

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2014
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BEES CREEK ROAD, FREDS PASS**

Present	Allan McKay Mathew Salter Victor Statham Mathew Salter Mike Bowman Judy Cole Russell Anderson Derrick Tranter Graeme Francis Andrew Farrell Diane Chellingworth Sally Clayton Marlene Watt	Mayor Deputy Mayor/North Ward Councillor South Ward Deputy Mayor/North Ward Councillor/East Ward Councillor/Central Ward Chief Executive Officer Governance Manager Director of Works Mobile Works Manager Corporate Services Manager Public Relations Officer Council Secretary
Public:	Dilli Binadi Tony Tapsell Damien Ryan Christine Osborn Gretchen Davis Mary Walshe Lissa Herrmann Laurence AhToy Alison Worsnop Lisa McKinney-Smith Tricia O'Hehir Barbara Crane Andrew Curtis Peter Coles Peter Drady	Department of Local Government CEO LGANT President – LGANT Bees Creek Darwin River Humpty Doo Livinstone Howard Springs Humpty Doo Howard Springs Virginia Howard Springs Virginia Humpty Doo Humpty Doo

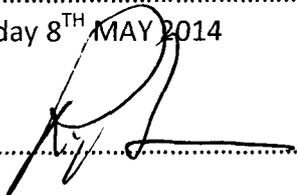
1. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Mayor, Allan McKay opened the Meeting at 6.30 p.m. welcoming members of the public.

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- 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil
- 3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil
- 4. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS: Nil
- 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 10th April 2014

The Mayor called for confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 10th April, 2014.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 10th April 2014 are confirmed in full by full Council.

MOVED: J. COLE
 SECONDED: M. SALTER
 CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Mayor advised that there was a matter arising from the Minutes namely the Notice of Motion tabled by Councillor Mike Bowman and seconded by Councillor Vic Statham. The Motion being "That the Councillors of Litchfield Council have no confidence in the current principal member Mayor Allan McKay". The Mayor advised that although he had a "Conflict of Interest" he had written to the Minister asking that he be allowed to stay during discussions. The Chief Executive Officer read and tabled the Ministers reply through Allan McGill, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Local Government dated Thursday 8th May 2014 by email.

"Your Worship.

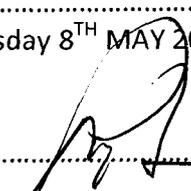
Pursuant to the Minister's power under section 74(4) of the *Local Government Act*, subject to the below conditions, you are authorised to participate in the consideration of the motion 'The Council of Litchfield Council have no confidence in the current principle [principal] member Mayor Allan McKay' due to be discussed at the meeting on 8 May 2014. This authority includes voting on the motion should you decide to exercise a vote.

The conditions are:

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1. you do not chair that portion of the meeting;
2. you abide by all proper meeting procedures;
3. your behaviour during the consideration of the matter accords with the Litchfield Council *Code of Conduct for Elected Members*”

The Mayor then handed over to Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter to Chair this section of the meeting. The Chairman then asked Councillor Bowman if he would like to talk regarding his motion.

“I put the motion forward which was seconded by Councillor Vic Statham

It falls to me as the longest serving and oldest elected member of Litchfield Council to put this motion, it gives me no pleasure to do so but it is the result of considerable ongoing concerns by Councillors based on the Principal Members conduct and lack of leadership over the two years that he has been in office.

The concerns expressed relate to a lack of adherence to the Local Government Act which is the governing legislation under which the Council operates. Within the Act, at Section 43, the role of the Principal member is clearly defined, it states that the Principal Member will:

- (a) Chair meetings of the Council
- (b) Speak on behalf of Council as Council’s principal representative and
- (c) Carry out civic and ceremonial functions

In addition, at Section 77 the Act requires that Council have a Code of Conduct for Elected Members. In addition to the principals noted on the document signed by all Council Members, the Act lays out, at Schedule 2, the Core provisions of the Code of Conduct for ALL councils in the Northern Territory subject to the Act.

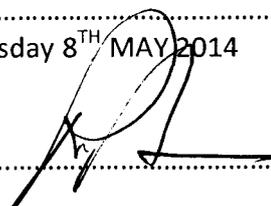
Specifically, the matters of concern leading to this motion are based on numerous instances which potentially contravene both the Act and the Code of Conduct and actions which have been taken by the Principal Member without consultation, or endorsement, by Council.

Specific major instances causing cumulative concern are:

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1. The proposed sale of a small block of land, undefined as an easement or reserve at Lot 31 McAuley Road, the Principal member stated publically that Council needed the proceeds of such a sale so he could "sort out" the drainage swamp area at the Gwelo development at Coolalinga, the matter caused considerable public concern and media attention and had to be formally reversed and the sale cancelled at a general meeting of Council, in the Mayor's absence, where it was necessary to publically concede that the Mayor was in error in connecting the proposed sale with any other matter or works.

2. Official correspondence on behalf of Council was sent to the Chair of the Planning Commission giving Councils full support for a proposed development at Noonamah, regrettably Council was unaware of this correspondence until after the event and there was no formal consultation with Council on the matter at any stage.

3. An approach on behalf of Council was forwarded to a major local developer asking for the "gifting" of land within the Koolpinyah area to Council for the purpose of a future equestrian centre and grass race track to replace the facilities at Freds Pass Reserve, this approach being made without consultation either with Council, or to my knowledge, the equestrian bodies within the Municipality. This action potentially contravenes Part 8 of Schedule 2 of the Core provisions of the Code of Conduct within the Local Government Act.

4. The Principal Member caused a formal Report to be sent the Chief Minister on behalf of Council allegedly prior to the NT Government budget discussions, virtually demanding some 4 million additional dollars funding for the Municipality, the document was ill conceived, rushed, badly presented and based on questionable statistics and was never debated or formally endorsed by Council. As an official document it was an embarrassment to Litchfield Council.

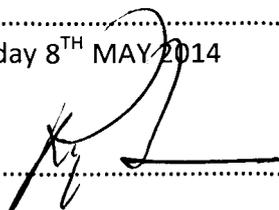
In early March, the Principal Member stated that, in Canberra, he had approached the Federal Government, specifically Senator Barnaby Joyce, for \$200 million to build an incinerator to dispose of Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield's waste. This approach was not within the purview of a minor Local Government official, and was a matter for either Government or a combined request by the Councils involved, as it expressed direct interference with an ongoing NT Government feasibility study, The approach potentially represented embarrassment to both Litchfield and the Councils of TOPROC, a body of which the Principal Member is Chairman and was a matter never discussed or proposed within this Council.

In addition there are allegations of bullying and lack of courtesy to members of the public and to elected and Staff members of Litchfield Council. Also instances of interference in the

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management of Council Staff matters which potentially contravene the Core Provisions of the Code of Conduct. The list goes on...

