



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2018

COMMENCING AT 7.03PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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) and Alison Balind (Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press: Talia Pattison (The Irrigator)

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

At 7.05pm Cr Maytom requested Councillors remain standing to observe a minute silence for former Councillor of 21 years, Sam Ciccio, and staff member Rodger Ryan who had sadly passed in recent weeks.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

18/001

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, December 13 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

8. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

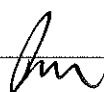
Item 8.1 INVESTMENTS REPORT DECEMBER 2017

18/002

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report be noted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccio)



Item 8.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES, 1 APRIL 2018 - 31 MARCH 2019

18/003

Resolved

THAT the Ordinary Council Meetings for the 12 months from 1 April 2018 until 31 March 2019 be held at 7.00pm on each of the following dates:

- Wednesday 18 April 2018
- Wednesday 23 May 2018
- Wednesday 27 June 2018
- Wednesday 25 July 2018
- Wednesday 22 August 2018
- Wednesday 26 September 2018
- Wednesday 24 October 2018
- Wednesday 28 November 2018
- Wednesday 19 December 2018
- Wednesday 23 January 2019
- Wednesday 27 February 2019
- Wednesday 27 March 2019

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 8.3 ROXY COMMUNITY THEATRE - DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ROXY REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

18/004

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the Roxy Redevelopment Working Group Terms of Reference, noting its membership and relationship back to the Roxy Theatre Advisory Group and Council.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

Item 8.4 JOINT ORGANISATIONS PREPARATION

18/005

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the report and endorses the investigation of alternative Joint Organisation options by the Mayor and General Manager prior to making a recommendation for Council determination by the due date of 28 February 2018.
2. Notes and endorses the scheduling of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Leeton Shire Council, at a date and time to be determined, in order to meet the NSW Office of Local Government's deadline of 5.00pm on 28 February 2018 for nominating membership of a Joint Organisation.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 8.5 MINUTES OF WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 21
AUGUST 2017 AND SPECIAL MEETING ON 18 SEPTEMBER
2017**

18/006

Resolved

THAT Council formally notes the Whitton Town Improvement Committee Minutes from the 21 August 2017 and 18 September 2017 meetings.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

**Item 8.6 MINUTES OF THE YANCO HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE -
11 SEPTEMBER 2017, 9 OCTOBER 2017 AND 13 NOVEMBER
2017**

18/007

Resolved

THAT Council formally notes the Yanco Town Hall Management Committee Minutes from the 11 September, 9 October and 13 November 2017 meetings.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 8.7 BUSH BURSARY PROGRAM

18/008

Resolved

THAT Council notes the information provided on the recent Bush Bursary medical placement in Leeton Shire.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Ciccia)

**Item 8.8 COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME
- QUICK RESPONSE GRANT - LEETON AND DISTRICT
WATER WHEEL GARDEN CLUB**

18/009

Resolved

THAT Council approves the waiving of the fee of \$405 for the Leeton and District Water Wheel Garden Club for the use of the Leeton Visitors Information Centre under the Quick Response Category of the Community Strengthening Grants Scheme.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)



ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

**Item 8.9 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
14 DECEMBER 2017**

18/010

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to endorse the minutes and notes the following recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 14 December 2017.

Item 1 – Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Bus Shelter Wamoon

That the bus shelter at Wamoon be erected at the existing bus pick up/drop off located on Oxley Street.

Item 2 – Packham Street – Request for No Parking Signage

That Council consider and advise on the preferred response to nuisance caused by car parking on the median strip.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

**Item 8.10 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING 14 DECEMBER
2017 - PACKHAM STREET - REQUEST FOR NO PARKING
SIGNS**

18/011

Resolved

THAT Council limit parking to the edge of the street and protect the tree areas with improved maintenance at a cost of approximately \$5,000 for suitably placed barriers.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.11 GOGELDRIE WEIR CARAVAN PARK - WATER SUPPLY

18/012

Resolved

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow the lessee of the Gogeldrie Weir Caravan Park to address the meeting.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

Having so resolved, Mr Darrell Collins addressed the Councillors, the time being 8.05pm.

18/013

Resolved

That Standing Orders be resumed.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)



Having so resolved, Standing Orders resumed at 8.14pm.

18/014

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the development of a bore to provide a reliable supply of potable water at Gogeldrie Weir Caravan Park at an estimated cost of \$35,000.
2. Authorises for the funding of \$35,000 to be allocated from the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 8.12 GOGELDRIE WEIR CARAVAN PARK - HOUSING

18/015

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the completion of Priority 1 upgrade works to the residence at Gogeldrie Weir Caravan Park at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Funding will be considered as part of the December 2017 Quarterly Budget Review.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr George Weston

Australia Day: The Australia Day Committee is trying to have the whole Shire involved. We have a great community and I look forward to seeing people attend the events on Friday. I must thank Hannah Fitzsimmon for all the assistance she has provided in organising the event and Cr Reneker for the assistance with the Sports Awards.

