



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2018
COMMENCING AT 7.07PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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), Craig Bennett (Director Corporate and Community),
Brent Lawrence (Manager Communications and Marketing Coordinator) and Alison Balind
(Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press: Talia Pattison (The Irrigator)

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1. CIVIC PRAYER Cr Michael Kidd

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Cr Paul Maytom

3. APOLOGIES

18/131

Resolved

That Council notes the apology from Interim Director Environment and Engineer, Mr Chris Watson.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

18/132

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Smith)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tony Ciccia declared a Pecuniary Interest for Closed Council Item 10.1- Offer to Purchase 32 Massey Avenue, Vance Industrial Estate. The reason for the declaration is that the Councillor could have a possible financial benefit. Councillor Ciccia will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this item.

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING

18/133

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the NSW Public Libraries Association and NSW library funding advocacy initiative, *Renew Our Libraries*.
2. Makes representation to the local State Member for Murray, Austin Evans, in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.
3. Writes to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for the provision of a significant increase in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.
4. Takes a leading role in activating the campaign locally.

5. Endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association and the Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions arising from the initiative.
6. Formally advises the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the library funding advocacy initiative.

(Moved Cr Maytom, seconded Cr Kidd)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8. OFFICER'S REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1 RIVERINA AND MURRAY JOINT ORGANISATION

18/134

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes for information the Minutes of the Inaugural Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation Board Meeting held on Friday 29 June 2018 as well as the Draft Code of Meeting Practice and Draft Policy on Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities.
2. Endorses the Draft Riverina Murray Joint Organisation Charter.
3. Recommends to the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation that Leeton Shire Council's Manager Communications and Marketing, Brent Lawrence be endorsed as RAMJO's representative on Thrive Riverina (formerly known as Riverina Regional Tourism).

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 8.2 LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY

18/135

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the updated Draft Local Preference Policy and places it on public exhibition for 28 days with submissions to be received up to 42 days after the first date of exhibition. If no submissions are received which suggest a significant change in the direction of the policy, then the policy will be adopted by Council, otherwise a further report will be prepared to consider the submissions received.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

Cr Ciccia left the Chamber at 8.03pm and returned at 8.05pm.

Item 8.3 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY PROGRAM AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

18/136

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 June 2018.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS - PRIMARY RETURNS

18/137

Resolved

THAT Council notes:

All Primary Disclosure of Interests Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons from 1 October 2017 till 31 December 2017 and 1 January 2018 till 31 March 2018 have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and are tabled at this Ordinary Council Meeting for the following positions:

- * Director Environment & Engineering
- * Manager Finance
- * Acting Manager Information Technology
- * Economic Development Coordinator
- * Governance & Corporate Planning Coordinator
- * Waste & Recycling Coordinator
- * Planning Officer
- * Contract Property Consultant

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 8.5 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

18/138

Resolved

THAT:

1. All Councillors complete a Disclosure of Interests Return and lodge with the General Manager by 30 September 2018 for the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
2. The staff and delegates who occupied the positions below be formally declared Designated Persons by Council in accordance with Section 441 of the Local Government Act 1993 and be required to lodge Disclosure of Interests Returns to the General Manager by 30 September 2018 for the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018:

General Manager	Determined by the Act
Directors	Determined by the Act
Managers	Deemed to exercise designated persons functions
Governance & Corporate Planning Coordinator	Exercises designated persons functions
Marketing & Cultural Services Coordinator	Exercises designated persons functions
Economic Development Coordinator	Exercises designated persons functions
Plant Superintendent	Exercises designated persons functions
Works Depot Supervisor	Exercises designated persons functions
Waste & Recycling Coordinator	Exercises designated persons functions
Roads Maintenance Superintendent	Exercises designated persons functions
Roads Construction Superintendent	Exercises designated persons functions
Water & Waste Water Superintendent	Exercises designated persons functions
Open Space & Recreation Superintendent	Exercises designated persons functions
Water & Waste Water Engineer	Exercises designated persons functions
Development & Drainage Engineer	Exercises designated persons functions
Assistant Engineers	Exercises designated persons functions
Survey & Design Engineer	Exercises designated persons functions
Planning Officers	Exercises designated persons functions
Senior Ranger/Rangers	Exercises designated persons functions
Purchasing Officer	Exercises designated persons functions
Rates & Property Officer	Exercises designated persons functions
Contract Property Consultant	Exercises designated persons functions

