



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Held at 1:00pm
On 24 August 2015**

ROLL CALL

Councillors:

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)
Cr B Crouch (Deputy Mayor)
Cr L Cooper
Cr K Dusting
Cr M Dusting
Cr D Field
Cr F Geldof
Cr I Strutt
Cr K Ward

Staff:

Mr D Connor, General Manager
Mr R Bell, Director-Infrastructure & Regulation
Mrs O Wood, Executive Manager-Community & Culture
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs D Williams, Minute Clerk

MINUTES

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The Meeting Commenced at: 1:05pm

ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr B Crouch (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors, L Cooper, K Disting, M Disting, D Field, F Geldof, I Strutt, K Ward, Director-Infrastructure & Regulation (Mr R Bell), Chief Financial Officer (Mr S Paul), Executive Manager-Community & Culture (Mrs O Wood), Minute Clerk (Mrs D Williams).

1. OPENING & WELCOME

2. PRAYER

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

4. APOLOGIES/REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An Apology was tabled for D Connor (General Manager) and Requests for Leave of Absence were submitted by Cr M Disting, Cr K Disting and Cr K Ward.

MOTION

Apology and Leave of Absence

1.08/15 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs F Geldof / B Crouch)

- That the apology for D Connor be accepted.
- That the requests for Leave of Absences from Cr M Disting between 17 September to 22 September and the requests for Cr M Disting and Cr K Disting for 15 October to 13 November 2015 be approved.
- That the request for Leave of Absence from Cr K Ward between 28 August and 14 September 2015 be approved.

5. DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

At request of the Chair, the Minute Clerk tabled details of the pecuniary and non-pecuniary Conflict of Interest Declarations received in relation to the 24 August 2015 meeting.

Submitted By:	Interest Declared:
Cr M Pearce	Non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 – Infrastructure & Regulation: Authority to Affix the Common Seal.- DA/9/2015 Mr C & Mrs L Borger A personal friend and knowledge of the applicants.
Cr F Geldof	Item 1.17.08.02 Non-pecuniary interest I am the operator/licensee of the Thunderbolt Inn Uralla. This hotel is a major sponsor of the Bail Up Poker Run, an event held in conjunction with the Thunderbolt Festival. As a major sponsor and with council seeking similar recognition, I see this as a direct conflict of interest.
Cr F Geldof	Non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 – Infrastructure & Regulation: Authority to Affix the Common Seal.- DA/9/2015 Mr C & Mrs L Borger I believe the applicant Mr C Borger to be the same person as Senior Constable Chris Borger who is licensing co-ordinator for the New England Local Command. Being involved in this decision may be incorrectly construed as either party obtaining a benefit.

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Submitted By:	Interest Declared:
<i>Cr L Cooper</i>	<i>Item 1.17.08.02 Non-Pecuniary I am coordinator of Thunderbolt's Festival.</i>

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED & NOTED

2.08/15 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / K Ward)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 July 2015 be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings and that the following minutes be received and noted:

1. Audit & Risk Committee Meeting, held 21 July 2015

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked invited guest and local historian, Mr Arnold Goode for his contribution to Council's 2014 and 2015 Open Days and presented Mr Goode with a token of appreciation from Council.

8. TABLING OF REPORTS & PETITIONS - Nil

9. PRESENTATIONS & DEPUTATIONS

PRESENTATIONS - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

1. Mr Stuart Berryman

Bundarra Resident

The Speaker delivered a presentation in support of the naming of the new bridge over the Gwydir River at Bundarra as Emu Crossing Bridge. Report # 2.17.08.07

The Chair thanked Mr Berryman for his Presentation to Council.

2. Mr Greg Livermore

CEO of the Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Lands Council

The Speaker delivered a presentation in support of the naming of the new bridge over the Gwydir River at Bundarra as the Nurse May Yarrowyck. Report # 2.17.08.07

The Chair thanked Mr Livermore for his Presentation to Council.

