



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.07PM

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) and Brent Lawrence (Communications and Marketing Coordinator)

Press: Nil

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tony Reneker
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**
Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

17/089

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Morris)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Tony Ciccia declared a Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.5 - Landscapes, Lintels and Lyrics Heritage Project as he owns land in the proposed development area. Cr Tony Ciccia left the meeting and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

Cr Tony Ciccia declared a Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.8 – Funding Submission for NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund as he owns land in the proposed development area. Cr Tony Ciccia left the meeting and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES - Nil**

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Item 7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - RENAMING THE LEETON MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LEETON LIBRARY YELLOW ROOM

“THAT in order to celebrate 100 years since the poet Henry Lawson left Leeton I move that the Leeton Library Yellow Room be renamed the Henry Lawson Room and that the Leeton Multipurpose Community Centre be renamed the Henry Lawson Community Centre.”

Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston

AMENDMENT

In order to celebrate 100 years since the poet Henry Lawson left Leeton I move that the Leeton Library Yellow Room be renamed the Henry Lawson Room and that the Multipurpose Community Centre remain its current name.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Morris)

**The Amendment was put and carried.
The Amendment became the Motion.
The Motion was put and carried.**

17/090

Resolved

THAT in order to celebrate 100 years since the poet Henry Lawson left Leeton, the Leeton Library Yellow Room be renamed the Henry Lawson Room and that the Multipurpose Community Centre remain its current name.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Morris)

8. OFFICER'S REPORT

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

17/091

Resolved

THAT Item 8.5 Landscapes, Lintels and Lyrics Heritage Project be brought forward.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Nardi)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

meeting at 7.30pm once voting had concluded.

Item 8.5 LANDSCAPES, LINTELS AND LYRICS HERITAGE PROJECT

17/092

Resolved

THAT Council approves the commissioning of the following 5 works for the Lyrics, Landscapes and Lintels project:

- "Compass" by Wood to be located at the entrance to Yanco
- "Whitton Shadow Play" by Gottgens with final design and location to be workshopped with the Whitton community
- "Art Deco Lanterns" (set of three) by Gottgens to be located in Wade Avenue in a location sympathetic to the CBD Enhancement project Phase 1
- "Anamorphic Resonance" by Jones and Pritchard to be located in Chelmsford Place
- "Aboriginal Design Art Deco Concrete Lanterns" by Gottens to be located in a prominent public site following discussions with the Leeton & District Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Riverina Local Lands Services

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Kidd)

**Item 8.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017**

17/093

Resolved

THAT the 2016/17 Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports be received and be placed on public display.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Reneker)

**Item 8.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS SUBMITTED BY
COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS**

17/094

Resolved

THAT Council note:

1. That all Ordinary Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons for the 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 Financial Year have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and are tabled at this Ordinary Council Meeting.
2. That all Primary Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons for the 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017 period have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and are tabled at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.3 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SERVICES PROVISION ARRANGEMENTS

17/095

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council's Depot, Administration Office and Library be closed for the period from Monday 25 December 2017 to Tuesday 2 January 2018 and staff be permitted to take annual leave or other suitably authorised leave during this 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 Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2017

17/096

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.6 LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES GRANT 2017/18

17/097

Resolved

THAT Council approves the following Local Heritage Places Grant offers for 2017/18:

Project Number	Premise	Address	Total project Cost	Grant offer
1-2017/18	Washington's Furniture Façade upgrade	70-76 Kurrajong Ave, Leeton	\$6,746	\$3,000
2-2017/18	Get Set Office Roof Restoration	58-60 Kurrajong Ave, Leeton	\$13,400	\$4,500
3-2017/18	Old Kendalls Building External Façade painting	101 Pine Ave, Leeton	\$20,000	\$6,000
4-2017/18	St Peters Hall – Roof replacement	24 Church Street, Leeton	\$10,379	\$4,500
5-2017/18	Leeton Sports Power External Façade painting	70 Pine Avenue, Leeton	\$1,760	\$880
TOTALS			\$52,285	\$18,880

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.7 DRAFT PLAYGROUND STRATEGY REPORT 2017-2032

17/098

Resolved

THAT Council adopts the "Playground Strategy 2017-2032".

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Ciccia)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Tony Ciccia declared a Pecuniary Interest for this Item as he owns land in the proposed development area. Cr Tony Ciccia left the meeting at 7.46pm and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter. Cr Tony Ciccia returned to the meeting at 7.48pm once voting had concluded.

Item 8.8 FUNDING SUBMISSION FOR NSW GOVERNMENT STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND - CBD

17/099

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the application submitted under the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund for the Leeton CBD Enhancement Project Phase 1 and notes that, should the application be successful, Council is required to make a contribution of \$250,000.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston

Congratulated those involved with organising the “Dead Man Talking” live show which is being held at the Leeton Roxy Community Theatre on Sunday 28 October 2017.

