



**LEETON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 12 MAY 2020  
COMMENCING AT 6.32PM  
PER VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

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

**Staff:**

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Brendan Leary (Director Business and  
Investment), Peter Keane (Director Operations), Karen Legge (Interim Governance  
and Corporate Planning Coordinator) and Monica Armanini (Communications  
Coordinator)

**Press:** Nil

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Paul Maytom
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

#### 4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

**20/051**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

#### 5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

#### 6. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Aanya Whitehead, Regional Arts Executive Director Western Riverina Arts and Katherine Herrmann, Chair Roxy Theatre Redevelopment Committee.

**Motion**

**20/052**

**Resolved**

THAT Council move Item 8.6 Roxy Redevelopment Project Preferred Concept Design Option forward to be presented before Item 8.1.

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

#### 7. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

##### **Item 1.1 CALL FOR STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**20/053**

**Resolved**

1. That Leeton Shire Council commends the NSW and Federal Governments on their stewardship during this crisis and commits to working in partnership to protect community health and sustain local economies through this crisis.
2. That Leeton Shire Council endorses Local Government NSW's sector-wide

campaign to obtain financial assistance, employment support and stimulus funding for the local government sector.

3. That Leeton Shire Council calls on the Federal Government and NSW Government to urgently deliver further multifaceted financial support and stimulus packages to local government to enable it to continue to operate effectively and provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. That Leeton Shire Council calls for the packages to include the following measures:
  - Increase Financial Assistance Grants payments to 1% of federal tax income in a non-COVID year to help councils maintain essential functions and services, acknowledging the increased costs and mounting revenue losses arising from COVID-19 as well as the long-term effects of the drought, and to give councils capacity to provide hardship assistance to businesses and residents.
  - Increase access to TAFE, VET and other apprenticeship opportunities that council staff can undertake to address skill shortages, especially for staff in non-essential services who are unable to be redeployed.
  - Increase funding for projects to stimulate the economy.
5. That Leeton Shire Council commends in principle the NSW Government on its recently announced Job Retention Allowance, the assistance provided to meet the increased costs of the Emergency Services Levy, the enhanced access to T-Corp's borrowing facility, and its support of council-run childcare centres, noting however the difficulty Council is experiencing accessing any of this support.

Council calls for urgent access to the Childcare Support announced and for the Job Retention Scheme eligibility criteria to be applied at the service level, not whole of Council.

6. That Council writes to the local Federal and State Members the Hon Sussan Ley and the Hon Helen Dalton, Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison MP, NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Federal Treasurer the Hon Josh Frydenburg MP, NSW Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, NSW Local Government Minister the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Federal Minister for Local Government the Hon Mark Coultan, Federal Opposition Leader the Hon Anthony Albanese, NSW Opposition Leader Jodi McKay MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Local Government Jason Clare MP and NSW Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP to confirm their support for increased financial assistance and stimulus funding for local government to help councils maintain essential services and employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. That Council advises LGNSW President Linda Scott of the passage of this Mayoral Minute.

**(Moved Cr Maytom)**

## **8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

#### **Item 8.6 ROXY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PREFERRED CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION**

**20/054**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses in principle the full recommendation of the Roxy Redevelopment Committee, noting that it can only proceed if additional grant funding or philanthropic funding is secured for its development.
2. Agrees to proceed with Stage 1 of the Roxy Redevelopment Project in the event no or insufficient funding is secured, with Council funding up to \$631,000 of the Stage 1 funding shortfall (\$5,076,100 less \$4,445,000) from loan funding or an internal restriction.
3. Undertakes a final public consultation round of 28 days on the Roxy Redevelopment design and funding plans, with findings to be presented back to Council at its June 2020 Council meeting.

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

#### **Item 8.1 WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS ANNUAL REPORT**

**20/055**

**Resolved**

That Council notes the information in the Western Riverina Arts reports.

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

#### **Item 8.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 4 MAY 2020**

**20/056**

**Resolved**

THAT Council endorses the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 4 May 2020, and notes the information contained therein including the Leeton Shire Council Procurement Improvement Plan.

