



# LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.04PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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#### **In Attendance**

- 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 and Cr. Michael Kidd
- Staff:** Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Craig Bennett (Director Corporate and Community), Brian Ashcroft (Director Environment and Engineering) and Brent Lawrence (Communications and Marketing Co-ordinator)
- Press:** Nil

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Michael Kidd
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Mayor Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**

**17/103**

**Resolved**

That the apology for Cr Tracey Morris be accepted and leave of absence granted.

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

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**17/104**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.7 – Community Strengthening Grant Scheme Round 1 – 2017/18 as his wife is a member of one of the Committees and he is a member of the other.

Cr Peter Davidson declared a Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.7 – Community Strengthening Grant Scheme Round 1 – 2017/18 as he is a member of the Light Up Leeton Committee.

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES – Nil**

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION - Nil**

## **8. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

**17/105**

##### **Resolved**

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.10pm to allow the presentation of the Auditors' Reports for the year ending 30 June 2017 by Ms Dannielle MacKenzie from Crowe Horwath in Albury.

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

#### **Resumption of Standing Orders**

**17/106**

##### **Resolved**

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

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

#### **Item 8.1 AUDITORS' REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017**

**17/107**

##### **Resolved**

THAT Council notes the presentation on the 2016/17 Financial Statements for Leeton Shire Council by Ms Dannielle MacKenzie from Crowe Horwath in Albury.

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

#### **Item 8.2 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**17/108**

##### **Resolved**

THAT the 2016/17 Leeton Shire Council Annual Report be adopted by Council and lodged with the Minister for Local Government by 30 November 2017.

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

**Item 8.3 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**17/109**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the progress in relation to the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program (2017-2021) and Operational Plan (2017-2018) for the Quarter Ending 30 September 2017.

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

**Item 8.4 2017/2018 BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**17/110**

**Resolved**

THAT the review of Council's Operational Budget as at 30 September 2017 be noted and the variations contained in the Quarterly Budget Review Statements (Budgeted Income Statement Consolidated and Capital Expenditure Funding Source and Classification) be adopted.

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

**Item 8.5 INVESTMENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2017**

**17/111**

**Resolved**

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report be noted.

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

**Item 8.6 STATUTORY CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS STATISTICS REPORT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 31 AUGUST 2017**

**17/112**

**Resolved**

THAT Council note that there were no Code of Conduct complaints made about Councillors or the General Manager during the period of 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and report the statistics to the Office of Local Government.

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

**Item 8.7 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME ROUND 1 - 2017/18**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest for this Item as his wife is a member one of the Committees and he is a member of the other. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston left the meeting and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

Cr Peter Davidson declared a Pecuniary Interest for this Item as he is a member of the Light Up Leeton Committee. Cr Peter Davidson left the meeting and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

**17/113**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approve the following applications for assistance from Round 1 of the 2017/18 Community Strengthening Grants Scheme:

Leeton Amateur Swimming Club	\$1,000
Leeton Harness Racing Club	\$1,000
Leeton Aboriginal Education Consultative Group	\$810
Leeton Girl Guides	\$1,290
Leeton Water Ski Club	\$1,000
Light Up Leeton Committee	\$1,500
Leeton Art Society	<u>\$900</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,500</u></b>

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

**Item 8.8 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME - QUICK RESPONSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT - MASON BOARDMAN**

**17/114**

**Resolved**

THAT Council awards Mason Boardman 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 Victoria at the Australian Junior Squash Championships.

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

**Item 8.9 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME - QUICK RESPONSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT - COOPER BOARDMAN-HOLMES**

17/115

**Resolved**

THAT Council awards Cooper Boardman-Holmes 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 Victoria at the Australian Junior Squash Championships.

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

**ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS**

**Item 8.10 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
26 OCTOBER 2017**

17/116

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to endorse and adopt the following resolutions of the Local Area Traffic Committee as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 26 October 2017.

**Item 2 – Ash Street Bus Bay Extension**

**Resolution:**

That the Committee endorses the extension of the existing bus bay on Ash Street at St Joseph's Primary School by 18 metres to allow for buses to completely fit into the bus zone during school zone times.

