



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 24 May 2017  
9am

at

Guyra Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Peter Dennis (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Group Leader Organisation Services), Mr Mark Piorkowski (Group Leader Service Delivery), Mr Greg Meyers (Director Planning and Environmental Services), Mr John Duggan (Program Leader – Financial Accounting), Ms Nathalie Heaton (Service Leader - Governance Risk and Corporate Planning), Ms Krista Schmidt (Service Leader - Community and Customer Services), Ms Leah Cook (Service Leader - Asset Planning and Design), Mr Peter Wilson (Senior Governance Officer) and Mrs Jessica Bower (Executive Officer).

MINUTES

1. CIVIC PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS  
ADVICE REGARDING TAPING OF MEETINGS

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL  
2017**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17  
MAY 2017**

119/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
Nil.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY ON AN AGENDA ITEM  
Dr Herman Beyersdorf spoke on Item 7.2.7 FOR DECISION: Review of Council's Committee  
Structure.

5. DEPUTATIONS BY GROUPS/COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS  
Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTES

- 6.1 **FOR DECISION: Memorandum of Understanding between Armidale Regional Council, Armidale Business Chamber, Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce and Armidale Locals 4 Locals** *Ref: AINT/2017/04923 (ARC16/1177)*

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Armidale Guyra Business Alliance (AGBA), which comprises the Armidale Business Chamber, Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce and the Armidale Locals 4 Locals;
- b) That Council makes an annual contribution under the MOU of \$20,000, for a period of three years, to fund activities that promote business and economic benefits in the region;
- c) That the AGBA be established as a Business Advisory Committee of the Council with suitable terms of reference (TOR).

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 OUR ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1.1 **FOR DECISION: Planning Proposal No. 13 - Part 111 Cookes Road, Armidale**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06255 (ARC16/0970)*

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Planning Proposal No.13 to amend Armidale Dumaresq Local Environmental Plan 2012, which proposes to:
  - Rezone Part Lot 40 DP 1215012 at 111 Cookes Road, Armidale, from R2 Low Density Residential to R1 General Residential, and
  - Alter the lot size standard for Part Lot 40 DP 1215012 from 4,000m<sup>2</sup> to 500m<sup>2</sup>,be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment with a request for a Gateway Determination, in accordance with section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- b) That a further report be provided to Council following public exhibition of Planning Proposal No. 13 to amend Armidale Dumaresq Local Environmental Plan 2012.
- c) That the proponent be advised of Council's resolution.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2 OUR GOVERNANCE

**7.2.1 FOR DECISION: Part Day Public Holiday for the Armidale Cup**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06912 (ARC16/0483)*

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council undertake public consultation on retaining the part half day public holiday, from 12 noon to 5pm for the "Old Armidale City" boundary, for the annual Armidale Jockey Club's "Armidale Cup", which is to be held on Monday 19 March 2018; and
- b) That a decision on whether to apply for a part day public holiday be made at the October 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council, after consideration of submissions received.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.2.2 FOR DECISION :Third Quarter Budget Review**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07244 (ARC16/0441)*

123/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the Third Quarter Budget Review Statement for the 2016/2017 financial year as required by the Local Government General Regulation 2005 be noted.
- (b) The Responsible Accounting Officer Declaration of satisfactory be noted.
- (c) That Council approve net changes to budget as detailed in the consolidated operating statement with a projected operating result as at 30 June 2017, of \$22,951,000.
- (d) Council note the movement in General Fund from an original budget operating deficit of \$607,000 to an operating surplus of \$15,934,000 which takes into consideration the one off merger grant as explained in this report.
- (e) Council approve a net decrease in capital budget by \$10,212,000 due to major works now spanning two financial years.
- (f) That Council note that the General Fund result (excluding the merger grant) is now forecast to be an operating surplus of \$934k, an improvement of \$1,541k over the original budget which forecast a deficit of \$607k.
- (g) That Council note expected cash reserves as at 30 June 2017 for water and sewer funds of \$15,741k and \$11,135k respectively totalling \$26,876k.
- (h) That Council notes expected consolidated unrestricted working funds of \$6,144k as at 30 June 2017 excluding the merger grant of \$15,000k.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.2.3 FOR DECISION: Community Transport Contract** *Ref: AINT/2017/07134 (ARC17/1959)*