If I might in conclusion, draw an analogy to sum up the situation leading to this motion being put:

We, the members of the Litchfield Community are like passengers on a rather large bus, we have all paid our fares and have tickets, we know where we want to go on the bus. The Driver, who has been in the job for two years, keeps on driving off down roads not on the schedule and seems to want to follow his own route. The four passengers in the front seats, we the elected members of Council, have constantly tried to get the Driver back on the right route but when challenged for diverting, he pulls his L plates and P plates out of the glove box and waves them at us. We have had to move this motion to try and get the bus and its passengers back to where they have paid their fares to and want to be going.

I personally fear that the Principal member cannot see any error in his actions and he has publically stated so in the media, in addition he has stated that this was not the appropriate forum in which these matters should be raised, the only other forum available to Council Members is a formal Complaint of breaches of the Code of Conduct under Section 79 of the Local Government Act and referral of the Principal Member to a disciplinary committee, at this stage we wish to avoid this step if possible.

Mediation chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Local Government after the Notice of this Motion was tabled, has to date, failed to produce any tangible result.

Measures to remedy these matters lay with the Principal Member who, we consider, has had more than adequate opportunity over 2 years, to understand and execute his elected role and to accept advice and direction.

A Vote of No Confidence has no formal standing under the Local Government Act but is a crystal clear message of our concerns to the Principal Member in relation to his actions. A Principal Member must be a leader and an asset to a Council and those he represents, not a liability.

Thank You."

The Chairman, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter asked Councillor Judy Cole if she had something to contribute. Councillor Cole advised to let Councillor Vic Statham go first.

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The Chairman, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter then asked Councillor Vic Statham if he had anything to add. Councillor Vic Statham advised "that he had organised that the Councillors have a meeting with the Mayor between Ordinary meetings to find out what the Mayor was doing. The Mayor claims that I didn't, he organised the meeting, but in fact I did organise that meeting. He changed the format rather than tells us what he was doing. He went down the road of going through the upcoming agenda and pulling it to pieces before it even got to the Council meeting. I had several one on one meetings with him. It blew up and he accused me of having no community spirit and not doing anything for the community blah blah blah. I then approached the CEO and asked whether I could have a senior council member at these one on one informal meetings. He agreed that I could so the next meeting the Mayor was advised that I could have a Council staff member there with us. The very first meeting we had one issue that we dealt with, and I said to him did he have anything else to discuss he said yes but it is confidential between me and you and the Council staff member left the room so I said that's the end of the meeting and I left too. I'll leave it right there for now there are other issues that we have had but we can go on all night."

Councillor Judy Cole advised the first thing she wanted to say is that the "Council is not dysfunctional. There are rumours going around that it is dysfunctional; it is not dysfunctional. We have had two very good budget meetings at which case we all had very easily come to agreements on what we should be doing and how we should go forward.

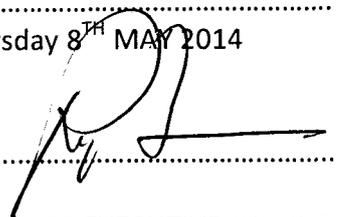
So I want to reiterate that we are actually not in strife. There is a communication problem and the communication is that the Mayor is talking to people actually not knowing what we all think about the subject and that is a concern. The other problem is that he is not accepting advice that has been given especially from people who have been around a long time. My thoughts around this is that the way to go forward would be wrapped around some education maybe one to ones with other people in other Councils with better education and perhaps these meetings that we are actually attending should happen more often and they should have a formal agenda. The formal agenda would actually allow us to know who the Mayor has met, who he is going to meet, what kind of topics are going to be discussed so in fact he can gather the thoughts of the Councillors before he goes into this and that would actually mean one he would know exactly what we thought and two he wasn't randomly going out and saying things that weren't correct."

The Acting Chairman, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter advised that the next stage was to put the motion to the vote. Councillor Mike Bowman moved the motion and Councillor Vic Statham seconded the motion. Carried

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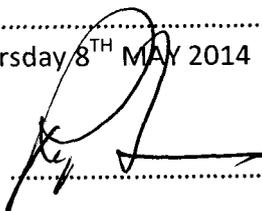
The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Mayor has the right of reply and that this should have happened before the vote was taken. The Chairman apologised.
The Chief Executive Officer asked if there was any one speaking against the motion.

The Mayor advised "that as he had not really known what you were going to put up tonight it makes it a bit hard to come together with a reply to you. I found it quite difficult. I was writing things anticipating what to say. How do you answer the lot, I find it difficult and not able to do what are you after in the end. I hear what Judy is saying. OK the communication side hasn't been good either, but it works both ways. You guys haven't been to see me that much or come in and visited and actually caught up with me. I stopped ages ago doing the one on one with you because I thought I am telling one Councillor one thing and beginning to tell another Councillor something else and it could have blown out another way or I could be seen favouring someone or other. In saying that I stopped and we would have the Mondays meeting and talk about matters and when you are relating to pulling the Agenda apart, its actually making sure that you have basically read and understood the Agenda and is there any information there that you would like me to get for you before the meeting. So that's what that was all about, the agenda side of it. I see my fault in the one on ones and I think we should go back to the ones on ones. I have got to ask you if at least once a fortnight if you can visit me or I can visit you whatever it may be. Vic with you and not wanting to do it one on one you will have to organise a Councillor to come with you so we can have a chat. Otherwise a lot of the information is not going to get out to you all in that one night on the Monday nights as you are only there for an hour and everybody takes 10 minutes and the time goes really quick so I don't get across what I like to get across on the night Now what I have found out since is that I can do different ways of letting you know what's going on. I can take a snapshot of my diary to actually give to you guys, email that out to you so you can see what I have been up to and then on that Monday night or any other meeting night, I can pull up the diary on the TV screen in there and I can actually show you by walking through it what I have actually done. I am out there talking to people, I am trying to collect the information that is needed to bring back to you guys about different things, what we could be doing or what is happening out there. So a lot of that is like threads of information I am out there talking and none of it makes a lot of sense. These threads all come together. You might be starting on a project over here talking about the land. Mike, you said about Koolpinyah. Now that was a conversation I had with you as to whether I can write the letter, you did say yes. Now that was for the future. That was futuristic stuff. It may not even happen and the person who owns the land could even say no but if you don't ask, they can only say no. Its forward planning on that side of it, so if it's the forward planning you don't like well I think that's what Council is all about because forward planning you got to look at these things.

