



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.06 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

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

Staff: Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Craig Bennett (Director Corporate and Community), Brian Ashcroft (Director Environment and Engineering), Monica Armanini (Economic Development Coordinator), Brent Lawrence (Communications and Marketing Coordinator) and Alison Balind (Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press: Tahlia Pattison (The Irrigator)

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Paul Smith
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

17/117

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Ciccía, seconded Cr Davidson)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

17/118

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.11pm to allow the presentation of Light Up Leeton Awards by Committee Chair, Mr Carl King.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Light Up Leeton Awards

Chair of the Light Up Leeton Committee, Mr Carl King addressed the meeting to thank Council and Members of the Light Up Leeton Committee for their support and hard work which went into this year's event. He introduced the President of the Leeton Chamber of Commerce, Mr Matt Gatt who then presented the awards to the following businesses:

First place: Think Water

Second Place: Starfish Florist

Third Place: Lanhams Jewellers

The Perpetual Trophy was presented to the representative of Think Water, Mr Pat Currie by Mr Gatt.



Resumption of Standing Orders

17/119

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

17/120

Resolved

THAT the following item, namely:

**8.7. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT
OF MAYOR AS REGION 9 CHAIR**

is accepted as a late item onto this Agenda for discussion.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8. OFFICER'S REPORT

Suspension of Standing Orders

17/121

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to move item 8.5 in the agenda to be considered at this time.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)



ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.5 MCCAUGHEY PARK YANCO SPLASH PAD

17/122

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council endorses the design by Playrope utilising Vortex componentry.
2. Council endorses Council officers to pursue community contributions towards offsetting the approved maximum budget of \$65,000.
3. Council officers be authorised to progress the project with a view to completion within this Financial Year.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)

Councillor Weston requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

17/123

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.30pm to allow comment from a representative of the Yanco community.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Davidson)

Ms Frances Salafia-Porter addressed the Council and thanked them for approving the project within McCaughey Park.

17/124

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be resumed at 7.35pm to deal with the balance of items on the agenda.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Ciccia)



GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

**Item 8.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LOCAL INDUSTRIES -
BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND PROPOSED
APPLICATION**

17/125

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses submission of an application for \$7.5M grant funding under the Building Better Regions Fund to accelerate and assist with the construction of a LINX Intermodal Freight Terminal at Wumbulgal.
2. Notes that should the grant application be successful, Council will enter into a formal legal agreement with LINX to provide appropriate financial, governance and delivery structures to address responsibilities and mitigate risks under the Commonwealth Funding Agreement.
3. Requires from LINX in the legal agreement relevant financial security in the form of either a bank guarantee or another mechanism suitable to Council to the level of funding awarded prior to Council signing the Commonwealth Funding Agreement.
4. Notes that Council staff may be required to seek advice from the Office of Local Government about whether or not this project is a Private Public Partnership and if so officers will follow the requirements of the *'Guidelines on the Procedures and Processes to be followed by Local Government in Public-Private Partnerships 1 September 2005.'*
5. Delegates to the Mayor and General Manager the authorisation to sign on behalf of Council all required documentation in relation to the application.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 8.7 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL
ENDORSEMENT OF MAYOR AS REGION 9 CHAIR**

17/126

Resolved

THAT Council

1. Formally endorses the appointment of the Mayor Cr Paul Maytom as Chairman of Region 9 Murray Darling Association for 2017/18 and, if so elected, for the remainder of this Council term ending 2020.
2. Notes that costs to attend MDA Board meetings are covered by Council and secretarial services to MDA Region 9 meetings are provided by Council.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 8.2 INVESTMENTS REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

17/127

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report be noted.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Morris)

**Item 8.3 LEETON GOLF COURSE 1 JULY 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017
UPDATE**

17/128

Resolved

THAT Council notes:

1. The Quarterly Update Report from 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017 on the activities of the Leeton Golf Course.
2. Future Golf Course reports will be provided six monthly instead of quarterly, commencing with the period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 8.4 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME - QUICK
RESPONSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT - GRACE
KOROVATA**

17/129

Resolved

THAT Council awards Grace Korovata a \$250 Youth Category Development Grant from the Quick Response part of the Community Strengthening Grant Scheme to assist with costs involved in representing Leeton and New South Wales at the Pacific School Games.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)



ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS CONTINUED

Item 8.5 MCCAUGHEY PARK YANCO SPLASH PAD

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**Item 8.6 CONAPAIRA STREET WHITTON - RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
17/130**

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the recommended layout as the basis for continued detailed planning and design.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr George Weston

Promoted the 2018 Australia Day Awards to those present advising that nominations closed next week. Cr Weston sought information from the Mayor as to whether there were any residents with applications for Naturalisation Ceremonies pending and requested that should there be, that these ceremonies be incorporated into the Australia Day activities. Cr Weston indicated that the names of all those who become Australian Citizens would be acknowledged at the ceremony as well.