MOTION

To Suspend Standing Orders

3.08/15 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting /F Geldof)

To suspend standing order of Agenda and move to hear Item 2.17.08.07 Planning Proposal Exhibition.

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Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director – Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: 2.17.08.07
Subject: Bridge Naming: New Bridges Over The Gwydir River and Abington Creek

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Move to the Committee of the Whole

4.08/15 MOVED/CARRIED(Crs K Ward / M Dusing)

That Council moves to the Committee of the Whole to discuss the Bridge Naming: New Bridges Over The Gwydir River and Abington Creek
Councillors held a detail discussion in relation to the aforementioned Report and Recommendations.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Resumption of Standing Orders

5.08/15 MOVED/CARRIED (Crs L Cooper / K Ward)

That Council move out of committee and resume standing orders.

6.08/15 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / M Dusing)

That Council, after considering the content and views of the public submissions:

1. Names the new bridge over the Gwydir River as “The Emu Crossing Bridge.”
2. Names the bridge, under construction over the Abington Creek, as the “Abington Bridge”.
3. Places a plaque/s to honour the work of Nurse May Yarrowyck at a location to be determined.

To Resume Standing Orders

7.08/15 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusing /F Geldof)

To resume standing order of Agenda and return to Item 10 on the Agenda, Urgent Supplementary & Late Items of Business.

10. URGENT SUPPLEMENTARY & LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS - Nil

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS & WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

COUNCILLOR NAME:	Leanne Cooper	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
7/08/2015	Meeting with focus for Thunderbolts Festival	Armidale
14/08/15	Photo shoot with Warbirds for Thunderbolts Festival	Fleet Helicopters
24/08/15	Council Meeting	USC

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COUNICLLOR NAME:	Bob Crouch	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
7/08/15	Council Open Day Local Government Week	Uralla
10/08/15	Councillor Briefing	Uralla
10/08/15	Z-Net Workshop	Uralla
10/08/15	Bundarra 355 Committee	Bundarra
10/08/15	Meeting with Bundarra Bowling Club delegates with General Manager	Bundarra
10/08/15	Meeting with new owners of the Hotel in Bundarra with the General Manager	Bundarra
13/08/15	Z-Net firewood workshop	Uralla
17/08/15	Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee	Uralla
17/08/15	Corporate and Community Committee	Uralla
24/08/15	Ordinary meeting of Council	Uralla

COUNICLLOR NAME:	Karen Dusting	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/07/15	Council Meeting	USC
7/08/15	Council Open Day	Uralla
10/08/15	CBS	USC
	ZNET Workshop	Uralla
18/08/15	Legislative Council – General Purpose Standing Committee No 6 – Inquiry into Local Government in NSW	Armidale

COUNICLLOR NAME:	Mark Dusting	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/07/15	Council Meeting	USC
7/08/15	Council Open Day	Uralla
10/08/15	CBS	USC
	ZNET Workshop	Uralla
18/08/15	Legislative Council – General Purpose Standing Committee No 6 – Inquiry into Local Government in NSW	Armidale

COUNICLLOR NAME:	Daphne Field	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/07/15	Ordinary Council Meeting	USC
10/08/15	CBS	USC
17/08/15	Corporate & Community Committee Meeting	USC

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COUNICLLOR NAME:	Fred Geldof	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/07/15	Council Meeting	Council
10/08/15	Councillor Briefing	Council
	Z Net Presentation and workshop	Council
17/08/15	Environment Works Committee	Council

