



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Held at 12 noon
On 21 September 2012**

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

Attendees:

Mr T O'Connor, General Manager
Mr R Bell, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs J Michie, Director of Administrative Services
Ms L Cumming, Manager of Planning
Mr P Steedman, Minute Clerk

MINUTES

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Assignment of Action Items

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GM	Mr T O'Connor, General Manager
DES	Mr R Bell, Director of Engineering Services
DAS	Ms J Michie, Director of Administrative Services
MP	Ms L Cumming, Manager of Planning
EA	Mr P Steedman, Executive Assistant

The Meeting Commenced at: 12:00noon

ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr B Crouch (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors, L Cooper from 12:05pm, K Dusing, M Dusing, D Field, F Geldof, I Strutt, K Ward, General Manager (Mr T O'Connor), Director of Engineering Services (Mr R Bell) from 12:06pm, Director of Administrative Services (Mrs J Michie), Minute Clerk (Mr P Steedman).

PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

APOLOGY

There were no Apologies declared

NOTICE OF LATE ARRIVAL

Notices of Late Arrival were advised for Cr L Cooper and the Director of Engineering Services.

378/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusing / I Strutt)**

That the late arrival of Cr L Cooper and the Director of Engineering Services be noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

379/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / I Strutt)**

Ordinary Meeting of 27 August 2012

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 August 2012 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

380/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Dusing / I Strutt)**

Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 27 August 2012

That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 August 2012 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

381/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / K Ward)**

Emergency Extraordinary Meeting of 31 August 2012

That the Minutes of the Emergency Extraordinary Meeting of 31 August 2012 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of 27 August 2012

Nil matters arising

Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 27 August 2012

Nil matters arising

Emergency Extraordinary Meeting of 31 August 2012

The General Manager provided an update to Annual Financial Statement figures originally outlined in his Report to the 31 August 2012 Emergency Extraordinary Meeting.

Cr L Cooper, having earlier been advised as a late arrival to the meeting, arrived at the meeting at 12:05pm.

The Director Engineering Services, having earlier been advised as a late arrival to the meeting, arrived at the meeting at 12:06pm.

ADJOURNMENT (12:15pm – 12:25pm)

382/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / I Strutt)**

That Council break for a 10 minute Adjournment (12:15pm – 12:25pm) to allow Councillors to read the Minutes of the 19 September 2012 Extraordinary Meeting.

The Meeting resumed at 12:25pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

383/12 **Extraordinary Meeting of 19 September 2012**

MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / L Cooper)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 19 September 2012 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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 21 September 2012 meeting.

Submitted By:	Interest Declared:
<i>Cr K Dusting</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary interest as a Person named in Attachment B of the General Manager's Governance and Administration Item 1 Report to the Closed Session of Council.</i>
<i>Cr M Dusting</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary interest as a Person named in Attachment B of the General Manager's Governance and Administration Item 1 Report to the Closed Session of Council.</i>
<i>Cr I Strutt</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary interest as a Person named in Attachment B of the General Manager's Governance and Administration Item 1 Report to the Closed Session of Council. A Leave of Absence was also requested for this Item and the remainder of the meeting.</i>

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE

Questions On-Notice Received and From Previous Meetings

The Chair referred Councillors to the responses provided to "Questions On-Notice" raised at the Ordinary meeting of Council held Monday, 27 August 2012:

Cr M Dusting

QUESTION:

Suggestion Boxes

Can the General Manager obtain an indication of costs for the provision of "Suggestion Boxes" at suitable locations across the Shire?

GM

RESPONSE:

The initial cost of suggestion boxes for various locations across the Shire would vary dependent upon material, however a medium oak suggestion box of reasonable strength would cost \$55.00. The determination of the locations for suggestion boxes; such as the locations for the distribution of Business Papers, Minutes and Notices – the Library and the general stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown – and a report on the ongoing cost of collecting will be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Cr S Powley

QUESTION:

Delegated Authority Workshop

Can a Councillor Workshop be held to explain the Delegated Authority process?

GM

RESPONSE:

The workings of the Delegation of Authority (Council policies 1.2.04 Delegations of Authority to Committees of Council and 1.2.05 Delegation of Authority to Mayor and General Manager, including sub-delegations to other officers) will be part of Councillors' training and workshops.