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The proposed sale of land you talk about regarding Bees Creek was decided by all of you Councillors not just by me ,every Councillors decided to sell that . Ok I was wrong in saying we might need the money for somewhere else but at that point in time I didn't know enough about answering some of the questions that were out there. The correspondence to the NT Government that you talked about me asking for \$4m a year over 5 years. Now you went through a budget meeting last night and you have seen how far we are behind on our repairs and maintenance so you know that we need an extra bit of funding. Now when we put that together I asked Russell the CEO, to find out how much our GDP is of the area, how much we are actually contributing into the Northern Territory and Australian Government. Now Russell could not find any figures on that but in putting the other part of the document together, which is on the web site under the Mayors Report in March, so if anyone wants to have a look on the website they know where it is. Now when we were putting that together Mike you were there you actually helped write it up and rewrite it to read better. So you knew all about it you knew what I was going to do with it. You didn't say anything to me about not doing it. Mike Bowman through the chair said "I told you it was a load of crap". The Mayor responded saying "But you still helped to put it together. Over the last 2 years the NT Government has given Council about \$380,000. OK they have put other money into the community by various things, it might be the schools and that sort of stuff but they haven't given Litchfield Council enough money with what is going on out here when we are contributing over 1/2million into the NT economy".

The Chairman, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter asked if we can stop there as the figures that the Mayor is using, and he didn't think the public really wanted to hear because he didn't think they are accurate and had not been authorised or endorsed by the whole Council and can we move onto the next point.

The Mayor continued "so with the money I asked for there was because the budget was coming down and I wanted to get some money back for the community so I was, under the Act somewhere it says there that you can go and do that sort of thing.

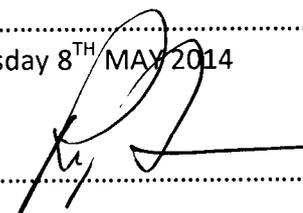
Now as for the money, I asked for the 200 million from Barnaby Joyce. That was a conversation with him in Canberra and probably didn't go anywhere or any further than me and him talking. We were talking about our problems with waste up here and what to do with it and how are we going to treat it, so it was something that was said at the time, spur of the moment. I told you about it when I came back so I wasn't hiding anything.

Just going forward as I said in our mediation meeting, I am prepared to work with you on this. OK, I've done wrong on the communication side of it (Vic Statham advised "you are still going to do wrong on the communication side – you've already told us that while we have been

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sitting here now, because we don't want one on one meetings, we want Councillors and the Mayor") The Mayor asked if that was his view or the whole Councillors – Councillor Statham pointed out that "you rang a Councillor the other day for a one on one meeting and he said four Councillors or no Councillors". The Mayor said "yes but it didn't go any further than that, I didn't ring anybody else". Councillor Statham advised "no because you know we want four Councillors at a meeting because you can tell me one thing and tell him something different and tell Judy something different and then all of a sudden you come up with an idea and you think it has all four Councillors support but it hasn't."

The Chairman asked should we continue with the meeting. The Mayor advised that all he can say is you have already voted on the motion and used his vote against it. It was agreed that no comment is to be made to the media until the Council has meet again hopefully within the week to further discuss and resolve the issue.

The Mayor advised 'you are right, I have to change my ways I will I've got another two years to go as you know we worked through a budget meeting last night, we are not dysfunctional we are just not communicating'. Councillor Statham advised "we try to communicate".

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter handed the Meeting back to the Mayor.

5.2 Minutes of the Budget Workshop held Thursday 17th April 2014

The Mayor called for confirmation of the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held Thursday 17th April, 2014.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held Thursday 17th April 2014 are confirmed in full by full Council with the amendment that Councillor Judy Cole be added to the attendance list.

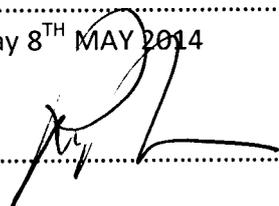
MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
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Judy Coles asked in the Minutes of the last meeting there was a question in relation to the advertisement of the Dog By-Laws and if that had been rectified. The CEO advised yes we actually legally advertised correctly, there were two lots of words in that advert that weren't relevant to document which we have checked with the lawyers' and it was legal.

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Second thing Mathew in his report actually said that he was going to put together a drafting for the Freds Pass Show. Councillor Salter advised that he had been beaten to it and everything has been organised.

7. PUBIC FOURM: (Overview Only)

Barbara Crane advised she disagreed with the recording on Page 17 of the previous Minutes in relation to where the Chairman of the Howard Park Reserve was talking about the softball ball back stop proposal it says *"During this discussion it was suggested to Barbara Crane that in relation to a dog exercise park she may like to use the back part of the reserve" that's OK " and in the meantime orchestrate a petition for interested persons for this project to submit to Council. The Mayor suggested two petitions one for and one against as it then gives a better picture from the ratepayers"*. Barbara Crane disagreed with the minutes entirely. Barbara Crane believed she did not say this that it came from a separate meeting she had with the Mayor. The Council Secretary advised she was not at that separate meeting and did not make up the Minutes. Through the chair the Chief Executive Officer just clarify Barbara there is nothing recorded here saying you suggested two petitions it actually says the Mayor suggested two petitions and that's what's been recorded reflecting the Mayors suggestion. You may well have discussed with the Mayor at your meeting. After further discussion Barbara Crane asked the meeting to move on and advised that the Howard Springs Dump was looking neat and tidy.

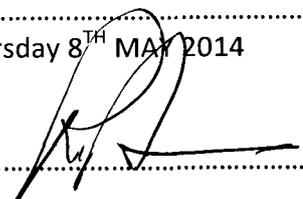
The Mayor asked if Mr Drady would like to address Council on any matter. Mr Drady advised no, except to say that he had known Allan for a long time and has a lot of respect for him and always found him to be honest. He advised it was his first Council Meeting and reminds him of politics on the news and was sure that Council are trying to achieve what everyone wants. Mr Drady advised it was very interesting to sit here watching what's happening.

