations**

*In conducting the review the panel will:*

- Ensure recommendations meet the different nature and needs of regional, rural and metropolitan communities.*
- Consult widely with the broader community and key stakeholders.*
- Take into account the work completed, and future work to be completed, under the Destination 2036 initiative.*
- Take into account the broader interests of the State including as outlined in the State Plan.*
- Consider the experiences of other jurisdictions in both the nature and implementation of local government reform.*
- Take into account the Liberal-National's 2011 election policy of no forced*

amalgamations.

*To support the above the panel may commission appropriate investigations and research consistent with the intent of the review."*

The Independent Local Government Review Panel has now released a Consultation Plan as part of Stage 1 of the Panel's review. A copy of the Consultation Paper is at [Attachment 1](#).

The Panel has advised that the review will be structured into the following stages:

**"Stage 1: Identifying key issues and exploring ideas (July - September 2012)**

*The first stage of consultation, which starts with the launch of this Consultation Paper, will look at the issues facing local communities and the Councils that serve them now and over the next 25 years.*

*During the next two months the Panel will hold a series of meetings in regions around the State and in the metropolitan area, to discuss the issues in this paper and learn more about the challenges faced by different communities.*

*Details of meetings will be made available on the Panel's website.*

**Stage 2: Options for changes (October 2012-January 2013)**

*This stage will commence with the release of a "case for change" paper based on the first round of consultations and background research carried out for the Panel. It will seek to generate debate on a range of potential models for governance, structures and boundaries to meet future challenges.*

*Consultation will focus on key issues and ideas, and will mainly take the form of roundtable and focus groups.*

**Stage 3: Future directions (February - May 2013)**

*This final stage of consultation will be based on a third paper that will set out the Panel's emerging views on what sort of changes may need to be made to governance, structures and boundaries in different parts of NSW. It will include the Panel's ideas on barriers and incentives for voluntary boundary changes.*

*Consultation in Stage 3 will include a further round of regional meetings across NSW and a call for written responses to the "future directions" paper.*

**Stage 4: Final report (June - July 2013)**

*The Panel will submit its final report and recommendations to Government by mid-July 2013*  
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Additional information concerning the review can be found at:  
[www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au](http://www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au)

**Financial Implications:** Nil at this time.

**Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies**



- Objective 17: To encourage living, vibrant and growing villages and rural settlements. Strategy 17.7
- Objective 28: To plan for the growth of the region and the protection of the region's environmental, economic, social and cultural assets. Strategy 28.7
- Objective 29: To guide the construction and provision of new infrastructure/facilities and services and the management and upgrading of existing assets and service levels. Strategy 29.6
- Objective 33: To be and develop good leaders. Strategy 33.4

**MINUTE**

**8 Item 2 NSW INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL**  
**(18.00145)**

**MOVED: R Thompson SECONDED: P Toole**

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

Yours faithfully



D J Sherley  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

POLICY COMMITTEE  
GENERAL BUSINESS

## MINUTE

### 9 Item 1 CREMATORIUM (36.00246)

**Cr Bourke** - spoke to length of time this project is taking. Asked for a report on this to September 2012 Council meeting.

**MINUTE**

**10     Item 2    ELECTION TIMETABLE - INVITES GOING OUT (12.00010)**

**Cr Bourke** - feels inappropriate that invites go out for Mt Panorama events prior to an election under Mayor's name. Could new Council review this process.

**MINUTE**

**11     Item 3   VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN MEETING (13.00001)**

**Cr North** - the Committee requests that thanks be passed on to Cr Carpenter for her support over the years.

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to the Policy Meeting 01/08/2012

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GENERAL MANAGER

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MAYOR  
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## MINUTE

### 12 Item 4 'IN PRINCIPLE' AGREEMENTS (08.00007)

**Cr North** - asked could this matter be reviewed by the new Council. An example of this, is the lease agreements for telephone towers.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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MAYOR  
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## MINUTE

### 13 Item 5 75 YEARS MOUNT PANORAMA GROUP (23.00008)

**Cr North** - spoke to letter given to the group concerning the cost of hiring Mount Panorama. 75 years only happens once, need to move this ahead. Disappointed Council is not more actively assisting this event.

**The General Manager** spoke to Working Party session held with the group and that the pricing structure was sent out in accordance with these discussions.



**MINUTE**

**14     Item 6     GILMOUR STREET - WATER DETENTION BASIN (31.00001)**

**Cr North** - asked does Council clear this Detention Basin area.

**The Director Engineering Services** advised the water table is at a high level and Council cannot get equipment in, waiting for the basin to dry out, then will clear up.

**MINUTE**

**15    Item 7    SUNNY CORNER - TREES (13.00019)**

**Cr North** - Council have cut back some trees in the vicinity. Approaches have been made by residents to have some more trees cleared.

**MINUTE**

**16     Item 8   LIBRARY CONFERENCE (11.00009)**

**Cr Morse** - advised was an excellent conference. Spoke to library operations. The winner of the Kath Knowles Leaders Award gave a presentation. A major issue for libraries is keeping up to date with technology. Noted for 2015.

## MINUTE

### 17 Item 9 TOURISM CONFERENCE (11.00009)

**Cr Morse** - advised there were many speakers covering many areas. Possibility of linking in with Cricket World Cup in 2015 was discussed, also soccer regional/Asia events. Not a lot raised on regional tourism

**MINUTE**

**18     Item 10    CORRECTIONAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP (07.00108)**

**Cr Morse** - spoke to whether a committee has been created to service this new program.

**The General Manager** noted that Cr Bourke and General Manager will be meeting with Corrective Services this Friday on this matter.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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MAYOR  
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**MINUTE**

**19    Item 11    FLAG POLES - ENTRANCE TO BATHURST (18.00269)**

**Cr Morse** - advised that these need to be repaired, can this be looked into.

## MINUTE

### 20 Item 12 THANK YOU (07.00064)

**Cr Toole** - advised this is the last Policy meeting he will attend. It has been an honour to represent the community for the last 18 years. It has been a pleasure to work with Councillors, staff and the community.

Thanked the staff and public for their efforts, it has been a productive and positive time.

Best wishes to the retiring Councillors - Carpenter & Thompson and good luck to those standing.

Looks forward to continuing to work with Council into the future as the local member.

## MINUTE

### 21 Item 13 THANK YOU (07.00064)

**Cr Thompson** - thanked Council and staff for the rewarding experience of being a Councillor. The importance of the rural community needs to be acknowledged and the Council has provided strong support. Things achieved include; minimum lot sizes decision, Fire Control Centre, lobbying over weed concerns, scholarships, environmental grants, Hill End Road, Village Improvement Program.



## MINUTE

### 22 Item 14 THANK YOU (07.00064)

**Cr Carpenter** - thanked fellow Councillors for their efforts, noted in particular the levels of dedication put in. The Councillors represent a broad cross-section of the community and work well as a team. The hours of service are extraordinary. Good luck to all Councillors who are standing again.

Thank you to the staff in helping Councillors. It has been a very successful Council. The Council has been well managed and the relationships have been co-operative.

Thank you to the loyal attendees from the community who bring a public voice to Council.

**MINUTE**

**23     MEETING CLOSE**

The Meeting closed at 5.22 pm.

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(15 August 2012)**