The Deputy Mayor congratulated the Mayor on his presentation at the Local Government Awards for 30 years of service to Local Government, having attended the recent LG Conference in Sydney with the Mayor and General Manager.

Cr Weston commented on the process that resulted in the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) repository being located where it is in the Woolworths complex parking area. The Director Environment and Engineering indicated that the structure was installed with no consultation with Council and, he had been informed, little consultation with Woolworths. Cr Weston expressed concern that the CDS repository was impacting on the amenity of the area, including increased littering and reduced access to parking.

Cr Sandra Nardi

Cr Nardi congratulated the Light Up Leeton Committee on what she considered was a great event for the local community.



Cr Peter Davidson

Cr Davidson commented on a recent ABC presentation in relation to the reservation of cemetery plots. He expressed the concern that, according to the report, reservations for burial plots could only be made for 25 years and any further reservation would require an additional cost.

Cr Davidson also raised his concerns in relation to the banner poles within the Leeton CBD and suggested that reinforcement was required as some of the poles appeared tilted. He also mentioned to the meeting that he had received positive comments from a local business operator about the efforts of staff in pressure washing to clean the main street.

Cr Tony Ciccia

Cr Ciccia thanked the Director Environment and Engineering and the Parks and Recreation Superintendent for their prompt action in relation to weeds issues at the cemetery.

He also congratulated the Mayor on his recent presentation at the Local Government Awards which acknowledged Cr Maytom's 30 years in Local Government.

Cr Ciccia wished staff and Councillors a Merry Christmas.

Cr Tracey Morris

Cr Morris said she echoed the comments of Cr Davidson in relation to the cleaning of the main street having observed Council staff undertaking the work during the week.

Cr Morris also congratulated the Mayor on his efforts over the past 30 years of Local Government with Leeton Shire Council.

Cr Morris wished staff and Councillors a Merry Christmas.

Cr Michael Kidd

Cr Kidd acknowledged the Mayor's recent presentation at the Local Government Conference and congratulated him on his 30 years of service.

Cr Kidd wished staff and Councillors a Merry Christmas.

Cr Paul Smith

Cr Smith reiterated the comments of other Councillors in congratulating the Mayor stating that 30 years was a long time to be representing the community.



Cr Paul Maytom

The Mayor addressed the Councillors on some of the matters from the Local Government Conference which was held in Sydney including:

- Draft Code of Meeting Practice changes which will include a Mandatory Section requiring Council to livestream its meetings. Cr Maytom informed the councillors that a response to the Consultation Draft was required by March 2018. He indicated his disappointment that there was no opportunity provided at the Conference for Councils to address the Minister for Local Government.
- Leeton Shire Council's motion to extend rumble strips was supported by the Conference delegates. Cr Maytom indicated that there was no opposition presented to the motion at the Conference.

Mayor Cr Maytom expressed his disappointment at the lack of attendance by community members at the recent Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) meeting held in Leeton. He suggested to Councillors that should they know of someone who may be interested in having input into health outcomes within the community that they be encouraged to become involved and find out more about the LHAC.

The Mayor wished all Councillors and Staff a happy, healthy and safe Christmas. He said Leeton Shire Council was a good council and it had been a pleasure to work with Councillors during the past 12 months. He commented that it was a credit to know that while Council did have its problems from time to time, these problems were minimal in comparison to many other Councils.

General Manager, Mrs Jackie Kruger

Mrs Kruger also thanked Councillors and Staff on what was a very productive year. On behalf of the staff, she thanked the Councillors for supporting them throughout the year. She also suggested to Councillors that over the Christmas break that they turn their minds to what they needed in relation to training and professional development indicating it would all be part of the process to build the capacity of the organisation.

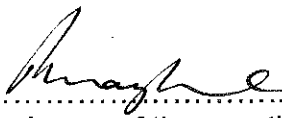
The General Manager said that she had been contacted by the Police Local Area Commander who had recently returned from leave. She advised the Councillors that the Commander would present to Councillors in the New Year in relation to the review of Local Area Commands. She advised that she'd requested that Leeton Police Station be managed by an Officer-in-Charge ranked an Inspector.



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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

 signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
24/01/2018 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.