Mr Lawrence Ah Toy advised he had a couple of questions, firstly in relation to what the Council did to manning its own work force to do the work previous carried out by contractors and he recalls sitting at a Council meeting and saying to you that you were going to prepare a budget of the possibility of doing it yourself or contractors and Council would suck it and see for a year because of the problems with contractors. After nearly two years, the first year in the Pioneer Drive/Wanderrie Road area there was some improvement, however he believed that this year has been an absolute disaster. Mr Ah Toy asked what was the total cost to Council, versus what was the Councils plan to do and what you have achieved Budget wise because when he sees and advised he was not picking on staff, but when I see staff mowing people sitting in their vehicles under a shady tree they are not working and on the other hand you have Council workers who when he lodged a report that part of a road needed fixing and after reminding

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them was done within 48 hours so that is a positive. He advised he was concerned that Council has got an enormous amount of capital funds that has been drawn from your reserves and operating it out there and then seeking the amount of \$200 million from the NT Government how much is Council being aware of the cost versus what rates Council has got and living within your means. Mr Ah Toy advised that the Federal and Territory Government live outside their means and was worried that Council is living outside its means and our rates and things will go up and if the Council is in discussions preparing the next budget, it should know the cost and if it came in under or over budget. Mr Ah Toy would like a report advising the cost versus the result and as an ex accountant wants to know how it came out and if Council is over tell the ratepayers that you stuffed up but don't hide it and say you are seeking \$200 million from the Government to carry on because his second question is even more loaded.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is currently working on the Municipal Plan which will be out for public comment for 21 days and have an agenda item tonight giving you the dates and if endorsed by Council it will be Mr Ah Toy interrupted and advised he was not looking for budget plans. Through the Chair, the Corporate Services Manager advised that in the monthly financials it does actually have a section on page 49 and in there under Infrastructure is the Mobile Work Force Team with their budget stated and is on the Web. The Corporate Services Manager advised she has made a note to pull a report for him. Mr Ah Toy was concerned with the amount of expensive machinery Council has and the costs of repairs should they break down.

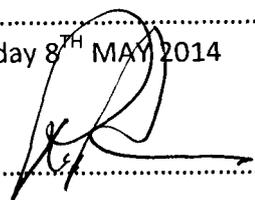
The Corporate Services Manager advised Mr Ah Toy in relation to his comments about seeing works sitting under shady trees she believed that was when they were having their lunch as Council under Work Health requires them to have a lunch and smoko breaks.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that due to the heavy wet season the work force were out for some 5/6 weeks and slashing was behind. Some areas could not be slashed due to water logging and would be addressed when the areas dried out. Some 500 CRMs were received with some 368 during that period. The workforce and contractors were working flat out during this time on the roads with pot holes and wash outs and at one stage there wasn't any hot mix in Darwin. They are back slashing full time now. The spraying program is still in progress however the Gamba grass is rampant and spraying on the verges is not effective. Mr Ah Toy advised he was not here to pick on Council and he had noticed that pot holes on Whitewood Road during this time were done within 24 hours in his area. He just wanted to know Budget versus the costs.

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Mr Ah Toys other problem with Council was as a developer, was the incurred cost by Council were in conflict with Councils aim to provide cheap prices. This was in relation to his subdivision on Goode Road. He queried the three engineers that Council now has and how come they were on site checking as they go and why was Council supervising them and being charged \$208.00 a visit. He has done many subdivisions over the years with Q2 being the standard for drainage with no problems with flooding and now it is Q5, three times the width for drains, thereby adding thousands of dollars to blocks. The Director of Works advised over the last 12 months and the heavy wet season produced many inadequate designed drains and Council was averaging 2 calls a week with flooding issues during January and February and still. The Director of Works referred to the Planning Act which requires every allotment to have a one in one hundred access that includes subdivision roads which thereby provides people to be able to get home in a significant rain event. The Q5 standard is still a very minimal standard for rural road drainage, including with Australian Standards Austroads guidelines.

The Chief Executive Officer in relation to the three engineers advised that Council had one qualified Planning Engineer and a supervisor whom is a Graduate Engineer on his "L" Plates. He did not know why Mr Ah Toy would be being charged for visits and would be surprised if he was. He would take on notice and investigate as their role was to observe.

Alison Worsnop asked in relation to the concerns raised by Councillor Mike Bowman if there was no outcome with the situation between the Mayor and Councillors are the ratepayers going to have more of the same for another 2 years and expressed that something must change.

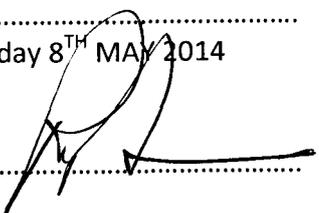
Mary Walshe advised she was also interested in the cost of the Mobile Work Force and noticed in the report that there were no CRM's for slashing. She also queried when advertising the budget in the media, is Council going to advertise in the NT News this time round. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Sun is the local paper however he would advertise in the NT News and believed that costs had been a factor in the past.

Christine Osborn noted that in the payments for April, two amounts totalling \$27,324 had been paid to EJA for survey costs and asked was that money used to survey Lot 57 McAuley Road as she has been looking out for the surveyors for some 2 years. The Chief Executive Officer advised that this amount was payment for surveying services provided for all land that Council was surveying. He would ask the Governance Manager to check the records if Lot 57 McAuley Road has been surveyed.

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Christine Osborn asked what was the progress on the new CEO with the Mayor advising that Council would be interviewing this Saturday. She asked what the handover time would be with the Mayor responding two weeks.

Christine Osborn advised that on Durien/Eugene Roads there is a large pot hole where a car tyre can fit in it.

Christine Osborn asked with the Motion put forward what happens now on both sides and how the issue of the lone ranger would be addressed in relation to exercising activities outside his role. She had heard that the Girraween School had a parking problem and that the Mayor had advised them that perhaps the Council could buy the land and rent back to them. The Mayor advised he had spoken to them and that it was just a suggestion of how to solve the problem. It was getting information. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mathew Salter advised as in any work place natural justice needs to be achieved. Support, and at the same time, negotiation talks and the setting up a format with some minimum standards to be followed. A time frame would need to be put in place along with guidelines. Councillor Mike Bowman pointed out that the Mayor was not an employee.

Lissa Herrmann asked what happens if matters don't improve. There needs to be some redress as the Minister is the only person that can sack someone. She believed that a person running for office should have some skills in either professional development, finance, knowledge of Local Government and should not be learning the job as they go.

Lissa Herrmann advised that she had met with the Mayor in March and asked about the Mobile Work Force and its cost with the Mayor advising he would get back to her with the information and she is still waiting.

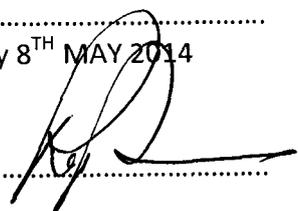
Lissa Herrmann advised as far as the slashing goes it has been terrible. Some areas are dangerous and desperately need doing. She complained that Finn Road had no signs warning of the wash out section and if someone had an accident would Council be liable as there was nowhere to pull off the road. The Chief Executive Officer and Director of Planning and Works advised that it was clear to the white line and that the engineer had looked at it.

Lissa Herrmann advised that there was a sink hole in the vicinity of Woolworths and Henning Road which seems to be filled then sink and be filled again. This was not a problem before the NT Government altered the intersection.

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Lissa Herrmann said she agreed with Mary Walshe that the Budget should be advertised in the Northern Territory News.

Lissa Herrmann voiced concern regarding the amount of weeds and the coming fire season and amount of guide posts knocked over. The Mobile Workforce Manager, Andrew Farrell, advised he heard what Lissa was saying and yes, some were operator error however public vehicles are also responsible. He gave an overview of the slashing program in relation to where they had finished, where they are going and the problems faced over the wet season and maintenance of the tractors.