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

**Item 8.3 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR 2020-2021  
(INCLUDING DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021) AND DRAFT REVENUE  
POLICY (INCLUDING FEES AND CHARGES) FOR 2020-2021**

**20/057**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses for public exhibition from Wednesday 13 May 2020 until Wednesday 10 June 2020 the following documents:
  - (a) The Draft Operational Plan for the 2020-2021 Financial Year (including the Draft Budget for the 2020-2021 Financial Year), noting the addition of a feasibility study for a heated pool which is estimated to cost \$25,000 to be funded from the Swimming Pool Restriction; and
  - (b) The Draft Revenue Policy for the 2020-2021 Financial Year (including Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2020-2021 Financial Year, and
2. Notes for information the updated Workforce Plan.

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

**Item 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR MARCH 2020**

**20/058**

**Resolved**

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for March 2020 be noted.

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

**Item 8.5 ROUND TWO OF THE 2019/2020 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING  
GRANTS ALLOCATIONS**

**20/059**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approves the following applications for assistance under Round Two of the 2019-2020 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Leeton Art Society	\$1,750
Leeton Aviators Club	\$1,450
Leeton Can Assist	\$1,000
Leeton Scouts	\$1,300
Lions Club of Leeton	\$1,000
Parkrun Australia	\$2,500
Sarah Tiffen – Leeton Historic Hydro Hotel	\$2,000
Yanco Wamoon Football Club	\$2,000

**TOTAL \$13,000**

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

**ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS**

**Item 8.7 QUARTERLY CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE REPORT**

**20/060**

**Resolved**

THAT Council receives for information the Quarterly Capital Works Update Report and notes the information contained therein.

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

**Item 8.8 DRAFT LEETON LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT**

**20/061**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Resolves to endorse the Draft Leeton Local Strategic Planning Statement for community consultation for a period of twenty eight (28) days.
2. The draft LSPS with community comment will be reconsidered at the June Meeting for final endorsement before submitting to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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

**Item 8.9 MINUTES OF THE GOGELDRIE WEIR RECREATIONAL FACILITY  
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

**20/062**

**Resolved**

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Gogeldrie Weir Recreational Facility Committee of Council held on 11 February and 25 February 2020 (yet to be confirmed) and notes the information contained within the Minutes.

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

**Item 8.10 MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY ELECTRONIC LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL  
LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8  
MAY 2020**

**20/063**

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to endorse the recommendations of the Extraordinary Electronic LATC meeting held on 8 May 2020.

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

At this time being 8.00pm Brendan Leary Director Business and Investment left the meeting.

At this time being 8.04pm Brendan Leary Director Business and Investment returned to the meeting.

**Item 8.11 CLASSIFICATION OF LOT 1 DP 113503 AND PROPOSED SALE OF PART LOT TO MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION**

**20/064**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Classifies Lot 1 DP1113503 as operational land.
2. Gives 28 days public notice of the classification under section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. Provided that no objections are received for the classification of Lot 1 DP 1113503 as operational land, authorises the sale of the whole of Lot 1 DP1113503 to Murrumbidgee Irrigation for market value.
4. Authorises the General Manager and Mayor to execute all necessary documentation.

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

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT**

**20/065**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the Councillor Activity Reports for 26 March – 12 May 2020.

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

## 11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

**Note:** Pursuant to Section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

**20/066**

### **Resolved**

- 1 That Council moves into Closed Council to consider business identified.
- 2 That in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine items listed in Confidential Matters for the reasons indicated.
- 3 That the report relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by Section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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

### **Item 11.1 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PURCHASE 43 MASSEY AVENUE LEETON**

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret (Section 10A(2)d).

The Mayor asked the gallery if there were any objections to Council going into Closed Session to consider the matters listed.

No objections were received from the Gallery.

Council closed its meeting at 8.16pm and the public left the Chambers.



**CLOSED COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Item 11.1 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PURCHASE 43 MASSEY AVENUE  
LEETON**

**20/067**

**Resolved**

THAT Council grants the request of Ms Maryanne Nolan on behalf of Pro Duce Pty Ltd for an extension to 15 January 2021 to complete the purchase of 43 Massey Avenue, Leeton; and authorises a variation of the call option to reflect the new exercise date.

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

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**20/068**

**Resolved**

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.19pm.

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

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council one resolution was passed. The General Manager read out the resolution made in Closed Council for Item 11.1.

**12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor asked to record Council's appreciation of staff's handling of COVID-19 and the IT team's professional support moving to a virtual world.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

..... signed by  
the Chairman of the meeting held on  
24 Jun 2020 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.