124/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council proceeds to enter into a Direct Support Services Provision Contract with Uralla Shire Council Tablelands Community Transport, for the continued operation and the provision of transport services for eligible clients through the Guyra Home Support Services.
- b) That the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and affix Council seal to the contract as required.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.2.4 FOR DECISION: Naming of Roads - Armidale Regional Airport Industrial Subdivision** *Ref: AINT/2017/07212 (ARC16/0043)*

125/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That in accordance with the Community Recognition Program Policy and subject to compliance with the Geographical Names Board Addressing User Manual, the roads, streets and cul de sacs proposed in the Armidale Regional Council industrial subdivision adjacent the Armidale Regional Airport be named to recognise persons who have contributed to or have been associated with the establishment, development and promotion of the Armidale Regional Airport.
- b) That in recognition of his contribution toward the airport and associated activities, the road between the existing access and the connector road to the new roundabout be named Don Tydd Boulevard.
- c) The names to be applied to the remaining roads in the subdivision be deferred until the data has been gathered for the Chronological History of the airport.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.2.5 FOR DECISION: Fixing of Mayor and Councillors Fees for 2017-2018**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07698 (ARC16/1146)*

126/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council fix the 2017/18 fee payable to Councillors, under section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993, at the maximum of \$19,310; and
- b) That Council fix the 2017/18 fee payable to the Mayor, under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1993, at the maximum of \$42,120.
- c) That it be noted that the Act requires the annual fees to be set prior to 30 June and if no annual fee is set then the minimum fee is to apply and that the fixing of the maximum fee is in accordance with the previous practice of the two former councils.
- d) That the matter be referred to the new incoming Council for ratification.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.2.6 FOR DECISION: Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) 124 Related  
Party Disclosures**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07714 (ARC17/2140)*

127/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Related Party Disclosures Policy be adopted.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

### 7.2.7 FOR DECISION: Review of Council's Committee Structure

*Ref: AINT/2017/08001 (ARC16/0759)*

128/17

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the following Armidale Regional Council Committees be retained:
- Armidale Regional Reserve Trust Committee (Committee of the Whole)
  - Audit and Risk Committee
  - Traffic Advisory Committee (RMS)
  - Gayinyaga Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - Regional Growth Advisory Committee
  - Guyra CBD Advisory Committee
  - Armidale Regional Sports Council
  - Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
  - Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee
  - Floodplain Management Advisory Committee
  - Guyra Aged Care Advisory Committee
  - Home Support Services Committee
  - Access Advisory Committee
  - Armidale Regional Youth Advisory Committee
- b) That the Council's Community Safety Advisory Committee be dissolved and replaced by the creation of a Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee to be governed through a revised Terms Of Reference;
- c) That the Armidale Regional Council Civic Advisory Committee be disbanded with the scope of this committee incorporated into the existing Regional Growth Advisory committee;
- d) That the following Council Committees be dissolved and replaced by Reference Groups to be coordinated and managed through ARC Operational Functions:
- Australia Day Committee – to be managed through the Tourism, Marketing and Events function;
  - Guyra Showground Advisory Committee – to be managed through the Parks and Facilities function;
  - Pine Forest Advisory Committee – to be managed through the Parks and Facilities function;

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

### 7.2.8 FOR INFORMATION: Cash & Investments Report April 2017

*Ref: AINT/2017/07129 (ARC16/0291)*

129/17

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Cash & Investments report for Armidale Regional Council as at 30 April 2017 be received and noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