**(unanimous support)**

**Item 3 – 40<sup>th</sup> Riverina Vietnam Veterans Reunion March held on 28 October 2017**

**Resolution:**

That the Committee endorses the request by the RSL, Leeton Sub Branch for the 40<sup>th</sup> Riverina Vietnam Veterans Reunion March to be approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the RMS Guide to Traffic and Transport at Special Events:

- a) The event is conducted as per times, location, conditions and circumstances that are indicated in the application documents.
- b) A certified traffic control plan for the event is to be implemented, monitored and decommissioned by an accredited person.

**(unanimous support)**

**Item 4 – Proposed School Bus Pick Up/Drop Off and Bus Shelter Location at Wamoon**

**Resolution:**

That Council contacts Wamoon Public School to discuss the location of the bus pick up/drop off bay and consult further with the bus operator and report back to the next meeting.

**(unanimous support)**

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

**9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS**

Cr George Weston

Sought clarification on what level of involvement the Economic Development Coordinator would have in face-to-face business interaction and support.

The General Manager confirmed that the focus of the Economic Development Coordinator was very much on workforce and establishing relationships with human resources staff of big industries in our area. A networking event will be held in the New Year to further connect and build relationships with large and small businesses in our Shire.

Cr Weston also informed his fellow Councillors that Australia Day nominations had now opened and distributed nominations forms to Councillors so they could share with their different networks.

He advised that the Ambassador for Timor Leste was visiting Leeton on Thursday 23 November to meet with himself and the Mayor.

Cr Sandra Nardi

Raised concerns about the unsightly state of SunRice Welcome Signage on highways leading into Leeton. The General Manager informed Council that dialogue had commenced with SunRice to discuss options for an upgrade of these signs.

Cr Nardi had the pleasure of being heavily involved in the Leeton Harley and Bike Muster event held in Leeton earlier this month. All proceeds raised from this event go to mental health awareness. The event went off without a hitch and continues to be well received by the local community and wider Riverina region.

Cr Tony Ciccia

Made comment and an observation on how interesting it was that the State Government were offering free vehicle registration to drivers that spend \$25 or more per week using Sydney toll roads. He wondered where is the fairness in that and incentive for regional residents.

Cr Tony Reneker

Requested an update on any further developments in opening further discussions with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NSWPWS) regarding improvements and upgrades being made in the Murrumbidgee Valley National Parks in our area.

The Director Environment and Engineering informed Council that entry tracks have been upgraded on several key entrances. Council's Communications and Marketing Coordinator will continue to look at fostering a closer relationship between Council and NSWPWS to look at future tourism development opportunities and infrastructure upgrades.

Cr Michael Kidd

Raised concerns about truck noise of a night near the corner of Maiden Avenue and Yanco Avenue. Residents in this area have mentioned to him that the speed of the trucks and air breaks is becoming quite a regular occurrence.

The Director of Environment and Engineering took this concern on notice and will follow up with RMS regarding the potential for some cautioning/warning signage to create greater public awareness.

Cr Kidd concluded by asking for a review of signage around the corner of where McQuillan Road links with the Back Yanco Road as it can be quite confusing during inclement weather and heavy fog.

Cr Paul Smith

Paid respects and offered his sincere condolences to the families of Peter "Bud" Morris and Mr Beattie who both passed away suddenly this month.

Cr Paul Maytom

Paid respect to Peter "Bud" Morris for the excellent work he did for Leeton Emergency Services over many years. He was a wealth of knowledge and a great community minded person who will be dearly missed.

He also reflected on the Western Riverina Intermodal Freight Terminal (WRIFT) Meeting with the Chief Planner for the NSW State Government and key stakeholders who visited Leeton and the Wumbulgal site on Monday 20 November. Council's General Manager facilitated a discussion on the need for a Masterplan for the Wumbulgal site with the aim being to see the site reach its true development potential. A lot of effort has gone into building relationships with the large industries that occupy this site. Wumbulgal is now seen as a major economic enabler for freight movement in our region which is an exciting prospect for the future.



The Mayor also raised his concerns about a recent accident on the corner of Murrami Road and Irrigation Way. The Director of Environment and Engineering took his concerns on notice and will follow up the major causes of recent accidents at this intersection to help with design concepts for future scheduled works in this area.

The Mayor concluded by stating the midwife led model of care has finally commenced at the Leeton District Hospital and he looks forward to mothers once again being able to birth locally.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

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the Chairman of the meeting held on  
13/12/2017 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.