

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
13 July 2009

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CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ARMADALE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 13 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.01 PM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Mayor, Cr Reynolds, declared the meeting open at 7.01 pm.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE
(previously approved)**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cr L Reynolds AM JP presided over	Heron Ward
Deputy Mayor, Cr J H Munn JP CMC	Lake Ward
Cr C J MacDonald	Lake Ward
Cr J Knezevich	Minnawarra Ward
Cr K Lethbridge JP	Minnawarra Ward
Cr R J Tizard	Neerigen Ward
Cr H A Zelones JP	River Ward
Cr R Butterfield	River Ward
Cr L Scidone	Jarraah Ward
Cr P J Hart	Jarraah Ward
Cr W Mauger	Palomino Ward
Cr J Everts	Palomino Ward
Cr J A Stewart CMC	Heron Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr R S Tame	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A F Maxwell	Executive Director Corporate Services
Mr I MacRae	Executive Director Development Services
Mr W A Bruce	Executive Director Technical Services
Ms Y Coyne	Executive Director Community Services
Ms Y Ward	CEO's Executive Assistant (Acting)

Public: Nil
Press: Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Best.

MOVED Cr Stewart that the apologies be received.

153/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

**3 ADVICE OF RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS
TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Request for Leave of Absence – Cr Lethbridge

Request for Leave of Absence received from Cr Lethbridge for the period Monday, 20 July 2009 to Wednesday, 29 July 2009, inclusive.

MOVED Cr MacDonald:

That the request for Leave of Absence received from Cr Lethbridge for the period Monday, 20 July 2009 to Wednesday, 29 July 2009, inclusive [includes Council Meeting – 27 July 2009] be received and granted.

154/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

6 PETITIONS

6.1 Petition re: Closure of PAW between No. 60 & 62 Ypres Road,
Camillo

Cr Reynolds tabled a petition signed by 80 residents, the prayer of which reads:

“We request closure of the alleyway between No. 60 and 62 Ypres Road, Camillo.”

MOVED Cr Reynolds that the petition be received and referred to the Development Services Committee.

155/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

6.2 Petition re: Communications from Kelmscott District Residents’ Group

Cr Butterfield tabled a non-conforming petition signed by 85 residents of Kelmscott relating to communications from the Kelmscott Residents’ Group.

MOVED Cr Butterfield that the non-conforming petition be received.

156/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

The CEO will respond to the Kelmscott District Residents Group on the matter raised.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON 22 JUNE 2009

MOVED Cr Scidone that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 June 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

157/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8.1 ALGA National Convention

On 23 & 24 June 2009, along with the CEO, the Mayor attended the ALGA National Convention. The Mayor has prepared a separate report for the Information Bulletin on the Convention, as well as the National Growth Area Alliance Meeting and the plenary meeting of the Australian Council of Local Governments.

The Mayor also had the opportunity to participate in small group meetings with the new Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Regional Development and Local Government, Ms Maxine McKew, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Northern and Western Australia, Mr Gary Gray.

8.2 ACLG Plenary Meeting

On 25 June 2009, the ACLG Plenary Meeting at Parliament House once again was testimony to the increasingly warm relationship between the Federal Government and the 565 local governments representing local communities. As previously reported, the City of Armadale's use of the LCIP funds was conspicuously profiled.

8.3 Australian Technical College Presentation

On 29 June 2009, on Council's behalf, the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor attended the Armadale campus of the Australian Technical College to present 13 locals with scholarships to cover the cost of their studies. A total of 54 were presented by a variety of sponsors, and the new premises are now complete and working extremely well.

8.4 Meeting with Attorney General Christian Porter

On 6 July 2009, the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor attended a meeting with the Attorney General, Christian Porter, arranged by Mr Don Randall to discuss the temporary court house addition and the longer term resolution of parking and overcrowding issues associated with the Court's operation in Armadale. A modest advance occurred, but the assurance was given that a new Armadale Courthouse is the highest priority in the metropolitan area.

8.5 NAIDOC Day Celebrations

On 7 July 2009, along with Crs Munn, Best and Tizard and a heap of staff, the Mayor attended the NAIDOC Day celebrations at the Champion Centre. Cr Tizard had, a day earlier, attended similar celebrations at the ANC's Bedforddale property.

