



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2019
COMMENCING AT 7.12PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), 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), Peter Keane (Director Environment and Engineering) and Alison Balind (Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press: Tahlia Cam (The Irrigator)

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tony Ciccia

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom

3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

19/185

Resolved

THAT Council note the apology from Cr Peter Davidson and a leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Nardi)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

19/186

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 July 2019, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccia)

5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Item 7.11 During the meeting, Councillor Michael Kidd declared a Pecuniary Interest in discussion on Item 7.11 - OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/2019 SIX-MONTHLY UPDATE - JANUARY TO JUNE 2019, specifically the discussion relating to the local health services.

The reason for the declaration by Cr Kidd is that he is an employee of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Cr Kidd left the meeting, did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

7. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

19/187

Resolved

THAT Item 7.3 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MIA CRUISERS INC be brought forward in the agenda and Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purposes of a public forum.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

Having so resolved, Council moved into a Committee of the Whole, the time being 7.17pm.

The Mayor introduced three students from the University of Wollongong Graduate Medical School who are based in Leeton. The students, Ben Crawford, Clive Banks and Ram Khanal will spend a full academic year living and working within the local community while continuing studies to become medical practitioners. The students introduced themselves to the Councillors and provided information about their career prospects and background.

Mr Joe Nardi from the MIA Cruisers Inc addressed the Council on Item 7.3 Request for Assistance from MIA Cruisers Inc at 7.29pm.

19/188

Resolved

THAT the meeting move back into Open Council.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 7.3 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MIA CRUISERS INC

19/189

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the use of a 510m section of the Leeton Town Ovals carpark by MIA Cruisers Inc to host a "Show and Shine" event during the 2020 Leeton SunRice Festival from 8am to 11.30am on SunRice Parade Day, subject to Traffic Committee Approval.
2. Waives the Section 68 Approval Fee of \$70 to use the Leeton Town Ovals Complex for the MIA Cruisers Inc "Show and Shine" as part of the 2020 Leeton SunRice Festival.
3. Waives the fee of 10c per square metre of parking space for an area of 510m x 19m totalling \$969 for hiring the car parking spaces for the MIA Cruisers Inc "Show and Shine" as part of the 2020 Leeton SunRice Festival.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 7.1 ROXY REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES - THURSDAY 4 JULY

19/190

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Roxy Redevelopment Committee Meeting Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 4 July 2019.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 7.2 LEETON HARNESS RACING SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

19/191

Resolved

THAT Council offers Silver Sponsorship of \$550 for the 2019/20 Leeton Harness Racing Club for the 2019/20 Racing Season.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 7.4 JOINT AIRPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (NARRANDERA AND LEETON COUNCILS) MINUTES

19/192

Resolved

THAT Council formally receives and notes the Minutes of the Narrandera - Leeton Airport Management Committee Meeting of 9 April 2019 and endorses the following resolutions; having regard to the note in italics to Item 6.1.

1. Item 4 – Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes:

That the minutes of the Narrandera-Leeton Shire Councils Joint Airport Management Committee held on 9 April 2019 be confirmed.

2. Item 6.1 – Narrandera - Leeton Airport Tourism Initiatives:

- (a) That the Committee endorse the initiatives outlined in this report to increase presence of Narrandera and Leeton tourism at the Airport.
- (b) That funding for this proposal is on a shared 50:50 arrangement between both Councils.*

*** Note:** *In principle support only – costs and funding sources yet to be determined.*

3. Item 6.2 – Review of Operational and Capital Works 2018/19:
 - (a) That this item is received, and the information noted.
 - (b) That Landing Fee Weight Charges be removed from Council's 2019/20 fees and charges schedule.

4. Item 6.3 – Grant Funding Opportunities:

That this item is received, and the information noted.

5. Item 6.4 – Airport Security Screening:

That this item is received, and the information noted.

6. Item 6.5 – Risk Management:

That this item is received, and the information noted.

7. Item 6.6 – Non-Aviation Recreational Activities:

That this item is received, and the information noted.

