



# LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.04 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Michael Kidd, Cr. Tony Reneker and Cr. Sandra Nardi

**Staff:** Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Craig Bennett (Director Corporate and Community), Brian Ashcroft (Director Environment and Engineering) and Brent Lawrence (Communications and Marketing Coordinator)

**Press:** Nil

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Peter Davidson
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**

**17/043**

**Resolved**

That the apology of Cr George Weston be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

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

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**17/044**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 28 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Nil
6. **MAYORAL MINUTES** Nil
7. **NOTICES OF MOTION** Nil
8. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**MOTION**

**17/045**

THAT Item 8.3 Corporate and Community Matters, New Intake Student Doctor Program be moved forward to the first item on the Agenda.

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

**17/046**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.05 pm to allow Council to move directly to Item 8.3 New Intake Student Doctor Program to welcome the two current student doctors working in Leeton Shire.

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

**Item 8.3 NEW INTAKE STUDENT DOCTOR PROGRAM**

**17/047**

**Resolved**

THAT Council welcomes the two current Student Doctors working in Leeton Shire.

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

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**17/048**

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

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

**Item 8.1 LEETON GOLF CLUB 2016/17 YEAR END REPORT**

**17/049**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the 2016/2017 year-end report on the activities of the Leeton Golf Club.

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

**Item 8.2 INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2017**

**17/050**

**Resolved**

THAT the information contained in this report on Investments for June 2017 be noted.

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

## **ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS**

### **Item 8.4 AMENDMENT TO LEETON LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014**

**17/051**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Amend the Land Use Table applying to the Zone B3 Commercial Core under the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 by removing from the list of Prohibited land uses "Residential accommodation".
2. Amend the Objectives of the Zone applying to the Zone B3 Commercial Core under the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 to include the following objective:
  - a) To enable development of land in this zone for residential purposes if adequate amenity will be provided for residents of residential buildings and the land will not be required for commercial or retail use.
3. Prepare a Planning Proposal and submit it to the Department of Planning & Environment for a gateway determination.
4. Request the Department of Planning & Environment to permit Council to exercise its delegations in relation to this matter.
5. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all necessary documents in relation to the application.

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

### **Item 8.5 DRAFT PLAYGROUND STRATEGY REPORT 2017-2032**

**17/052**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Place the draft "Playground Strategy 2017-2032" on public exhibition for no less than twenty-eight (28) days seeking public comment.
2. Require a further report be presented to Council following the exhibition period for Council to consider public submissions prior to the adoption of the "Playground Strategy 2017-2032".

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

**Item 8.6 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME**

**17/053**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the report on the Container Deposit Scheme initiative, its timeframe and that staff will continue to investigate options for Council involvement as more information comes to light.

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

**Item 8.7 LEETON RECYCLING CENTRE - TRANSPORT REBATE**

**17/054**

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to advise Leeton Auto Centre that it will no longer offer a fuel/freight subsidy to support their recycling business. This would not take effect before 1 October 2017.

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

**17/055**

**Resolved**

**RESCISSION MOTION**

A motion was put forward to rescind the resolution for Item 8.7 Leeton Recycling Centre – Transport Rebate – as insufficient time had been provided for the affected party to present to Council.

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

**MOTION**

**17/056**

That Item 8.7 Leeton Recycling Centre – Transport Rebate be deferred until the August 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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

**9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS**

**Cr Sandra Nardi**

Conveyed her thanks to the departing Manager Finance, Peter McFarlane for always being very helpful and dedicated to attending to her queries.

She also extended her thanks to Manager Engineering and Technical Services, Barry Heins for his assistance with working through her questions regarding Walsh Road.

Cr Peter Davidson

Congratulated all involved with the great job that has been done with cleaning up the Second Hand Recycling Shop at the Leeton Resource Recovery Centre (Landfill).

Cr Tony Ciccia

Reflected on the recent Four Corners Program that went into great detail about water being the lifeline of local communities. He explained that Council needs to continue to be across issues that may have effects on our community in the future.

Cr Tracey Morris

Requested an update on the unsightly building on Kurrajong Avenue.

The Director Environment and Engineering informed Council that a Notice of Order was issued to the owner of the property on 27 June 2017 and will expire tomorrow. If no progress or contact is made the Director will call the owner and if necessary instigate action in which repairs will be made at the owners cost.

The Director Environment and Engineering also advised Council that he had also visited other premises in Whitton and Wattle Hill who have also been issued with a Notice of Order and will take follow up action if and when necessary.

Cr Morris concluded by thanking departing Manager Finance, Peter McFarlane for all of his hard work and dedication. She also wished him all the very best with his new role.

Cr Michael Kidd

Congratulated departing Manager Finance, Peter McFarlane on a job well done during his tenure with Leeton Shire Council and wished him all the very best with his new role.

Cr Paul Smith

Extended his thanks to Council's Communications and Marketing Coordinator and Events and Performing Arts Coordinator for helping to coordinate the statistics provided to tourism consultant Jenny Rand who was responsible for analysing the data to put together the Narrandera and Leeton Visitor Profile Survey Report.

Cr Smith is looking forward to seeing how that data can be used and built on to tailor our marketing activities more effectively for the promotion of tourism product and events into the future.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Reminded his fellow Councillors that a Community Tree Planting Day will be held at Fivebough Wetlands on Sunday 30 July 2017 commencing 7.30 am. He also explained that there are lots of great improvements continuing to happen at the Wetlands site with a new marketing video also in the pipeline over the coming months.

Mayor Maytom also gave an overview on the continued importance of working with the State Government to obtain funding for suitable projects and opportunities with a focus on regional development.

He concluded by thanking departing Manager Finance Peter McFarlane for his service and for his dedication to maintaining Council's strong financial position.

General Manager

Advised Council that currently the State Government is showing strong commitment to the regions with new funding opportunities announced for community and economic development projects.

She further added that working collaboratively with neighbouring Councils in our area would help leverage significant funding moving forward.

She also advised that a Grants Register has been developed internally by Council staff to keep a track of grants available, applied for and acquitted.

**10. CLOSED COUNCIL – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The Mayor advised that there are no Closed Council resolutions to be considered.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

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the Chairman of the meeting held on  
23-Aug-17 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.