Cr Sandra Nardi

Expressed her thanks to the committee members of the Leeton Show Society and Leeton Chill and Grill, noting the support of Council’s events team for the hard work that they put into running such well attended events. She felt they did a great job showcasing what’s great about our local community.

Cr Tony Ciccia

Raised his concerns with the state of the guttering as you exit the Woolworths carpark heading north towards Wilga Street. The Director of Environment and Engineering advised that there is a plan in place to rectify the issues and that the job should be completed prior to Christmas.

Cr Ciccia also sought an update from Council regarding sustainable diversion limits with regard to the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The General Manager advised Council was preparing a submission on the SDL adjustment mechanism projects which would be in support of the proposed projects as they will effectively result in less productive water needing to be removed from the system. She advised that the projects and the MDBA assessment of their potential was highly technical so Council’s feedback would be at an “in principle” level only. It was expected that some projects will over perform while others might underperform which is why it is vital that monitoring and evaluation starts early and is sustained.

Cr Tracey Morris

Requested that Council send a letter to St Joseph’s Primary School to congratulate them on the excellent job that the school did with the organisation and planning for their Centenary Celebrations.

Cr Morris also noted that many past students who don’t live in Leeton anymore commented as to how good the town was looking and that it is always reassuring and nice for Council to hear that feedback.

Cr Michael Kidd

Congratulated all involved with organising very successful events including the St Peter’s Church Fete, St Joseph’s Centenary Celebrations and the Leeton Chill and Grill events.

Cr Kidd also commended the improvement works that have been undertaken by Council in starting to improve the town entrances around the Shire. In his opinion and many other locals who have commented to him, they are looking the best they ever have in his 30 plus years living in Leeton Shire.

The Director of Environment and Engineering advised that it was very pleasing that works staff were coming forward with further great ideas to clean up other areas around town. These works are part of a bigger plan aimed at beautification and continuous improvement with regards to the town's visual appeal.

Cr Kidd concluded by thanking all Engineering staff involved with the works carried out on Davis Road in Yanco and the widening of Regulator Road.

Cr Paul Smith

Expressed his congratulations to Cr Michael Kidd on his result in the recent State Government bi-election held in the Murray electorate.

He informed Councillors that he recently attended a Bidgee Fish Flows Forum in Wagga Wagga where lots of interesting topics were discussed regarding local river systems and emerging technologies and innovations to improve catchment management. He also heard at the meeting that an application for a new boat ramp at Gogeldrie Weir was currently under assessment by the relevant authorities.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Attended the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Renmark South Australia in his role as Region 9 Chair along with the General Manager. More than 140 Mayors, Councillors, Officers and community members came from the MDA's twelve regions and came together to discuss the Murray Darling Basin and the role of local government in planning for a future with less water. The Mayor further added that it is important that we continue to share information and understand each State's projects. It is a whole of Basin approach that will allow us to deal with the complexities of it all and ensure the sustainability of the system.

The Mayor also attended the Golf Vets Week Dinner where he said 90% of people in the room were from all different parts of Australia. He received lots of great comments regarding our Welcome Signage and Council's partnership approach with the Leeton Golf Course Committee and Volunteers.

He also attended the Leeton Harness Racing Association Annual Dinner where he made a presentation on behalf of Council, thanking them for the work they do with running the events such as the MIA Breeders Plate which attracts thousands of people to the races during the Christmas/New Year period.

Mayor Maytom also had the pleasure of opening the Leeton Chill and Grill event.

He also congratulated Cr Michael Kidd on putting himself out there as a candidate in the recent Murray bi-election with the aim of providing greater representation for our region and its priorities.

He informed his fellow Councillors that a congratulatory letter was sent to the new Member for Murray Austin Evans. The communication also detailed Leeton's key projects and priorities for funding.

The Mayor praised Council's Engineering staff for a job well done on Innisvale Lane which has been a road that has been in substandard condition for many years. We now have a safer road connection to the Sturt Highway.

He concluded by advising his fellow Councillors that the midwife led model of care outlined by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) would be commencing in late November. A media release from MLHD will follow in the coming days.

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.

17/100

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 Ciccia)

**Item 10.1 SALE OF 5-7 DETHRIDGE AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
(LOT 23)**

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 8.24pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

**Item 10.1 SALE OF 5-7 DETHRIDGE AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
(LOT 23)**

17/101

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Accepts the offer of \$82,500 (excluding GST) made by the Brady Family for the purchase of Lot 23, DP 1053574, 5-7 Dethridge Avenue, Leeton.
2. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign and seal all documentation in relation to the sale of Lot 23, DP 1053574, 5-7 Dethridge Avenue, Leeton to the Brady family.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

17/102

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.25pm.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)

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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
22/11/2017 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.