

**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

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***Meeting opened 6.30 p.m.***

**PRESENT:** Cr Paul Wheelhouse, in the Chair, with Crs B. Fisher, R.Thomas, M.Webb, K.Churchill and J.Walker.  
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Ryan and the Director of Engineering Services, Ms Atkins.

**APOLOGY**

The meeting noted Cr Karanouh was not present, as he was overseas. He tendered an apology.

**i) Appointment of Acting General Manager**

Councillors discussed the issues surrounding the appointment of the acting General Manager, Mr Glen Inglis, by the Mayor and noted the circumstances surrounding the action of the Mayor, the lack of consultation by the Mayor and that the Mayor had signed a document appointing Mr Inglis on 10 December 2018 – two days before the matter could be dealt with by Council at its meeting of 12 December 2018.

There was considerable debate as to whether the Mayor had authority to act in this manner, given the circumstances and that sufficient time was available for the matter to be considered by Council in accordance with section 334(1) “A council must appoint a general manager”.

**A MOTION**

**MOVED** by Cr Churchill / Cr Webb “*that Council appoint the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Bruce Quarmby, as the acting general manager while the recruitment process for the permanent position is undertaken*” **was proposed.**

During the debate Council resolved to move into Closed Session as various aspects of a personnel nature were being discussed.

**4211 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A:

“2(a) *personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)*”

**4212 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**4213 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that Council suspend Standing Orders to discuss the issue.

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**Upon the motion** – *“that Council appoint the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Bruce Quarmby, as the acting General Manager while the recruitment process for the permanent position is undertaken and that Local Government NSW be instructed to commence the recruitment process immediately”* of Crs Churchill and Webb when put to the vote, did not carry -

For: Crs Churchill, Webb and Walker  
Against: Wheelhouse, Thomas and Fisher

**Resume Open Meeting**

**4214 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that Council resume Open Meeting.

**Adoption of Recommendations of Closed Session**

**4215 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendations 1 and 2 as listed hereunder:

**1) Recruitment for Permanent General Manager**

**4215/1** **Council** resolves (Crs Churchill/Fisher) that Local Government NSW be instructed to commence the recruitment process immediately for the appointment of a permanent General Manager.

*Carried*

**2) Appointment of Acting General Manager**

**4215/2** **Council** resolves (Crs Fisher/Thomas) to appoint Mr Glen Inglis as the acting General Manager for a period of four months commencing 14 January 2019 under the terms and conditions proposed by Mr Inglis and that Council authorise the Deputy Mayor, Cr Wheelhouse, to sign the contractual documents in accordance with the Council resolution carried on 10 January 2019 at the Extraordinary Meeting **AND FURTHER** that the attached delegations be given to Mr Inglis to enable him to carry out the functions of General Manager.

Upon being put to the vote the **MOTION WAS CARRIED.**

Cr Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution, citing lack of information provided by the Mayor and insufficient time available to consider documentation provided by Mr Inglis .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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These minutes (Pages 1/6279 to 3/6281) were noted on the **13<sup>th</sup>** day of **FEBRUARY 2019** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the extraordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 January 2019.

**MAYOR**