Lissa Herrmann asked had Council changed the requirements for drainage in relation to culverts and inverts. She was advised that there are new regulations and different areas apply and the standard plans are on the Website. Lissa Herrmann advised an example is the invert on Lowther Road subdivision where there is concrete from bitumen to fence line we are rural not Palmerston. Councillor Statham asked if she was referring to the Leo Bandinos subdivision as that subdivision, the developer had constructed the concrete bitumen to the fence line from his own plans, not Councils current regulations.

Lisa McKinnley-Smith from Kookaburra Drive complained about the slashing advising that on her rate notices it says that verges will be slashed 3 times a year and that in the last 2 years hers has been done twice and it is getting dangerous. She mentioned two incidents where a tree/s had fallen over verges and the office had been advised and the length of time it took for them to be removed. In one instance school buses and children had to drive and ride around the fallen tree.

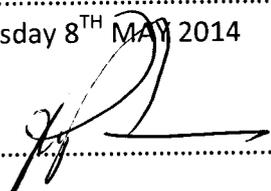
Lisa McKinnley-Smith advised in relation to the motion of no confidence imagine what the ratepayers are feeling. The Mayors position is a highly paid role with a person who has come in with no skills and that the Councillors need to support him and if there was a time limit on any action to take place.

Mr Ah Toy advised that the perception has been that the Mayor has been in business and had a lot of experience. He has come into the job with the aim, in all sincerity, to do things for the community and it is a paid full time job. The Mayor has taken the Council out to the people and has erred in the process as in the example of the Girraween School Council. Mr Ah Toy advised the Mayor to speak to the people by all means, but shut his mouth and advise them he would take the problem back to Council for discussion.

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Councillor Mike Bowman agreed precisely with what Mr Ah Toy said and that is why the motion of no confidence was put forward as the Mayor is out of his depth with people he is talking to. Councillor Bowman advised after two years the only way to address the situation was to put in the motion as for the first 6 months you held up your L plates and then going out there trying to solve problems without consulting Council. This is not an argument this is just an example that you are out of your depth.

Barbara Crane again voiced her frustration with Council. She pointed out that when she puts something in writing she wants some kind of acknowledgment. She voiced her annoyance at Council not advising the community of meetings on the front of the web page and reiterated on previous conversations at meetings and with staff and that no one replied the Mayor included, to her emails. It was pointed out that Meetings and Minutes came under Council Meetings on the Web and that it was not an event but a meeting. The Chief Executive Officer explained that a quote had been obtained to address Mrs Crane's previous concerns to make amendments in having the Upcoming Meetings put on the front page.

Barbara Crane left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

8. DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT: MAY

The Director of Works tabled his report.

Capital Works

Meade Road was recently sealed. Some minor approach works were completed and awaiting sealing. The new sealed section will then be line marked.

Duddell Road widening has commenced.

The installation of a Culvert over Darwin River on Leonino Road will recommence as conditions permit following the wet season.

Challoner Circuit shared footpath Tender was advertised and closes on the 13 May 2014.

Anglesey Road and Girraween Road Intersection was forwarded to the Department of Transport as a Nominated Blackspot Project. A Road Safety Audit was undertaken as requested by the Department.

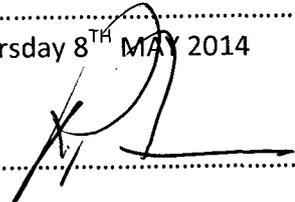
Maintenance Works Completed

Re-gravelling and grading of Unsealed Roads

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Completed a full grade over all roads, regravelled many areas affected by the Wet Season and or the Monsoon Trough. The roads appear in fair condition with the exception of several problems areas that are still affected by wet conditions, for example Brougham Road, Wafer Lane, some scours in Middle Arm Road and Bees Ck Road. These will be repaired soon pending conditions and availability of Contractor.

Drainage Work

Oscar Drain completed

Signs

Replaced a considerable number of mainly vandalized signs in the Howard Springs and Humpty Doo Areas.

Patching

Approximately 6 tonne of patching was completed throughout the Municipality

Townend Road, Gas Pipeline

The new high pressure gas pipeline from the Amadeus Gas Pipeline, along Townend Road, and a Goyder Road Reserve has been constructed by Northern Australian Beef Limited.

These works will be rehabilitated and maintained for 5 years by the Australian Agricultural Company Limited on behalf of Northern Australian Beef Limited.

Waste Education Officer End of Month Report

Developed a display for the Fred's Pass Show with the focus on recycling and to encourage residents to sort their waste at home before they go to the WTS.

Putting information together to apply for a grant with NT EPA, the grant is to get some education booklet made to give out to the children/ teachers.

Working with Greening Australia about the Howard Sand Plains and how we can add it to our education program and how Council can promote/educate the public on due to the endanger flora.

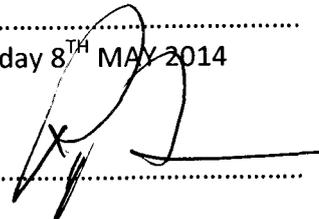
Liaising with Keep Australia Beautiful, KAB as they would like Council to join them in a new multi agency proposal.

It was **resolved** that the Director of Works Report be noted.

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MOVED: M. BOWMAN
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CARRIED

8a BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT – MAY

Discussion took place on road reserves and Gamba Grass and the problems facing Council with the control of weeds. The heavy wet season and late afternoon rains and the short weeks due to holidays have not helped in trying to catch up and keeping on top of the slashing and spraying.

8.2 PROPERTY MANAGERS REPORT – MAY 2014

MOBILE WORKFORCE REPORT APRIL 2014

Slashing and spraying was planned to commence mid November 2013 with the first round completed by approximately late February 2014, However, early season rains from late September through to December was considerably light so regrowth on the road reserves was minimal, meaning that it was uneconomical to slash with the tractors at this time.

First Spraying commenced in early December; first slashing in early January after the Christmas break. This commencement period was followed shortly after by extreme, heavy Monsoon rainfalls from 15 January @ 62mm through to 8 March with periodic rainfalls in regular double figures ,44mm, 73mm, 38mm, 81mm, 106mm, 49mm restricting the slashing program due to the high water tables and soft and/or boggy ground. Weed and furniture spraying was also severely affected by these conditions, limiting this work to the drier periods. The working hours throughout this period were regularly dominated by storms and lesser showers where the crew were unable to carry out these two operational activities.

During this saturation period when the MWF weren't able to slash or spray, they were deployed to all points of the Municipality filling dozens of washed out potholes and breaking road shoulders (3 x tonnes worth of patching in 4 x days at one period) inspecting flooded roads on behalf of Council, police & Emergency Services to set up road-flooded safety signage, chain-saw fallen trees (including Livingstone Reserve) and carting away the debris, carrying out litter and the odd road kill collection.