8.6 AGLG – Keep Australia Beautiful – Protection of the Environment Award

On 8 July 2009, (the trophy on the table is the one representing the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group's latest triumph) the AGLG had a win in the Keep Australia Beautiful category for "Protection of the Environment." They were also one of three category winners judged for the overall State award. Chairman Cam Clay, Coordinator Crystal McIver, and their volunteers are to be congratulated on their achievement.

8.7 End of Financial Year Sausage Sizzle – COA Depot

On 9 July 2009, available Councillors attended the end of Financial Year Sausage Sizzle at the Depot where Councillors were able to thank

Council's outside workers for the sterling effort that they had put in over the last 12 months. The Mayor requested that his comments to the crew, along with the summary of their achievements for 08/09, be attached in order to put their accomplishments into the public record. **(Refer to Attachment "A-1").**

8.8 Dale Cottages 50th Birthday Celebrations

On 11 July 2009, in his role as Patron of the Dale Cottages 50th Birthday year celebrations, the Mayor attended and spoke at Dale Cottages multi-cultural event at the Greendale Centre.

8.9 CEO's Performance Evaluation Panel

Earlier this evening (13 July 2009), the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Evaluation Panel began the annual task of evaluating Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tame, and his staff's performance over the last 12 months.

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Community Services Committee of 6 July 2009.

CORRECTION:

Page 1 Observers
The addition of "CMC" following Cr J A Stewart's name.

MOVED Cr MacDonald that the report, subject to the above correction, be received.

158/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED

(13-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation C25/7/09 – Youth Activity Area – Future Options

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C25/7/09 be adopted.

159/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

MOVED Cr MacDonald that Recommendations C24/7/09 to C26/7/09, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

160/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.1 TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Technical Services Committee of 6 July 2009.

CORRECTION:

Page 50 Recommendation T69/7/09 – Waste Disposal Fees for Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility and Roleystone Greenwaste Site – Resolution to be Rescinded

Part (2) of Recommendation T69/7/09 be replaced with:

1. That Council rescind Item 2 of resolution T42/6/09 which reads:
 2. *That Council in approving the new Schedule of Landfill Rates as per Part 1 of this recommendation, endorse the following:*
 - a) *That small amounts of asbestos be allowed to be deposited at the landfill one day per month by residents at no charge.*

to:

That small amounts of asbestos be allowed to be deposited at the landfill one day per month by residents at no charge.

MOVED Cr Knezevich that the report, subject to the above correction, be received.

161/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation T56/7/09 – Appointment of Nominees to the Bungendore Park Management Committee

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendation T56/7/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Scidone.

162/7/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (13-0)

Recommendation T57/7/09 – Parks and Leisure Australia 2009 National Conference

MOVED Cr Knezevich:

1. That no nomination be made for attendance at the Parks and Leisure Australia 2009 National Conference – “Making Connections in the Top End.”
2. That Council note the attendance of the Manager Parks as delegate to the Parks and Leisure Australia 2009 National Conference – “Making Connections in the Top End” – to be held in Darwin from Sunday, 13 September to Wednesday, 16 September 2009 inclusive.

163/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

Recommendation T66/7/09 – Approval to Commence the Road and Drainage Works Program for 2009/10, Prior to Adoption of Budget

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendation T66/7/09 be amended to read:

That Council approve the expenditure to an estimated value of \$242,200 from the “proposed” 2009/10 Civil Works Capital Budget for the following projects:

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| • Doradel Ave (turnaround treatment) | \$40,000 |
| • Hillman Ct (turnaround treatment) | \$30,000 |
| • Brookdale Drive (turnaround treatment) | \$35,000 |
| • Lake Rd (outfall drainage completion) | \$103,200 |
| • Heath Road (resurface) | \$34,000 |

to ensure that its crews remain operational, whilst awaiting adoption of the 2009/10 Budget.

164/7/2009 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendation T66/7/09, as amended, be adopted.

SECONDED Cr Munn.