### 7.2.9 FOR INFORMATION: Quarterly Water Adjustment Report

*Ref: AINT/2017/07033 (ARC16/0045-3)*

130/17

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That this report be noted and the total adjustments to water accounts contained within this report be noted as totalling \$10,769.34**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

## 7.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

### 7.3.1 FOR DECISION: Bicycle Track Grants

*Ref: AINT/2017/07138 (ARC16/0533)*

131/17

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council investigate design and funding opportunities for an on-road rural cycle route along Dangarsleigh Road – Old Gostwyck Road – Platform Road – Kelly’s Plains Road and that this project be added to the Council’s Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan priorities.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

### 7.3.2 FOR DECISION: Australian Transport Museum request for leased land within Airport Industrial Precinct

*Ref: AINT/2017/07145 (ARC16/0342)*

132/17

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**a) That Armidale Regional Council agree to leasing an area of 5000sq metres of land within the airport industrial precinct to the Australian Transport Museum (ATM) and:**

- **The land (5000sq metres) be excised from lot 72 (service centre lot)**
- **A lease agreement be drawn up to reflect a peppercorn lease of \$365 per year**
- **The lease have a term of ten years with an option of ten years.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**



**7.3.3 FOR DECISION: Consideration of the former Armidale Regional Council War Memorial Library in Faulkner Street for office accommodation**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07242 (ARC17/2102)*

133/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That the former Armidale Regional Council War Memorial Library in Faulkner Street and Library Administration building:
- i. Initially be used as a Returning Office and Counting Centre from 29 June to 29 September 2017 for the Armidale Regional Council Elections on 9 September 2017; and
  - ii. Thereafter, be utilised for new office accommodation for ARC administration staff.
- b) That the Old Dumaresq Shire Offices Building (situated next door to the old War Memorial Library) be considered as a potential site for the Armidale Historic Society Offices.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.3.4 FOR DECISION: Examine Options to Develop a Multi-Purpose Performing Arts Centre for Armidale**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07638 (ARC17/2108)*

134/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That a community engagement process commence to examine a range of options for the potential development of a multi-purpose Performing Arts Centre in Armidale;
- b) Related to Recommendation (a), that a Master Plan of the NERAM precinct be developed and include a feasibility study for building a Performing Arts Centre within that precinct.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.3.5 FOR DECISION: Preservation of the Original Armidale Airport Terminal Building**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07889 (ARC16/1342)*

135/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) Council adopt the recommendation to preserve the original Airport Terminal Building and to use the building for the purpose of housing part of the Aviation Hall of Fame collection and/or housing relevant aviation memorabilia and artefacts for the communities of Armidale Region;
- b) Related to Recommendation (a), should the Armidale Transport Museum (ATM) project proceed, that the original Armidale Airport Terminal Building be relocated to the proposed site of the ATM and at a time that aligns with the completion of the construction of the Museum; and
- c) Council retain ownership of the original Airport Terminal Building regardless of its location to ensure the preservation of our aviation history.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.3.6 FOR DECISION: Paid for Parking - Community Engagement Strategy**

*Ref: AINT/2017/08125 (ARC17/2000)*

136/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That community engagement be undertaken with stakeholders located within the New England Region to inform and to consult upon the proposal to implement Paid Overnight Parking at Armidale Regional Airport.
- b) That community feedback, concerns and recommendations be incorporated into a summary report to be used to inform council's decision to implement paid overnight parking.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.3.7 FOR DECISION: World War Two Memorial**

*Ref: AINT/2017/08413 (ARC17/2059)*

137/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a budget of \$7,150 be allocated to construct a granite World War Two memorial within the war memorial fountain area in Central Park.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4 OUR PEOPLE

**7.4.1 FOR DECISION: Donation to the 7th Bridge to Bridge Charity Ride**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06351 (ARC16/0058-2)*

138/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council provide a donation of \$1,000, under Section 356 LGA, to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Bridge 2 Bridge Cycle Charity Ride, on 29 April to 6 May 2017 to raise funds and awareness for brain cancer research.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.4.2 FOR DECISION: UNE Lions Women's Sevens Proposal for Sponsorship**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06202 (ARC16/0202)*