This Monsoon severely slowed progress with the full tractor round completed late March. However, during these early months, locations such as Whitewood Road were mowed 3 x times, as was the new Coolalinga subdivision. The lighter front deck mowers were sent where they could go without causing any major ground damage.

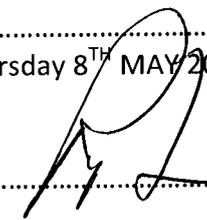
Slashing:

Livingstone Road, Scrutton Road, Blyth Road, Cornock Road, McHenry Road, Colton Road, Daniel Road, Clermont easement, Monck Road, Jarvis Road and fire breaks in the area, Walter Road, Affleck Road,

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Townend Road, Mocatto Road, North Star Road and firebreaks in area, Golding Road, Whitstone Road, Redcliffe Road, Corpus Road, Varro Road, Malachite Road
Wallaby Holtze Road, Thorngate Road, Campbell Road, Deloraine Road, Stevens Road, Secrett Road, Lagoon Road, Brandt Road, Thorak Road, Agostini Road, Anzac Parade, Thomsen Road, Lambells Lagoon Road, Cooke Road, Miniata Road, Ewart Road, Canarium Road, Alphonson Road, Billabong Road, Alba Road, Warren Road, Connelly Road, Cain Road, Buckley Road, Wanderie Road, Duff Road, Nolan Road. Commenced Pioneer Road (East end), Beddington and all side roads, Samuel Road, Sunter Road, Therese Road, Trepang Road, Kennedy Road.

Spraying:

Bees Creek Road, Lowther Road, Virginia Road, Horne Road, Osbeck Road, Durion Road, Wells Creek Road, Henning Road, Spencley Road, Freds Pass Road, Redcliffe Road, Elizabeth Valley Road, Pioneer Drive, Anglesey Road, Sunter Road, Coral Road, Hutchinson Road, Hay Ball Road and all side roads coming off these. The Grange on Stuart including Forest Drive, Doxas Road and all side roads coming off these. Wanderie Road, Lowther Road, Lagoon Road, Agostini Roads. Thorngate Road, Stevens Road, Campbell and Brandt Roads.

Mowing:

The Grange on Stuart, Coolalinga Development, Whitewood Road, Hamilton Road, Stanley Road, Stuckey Court, Thornbill Crescent, Currawong Drive, Corella Avenue, Sunbird Court, Whistler Court, Sandpiper Grove and parts of Sittella Road. All of Howard River Park north of Gunn Point Road; i.e. Bronzewing Avenue, Kookaburra Drive, Parakeet Place etc.

Animal Roadside Pickup:

1 x dead buffalo removed from Kentish Road with assistance of the backhoe from Berry Springs Waste Transfer Station.

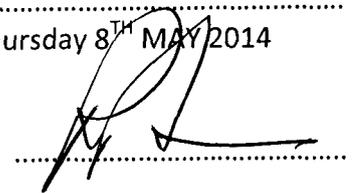
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT APRIL 2014

- Capital Works Project; Roof over Humpty Doo Waste Transfer Station Gate Keeper's Office now installed. Awaiting Certificate of Completion.
- Oversee daily operations of the Mobile Work Force and Waste Transfer Station Managers daily operations.
- Organise maintenance issues for the MWF while the Manager Andrew Farrell was on leave up to 11 April.
- Arrange credit account with a Adelaide supplier for 4 in 1 bucket for new Hyundai Loader. Due in Darwin Thursday 8 May.
- Spent a morning with the Lambells Lagoon Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief, quad biking around fire breaks in this region with a view to Prescribed Burns later this year and noting where Council

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can improve the fire breaks for these burns to be carried out and contained within the boundaries of these properties.

- As part of the future Prescribed Burn Plan for Drainage Reserves, organise the widening of several sub-standard fire breaks in the Howard Springs and Lambells Lagoon area.
- Chaired Tool Box Meeting for both the Mobile Work Force and Waste Transfer Stations.
- With other staff Officers, assist the Safety Officer with an Emergency Evacuation Exercise at Head Office.
- Arranged for the spraying of Belly Ache Bush in a drain that feeds the McMinns Lagoon Recreation Reserve. Follow up inspection still to be done.

It was **resolved** that the Property Manager's Report be noted.

MOVED: M. SALTER
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

9. POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS:

9.1 PA14/DP/002 DOG MANAGEMENT BY-LAW REVIEW - DOG BY-LAWS

It was **resolved** that Council:-

- a) resolved pursuant to section 190(2) of the Local Government Act that the new By-laws be approved; and
- b) resolved that the Mayor of Council be the authorize person to sign the By-laws for the purposes of section 63(2) of the *Interpretation Act* (NT).

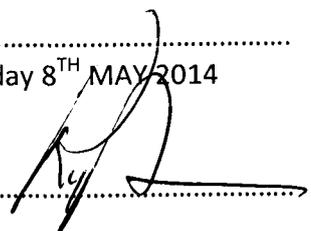
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9.2 PA14/CPE/001 TROPICAL GARDEN SPECTACULAR – CHALLENGE BETWEEN COUNCILS

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It was **resolved** that Councillors nominate the Mayor to take part in the Council Challenge at the Tropical Garden Spectacular to be held at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens on Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June 2014.

MOVED: M. SALTER
SECONDED: M. BOWMAN
CARRIED

10. COMMUNITY ISSUES – PETITIONS/REQUESTS Nil

11. FINANCE AND RECREATION MATTERS:

11.1 FR14/FIN/010: FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2014

It was **resolved** that Council note the contents of the Financial Report for April 2014.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

11.2 FR14/BR/002: MUNICIPAL PLAN 2014/2015

It was **resolved** that Council notes the Municipal Plan 2014/15 timeline being:-

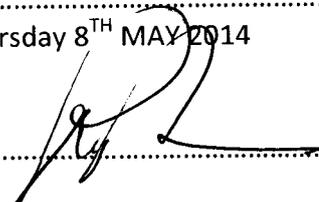
Finalise 2014/15 Budget & Draft Municipal Plan	23 May 2014
Special Meeting for Council to review and approve	27 May 2014
Advertise Municipal Plan for 21 days	2 June 2014
Special Meeting for Council to review public comments	26 June 2014
Agenda close for July monthly meeting	2 July 2014
Adopted by Council	10 July 2014
Copy to Minister	14 July 2014

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: M. SALTER
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11.3 FR14/SPG/001 **SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT AQUITAL
MCMINNS LAGOON RESERVE – LOCKABLE STORAGE AREA**

It was **resolved** that Council approve the acquittal of the Special Purpose Grant of \$11,000 to construct a Lockable Storage Area at McMinns Lagoon Reserve.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

11.4 FR14/ASS/102 **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – AUSTRALIAN BLACKBALL
TEAM WORLD BLACKBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – SCOTLAND
– OCTOBER 2014**

It was **resolved** that Council advise it has a policy of not providing financial assistance and/or sponsorship to individuals and/or outside organisations.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

11.5 FR14/RRM/001 **REGISTERED MAIL – 2ND INSTALMENT RATES NOTICE**

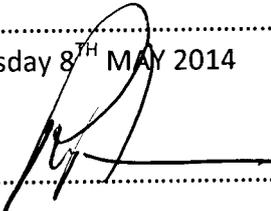
It was **resolved** that Council notes the results.