165/7/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (13-0)

Recommendation T68/7/09 – Vacancy for WALGA Member – Local Government and Community Road Grants Committee

MOVED Cr Knezevich:

That no nomination be made for the position of WALGA Member on the Local Government and Community Road Safety Grants Committee

166/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

Recommendation T69/7/09 – Waste Disposal Fees for Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility and Roleystone Greenwaste Site – Resolution to be Rescinded

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendation T69/7/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn.

167/7/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (13-0)

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendations T56/7/09 to T68/7/09, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

168/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.3 CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Report of the City Strategy Committee held on 7 July 2009.

CORRECTION:

Page 1 Present
The addition of “JP CMC” following Cr Munn’s name.

Page 39 Recommendation CS70/7/09 - Declaration of Interest – Cr Reynolds

The Declaration of Interest in Recommendation CS70/7/09 by Cr Reynolds be amended to read:

Cr Reynolds declared an interest in “Recommendation CS70/7/09 (part 6)” on the basis that it has an effect on him as Mayor of the City of Armadale. Cr Reynolds left the meeting at 9.25 pm.

MOVED Cr Tizard that the report, subject to the above corrections, be received.

169/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation CS67/7/09 – Specified Area Rate - POS

Cr Munn declared a non-financial interest in the following item (Specified Area Rate – POS) on the basis that he owns property in a suburb, referred to in this report, but that his interest is “in common” with that of all other residents in the area. As a consequence, there may be a perception that Cr Munn’s impartiality may be affected but he declared that he would set aside any association, consider the matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

MOVED Cr Tizard that Recommendation CS67/7/09 be adopted.

170/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

Recommendation CS70/7/09 – 2009-10 Draft Annual Budget

*Cr Reynolds declared a financial interest in Recommendation CS70/7/09, (part 6). Cr Reynolds left the meeting at 7.25 pm
Cr Munn assumed the Chair*

MOVED Cr Tizard that Recommendation CS70/7/09 be adopted.

171/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

*Cr Munn vacated the Chair.
Cr Reynolds returned to the meeting at 7.26 pm and assumed the chair.*

Recommendation CS71/7/09 – 2009-10 Draft Annual Budget

MOVED Cr Tizard that Recommendation CS71/7/09 be adopted.

172/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

MOVED Cr Tizard that Recommendations CS66/7/09 to CS69/7/09, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

173/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report of the Chief Executive Officer as at 9 July 2009.

MOVED Cr Scidone that the Report be received.

174/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.4.1 Councillors' Information Bulletin – Issue 12/2009

MOVED Cr Mauger that Council acknowledge receipt of Issue No. 12/2009 of the Information Bulletin.

175/7/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

11 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil

13 MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEES – WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

14 MATTERS REQUIRING CONFIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION

Nil

15 CLOSURE

The Mayor, Cr Reynolds declared the meeting closed at 7.27 pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 27th JULY 2009

MAYOR

**Report by Cr Linton Reynolds, AM JP
Mayor – City of Armadale**

**Outside Workers' End of Financial Year BBQ
9 July 2009**

Yesterday I was given a detailed breakdown of the work that you people have undertaken over the last year, and the major projects planned for the coming financial year. Rather than go through them all now, I have put them together as an appendix to my Mayoral announcements for next Monday so that the wider community is also reminded of the significant progress that has been made this year in terms of making our community safer, better presented, and easier to get around in.

I want to single out one project for special mention though as it demonstrates how our work is becoming more and more complex as time goes by. Ranford Road deserves a special mention, and the lessons learnt will be immediately put into place on Warton and Nicholson Roads. Once upon a time it was felt that Councils would act in the best interests of their community. However, because over time a few didn't, we started to get extra regulations and control from external agencies who began to dictate what we could do, how we could do it and when we could do it.

That would probably be ok if they had any sense of timing, or their rules were based on commonsense. For instance I continue to find it strange that it is ok for a developer to totally clear land for urban development, but if we buy any of that land to build a road on it before it is cleared by him, we are immediately subject to penalties for clearing vegetation. This was only the beginning of what must have been for you all at times a very frustrating project.

