

# LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.05PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Tony Reneker, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Tony Ciccia and Cr. Michael Kidd

**Staff:**

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Andrew Reilly (Acting Director Corporate Services), Greg Richards (Acting Director Engineering and Technical Services), Garry Stoll (Director Environmental and Community Services), and Brent Lawrence (Corporate Communications Coordinator), Peter McFarlane (Finance Manager), Mel Irvin (Rates Officer) and Roslyn Burke (Communications and General Assistant)

**Press:**

Liam Warren (The Irrigator)

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Paul Maytom
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**  
Nil
4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**17/001**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, March 22 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

**(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Morris)**

5. **MAYORAL MINUTES - NIL**
6. **NOTICES OF MOTION NIL**
7. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**17/002**

THAT Item 7.6 Sally Street Park be moved forward to allow discussion on this item.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**17/003**

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.08pm to allow Kathleen Lewis to address Council on Item 7.6 Sally Street.

**(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)**

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**17/004**

THAT the meeting be resumed at 7.20pm to deal with the balance of the items on the Agenda.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)**

**Item 7.6 SALLY STREET PARK**

**REVISED RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council:

1. Enforce parking restrictions at Sally Street Grove allowing Parkview Public School until 12 May 2017 to advise parents.
2. Review car parking in the entire area around Parkview Public School in conjunction with the School Principal and determine alternative options.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**17/005**

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.21pm to allow Kathleen Lewis to ask a question before recommendations were put forward to Council for adoption.

**(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Kidd)**

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**17/006**

THAT the meeting be resumed at 7.25pm to deal with the balance of the items on the Agenda.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Reneker)**

**Item 7.6 SALLY STREET PARK**

**17/007**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Enforce parking restrictions at Sally Street Grove allowing Parkview Public School until 12 May 2017 to advise parents.
2. Review car parking in the entire area around Parkview Public School in conjunction with the School Principal and determine alternative options.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)**

## **CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS**

### **Item 7.1 DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017-2021, DRAFT RESOURCING STRATEGY 2017-2027 AND DRAFT ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/18**

**17/008**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Adopt and place on public exhibition between Monday 1 May 2017 until Tuesday 30 May 2017, for no less than 28 days the following documents:
  - (a) Draft Delivery Program 2017 – 2021 and Draft Annual Operational Plan 2017/18
  - (b) Draft Revenue Policy 2017/18
  - (c) Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2017/18
  - (d) Draft Resourcing Strategy – including:
    - i. Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2017 – 2027
    - ii. Draft Workforce Plan 2017 – 2027
    - iii. Draft Asset Management Plan 2017 – 2027
2. Note that maintaining Council's Fit For The Future status will require further operational improvement including cost savings and revenue enhancements during this term of Council.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)**

### **Item 7.2 RATES AND VALUATIONS – 2016 GENERAL REVALUATION OF LEETON SHIRE LAND VALUES**

**17/009**

#### **Resolved**

THAT the Report in respect of the 2016 land Valuations be received and noted.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)**

### **Item 7.3 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS - INVESTMENTS MARCH 2017**

**17/010**

#### **Resolved**

THAT the information contained in the report on Investments be noted.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)**

**Item 7.4 ADOPTION OF INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES 5  
APRIL 2017**

**17/011**

**Resolved**

That Council formally adopts Internal Audit Committee Minutes from 13 April 2016.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS**

**Item 7.5 DEFIBRILLATORS - LEETON & WHITTON POOLS**

**17/012**

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolve to purchase a Defibrillator device each for the Leeton and Whitton Pools and that they be made available to other Council services and events when not in use at the Leeton and Whitton Pools.