139/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve the sponsorship of \$10,000 for the University of New England Women's Sevens (Rugby Union) Team for the inaugural Aon National Sevens University Series 2017.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.4.3 FOR DECISION: Fee Waiver Requests**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07214 (ARC16/0290-2)*

140/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council waiver the fees for the use of the Town Hall and the Kent House Community Centre and supports the Reconciliation Walk scheduled for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.4.4 FOR DECISION: Sponsorship for New England Yard Dog Championships - May 2017**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07366 (ARC16/0443)*

141/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That the report recommending sponsorship of the 2017 New England Yard Dog and Cattle Trialling Championships be accepted.
- b) That the sponsorship be for the amount of \$1,000 ex GST.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.4.5 FOR DECISION: Sponsorship of NSW Country Cricket Championships 2017/18**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07669 (ARC16/0083)*

142/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

a) That Council agrees to be host sponsor of *one* of the following divisions in the 2017/18 NSW Cricket Championships at a cost to Council not exceeding \$3,500:

- U15 or U18 Girls
- U14, U16 or U18 Boys
- Open (male adult)

b) That the cost be budgeted in the 2017/18 financial year.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.4.6 FOR INFORMATION: Arts & Cultural Plan Discussion Paper**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07209 (ARC16/0485)*

143/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Arts & Cultural Plan Discussion Paper is noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 FOR DECISION: Civic Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2017**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06126 (ARC16/0389)*

144/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 February 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.2 FOR INFORMATION: Community Safety Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 14 March 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/04600 (ARC16/0560)*

145/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 March 2017 be noted.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.3 FOR DECISION: Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 4 April 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/06365 (ARC16/0771)*

146/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) **That the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 April 2017 be noted.**
- b) **That the Cookes Road LATM Scheme - Option 3 be approved.**
- c) **That the application for the 2017 Armidale Athletic Club's Wednesday Winter Social Cross-Country be approved, as per the Special Event Transport Management Plan.**
- d) **That approval was granted due to timeframe restrictions, for the Tingha RSL to conduct the Tingha 2017 Anzac Day March and Commemoration Service that will occur on Tuesday 25 April 2017, in accordance with the provided traffic control plan.**
- e) **That approval was granted due to the timeframe restrictions, for the rolling road closure to celebrate the official Opening of the New Armidale War Memorial Library taking 30 minutes from Faulkner/Rusden Street roundabout through to Markham Street on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**
- f) **That approval was granted due to the timeframe restrictions, for the temporary road closures for the Armidale 2017 ANZAC Day March and Commemoration Service that will occur on Tuesday 25 April 2017, for Faulkner Street from Dumaresq Street to Beardy Street and the connecting intersections with Moore Street, East Mall and Rusden Street.**
- g) **That approval was granted due to the timeframe restrictions, for the temporary road closures for the 2017 Guyra ANZAC Day March and Commemoration Service that will occur on Tuesday 25 April 2017.**
- h) **That additional 50kph speed signs be installed for south bound traffic 20m south of Eleanor Street.**
- i) **That "Single Lane" bridge advisory signs, be installed either side of the Cookes Road Bridge.**
- j) **That the hill prior to Dumaresq Rd (6.7km from 50/100 signs), the curve at the**

**intersection of Claremont Rd, and the crest to the north on the property "Marchvilla" on Boorolong Road be included in Council's linemarking programme.**

- k) That the unformed section of Box Hill Drive be closed to traffic for safety reasons.**
- l) That the proposal be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and if submissions are received, a further report considering any submissions be presented to Council.**
- m) Should no submissions be received, a recommendation to close Box Hill Drive as advertised, be presented to Council.**
- n) That the action of approving the Tingha Fun Run 5 April 2017 event (in view of the timeframe available) be endorsed.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.4 FOR INFORMATION: Civic Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 8 April 2017**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06143 (ARC16/0389)*