Container Deposit Scheme: Do we have an update on what is happening? The Director Environment and Engineering replied that he has a contact with Cleanaway in Albury but has not been able to speak with them to date. The matter was also raised with a representative of the Department of Premier and Cabinet following a recent meeting.

E-waste: We have talked about E-waste on many occasions – are we going to talk about it this year? The General Manager/Director Environment and Engineering advised that this could be a consideration for Council's 2018 waste program.



Cr Sandra Nardi

Yanco Hall: Thank you for the quick response to repair the gate at Yanco Hall. The Committee were quite happy with how quickly it was repaired.

Playground Strategy: Residents had raised concerns about rubble being dumped in the corner of the school near the Waipukarau Park playground. Also, one of the trees within the park appeared to be in a dangerous condition and was cracked at the base.

New Year: Cr Nardi wished everyone well for the New Year.

Cr Tony Ciccio

Palm Avenue Kerbing: Cr Ciccio congratulated staff on the kerbing works that were being undertaken near the Woolworths complex in Palm Avenue and asked whether the kerbing would be continued to the Muntenpen Street area. He was advised by the Director Environment and Engineering that the plan was to finish the current section and next year would see other areas within the Leeton town area prioritised.

Australia Day: Cr Ciccio commented that there had been much discussion about changing the date for Australia Day in other areas. He said his personal view was that it should remain on the 26th of January.

Personal Thank you: Cr Ciccio thanked all those who had provided support to him and his family following the recent passing of his father, Sam Ciccio.

Cr Tony Reneker

State accountability: Cr Reneker raised his concerns with regards to keeping State agencies accountable for their responsibilities within the community. He referenced signage from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, access to doctors at Leeton Hospital as well as the role of the Department of Health and the Department of Primary Industry in mosquito monitoring and spraying programs. Cr Reneker commented on recent newspaper articles which talked about policing of fog lights and questioned whether this was the right priority to be targeting when there are so many other matters of concern. He said that the question needed to be asked of State agencies "What is going on?"

Cr Michael Kidd

Kangaroo warning signs: Cr Kidd asked whether there could be additional signage erected to advise drivers of kangaroo risks between Leeton and Narrandera.



Cr Paul Maytom

Positive feedback: Cr Maytom shared with the councillors comments he had received from visitors to the Leeton area. The visitors had spoken to the Mayor following a recent gathering and they told him arriving at the town entrances to Leeton was “inspirational because it told us something about your community”.

Road Safety: Cr Maytom commented on the safety features of his new vehicle which were designed to counteract driver fatigue. Cr Maytom questioned what local Councils could do to use the new technology and indicated that Councils would require more funding to provide the right infrastructure to make sure these new technologies worked.

Alcohol tax: Cr Maytom said that there was support for police in their efforts to reduce the number of drunk drivers on the roads. He spoke strongly against the proposal to increase taxes on low alcohol products, stating that this worked against messages promoting responsible consumption of alcohol.

General Manager – Mrs Jackie Kruger

Council Agenda: The General Manager advised Councillors that there would be some changes in the presentation of the Council agendas from the next meeting following a software upgrade. She indicated to Councillors that the upgrade and changes would add value to the reports being presented for consideration at the meetings.

Complaints Management: Councillors were reminded that a complaints management (CRM) system was in place for those occasions when community members raised concerns directly with the elected representatives. She said that if Councillors received complaints, they could use this system so they did not have to wait until the Council meeting to raise matters. Councillors were advised that any matters requiring attention by Council staff should be emailed through to either her or the directors and it would be followed up through the CRM system.

10. CLOSED COUNCIL – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)* 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.



18/016

Resolved

- 1 That Council move into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- 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 Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 10.1 LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND – FIVEBOUGH ROAD

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business(Section 10A(2)c).

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 8.50pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

18/017

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.55pm.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council ONE resolution was passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Item 10.1 LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND – FIVEBOUGH ROAD.



Item 10.1 LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND – FIVEBOUGH ROAD

18/018

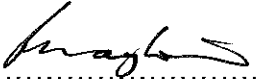
Resolved

THAT Council authorises:

1. The preparation of a twelve (12) month Licence Agreement for grazing of stock on PLT 319, DP 751742 known as 183 Fivebough Road to the person named in the report with an option to renew for a further twelve (12) months.
2. For an annual Licence Agreement fee of \$1,200 to be charged.
3. The Mayor and General Manager to execute the Licence Agreement between Leeton Shire Council and the person named in the report.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56pm.


..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
28/02/2018 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.