



## **Minutes from Extraordinary Meeting of Council**

**Held  
Monday 30 March 2009  
4.00pm  
Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn**

### **VISION**

*A sustainable vibrant community protecting, enhancing and enjoying Goulburn Mulwaree's rich social, environmental and economic heritage.*

### **Mission**

*To serve the Community*

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**Present**

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Cr James, Cr Kirk, Cr O'Neill, Cr Hadlow, Cr Dillon, Cr Penning, Cr Banfield & Cr Sturgiss.

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**Also Present**

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General Manager (Luke Johnson), Corporate Governance Coordinator (Simone Blay), Public Communications Officer (Mr P Oliver) and Executive Assistant/Minute Secretary (Karen Gardiner).

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**Apologies**

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Nil

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**Disclosure of Interest**

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Nil

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**Executive Services Reports**

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**Item 1 Interim General Manager**

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**Reporting Officer**

General Manager – Luke Johnson

**Purpose of Report**

To advise of a request to discuss the employment of an interim General Manager.

**Report**

A request has been received to hold an extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss the employment of an interim General Manager until recruitment of a General Manager has taken place.

**Budget Implications**

To be determined

**Policy Considerations**

Local Government Act 1993

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**Recommendation**

Submitted for Council consideration.

The Mayor tabled a Mayoral Minute which was considered in conjunction with this item.

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**Mayoral Minutes**

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**General Manager's Position**

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As Councillors are aware, Luke Johnson has resigned as General Manager. His resignation is effective from 17 April however, as he has Annual Leave approved from 1 April, his last day in the office is expected to be 31 March.

Upon being advised of Mr Johnson's resignation I immediately advised all Councillors and also requested that procedures be commenced to enable a prompt recruitment process.

Accordingly, I can now advise that quotes have been obtained from a number of recruitment agencies and will be reported to the April Council meeting.

Regarding the interim period, I note that Mr Berry has acted in the position of General Manager on several previous occasions and I recommend that he be appointed to again act in this role during the interim period.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luke for all his hard work and accomplishments achieved as General Manager. I would also like to wish him well in his new role as Assistant General Manager at Wollondilly Council.

**Recommendation**

That –

1. A letter of appreciation from Council be provided to Mr Luke Johnson for all his hard work and accomplishments as General Manager.
2. Mr Chris Berry be appointed as Acting General Manager for the period from 1 April until the replacement General Manager is appointed and commences duties.

**Resolved 09/167**

**Cr O'Neill/Cr Hadlow**

That Council resolve into Closed Section in accordance with Section 10A 2(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 to further discuss this matter as it will involve discussion on personnel.

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Note: Prior to putting this Motion the Mayor asked if those present in the Gallery had any objection to Council resolving into Closed Session.

One member of the Gallery responded noting the importance of limiting the Closed Session discussion to confidential matters.

Note: At 4.20pm the General Manager and Minute Secretary left the meeting at the request of some Councillors.

The meeting went into Closed Committee at 4.20pm

The Meeting resumed into Open Council at 4.54pm. Upon resuming open session the Mayor reported that the matter was discussed and no motions moved.

**Resolved 09/168**

**Cr Penning/Cr Hadlow**

That –

1. A letter of appreciation from Council be provided to Mr Luke Johnson for all his hard work and accomplishments as General Manager.
2. Mr Chris Berry be appointed as Acting General Manager for the period from 1 April until the replacement General Manager is appointed and commences duties.

***The meeting closed at 4.55pm***

The minutes were confirmed at the Council Meeting on 21 April 2009 at which this signature was endorsed.

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Cr Carol James  
Mayor

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Mr Chris Berry  
Acting General Manager