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12. PLANNING AND WORKS MATTERS:

12.1 PW14/SIGN/025 SUBURB SIGNAGE (LOCALITY)

It was **resolved** that Council lay the matter on the table for further investigation by staff.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

13. MAYOR'S REPORT: MAY

The Mayor tabled his report:-

On the 11th April myself and the CEO Russell Anderson went for a drive around the municipality to show him some problems that the community had identified and showed me which including roads, driveways and drainage.

On Saturday, 12 April I attended the Cambodian Australian Community Association of the NT, New Year celebrations held at Humpty Doo. The Association looks after the social and cultural well-being of local Cambodian families and promotes awareness of their cultural heritage. The Cambodian New Year is a major cultural festival for the Cambodian people in our area and covers a three day event of which I attended one day. Minister Peter Styles and MLA Kezia Purick also attended this event with other dignitaries. It was a good social gathering and a good opportunity to catch up with our local Cambodian farmers who are very happy, cheerful and polite people. One item that they did bring to me was that they are looking for somewhere to put their church of worship.

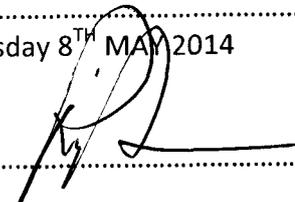
On 23 April I attended Darwin Correctional Precinct Community Consultative Committee Meeting. We were given an overview of the inmate classification system which is where they classify the inmate to what section or what work the inmate can carry out whether it be inside the prison or if they are able to do work outside of the prison. An overview was also presented of the programs that address offending behavior of which some included industries, education and training and an indigenous spiritual centre. A volunteer scheme, mentoring program and elders visiting program was also discussed.

We were given an update as to where the current building stage is and at this stage it seems they are on time for the opening in July. I asked if all Councillors would be invited to the opening of the prison as they are not having an open day because of logistics. They will be having an official opening with invited guests the list not known at the moment. They advised

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that they could organise a time to show all Councillors through the facility. It is a shame they are not having an open day for the public.

On 25th April, Anzac Day, I attended the Humpty Doo Golf Club's Dawn Service it was so good to see so many people attending. There were two armored vehicles, 2 Waler horses, Australian Soldiers and American Marines participated. The two years that I have attended the Dawn Service I have found that their sound system is inadequate you just can't hear what they are saying and what is going on. Here is just a thought, maybe Council could contribute or supply a sound system for that Dawn Service to show our support. I do thank the military for their support.

The Humpty Doo Village Green Anzac Day Ceremony held at 9 o'clock was another great event with all the veterans and others that marched in the parade. It was good to see the schoolchildren marching as well. It made for a great day of remembrance of the Anzacs and all of our military personnel and this year it was my turn to give a speech for the Anzacs.

I gave a four minute speech for the occasion, I have to say thanks very much to the Volunteer Fire Brigade which made up our flag raising personnel. This year we had no military personnel at the ceremony, next year we hope it will be better represented by them.

On 28 April I attended a meeting with the Freds Pass Show Committee to see how they are progressing and if they have any problems. From what I could see they are putting together a fantastic show this year. It is a lot of hard work and I commend them for what they are doing and what they are going to do, and thank them very much for their community spirit for putting on Freds Pass Rural Show.

On 1 May I attended a workshop in Palmerston. The Palmerston Regional Business Association is trying to brainstorm ideas for a new committee regarding tourism in Palmerston and surrounding areas including Litchfield. At the moment this is only their second meeting and I was invited to attend for my ideas on what they could or should be doing. I don't know if it will go any further than this, they are taking it back to their executive for more information on what they want them to do. It is and could be a good idea but at the moment they are lacking direction.

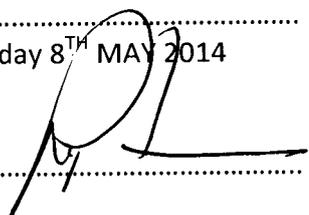
On Sunday, 4 May I attended the Northern Territory Fire Fighters Competition at Freds Pass Reserve. This competition has been going on for years. Every year firefighters from around the Northern Territory, from Alice Springs, Katherine, Tiwi Islands, turn up here to test their skills against other firefighters. MLA Mister Gerry Wood was also there, Gerry gave a few words at the opening, I also was asked to say a few words thanked all of the volunteers for what they are doing in our community and keeping our community safe, they do a fantastic job all of them.

It was **resolved** that Council note the Mayor's tabled Report.

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MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: M. SALTER
CARRIED

14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT: MAY

The Chief Executive Officer advised that representation from the OmbudsmanNT Office will be attending Council tomorrow to give an overview to staff between 10.00 am to 10.30am on their procedures and how it all comes together. The representatives will then be open to the public. They have advertised and notified the local MLA's.

It was **resolved** that Council note the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS: MAY Nil

16. NOTICE OF MOTION: MAY Nil

17. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY: MAY

Christine Osborne reported to Council that concrete waste was being placed in the drain on Bees Creek Road near Lowther Road. The Director of Works advised they were aware of it and the land owner/developer has been spoken to regarding waste regulations.

Mary Walshe asked if commercial cement was allowed to be dumped for free at Humpty Doo Transfer Station. The Chief Executive Officer advised that household cement was allowed for free and commercial had to pay.

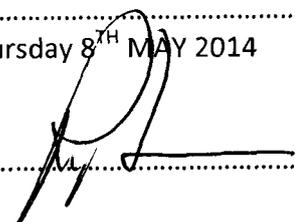
It was asked if Council recycles cans at the Humpty Doo Dump instead of going through the compactor as it would go towards costs. The Chief Executive Officer advised that under health and safety regulations Council cannot due to growing concerns of safety and contamination. Cans must be clean and ongoing education of the public is needed.

18. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: MAY

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18a PA14/WR1/007 North Ward – Deputy Mayor/Councillor Mathew Salter

Councillor Salter gave an overview of the happenings at Freds Pass in relation to the final checks on the licences for all the user groups and the changes to the Constitutions which effects the 23 user groups. Preparations are in full swing for the Show and he has been involved with the parking aspect. He advised that there has been interest by such bodies as Inpex for a family day to be held on the reserve. Preparations are in process for the Polocrosse Championships to be held in July and that they will need 8 grounds and some 5,000 parking spaces.

18b PA14/WR3/006 East Ward – Councillor Mike Bowman Nil

18c PA14/WR4/006 South Ward –Councillor Vic Statham

Councillor Statham advised that there was not a lot of excitement or concerns in his Ward and that he had completed a little project for the Humpty Doo Village Green on behalf of the previous President. Councillor Statham did point out that weed spraying was continuing and that the Gamba grass is and will be a huge problem and that it would be a big fire season this year especially around August and September.

18d PA14/WR2/006 Central Ward – Councillor Judy Cole Report March

Councillor Judy Cole tabled her report:-

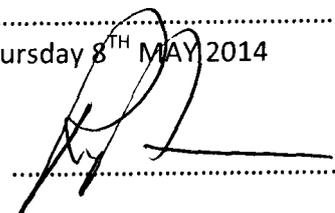
Council Commitments

Date April 2014	Event	Comments
9/4/14	Public Meeting Bees Creek Workers Camp	The local member, Kezia Purick organized a meeting with the developers of the Bees Creek Workers Camp. The main issues were traffic and planning issues around the camp especially from the neighbors.
10/4/14	Litchfield Council Meeting	
17/4/14	Budget Planning Meeting	budget preparation
23/4/14	Council Members Discussion	
29/4/14	Masterplan of Thorak Cemetery report	The consultants submitted the draft report for Council to consider and provide comment.

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Community Activities

Date April 2014	Event	Comments
12/4/14	Sri Lankan New Year's Eve	Happy New Year to all our Sri Lankan friends and the ladies outfits were just beautiful.
13/4/14	Jerusalem Passion	The talents of our Territorians never cease to amaze me. This stirring performance was done in a Darwin cathedral with the power of a 75 person 5 part chorale and a portion of the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. Well done and what a moving event to commence Easter.
16/4/14	CWA ladies preparation for the Freds Pass Show stall	A relaxing night with the CWA ladies deciding on types of products and quantities and working on a roster.
25/4/14	ANZAC Humpty Doo Golf Club Dawn Service	An Australian and American contingent was present with armored personnel vehicles. The Dawn Service gets bigger each year.
	ANZAC Humpty Doo Green Service	My husband and I supplied the sound gear for the event and I played amateur sound technician. The Navy was sent off shore on a job so our local Bush Fire Brigade did a wonderful job as the catafalque party. It was a great turn out and many of the local schools and groups laid wreaths.

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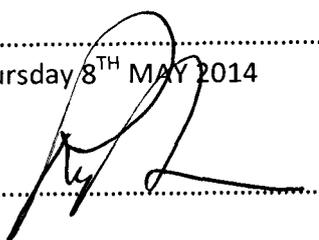
It has been a very busy month in spite of the Public Holidays. There is a growing excitement with the upcoming Freds Pass Show which is on the weekend of 17-18 May and many groups are planning their stalls or preparing for the competitions.

The ANZAC ceremonies in the rural region were very well attended and congratulations to all of those who organised the events. Both of the ceremonies were well run. The playing of the Last Post is always hauntingly sad. It was great to see both Australians and Americans at the Dawn ceremony. Thank you for attending our event. We are all very appreciative of your dedication to country and of your helping us to commemorate our war heroes. Thank-you to our local Bush

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Fire 'mob' who volunteered as the Catafalque Party at the Green.

The Masterplan for Thorak Cemetery is looking great and I hope you all go on line when it is available. Please have a look and make your comments. The Cemetery is financially in a reasonable position though it requires some infrastructure and improvements like new irrigation and improvements in roads and signage. Glen Minaker is doing a terrific job managing the cemetery and we have a top class facility. I look forward to seeing more trees which will improve the ambience and create that haven that we all require at that sorrowful time.

Judy Cole
Central Ward
Litchfield Council

19. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: MAY

The Mayor, Allan McKay asked Councillors seeing it was not official that they would receive an invitation to the opening of the new Prison if they wished to take advantage of the offer of an organised tour. He asked that they advise him as soon as possible.

Councillor Judy Cole advised that Property Manager, Glen Roberts had offered to show her the running procedures of the Humpty Doo Transfer Station during working hours and wondered if it would be possible to organise for an hour or so on a Saturday morning. The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would arrange.

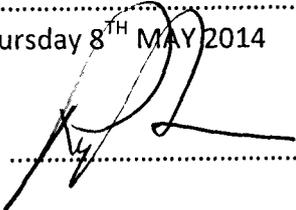
Councillor Mike Bowman asked if they could have a run down on what has been arranged for the Show. Sally Clayton, Public Relations Officer, provided Council with what has been organised for the tent and that staff would be manning it throughout the weekend and suggested that Councillors wander around the Show rather than base themselves at the tent. Councillors asked if a roster could be arranged for them. Sally Clayton was asked to prepare one.

The Mayor asked Andrew Farrell, Mobile Workforce Manager if he ever has any good news stories. Andrew advised yes they do receive good responses and thank youz, however the negatives always attract more attention and a lot of the good responses are verbal. He advised they are trying their best and that the heavy wet season had not helped. He would like to congratulate his staff on their efforts and that they have been multi skilling in the down times. In relation to the mention of a staff member sitting in their vehicle on the phone communication with the office is required and every vehicle can be tracked so that it is known

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where everyone is and that sometimes the VHF Radio is unavailable and mobile phones are used. Safety of staff is taken seriously with procedures to meet Works Health requirements and in light of what happened at Batchelor where a staff member was killed working alone communication is essential.

Mary Walshe through the chair asked if it was possible to check last years CRM's reports against this years as a comparison.

Grechen Davis asked how was Council going to answer questions from the media in relation to the Mayor and Councillors situation. It was reiterated that Council members would not make comment to the media until such time as Council had met again to resolve the issue.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING:

That pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration Regulations) the meeting is closed at 9.23 p.m. to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

20. CONFIDENTIAL SECTION:

20.1 PW/WMR/001 WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW

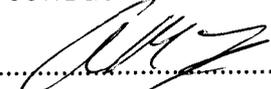
It was **resolved** that Council lay the matter on the table and seek staff to come back with a business plan.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: M. BOWMAN
CARRIED

21. CLOSE OF MEETING The Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

22. NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 12th JUNE 2014

MINUTES CONFIRMED
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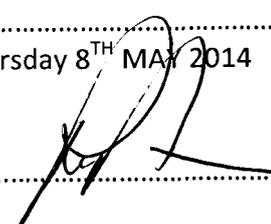
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