Update to 27 August 2012 response to "Question On-Notice" raised at the Ordinary meeting of Council held Monday, 21 September 2012:

Cr M Pearce

At the 27 August 2012 Meeting of Council, the General Manager provided the following response to a "Question On-Notice" raised by Cr M Pearce at the meeting held Monday, 25 June 2012: "*Could the General Manager have a draft Policy prepared for the consideration of Council to control the number of Companion Animals held on properties within RU4, RU5 and R5 zoning in the Uralla Shire Council?*"

A draft policy will be prepared for consideration of Council at its August 2012 meeting

GM

UPDATE TO MEETING OF 21 SEPTEMBER 2012:

The draft policy has been commenced, however requires input from other regulatory officers for input on practical compliance clauses, so the policy will not be available for Council adoption for advertisement until the October 2012 meeting.

The Chair advised that no "Questions On-Notice" were received for inclusion to the Business Paper for the 21 September 2012 Meeting of Council:

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion submitted to the 21 September 2012 Meeting

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

Item 1

Local Government Elections 2012 – Uralla Shire Council Results

U12/209

384/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / L Cooper)**

That Council note the results of the Local Government Election for the Uralla Shire Council held on Saturday 8 September 2012 as:-

Ward A

- Bob Crouch - Elected 1
- Michael Pearce - Elected 2
- Mark Dusting - Elected 3

Ward B

- Kevin Ward - Elected 1
- Fred Geldof – Elected 2
- Daphne Field – Elected 3

Ward C

- Isabel Strutt – Elected 1
- Leanne Cooper – Elected 2
- Karen Dusting – Elected 3

Item 2

Disclosure by Councillors and Designated Persons

U07/164

385/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs B Crouch / F Geldof)**

That the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons from:-

- Councillor Karen Dusting
- Councillor Mark Dusting
- Councillor Ron Filmer
- Councillor Michael Pearce
- Councillor Stephen Powley
- Councillor Isabel Strutt
- Councillor Kevin Ward
- Councillor Robert Spreadborough
- Robert Bell
- Peta Cooper
- Elizabeth Cumming
- Patrick Dogan (Primary Return)
- Jane Michie
- Thomas Patrick O'Connor
- Janice Roads

as tabled, be noted.

Item 3

Council Ordinary Meeting Dates for 2013

U07/167

386/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / D Field)

That Council approve the following dates for Ordinary Meetings for 2013:-

Mondays; 21 January 2013, 25 February 2013, 25 March 2013, 22 April 2013, 27 May 2013, 24 June 2013, 22 July 2013, 26 August 2013, 23 September 2013, 28 October 2013, 25 November 2013 and 16 December 2013.

GM

Item 4

Councillor Training Workshops

U12/209

387/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / D Field)

That Council register and send the following Councillors to the Division of Local Government Councillor Training Workshop to be held Tuesday, 23 October 2012 in Armidale:-

- M Dusting
- B Crouch
- F Geldof
- D Field
- K Dusting
- K Ward
- I Strutt
- M Pearce

GM

Item 5

Uralla Shire Council Operating Policies

U07/70

388/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / L Cooper)

That Council:

- adopt the Draft Banners on Council Banner Poles Policy 1.2.17, as amended, for the purpose of advertising for submission for the period from Friday 21 September 2012 to Friday 19 October 2012
- note the status of the draft Governance Policy for Companion Animals held on properties within RU4, RU5 and R5 zoning in the Uralla Shire Council and the Corporate Services – Human Resources Operating Policies – Higher Grade Pay and Variable Working Hours.

GM

Item 6

Referendum on Election of Mayor - Local Government Elections 2012

U12/209

389/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Dusting / F Geldof)

That Council note the results of the Referendum conducted during the Local Government Election for the Uralla Shire Council held on Saturday, 8 September 2012 with 1,977 (55.96%) voting Yes and 1,556 (44.04%) voting No in the Referendum favouring the election of the Mayor by the electors for a four year term, reducing the numbers of wards from three to two (one Urban and one Rural) and maintaining nine Councillors (including the mayor) to enable the election of four Councillors from the two wards.

GM

Planning

Item 1 DIVISION DECISION

Application of Council Seal to Section 88b Instrument

DA 30/2012

390/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / D Field)

Council endorse the fixing of the Council Seal on the Section 88b Instrument relating to Development Application 30/2012 on land known as 1 Munro Avenue, Uralla being Lot 10 Section 1 DP 759022.