COUNICLLOR NAME:	Michael Pearce	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
28/07/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
29/07/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
30/07/15	ABC Radio Interview	USC
	Administration & Correspondence	USC
3/08/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
4/08/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
	UHA Uralla Branch – AGM	Uralla
5/08/15	2AD Radio Interview	USC
	Administration & Correspondence	USC
	Unveiling of Northern Entrance Statement	Uralla
6/08/15	Country Mayor's Association Meeting	Sydney
	Local Govt Week Awards – Presentation Dinner	Sydney
7/08/15	Open Day	Uralla
10/08/15	CBS	USC
	ZNET Councillor Workshop	USC
	Red Cross Conference Celebrating 100years	Uralla
11/08/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
13/08/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
14/08/15	Namoi Councils Board Meeting. TRC Chambers	Tamworth
17/08/15	NIRW Program Committee Meeting	Uralla
	Standing Committee Meetings	USC
18/08/15	Legislative Council – General Purpose Standing Committee No 6 – Inquiry into Local Government in NSW	Armidale
19/08/15	2AD Radio Interview	Armidale
	Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting (CSPC)	Armidale
20/08/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
24/08/15	Administration & Correspondence	USC
	Presentation: Garage Sale Trail	USC
	Council Meeting	USC

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COUNICLLOR NAME:	Isabel Strutt	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24 August 2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
05/08/2015	Official unveiling of Northern Entry Statement	Uralla
07/08/2015	Council Open Day – activities in Porter Park, and meeting and greeting at Council Chambers.	Uralla
10/08/2015	Councillor Briefing Session	Uralla
10/08/2015	Visited Dangars Lagoon with Bush Regenerator regarding Lions Club working with Council	Uralla
11/08/2015	Red Cross Zone Conference	Uralla
14/08/2015	Community morning tea and briefing session at McMaugh Gardens	Uralla
14/08/2015	Briefing Session to Councillors on Namoi Councils progress as Pilot Joint Organisation	Tamworth
17/08/2015	Corporate and Community Standing Committee	Uralla
17/08/2015	Development & Infrastructure Standing Committee (Observer)	Uralla
18/08/2015	NSW State Government Upper House Committee Hearing on “Fit for the Future”	Armidale.

COUNICLLOR NAME:	Kevin Ward	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	24/08/2015	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
5/08/15	Unveiling of Northern Entrance Statement	Uralla
7/08/15	Council Open Day	Uralla
10/08/15	CBS	USC
	Visited Dangars Lagoon with Bush Regenerator	Uralla
11/08/15	Red Cross Zone Conference	Uralla
14/08/15	Morning Tea and Briefing Session at McMaugh Gardens	Uralla
17/08/15	Standing Committee Meetings	USC
18/08/15	Legislative Council – General Purpose Standing Committee No 6 – Inquiry into Local Government in NSW	Armidale
20/08/15	ZURG Community Meeting	Uralla

12. MAYORAL MINUTE - Nil

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SECTION - Nil

14. REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER - Nil

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15. REPORTS FROM THE CORPORATE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Department: General Manager's Office
Submitted by: General Manager
Reference: 1.17.08.01
Subject: Councillor's Access to Records & Staff Interaction Policy

8.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / F Geldof)**
That Council adopts the revised Councillor's Access to Records and Staff Interaction Policy.

Department: Community & Culture
Submitted by: Executive Manager Community & Culture
Reference: 1.17.08.02
Subject: Sponsorship request – Thunderbolts Festival

Cr F Geldof and Cr L Cooper left the room at 2:20pm having earlier declared an interest in this report.

9.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / D Field)**

1. That Council enter into a major sponsor agreement with the Thunderbolts Festival Committee, conditional on items (a), (b), (c) and (d) below;
 - (a) A requirement that Uralla Shire Council be showcased as the major sponsor on all event and promotional material.
 - (b) A requirement that Uralla Shire Council be permitted to set-up a pop-up visitor information centre in a high traffic location in Alma Park for the Thunderbolts festival.
 - (c) A full event risk management plan be satisfactorily completed and supplied to Council along with any other Council required documents before the end of September.
 - (d) A written report including financials be provided to Council following completion of the event.
2. That Council provide major sponsorship of \$10,000 in cash for the 2015 Thunderbolts Festival;
3. That Council provide non-cash sponsorship in the form of the following:
 - (a) the provision of and collection of garbage bins;
 - (b) the erection and removal of promotional banners on Council's flag poles;
 - (c) the supply, erection and removal of barrier mesh at the rodeo site;
 - (d) traffic control and road closures.