However, you prevailed and we are nearing the end of a very important piece of road works that is more than just a road, it is the key connection for our community to the major new tertiary level hospital being built at Murdoch. Some one that we know might in the future benefit from the ability of an ambulance to make rapid progress along the route.

I have said all this because sometimes we are so busy with the day to day nature of your work that we don't appreciate the higher level strategic nature of much of what you do. Similarly our parks gangs, busy in their daily work sometimes lose sight of the improvements that they are making to the way that our town centres and suburbs look and feel – which in turn has an impact on everyone's land values.

Whether your role is to build new, or to maintain the existing community infrastructure, ultimately the way that our community feels about its Council comes down to how well you people do your daily work. On behalf of my colleagues, and indeed our entire community I want to thank you for your hard work. My colleagues and I are regularly stopped in the street by people who are noticing the difference that you are making to our town.

Major Highlights for 2008/09

Civil Works - Construction:

Substantial progress towards completion of Ranford Rd - both stages which includes completion of traffic signals at the Wright Rd / Bristle St / Ranford Rd intersection, entry and works within Balannup Lake

Upgrade of a number of "rural" type roads in Karragullen and Roleystone with spray seal.

Completion of three roundabouts within or surrounding the CBD i.e. Forrest Rd / Green Ave, Church Ave / Green Ave and Wungong Rd / Seventh Rd.

Upgrade of Orchard Avenue fronting Westzone and Prospect Rd including underground power.

Upgrade of Harrison Road i.e. cost of approx. \$300,000

Substantial completion of Wright Rd upgrade fronting Carey Baptist College.

Other larger road upgrades /rehab. jobs include Clifton St and Railway Ave

Civil Works - Maintenance / Operational

Extensive footpath repairs, various drainage problems investigated and repaired and more permanent solution to pot holes via profiling and asphalt as compared to just patching the holes. Staff also maintained our sporting ovals, our parks and our road verges at a high level.

Waste Services:

Now have an electrician at the Drop & Shop and we are now processing electrical goods, dismantling TV's, computers and electronic goods. Also now de-gasing fridges.

There has been a dramatic downturn in scrap metal prices.

2009/10 Waste will be adding a driver and extra waste truck.

Support Services:

The biggies for 08-09 were a replaced backhoe loader, waste truck and various other smaller pieces of equipment. Biggies for 09-10 are a new Road Sweeper, Waste Truck, a number of trucks and light fleet.

Property Management

Roleystone Hall:

Upgrade to the facility, building has been rendered and art work scribed into the walls, new Alfresco area to front of building, limestone retaining walls and new railing, upgrade to all lighting.

Roleystone Theatre:

Removal of overhanging trees, cutting back of the bank that has been eroded over time, installation of retaining walls and subsoil drainage, new concrete pathways to side and rear of building and the planting out of bank to continue this year as part of the overall works.

Morgan Park Pavilion:

The replacement of gutters and down pipes upgrade to building, Painting of the entire site, colour change to walls, doors etc.

Seville Grove Library:

Carpet to entire building removal of old counters and installation of new one. Complete upgrade of work room furniture and carpets.

Administration Centre:

Moving and setting up the new training room to make it possible to amalgamate the old training room and work room into one area, all new furniture for new machines.

Forrestdale hall:

New mural to face of building, installation of skylights, upgrade to roof and fascia, new security system, new colour painting to match mural to entire building.

Forrestdale Tennis Club:

New internal ceilings and air conditioning.

John Dunn:

New carpet in office, removal of retaining walls that were a safety hazard and the re introduction of walls and hand rails with new buttresses to prevent any reoccurrence.

Cross Park Footy Club:

Upgrade of the power supply to the club rooms, replacing the gutters and down pipes.

2009/10 Financial Year Projects

1. Warton Rd dual carriageway between Armadale Rd and Nicholson Rd over two years at a cost of \$5.5m
2. Nicholson Road dual between Wright Rd and Armadale Rd (\$3.5m)
3. More upgrading of Railway Ave
4. Traffic signals at Armadale Rd / Warton Rd and Armadale Rd / Seville Drive
5. Drainage and bridge works within Neerigen Brook
6. Preliminary design Abbey / Armadale intersection and land acquisition (\$5.9m)