GM

A Division was Called and the Result was as follows:

*FOR: L Cooper, B Crouch, K Dusting, M Dusting, D Field, F Geldof,
M Pearce, I Strutt, K Ward.*

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

Item 2 DIVISION DECISION

Application of Council Seal to Section 88e Instrument

DA 31/2012

391/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / L Cooper)

Council endorse the fixing of the Council Seal on the Section 88e Instrument relating to Development Application 31/2012 on land known as 493 Hawthorne Drive, Arding being Lot 81 DP 1064096.

GM

A Division was Called and the Result was as follows:

*FOR: L Cooper, B Crouch, K Dusting, M Dusting, D Field, F Geldof,
M Pearce, I Strutt, K Ward.*

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

Item 3

New Executive Structure for the Department of Planning & Infrastructure

U07/02

392/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / M Dusting)

Council note the changes to the organisational structure of the Department of Planning & Infrastructure.

Item 4

Planning Application Approvals and Refusals for the Month of August 2012

U07/168

393/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs L Cooper / I Strutt)

That Council note the information contained within the Planning Application Approvals and Refusals Report for the month of August 2012

ADJOURNMENT

LUNCHEON RECESS (1:00pm - 1:30pm)

394/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Dusting / F Geldof)

That Council break for a 30 minute Luncheon Adjournment (1:00pm – 1:30pm).

The Meeting resumed at 1:30pm.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The General Manager tabled details of a Conflict of Interest Declaration made in relation to the 21 September 2012 meeting.

Submitted By:	Interest Declared:
General Manager, Mr T P O'Connor	Non-Pecuniary interest as the Person who is the subject of the Mayor's Item 1 Report to Closed Session in relation to the General Manager's Performance Review.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Have Your Say

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Late Request to Address Council lodged by Mr Colin Brady

The Chair advised details of a Late Request received from Mr Colin Brady to deliver a "Have Your Say" Presentation to Council.

395/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / M Dusting)**

That the late "Have Your Say" registration request lodged by Mr Colin Brady be noted and leave to address Council granted.

Speakers in Order of Presentation:

The Chair introduced the Speaker in delivery of a Presentation as follows:-

1. Mr Colin Brady

Spokesperson, Bakers Creek Road Users Committee.

The Speaker delivered a presentation on the subject of anticipated Truck usage on Bakers Creek Road.

The Chair thanked Mr Brady for his Presentation to Council.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Late Request to Address Council lodged by Mr Norm Heywood

A request to address Council was made from the Public Gallery by Mr Norm Heywood.

396/12 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / I Strutt)**

That the request to address Council by Mr Norm Heywood be noted and leave to speak granted.

2. Mr Norm Heywood

Ratepayer / Resident, Bakers Creek Road.

The Speaker delivered a brief commentary on the arguments for and against B-Double and Single-Deck Road Transportation Systems.

The Chair thanked Mr Heywood for his comments.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Lifting of a Matter from the Table

397/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / B Crouch)

That the Matter of B-Double Access for Bakers Creek Road, being Item 7, Resolution 331/12 in the Minutes of the 27 August 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council, be lifted from the Table and dealt with at the 21 September 2012 Meeting.

MOTION

Gazettal of Bakers Creek Road for B-Double Restricted Vehicle Access

398/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs B Crouch / L Cooper)

That Council:

1. Approve the gazettal of Bakers Creek Road for 25 Metre B-Double Restricted Vehicle Access, subject to completion of upgrade works necessary to bring the road up to the Specifications defined within the RMS Route Assessment Guidelines for Restricted Access Vehicles.
2. In conjunction with commencement of the above works, undertake a Road Safety Audit in consultation with the local Community to define the scope of any additional works required.
3. Endorse the General Manager to negotiate with Sundown Pastoral Company to assist on the funding of works identified by the Road Safety Audit.
4. Request the Uralla Local Traffic Committee to undertake to undertake a Trial to assess the appropriate heavy vehicle speed restriction (40 or 60 Km/h) to apply on Bakers Creek Road.
5. Undertake major maintenance on Bakers Creek Road on an as-needs basis, rather than the current annual schedule.

Cr K Ward left the meeting at 2:10pm, during debate on the above Motion, and returned to the Meeting at 2:11pm, prior to the Motion being put.

