



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2016

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

Councillors: Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Emerson Doig, Cr. Tracey Valenzisi, and Cr. Greg O'Callaghan

Staff: Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Duncan McWhirter (Director Corporate Services), Barry Heins (Director Engineering and Technical Services), Garry Stoll (Director Environmental and Community Services), and Brent Lawrence (Corporate Communications Coordinator)

Press: Talia Pattison (The Irrigator)

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

16/102

Resolved

THAT the apologies of Cr. Dowling and Cr. Kidd be accepted and that leave of absence be granted for Cr. Kidd.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Weston)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

16/103

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 29 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Doig)

5. **MAYORAL MINUTES** Nil
6. **NOTICES OF MOTION** Nil
7. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS

Item 7.1 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS
Investments – June 2016

16/104

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the report on investments be noted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 7.2 LEETON GOLF COURSE JUNE 2016 UPDATE

16/105

Resolved

THAT Council note the June 2016 report on the activities of Leeton Golf Course.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 7.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS
Annual Donations & Community Grants for 2016/17**

16/106

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the “grandfathering” of Uncontestable Annual Donations to community groups.

2. Adopt the Annual Schools Donations breakdown as follows:

Leeton High	\$100
Yanco Agricultural High	\$100
St Francis High	\$100
Met School	\$100
Leeton Public	\$75
Parkview Public	\$75
Whitton/Murrarami Public	\$75
Yanco Public	\$75
St Joseph's Primary	\$75
Gralee School	\$75
Met School	\$75
Wamoon Public School	\$75
TAFE - Leeton Awards	\$250
TAFE - Riverina Awards	\$150

3. Agree to the establishment of a Community Grants Committee comprising three Councillors who will be charged with reviewing applications and making recommendations to Council on Contestable Grant Allocations.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Doig)

**Item 7.4 MINUTES OF WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
20 JUNE 2016**

16/107

Resolved

THAT Council formally notes the Whitton Town Improvement Committee Minutes from the 20 June 2016 meeting.

(Moved Cr O'Callaghan, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 7.5 COMMUNITY WI-FI

16/108

Resolved

THAT Council approve the implementation of a free Wi-Fi Service in the Leeton CBD, noting that the service would be provided at no extra cost to Council.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Doig)

Item 7.6 COUNCIL MEETING DATE OCTOBER 2016

16/109

Resolved

THAT the Ordinary Council Meeting for October 2016 be now held on the 19 October 2016.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Davidson)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

Item 7.7 HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (HACC) SERVICE REVIEW

16/110

Resolved

THAT Council note this report.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 7.8 CONTAMINATED LANDS MANAGEMENT PLAN - DRAFT

16/111

Resolved

THAT Council resolve to place on public exhibition the draft Contaminated Lands Management Policy for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days in the local newspaper as well as the "Have Your Say" website prior to further consideration and adoption.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 7.9 LEETON TREE REFERENCE GROUP

16/112

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the Tree Reference Group Meeting be noted and that Council endorse the recommendations of the Committee.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

8. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr. Emerson Doig

Attended the Roxy Theatre Committee meeting last week and had the privilege of being taken on a guided tour of the recently upgraded dressing rooms. He was extremely impressed with the quality of the work undertaken.

Cr. Doig also acknowledged locally born actor Jake Speer for his \$1,000 contribution towards the cost of the works that were completed.

Mayor Cr. Paul Maytom

Commended the General Manager for the way she represented the position of Leeton Shire Council in regard to lobbying strongly for smaller Joint Organisations (JO's) being proposed by the State Government at the recent Riverina and Murray Region of Councils meeting. RAMROC resolved by a 7/5 majority to submit to the Office of Local Government that RAMROC be the new JO and be nominated as an early starter.

The Mayor also informed Council that medical professionals in Leeton Shire were provided with a copy of the Draft Leeton Hospital Midwifery Model of Care recently with feedback due in late last week. The Mayor stated that it is crucial that Council continues to advocate with the relevant stakeholders to keep the community informed every step of the way with the future direction of this very important service.

9. 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.

16/113

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 Valenzisi, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 9.1 LEETON LIBRARY CATALOGUING AND SECURE ISSUING OF ITEMS

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property (Section 10A(2)f).

Item 9.2 HOME & COMMUNITY CARE (HACC) SERVICE REVIEW

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret (Section 10A(2)d).

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 open meeting at 7.45pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

Item 9.1 LEETON LIBRARY CATALOGUING AND SECURE ISSUING OF ITEMS

16/114

Resolved

THAT Council resolve to allocate \$20,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve to replace current cataloguing and issuing infrastructure at the Leeton Library.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Davidson)

**Item 9.2 HOME & COMMUNITY CARE (HACC) SERVICE REVIEW
16/115
Resolved**

THAT Council resolve to:

1. Advise the Department of Social Services that it intends to novate its current Home and Community Services, including Meals on Wheels, Social Support and Home Modifications.
2. Nominate to the Department of Social Services that Home and Community Services within Leeton Shire Council be novated and that this be progressed with the preferred provider.
3. Delegate to the Mayor and General Manager the authority to sign all required documents associated with the novation of Home and Community Care Services.
4. Allocate an annual amount of \$10,000 from the savings resulting from the novation of the current Home and Community Care Services for advocacy programs within community services.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

16/116

Resolved

THAT this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.05pm.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council 2 resolutions were passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Items 9.1 and 9.2.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
24/08/2016 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.