**(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)**

**Item 7.7 LYRICS, LANDSCAPES AND LINTELS HERITAGE PROJECT**

**17/013**

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to:

- 1) Recommend to OEH that the Lyrics Landscapes and Lintels Project be varied to provide for 5 works as opposed to 6 for better quality design outcomes.
- 2) Recommend the finalisation of the draft EOI brief as considered by the CBD Enhancement Committee with the objectives and assessment criteria to be provided to Western Riverina Arts to advertise for expressions of interest for the Project.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Ciccia)**

**Item 7.8 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

**17/014**

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Undertake public notification for a minimum period of 30 days of Council's intention to re-establish existing alcohol free zones in the Leeton and Yanco central business areas and add the Leeton Skate Park as an Alcohol Prohibition Area.
2. Notify the proposal to interested parties including:
  - Liquor licenses and secretaries of registered clubs whose premises border on or adjoin or are adjacent to the proposed zones.
  - Leeton Multicultural Support Group.
  - Leeton and District Local Aboriginal Lands Council.
3. Seek NSW Police advice on the location and extent of the alcohol free zones and location of signage.
4. Implement the new alcohol free zone period should no submissions against the re-establishment be received during the notification period.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)**

**8. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS**

Cr George Weston

Thanked the Council staff for site visits and tours that were arranged as part of Councillor induction.

Went on the cemetery walk organised by the Leeton Family History Group to commemorate ANZAC day. He enjoyed hearing the stories of former soldiers from the area.

Believes the hot air balloons visiting at Easter are a great asset to the town. Locals love the event each year.

Appreciated the quick response by Council staff dealing with light glare complaints at Golf Club Estate.

Looks forward to Council supporting a "Letona brick" in the heritage pathway at Mountford Park

Cr Sandra Nardi

Congratulated Barry Heins and Engineering team for their new work on MR80 (Irrigation Way) – makes for a quality driving experience.

Cr Tony Ciccia

Attended the ANZAC day service and was very impressed with school student Elijah Ingram's speech. He feels that Council should recognise his efforts in some way, such as a letter.

Is concerned about the car park at the Town Ovals being used as raceway by local hoons. (Mayor advised that speed humps are already at depot waiting to be installed in that area.)

Cr Tracey Morris

Raised issue of broken glass on pavement on her early morning walks particularly on weekends. Is not sure how it can be resolved.

Cr Tony Reneker

Reiterated the success of the Easter ballooning event. However, was concerned with lack of restaurants being open over the Easter weekend, particularly Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. Monday nights in general it is difficult to find an open restaurant. Not a good experience for visitors.

Cr Michael Kidd

Congratulated staff on works done to clean up Palm Avenue and Muntenpen Street and also town ovals.

Expressed concerns about the lack of pathways at the Leeton Cemetery, particularly the monumental section.

Is also concerned about the amount of rubbish that is left in Mountford Park area.

Wished to bring to council's attention the fact that several local children have been featured on repeated advertisements for the ABC3 TV channel.

Cr Paul Smith

Wished to congratulate the roads staff who worked on ANZAC day and who had to go out very early to set up road closure signs to ensure the safety of attendees.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Reflected on personalised stories offered through the Leeton Cemetery Walk and thanked Wendy Senti, Don Graham, Chris Senti and the Leeton Family History Group.

Was pleased that so many people turned up at the dawn service despite the miserable weather. Also was impressed with the number of schools which joined the ANZAC day marches. 500 meals were provided at the Leeton Soldiers Club afterwards which is a testament to the town's involvement in the commemoration. Thanked John Power for the work he does.

Wished to recognise Reg Winkler who recently passed away. He acknowledged Reg's untiring work to preserve the history of the Whitton area. He was the main driver behind the creation of the Whitton Court House Museum. He should be recognised in some way.

Was also very impressed with the visiting hot air balloons at Easter. Congratulated the Water Wheel Garden Club for their impressive Open Garden event which was held on Easter Monday. It was extremely successful.

Is concerned about vandalism occurring in town, in particular regards to street signs which seem to be pulled out of the ground on a regular basis. Was impressed with how quickly Council's Roads and Construction gang put them back in. He is aware that the signs are designed to give way easily in case of an accident and therefore easy to pull out, however he feels that it is more of a danger to traffic if the Give Way sign at a street corner is missing.

Congratulated Wade Hotel Chef Matt Gatt for organising a children's pizza making day during the school holidays. He said it was very well attended and the children had a fantastic time.

Believes the town is doing extremely well and it is only a few people doing the wrong thing, in particular the defacing of the welcome sign on the entrance to town which is disgraceful. Staff thanked for removing the graffiti so quickly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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the Chairman of the meeting held on  
24/05/2017 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.