Cr D Field made formal request that her Vote against the Motion be recorded.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Administration and Finance

Item 1

Cash at Bank and Investments

U10/1

399/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Disting / I Strutt)

That Council note the cash position at 31 August 2012 consisting of; cash and overnight funds of \$1,223,512.91 term deposits of \$6,900,00.00 totalling \$8,123,512.91 of readily convertible funds.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Community Services

Item 1

Visitor Information Centre Monthly Report

U07/273

400/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / F Geldof)

That the Community Development Officer's report on activities at the Visitor Information Centre for August 2012 be noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

Technical Services

Item 1

Uralla Swimming Pool

U09/6582

401/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / L Cooper)

That Council:

- (i) Provide a twenty (20) week swimming pool season from Saturday, 27 October 2012 until Friday, 15 March 2013.
- (ii) Authorise that the General Manager, upon taking advice from the Pool Manager, may extend or reduce the pool season based on attendance and prevailing ambient temperatures.
- (iii) Open the pool during the 2012-2013 season as follows:-
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 6am – 8am and 12 noon to 6pm.
 - Wednesday – 6am -8am and 12 noon to 5pm.
 - Saturday and Sunday – 12 noon to 6pm.

DES

Item 2

2012/2013 Road Program Allocations

U12/47

402/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs B Crouch / K Ward)

That Council accept the 2012/13 Road Program allocations in accordance with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) arrangements.

DES

The General Manager left the meeting at 2:32pm.

Item 3

Works Planning

U07/3041

Item 4

Works Progress for Period Ended 14 September 2012

U07/3041

403/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / F Geldof)

That the Works Progress for the period ended 14 September 2012 and the Planned Works be noted.

The General Manager, having left the meeting at 2:32pm, returned to the meeting at this time (2:33pm).

MAILOUTS TO COUNCILLORS

Weekly Mailout Forwarded for the Information of Councillors

Item 1

Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 24 August 2012 to Friday, 14 September 2012

U07/23

404/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / I Strutt)

That the Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 24 August 2012 to Friday, 14 September 2012 be noted.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Minutes of Meeting for Council and Community Committees

Item 1

Minutes of Council Committees

Various

405/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs L Cooper / K Ward)

That Council note the following Minutes of Meeting of Committees of Council:

- Minutes of the 22 February 2012 Meeting of the Australia Day Committee.
- Minutes of the 12 April 2012 Meeting of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Advisory Committee.
- Minutes of the 15 May 2012 Meeting of the Tablelands Community Transport Advisory Committee
- Minutes of the 21 August 2012 Meeting of the Tablelands Community Transport Advisory Committee

Item 2

Minutes of Community Committees

There were no Minutes of Meeting for Community Committees received prior to the 14 September 2012 Closure of Submissions to the 21 September 2012 Business Paper.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Councillors in turn provided a brief verbal summary of their Council related activities during the reporting period and submitted written Delegate Reports comprising details as follows:-

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr M Dusting	31 August	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	19 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
Cr I Strutt	28 August	General Managers Review, Uralla
	29 August	CSPC Meeting/EDC Meeting – Apology
	31 August	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	4 September	Environment Committee – Apology
	6 September	Road inspection with DES and resident, Uralla
	13 September	McMaugh Gardens Advisory Committee – Apology
	16 September	Tree planting at Uralla Pre-School, Uralla
	19 September	Two Councillors Workshops, Uralla
	19 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	21 September	St Joseph's School Annual Art Show – Opening Night, Uralla Council Meeting, Uralla
Cr K Ward	4 September	Environment Committee Meeting, Uralla
	4 September	150 th Anniversary Public Education planning meeting, Uralla
	13 September	McMaugh Gardens Advisory Committee, Uralla

MOTION**Excessive Electricity Charges at McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre****406/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Ward / I Strutt)**

That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate with the Regional Manager of Essential Energy in regard to excessive electricity charges at the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre.