147/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 April 2017 be noted.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.5 FOR INFORMATION: Community Safety Advisory Committee - Inquorate notes of the meeting held 11 April 2017**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06360 (ARC16/0560)*

148/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Inquorate Notes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 April 2017 be noted.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.6 FOR INFORMATION: Gayinyaga - Inquorate notes of the meeting held on 12 April 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/06363 (ARC16/0605)*

149/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Inquorate Notes of the Gayinyaga Committee meeting held on 12 April 2017 be noted.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.7 FOR DECISION: Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee - Minutes of meeting held 20 April 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/06899 (ARC16/0864)*

150/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 20 April be noted and that Council supports the ongoing education initiatives recommended by the Committee and that other matters as recommended be considered by the new Council following the election in September 2017.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.8 FOR DECISION: Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 2 May 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/07147 (ARC16/0168)*

151/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) **That the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 May 2017 be noted.**
- b) **That approval be provided for the road closures of Taylor Street from Dumaresq Street to Donnelly Street and Kirkwood Street between Taylor Street and Douglas Street from 7.30am until 6pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, for the 2017 Armidale and District Football Carnival.**
- c) **That three parking spaces be made available in Tingcombe Lane for building contractors to undertake some heritage based refurbishment of the toilet block at Central Park from 8 May through until end of August 2017, preferred parking spaces to be identified by staff.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**8.9 FOR INFORMATION: New England Weeds Authority - Minutes of the Meeting  
held 7 February 2017**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07002 (ARC16/0463)*

152/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the minutes from the New England Weeds Authority meeting on 7 February 2017 be noted.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

**DECISIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

153/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(s) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-**

- 10.1 FOR INFORMATION: Quarterly Debt Recovery Report . (AINT/2017/06479) - *As this report deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*
- 10.2 FOR INFORMATION: Armidale Driver Training Facility. (AINT/2017/07632) - *As this report deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege (Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*
- 10.3 FOR DECISION: Proposal to purchase property as detailed in the Report. (AINT/2017/06636) - *As this report deals with commercial information of a confidential nature which, if disclosed, confers a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*
- 10.4 FOR DECISION: Outstanding Debt Write Off - Guyra Pre School. (AINT/2017/07153) - *As this report deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*



10.5 FOR DECISION: Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges. (AINT/2017/07364) - *As this report deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

#### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

154/17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as outlined below:-**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

#### **10.1 FOR INFORMATION: Quarterly Debt Recovery Report**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06479 (ARC16/0271-2)*

155/17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the outstanding debtors and actions being taken to recoup monies owed to Council as at March 2017 be noted and that the total balance due of the accounts contained within this report be noted as totalling \$719,912.20.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

#### **10.2 FOR INFORMATION: Armidale Driver Training Facility**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07632 (ARC16/0996)*

156/17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council note the Preliminary site investigation report and recommendations prepared by GHD Pty Ltd for Fire and Rescue NSW for the training facility at 2-16 Mann Street Armidale, NSW.**

**The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**10.3 FOR DECISION: Proposal to purchase property as detailed in the Report**

*Ref: AINT/2017/06636 (ARC16/0606)*

157/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and purchase the property as detailed in the report at a price no greater than the current asking price as stated; and
- b) That the land be classified as operational land on acquisition and that the Council seal be affixed to the relevant contract of sale document.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**10.4 FOR DECISION: Outstanding Debt Write Off - Guyra Pre School**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07153 (ARC16/1228)*

158/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council write off the outstanding overdue preschool debts of \$11,051.50 as detailed in the report.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**10.5 FOR DECISION: Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges**

*Ref: AINT/2017/07364 (ARC16/0822)*

159/17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve the progress of the properties, listed in the report, and commence the process to sell them for unpaid rates and or charges under Section 713 LGA.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

There being no further business the Administrator declared the meeting closed at 10:39am.