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

Item 8.6 INVESTMENTS REPORT JUNE 2018

18/139

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.7 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

18/140

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council's Depot, Administration Office and Library be closed for the period from Monday 24 December 2018 until Wednesday 2 January 2019 and staff be permitted to take annual leave or other suitably authorised leave during the period to cover the period that they would normally be rostered to work.
2. Extensive publicity be given to the closure in the lead up to Christmas.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Nardi)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.8 STRATEGIC STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

18/141

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the Draft Strategic Stormwater Management Plan, with the inclusion of:
 - 6.1.10 – Petersham Road, Corbie Hill to Lilly Pilly roads, Leeton – Being the final section left in the Petersham Road precinct project and an identified priority when the Stormwater Management Charge was first levied, it is proposed to investigate piping the missing links that will complete the blocks urdan amenity and improve pedestrian safety.
2. The Plan be placed on public exhibition for twenty eight (28) days and should there be no significant submissions received by Council after forty two (42) days, then the Leeton Shire Council Strategic Stormwater Management Plan is to be adopted by Council. Should significant responses be received by Council then a further report will be presented to Council.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr George Weston

Kangaroo signage – Signage on Irrigation War near Graham's Grave is a bit too far around. Could this be looked into?

Traffic control – Are staff not allowed to sit while doing the stop/go signalling?

Footpaths – Council should look at widening footpaths following the email sent about kids riding bikes on footpaths. Should we be thinking more about bicycle paths than footpaths?

Funeral – The Mayor and I attended the funeral services of Dot Eurell, a member of Leeton's Family History, group recently. Council should give some consideration to where historical information could be kept when families decide to move items from the houses of deceased family members which may be of interest.

Time capsule – The installation of a time capsule was discussed at a recent Heritage Committee meeting to acknowledge 101 years since the Great War finished. It was discussed that perhaps Council and the schools may be interested in the project. The minutes of the Heritage Committee are yet to come to the Council for ratification.

Cr Sandra Nardi

McLeod's Daughters event – More than 720 guests attended over the course of event. Would not have been possible without the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the night or the local businesses that supported the event. Local accommodation was booked out and the town was very busy. The majority of guests travelled from all over, including two young girls from Germany who came specifically for the show. The actors interacted with the crowd in attendance and made specific time for children with a disabilities and families with children. Money made from fan card sales has been donated \$600 to the Leeton Christmas Luncheon charity.

Supper Room at Roxy Theatre – Caution tape required on step as staff member tripped during event.

Cr Tony Ciccia

Congratulations – Would like to personally congratulate Cr Nardi on her efforts in the McLeod's Daughters event.

Art Deco Festival – Festival meeting discussed the event being an annual Festival which could be of concern. Leeton has a successful Sunrice Ricebowl Festival and there are some concerns about getting people to volunteer to be involved. There is also a concern about burnout and putting pressure on local businesses.

Council structure – Could Councillors be provided with a report on how the restructure has gone since it was brought in last year?

Cr Tracey Morris

Lyrics, Landscapes and Lintels – It's been good to see the project come to fruition. The installations have been taking place across the Shire and they are coming together well. Could Council also write a letter of thanks to Robyn Hutchison as a member of the community who has been passionate about the program?

