



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2019
COMMENCING AT 7.06PM
AT 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), Josh Clyne (Manager Open Space and Recreation), Brent Lawrence (Manager Communications and Marketing) and Alison Balind (Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press:

Talia Carn (The Irrigator)

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

The Director Corporate and Community left the Chamber at 7.08pm.

3. **APOLOGIES**

19/026

Resolved

THAT the apology of Director Environment and Engineering Peter Keane be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Morris)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

19/027

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 January 2019, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Reneker)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

Item 8.2 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM LEETON AVIATORS CLUB

19/028

Resolved

THAT Agenda Item 8.2 be brought forward in the agenda.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

19/029

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mr Barry Kirkup of the Leeton Aviators Club to address the Council.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Nardi)

Having so resolved, Mr Kirkup addressed the Council at 7.12pm.

The Director Corporate and Community returned to the Chamber at 7.20pm.

19/030

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be resumed.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

Having so resolved, Standing Orders resumed at 7.27pm.

19/031

Resolved

THAT Council allocates to the Leeton Aviators Club \$3,494 (including GST) to assist with the purchase of materials to install pop up sprinklers to the north west/south east runway of the Brobenah Airfield.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

19/032

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the information provided.
2. Endorses the Community Consultation being conducted regarding the various options.
3. Endorses the proposal to introduce a midweek train service between Griffith and Sydney to complement the existing weekend service.

(Moved Cr Maytom, seconded Cr Weston)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8. OFFICER'S REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1 RAMJO STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES

19/033

Resolved

THAT Council notes and endorses the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities 2018-2022.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.2 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM LEETON AVIATORS CLUB

This matter was brought forward and dealt with as the first item on the Agenda.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 8.3 TRANSFER OF FORMER WATER CONSERVATION & IRRIGATION COMMISSION BUILDING FROM PROPERTY NSW TO LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

19/034

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Authorises the transfer of the former Water Conservation & Irrigation Commission Building (27-33 Chelmsford Place, Leeton) from Property NSW ownership and into Leeton Shire Council ownership for the nominal sum of \$1.
2. Notes that a restriction will be registered on title stating that Council must use the land for Community Purposes with the "primary purpose" of a cultural space for a period of 15 years.
3. Agrees to classify the property as Operational Land.
4. Authorises the Common Seal of Leeton Shire Council to be affixed to the Deed of Agreement for the Transfer of Land and The Transfer Form between Leeton Shire Council and Property NSW.
5. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute all documents relating to the Deed of Agreement for the Transfer of Land and the Transfer Form between Leeton Shire Council and Property NSW.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.4 2018/2019 BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

19/035

Resolved

THAT the review of Council's Budget as at 31 December 2018 be noted and the variations contained in the Quarterly Budget Review Statements (Budgeted Income Statement – Consolidated and Capital Expenditure Funding Source and Asset Classification included as part of Attachment 1) be adopted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.5 QUARTER TWO UPDATE ON THE 2017-2021 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2018/2019 OPERATIONAL PLAN

19/036

Resolved

THAT Council notes the progress in relation to the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program (2017-2021) and Operational Plan (2018/2019) for the Quarter ending 31 December 2018.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.6 INVESTMENTS REPORT JANUARY 2019

19/037

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Investments Report for January 2019 including the advice of our Investment Advisor Amicus.
2. Cashes out the Property Note currently held and advise ANZ Safe Custody Operations of its intentions by close of business 8 March 2019.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.7 LEETON GOLF COURSE 1 JULY 2018 TO 31 DECEMBER 2018 UPDATE

19/038

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Half Yearly Update Report from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018 on the activities at the Leeton Golf Course.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.8 AMENDED ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020

19/039

Resolved

THAT the following amendments be made to the adopted Schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020:

- Wednesday 24 April 2019 – be deleted from the schedule of meetings, and
- Wednesday 1 May 2019 – be amended to a regular Ordinary Council Meeting with a full agenda rather than only addressing the Draft Budget and Draft Operational Plan for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.9 TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CROWN PUBLIC ROADS TO COUNCIL - WAMOON

19/040

Resolved

THAT Council approves the transfer to Council of Crown public roads constructed and maintained by Council within and surrounding Wamoon and described as follows:

Brisbane Street; between Crowes Road and terminus
Macquarie Street; between Oxley Road and Brisbane Street
Lachlan Street; between Oxley Road and Brisbane Street
Night soil lane; between Oxley Road and Brisbane Street
Phillip Street; between Henry Lawson Drive and Brisbane Street
Oxley Road; between Crowes Road and Darling Road
Bourke Road; between Henry Lawson Drive and Oxley Road
Darling Road; between Henry Lawson Drive and Oxley Road
Wills Road; between Phillip Street and Darling Road

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 8.10 PROPOSED SHORT TERM LICENCE OF RESERVE 57737 TO THE RIVERINA RIDING CLUB INC

19/041

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council endorses in principle a short term licence under section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 to the Riverina Riding Club Inc.
2. Council advertises its intention to enter into a short term licence agreement with the Riverina Riding Club Inc. for the purpose of casual recreational riding.
3. Should no submissions be received, Council will enter into the short term licence with the Riverina Riding Club Inc.
4. Council will charge the net prescribed minimum Crown land rental for the use of the reserve together with fees and charges for the preparation and advertising of a licence in accordance with Council's fees and charges.
5. The General Manager be authorised to sign the short term licence agreement on behalf of Council.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

Item 8.11 BLACK PARK - FORMAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT AS CROWN LAND MANAGER

19/042

Resolved

THAT Council requests approval from the Department of Industry Crown Lands to be appointed Crown Land Manager for Black Park (part Reserve 751742) being Lot 1 Section 65 DP 758606.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.12 ASBESTOS MORATORIUM

19/043

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Note the report.
2. Consider the potential operation of a bi-annual asbestos moratorium to provide the community with a safe and secure environment.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 8.13 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2019

19/044

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to note the Minutes and endorse the recommendations of the LATC meeting held on 14 February 2019.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

CR GEORGE WESTON

Webcasting of Meetings: When will the webcasting of meetings commence?