GM**DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)**

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr L Cooper	19 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	21 September	Council Meeting, Uralla
Cr K Dusting	21 August	Council Meeting Day, Uralla
	29 August	Opening of Library at Wee Waa, Wee Waa
	6 September	Australia Day Committee, Uralla
	31 August	Emergency Meeting Uralla Council, Uralla

DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr M Pearce	28 August	General Manager Review, Uralla
	29 August	CSPC Safety Precinct Committee, Armidale
	30 August	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	12 September	General Manager Review with Mayor, Uralla
	18 September	New England Bushfire Management Committee, Armidale
	19 September	Workshop x 2 Selection Mayor & Deputy Mayor, Uralla
	19 September	Extraordinary Meeting, Uralla
21 September	September Council Meeting, Uralla	
Cr B Crouch	19 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	19 September	Education "Budget Cuts" meeting, Bundarra Central School
	21 September	Council Meeting, Uralla

PROCEDURAL MOTION**Urgent Matter for Consideration of Council****407/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs B Crouch / M Dusting)**

That the matter relating to recent cutbacks in the Department of Education Budget is an issue of importance and be allowed for the urgent consideration of Council.

GM**MOTION****Funding Cuts to Distance Education Program****408/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs B Crouch / M Dusting)**

That Council write to the Member for Northern Tablelands, Hon Richard Torbay MP to express concern regarding Funding cuts by the Department of Education for the Distance Education Program and the resultant negative impact on the local Community.

GM**DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)**

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr F Geldof	19 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	21 September	Council Meeting, Uralla
Cr D Field	19 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting, Uralla
	21 September	Council Meeting, Uralla

QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE RAISED

Questions On-Notice for Next Meeting of Council

Councillors lodged "Questions On-Notice" as detailed below:

Cr B Crouch

QUESTION:

Emu Crossing Feasibility Study

Can an advice be provided regarding anticipated timeframes for completion of the Emu Crossing Feasibility Study?

GM

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MEETING PROCEDURE

409/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / K Ward)

That Council move into Closed Session.

CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

The General Manager outlined the reason/s for the closure of the meeting to members of the Public and the Press.

410/12 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / K Ward)

1. i. That the General Manager has correctly classified those matters which Council wishes to deal with in part of this meeting which is closed to the public.
 - ii. The General Manager's reasons for forming an opinion that the matters should be dealt with in Closed Session are correct in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Act.
 - iii. That as the matters relate to personnel Matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors; advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege, Council is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
2. That as a result of item 1. sub-items (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the public is excluded from this section of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

411/12 MOVED/ CARRIED

That the following Resolutions of Closed Session become Resolutions of Council in Open Session.

APOLOGY (Closed Session)

There were no Apologies declared

MAYOR'S REPORT TO CLOSED SESSION

The General Manager, having previously declared an Interest in relation to the Mayor's Item 1 Report to Closed Session, left the meeting at this time (3:07pm).

Cr I Strutt

Item 1

General Manager's Annual Review

Confidential

412/12 MOVED/ CARRIED

That Council:

1. Note the Review Team has assessed the General Manager's performance over the previous year as more than satisfactory.
2. Adopt the Review Team recommendation for a negotiated variance in the Schedule 'C' Recommendation in accordance with Clause 8 and 9 of the Contract as listed, which includes the Remuneration Tribunal Determination for Chief Executives and Senior Executives from October 2012.

The General Manager, having previously left the meeting at 3:07pm, due to a declared Interest, returned to the meeting at this time (3:14pm).

STAFF REPORTS TO CLOSED SESSION

Crs K and M Dusting, having previously declared an Interest in relation to the General Manager's Item 1 Report to Closed Session, left the meeting at this time (3:14pm).

Cr I Strutt, having previously submitted a declaration of Interest and request for Leave of Absence in relation to the General Manager's Item 1 Report to Closed Session, left the meeting at this time (3:14pm).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

Item 1

Legal Opinion – Code of Conduct complaint

U07/244, U08/6528

413/12 MOVED/ CARRIED

That Council direct the General Manager, in lieu of the consideration of the Osborn Report by Council, to refer the matter of the Code of Conduct Complaint to Mr Ross Woodward, Chief Executive, Division of Local Government, for advice as to disposition.

GM

MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

MEETING PROCEDURE

414/12 MOVED/ CARRIED

That Council move back into Open Session.

Crs K and M Disting, having previously left the meeting at 3:14pm, due to a declared Interest returned to the meeting at this time (3:47pm).

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:50pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3:50pm.

The Minutes of the Uralla Shire Council at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 September 2012, consisting of Page 20 and the previous pages, were confirmed by Resolution No. [nnn/12] on [Day Month Year].

.....Mayor