The motion was carried 5/2, with Crs Geldof and Cooper Absent. Cr M Dusting and Cr K Dusting request the record show that they voted against the motion. Cr K Dusting also requested that the record note she was on the Thunderbolt Festival Committee for three and a half years.

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Department: Governance and Information
Submitted by: Manager – Governance and Information
Reference: 1.17.08.03
Subject: Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
Annual Report

10.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / M Dusting)**
That, in accordance with Section 125 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Council notes the 2014/15 Annual Report as attached.

Department: Governance and Information
Submitted by: Manager – Governance and Information
Reference: 1.17.08.04
Subject: Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 Annual and Six
Monthly Reports

11.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / D Field)**
That Council notes that, in accordance with Section 31 and Section 6CA of the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994, reports have been submitted to the New South Wales Ombudsman, for the 2014/15 Annual and six monthly reports, as required.

Department: Finance
Submitted by: Chief Financial Officer
Reference: 1.17.08.05
Subject: Cash at Bank and Investments

12.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / D Field)**
That Council notes the cash position as at 31 July, 2015 consisting of cash and overnight funds of \$2,697,834.51, and term deposits of \$7,505,386.99 totalling \$10,203,221.5 of readily convertible funds.

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**16. REPORTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT &
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: 2.17.08.01
Subject: Works Progress Report to 31 July 2015

13.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs F Geldof / B Crouch)**
That the report be received and noted for the works completed or progressed during July 2015.

Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: 2.17.08.02
Subject: Works Planning Report August 2015

14.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Dusting / B Crouch)**
That the report be received and noted for the works planned for August 2015.

Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director of Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: 2.17.08.03
Subject: Development Approvals and Refusals for July 2015

15.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs B Crouch / F Geldof)**
That Council receive and note the development approvals and refusals for July 2015.

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Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director – Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: 2.17.08.04
Subject: Planning Proposal – D & J Heagney - Part Lot 12 DP
529709 – Rowan Avenue, Uralla

16.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / I Strutt)**

That the following be received and noted in regards to the Planning Proposal affecting land known as Part Lot 12 DP 529709, Rowan Avenue, Uralla:

1. NSW Planning issued a Gateway Determination on 15 July 2015.
2. Public exhibition will be carried out from Friday 24 July 2015 until Monday 24 August 2015

Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director – Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: 2.17.08.05
Subject: Drought Management Plan Adoption

17.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / I Strutt)**

That Council adopts the Drought Management Plan.

Department: Infrastructure and Regulation
Submitted by: Environmental Management Coordinator
Reference: 2.17.08.06
Subject: Zero Net Energy Town Uralla (Z-NET Uralla)

18.08/15 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs F Geldof / B Crouch)**

That Council remains committed to supporting Z-NET as a community led enterprise, and remains committed to the current model of collaborating in partnership with our community on Z-NET projects that improve the sustainability of our energy resources and deliver energy efficiency and reduction dividends for the benefit of the Shire's residents and businesses including Council itself.

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17. MOTIONS ON NOTICE - Nil

18. SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS – as at 18 August 2015

19. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - Nil

20. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX THE COMMON SEAL

Department: Infrastructure & Regulation
Submitted by: Director of Infrastructure & Regulation
Reference: Item 1 – Division Decision
Subject: Application of Council Seal to Section 88b instrument:
DA-9-2015 – Mr C & Mrs L Borger

Cr F Geldof left the room at 3:00pm having earlier declared an interest in this report. Cr K Ward also elected to leave the room, declaring an interest.

19.08/15 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting/B Crouch)

That Council endorse the affixing of the Council Seal on the Section 88b Instrument relating to Development Application 9/2015 on land known as 62 Mount Butler Road Invergowrie, being Lot 29 DP 246614.

A Division Decision was called and the result was as follows:

FOR: Councillors, M Pearce (Mayor), B Crouch, L Cooper, K Dusting, M Dusting, D Field, I Strutt,

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Crs F Geldof and K Ward

Crs F Geldof and K Ward returned to the room at 3:03pm.

21. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at: 3:05pm