Staff Response: Webcasting will be required to commence by December 2019.

Yanco Sportsground: I have been contacted by people interested in Yanco Sportsground – could we receive an update on works being undertaken?

Staff Response: Verbal update on work that has been carried out and progress to date. All in hand.

Information from Public: Are we getting enough information from the community to help Council make a decision? We call public meetings and get two people. It's just a statement.

Henry Lawson Cottage: If we could get an open day on the books that would be great.

Invitations to Councillors: I received an invitation tonight for something that is on tomorrow. It's past the RSVP date so it's not a good look for us as Councillors.

Staff Response: General Manager undertook to ask records to scan invites immediately to Councillors.

CR SANDRA NARDI

Graffiti Management: Is there a plan of action for a fair bit of graffiti that has been placed around town? There is quite a large amount of it and it's not very nice writing.

Staff Response: Council does have a process for identifying and removing graffiti. Cr Nardi was asked to take photos and email it through.

Roxy Redevelopment Session: Would like to congratulate Katherine Herrmann on the community session which was held last week. The professionalism and attention. The vibe coming from the session was really good.

CR PETER DAVIDSON

Recyclable Solar Panels: Just an observation or an opportunity for Leeton. There are quite a few good things that you can do with solar panels and it is something that will happen. We need to have a discussion on what Leeton Shire is able to do.

CR TONY CICCIA

Sycamore Street Carpark: The shade sails in the carpark appear to need attention. There are a couple that are not up.

Staff Response: An audit had been done and there are issues replacing the shade sails. The General Manager will ask the Director Environment and Engineering to bring the shading in the carpark back to Council in a workshop.

Store Closure: It was a bit sad to see the Leeton Steel Retail closing down in the Main Street.

Roxy Sessions: Attended the 7.30 session and one of the things that did come up was other uses for the Roxy. I just wonder whether it could be used for a debate or Q&A session with the candidates in the State election.

CR TRACEY MORRIS

Roxy Presentation: It was a great presentation and it has got the community talking which is what we wanted. Hopefully it will bring some great ideas will be brought forward. I visited Tumberumba Cinema which has been made into an interesting venue in the town.

CR TONY RENEKER

Visitors Information Centre: I note that the centre doesn't open until 10am in the morning. Is there a reason for that?

Staff Response: A recommendation came back to Council two years ago after a review of the centre and the hours of greatest use.

CR MICHAEL KIDD

Roxy Consultation: Echo what everyone else said. There were just over 140 people. Generally speaking, most people seemed very positive about it and some have modified their thoughts about it. Thank you to everyone who called in to that.

Wade Avenue Redevelopment: Has been some curiosity as to what would be happening on the side of the Roxy. It may be useful if we have anything more up to date it may be helpful for the Roxy Committees.

Staff Response: Director Environment and Engineering met with the Advisory Group last month.

Drainage Channel Weeds: There is a fair amount of weed growth in the channels near the high school ovals – is that our responsibility or Murrumbidgee Irrigation's.

Staff Response: MI will be contacted by Council for a collaborative approach to managing the situation.

CR PAUL SMITH

Forrest Hut Estate: I have had a few residents contact me about the roads access.

Staff Response: When the development of the estate was undertaken, the road was created as a private road.

Bore at Gogelderie: How is the bore at Gogelderie coming along?

Staff Response: The contractor has delayed again but has committed to attending next week.

Bidgee Classic: There will be an invitation coming to Councillors for the event.

Roxy Forum: The Forum was very well run and congratulations to the staff involved and the consultant.

CR PAUL MAYTOM

Water Meeting: The General Manager and I attended the meeting in Griffith last week. There were quite a number of questions put forward prior to and at the meeting. I haven't seen the report from it as yet. The General Manager will forward the link to the Federated Farmers Facebook page which livestreamed the event.

Murray Darling Association: Colin Mues the Executive Director of Science and Knowledge from the Murray Darling Basin Authority presented to the meeting. We spoke a lot about the fish deaths, we had members of the community come along and it was good to have people here to hear what he had to put forward. Information, including the minutes of the Region 9 meeting, will be sent out to the Councillors.

Swimming Pool: The amount of children using the pool during carnivals was a sight to see. To see the swimming pool being utilized at the carnivals from all the schools I thought how good it was and how much better it will be when the upgrade is done.

Community Cup: Drove passed the ovals last Friday night at the carpark was almost full. We have to recognise and give credit to those people who give their time to put on such a good show. It brings great benefit to our community.

Dog Pound: When I read the report about the pound and the dogs and cats that are impounded every week, it does concern me. What's happened to the responsible pet owners out there. We have a good system where we rehome dogs, such as Needy Paws in Griffith. The Mayor spoke of reuniting a dog which had been impounded with its owner after a number of weeks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
27/03/2019 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.