Cr Tony Reneker

Dot Eurell collection – The secure storage of historical items needs a solution. It is in the delivery program that we assist in the collection of local history and Council has two rooms in the library that are already utilised. I would like to flag that perhaps one of the rooms at the library could be named in honour of Dot Eurell to acknowledge her efforts in recording local history.

CCTV grant – Attended a meeting with the IT Manager last week who is in the process of putting together a grant application to instal more CCTV cameras and or lighting.

August meeting – Cr Reneker will be an apology.

Cr Michael Kidd

McLeod's Daughters – Congratulations to Cr Nardi for the work that went into the event, with 90 percent coming from outside Leeton. It was a great vision and a great amount of work.

Cr Paul Smith

Neighbourhood Watch meeting – It was good to listen to the Yanco Committee who are looking at a number of matters. Full praise for Inspector Wadsworth for making himself available to attend along with another Sergeant who is only new to the area.

Local Policing – Had a need to contact Leeton Police and it was good to be able to call the Leeton police station and have it answered by a police officer in Leeton. The issue was resolved in about 10 minutes.

Cr Paul Maytom

Wellways program – Attended a meeting in Griffith for the Wellways Committee, which is a suicide prevention program, and the presenter would like to speak to Council about the program. They will provide further information about the project and present at a Council briefing session in the future.

Lyrics, Landscapes and Lintels – Stopped at the Whitton installation on the way back from Griffith and met the artist. The artwork looks good.

Planning Meeting – Attended a regional planning meeting in Wagga with the General Manager. Meeting was attended by about 50 and provided an update on how planning matters are to be managed. The Chief Planner Garry White was present and made mention of Leeton.

Positive feedback – Spoke to three people in recent times who said they were impressed with Leeton, the generosity of people within Leeton and what it has to offer. One of them was a person who worked at another Council an hour away and he is purchasing a house in Leeton because that was where he wants to settle. We can be proud of what we do as Councillors to have our town presented as it is.

Kathy McMahon – Would like to acknowledged an email received this afternoon for her outstanding efforts and assistance with the Lifestyle Magazine.

General Manager – Jackie Kruger

Lifestyle Magazine – Leeton Shire will feature in the magazine's summer edition which will come out in November sometime. Councillors will be invited to the launch of the magazine. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all things good about our Shire.

Planning meeting – Chief Planner, Gary White, explained that legislative changes will drive a more strategic approach to planning to meet community's expectations. The law now requires more engagement with the community on land use which will inform the review of the LEP. The core message is that there is a fundamental change philosophically in the way the Government wants planning to be undertaken with less focus on assessments and more on getting the strategy right in the first place.

10. CLOSED COUNCIL – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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.

18/142

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council moves into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. 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. 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 Nardi, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 10.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 32 MASSEY AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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 9.14pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

NOTE: Councillor Ciccia having declared a Pecuniary Interest for Closed Council Item 10.1- Offer to Purchase 32 Massey Avenue, Vance Industrial Estate vacated the Chamber, the time being. The reason for the declaration is that the Councillor Ciccia, could have a possible financial benefit. He vacated the Chamber at 9.14pm and took no part in the debate or vote.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

18/143

Resolved

THAT this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 9.36pm.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Reneker)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council two (2) resolutions were passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for the following Item 10.1 - OFFER TO PURCHASE 32 MASSEY AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Item 10.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 32 MASSEY AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

18/144

Resolved

THAT Council receives the report for discussion.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

18/145

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Accepts the offer of \$159,750 (excluding GST) for Lot 40, DP 1053574, 32 Massey Avenue, Leeton. If Council chooses this option the following additional recommendation should be included in any resolution:
2. Publically exhibits the proposal by Mr Mick Boots for it to accept an offer of \$159,750 (excluding GST) for the sale of 32 Massey Avenue, Leeton, which is \$20,250 (excluding GST) below valuation, in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
3. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign and seal all documentation in relation to the sale of Lot 40, DP 1053574, 39 Massey Avenue, Leeton.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
22/08/2018 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.