

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING**
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2018
COMMENCING AT 7.05PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Present:

Councillors:

Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), 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) Brent Lawrence (Acting Manager Communications and Marketing) and Alison Balind (Governance & Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press: Talia Pattison, (The Irrigator)

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Sandra Nardi
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**

18/062

Resolved

That Council accept the apology of Cr Peter Davidson and a leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Smith)

The Mayor introduced newly appointed staff member Suesann Vos, who has commenced at Leeton Shire Council in the role of Marketing and Cultural Services Coordinator. Ms Vos briefly addressed the Council to provide the Councillors with detail of her background and experience within in cultural tourism and marketing.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

18/063

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, March 28 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

THAT the Minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 March 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 April 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil



8. OFFICER'S REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

**Item 8.1 THRIVE RIVERINA (REGIONAL TOURISM) MEMBERSHIP
2018-2020**

18/064

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses membership of Thrive Riverina at an annual fee of \$3,900 in the 2018/19 and \$4,020 in the 2019/20 financial years.
2. Endorses a \$5,000 commitment in the 2018/19 (Phase 1) and 2019/20 (Phase 2) financial years towards the Riverina Cooperative Marketing Campaign led by Destination NSW in close collaboration with Thrive Riverina and Destination Riverina Murray.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

**Item 8.2 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME - YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT GRANT - RAITH HENMAN**

18/065

Resolved

That Council awards Raith Henman 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 2018 New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association Swimming Championships at Homebush on Wednesday 11 to Thursday 12 April 2018.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

**Item 8.3 MINUTES OF WHITTON COURT HOUSE AND HISTORICAL
MUSEUM COMMITTEE JANUARY 2018**

18/066

Resolved

THAT Council formally notes the Whitton Court House and Historical Museum Committee Minutes of Monday 15 January 2018.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Smith)



Item 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT MARCH 2018

18/067

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for March 2018 be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr George Weston

Appointment of IT Manager – Cr Weston asked when an appointment would be made. The Director Corporate and Community advised that interviews had been undertaken and Council expects to make an appointment within coming days.

Yanco Community Meeting – Cr Weston asked whether Councillors would be briefed about the meeting in advance. The General Manager advised that she hadn't planned to but could if required.

Rotary Conference – The Conference will be held in Leeton in the coming month and Cr Weston advised Councillors and the public that they were welcome to attend. The conference would also include discussions around access to water.

Cr Sandra Nardi

Sunrice Festival and Easter Weekend – Cr Nardi congratulated those involved in organising activities for the Sunrice Festival saying she had heard nothing but positive feedback on the events of the weekend. Cr Nardi said she had provided some feedback to the Sunrice Committee on a couple of matters and that the Youth Group had received a donated scooter for a raffle to assist in raising funds for their activities.

Cr Tony Ciccia

Sunrice Festival – Cr Ciccia also congratulated those involved in the Festival.

Tree Complaint – The Councillor had been contacted by a resident in Cypress Street who had expressed concern over a number of trees which appeared to be dangerous.

Boots Construction – Cr Ciccia commented on the work being undertaken at the intersection of Koonadan and Brobenah Roads.



Pool Kiosk – The Councillor asked about the leasing of the pool kiosk and whether that occurred on an annual basis. The General Manager advised that the kiosk was actually staffed by Council employees and was currently not available for lease.

Grandstand at Leeton Showground – The question was asked by Cr Ciccia if Council would be involved in the Asset Management should the redevelopment proceed. The Mayor advised that generally improvements at the showground were managed by the Showground Trust. The General Manager advised that it may be possible for Council to provide advice regarding asset management on an annual basis.

Passing of Ralph Amato – Cr Ciccia acknowledged the recent passing of well-known local identity, Ralph Amato and paid his condolences to the Amato family.

Cr Tony Reneker

Community Grants – Cr Reneker asked whether there would be a review of the Community Grants process as had been mentioned when applications had been presented to Councillors in recent times. The Director Corporate and Community confirmed that a review would be undertaken in the coming months.

Graham Park – The question was asked as to whether there would be an official opening once the work was completed? He commented that the work to date was impressive and had improved the facility. The Mayor responded to advise that something would be done to mark the completion of works, whether that was an official opening or a fun day.

Cr Michael Kidd

Cr Kidd said he shared Councillors sentiments in relation to Mr Amato, Graham Park and the Sunrice Festival.

Back Whitton Road clean up – Cr Kidd advised the he had received positive comments on the clean up which had been undertaken along the Back Whitton Road.

Cr Paul Smith

Cr Smith echoed the congratulations to those involved with the Sunrice Festival. He also congratulated the volunteers and staff who had been involved in setting up for the event.

Anzac Day – Cr Smith said he hoped to see everyone at the Anzac Day services next week.



Cr Paul Maytom - Mayor

Sunrice Festival – The Mayor commended those involved with the Easter weekend festival and commented that Leeton had been lucky with the weather over that weekend.

Remembering Wattle Hill – Cr Maytom request the Director Environment and Engineering to provide an update. The Director informed the Councillors that there had been discussions held with regards to the location of a statue as part of the project, which is being managed by the Local Aboriginal Lands Council. Funding was available for the sculpture and there was an indication given that there was support for the project from the Prime Minister's Department. The Director informed Councillors that information about the sculpture could be incorporated into the Lyrics, Landscapes and Lintels project.

Gossamer Park – The Mayor spoke of a clean up which had been undertaken at Gossamer Park saying that the park was impeccable. He commented that the activity had been a real community effort and that it was great to see a range of people from Wattle Hill involved.

Leeton Police – The Mayor and General Manager met with the new Inspector at Leeton Police, John Wadsworth. The Mayor indicated that the meeting had been positive and that the Inspector would be based in Leeton for the majority of the time. He also said that there had been an indication that community members would see improvements in feedback from police to community making reports.

Productivity Commission – A meeting of the Commission was held in Griffith last week and was attended by the Mayor. He advised Councillors that the Productivity Commission is required to report every five years and that the meeting had sought feedback from the region on the impact of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

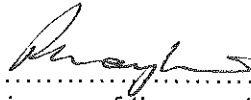
Shade at Cemetery – Having attended 19 funerals in the past month, the Mayor expressed concern at the lack of shade at the cemetery. The recent hot weather had impacted at many of the graveside services Cr Maytom had attended and he requested that thought be given to the planting of trees where they do not impact on graves but would provide shade to those attending services.

Jackie Kruger – General Manager

Extraordinary Meeting – The General Manager advised Councillors that an extraordinary meeting of Council was being scheduled for Wednesday, 9 May 2018 for Council to consider the DRAFT Delivery Program and Operational Plan as well as the 2018-2019 Budget.



There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57pm.

 signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
23/05/2018 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.