8. Item 6.7 – General Business:

That this item is received, and the information noted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Smith)

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 7.5 PROJECT REVOTES AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

19/193

Resolved

THAT the following Capital Projects be re-voted from the 2018/2019 Financial Year and into the 2019/2020 Financial Year and the required adjustments be made to the Adopted Budget for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:

Capital Projects

Graham Park Toilets	\$ 65,000
Rental Property Renewals	\$ 20,000
Golf Club Estate Landscaping	\$ 25,000
Pump Station Renewals - Water	<u>\$ 171,000</u>

TOTAL **\$ 281,000**

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 7.6 NON-RATEABLE PROPERTY REVIEW

19/194

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. In accordance with Sections 555 & 556 of the Local Government Act 1993, advertises its intent to correct and apply charges to properties currently benefitting disproportionately or inappropriately from relief for rates and/or charges as follows:

Group 1 organisations that are legally exempt from rates will now be required to pay annual and user charges but will continue to be afforded relief to the extent that the lowest adopted rate category will be routinely applied (residential) when determining the charges and full costs will be applied for water usage and waste collection charges.

Group 2 organisations that are not legally exempt from rates will now be required to pay rates as well as annual and user charges but will continue to be afforded relief to the extent that the lowest adopted rate category will be routinely applied (residential) when determining the rates and charges and, a further 50-80% subsidy may be available on application to the General Manager, however full costs will be applied for water usage and waste collection charges.

2. Consults individually with affected organisations in Group 1 and Group 2.
3. Requests the General Manager to table a further report to Council so that Council might review the feedback, consider additional implications of the direction proposed and make a final determination on the way forward.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 7.7 INVESTMENTS REPORT JULY 2019

19/195

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for July 2019 be noted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 7.8 AMENDMENT TO THE OCTOBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING OF LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

19/196

Resolved

THAT Council amends the date of its meeting scheduled for October 2019 from Wednesday 23 October 2019 to Monday 28 October 2019 and advertises the amended date in the local media and on Council's online platforms.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 7.9 AMENDED MINUTES OF THE YANCO HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR JUNE 2019

19/197

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Amended Minutes of the Yanco Hall Management Committee meeting of 10 June 2019.

(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 7.10 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8 AUGUST, 2019

19/198

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 8 August 2019 and notes the information contained therein.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Cr Tony Ciccia left the meeting, the time being 8.32pm.

Cr Tony Ciccia returned to the meeting, the time being 8.34pm.

Cr Michael Kidd left the meeting, the time being 8.35pm while discussion was held in relation to the Local Health Advisory Committee.

Cr Michael Kidd returned to the meeting, the time being 8.39pm.

Item 7.11 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/2019 SIX-MONTHLY UPDATE - JANUARY TO JUNE 2019

19/199

Resolved

THAT Council notes the progress in relation to the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program (2017-2021) and Operational Plan (2018/2019) for the period from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 7.12 PLANNING PROPOSAL 98 ACACIA AVENUE LEETON

19/200

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Submit a Planning Proposal to NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment to amend Schedule 1 of the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 to allow the following additional land uses to be permitted, with development consent, on Lot 742 DP 751745 Acacia Avenue East, Leeton:
 - *Tourist and visitor accommodation and registered club.*
2. When approval from the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environments is received the amendment to Schedule 1 of the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 be placed on public exhibition for twenty-eight (28) days and should there be no significant submissions received by Council for up to 42 days, then the amendment to Schedule 1 of the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 is to be adopted by Council. Should significant submissions be received by Council then a further report outlining submissions will be presented to Council.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Note: In accordance with section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, a division of votes is recorded on this planning matter.

For the Motion

Cr G Weston
Cr M Kidd
Cr P Maytom
Cr TA Morris
Cr TC Ciccio
Cr SN Nardi
Cr TR Reneker
Cr PS Smith

Against the Motion

Unanimous – (8 votes to Nil) Cr Peter Davidson was an apology for the meeting.

Cr Sandra Nardi left the meeting, the time being 08:50pm.

Cr Sandra Nardi returned to the meeting, the time being 08:56 PM

Item 7.13 MINUTES OF THE LEETON TREE MANAGEMENT GROUP DATED 3 JULY 2019

19/201

Resolved

THAT Council receives the Minutes of the Leeton Tree Management Group for 3 July 2019 and notes the information contained therein with the inclusion being that Council immediately implement a program to replace new plantings which have died.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 7.14 ROADS TENDER - HIRING OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

19/202

Resolved

THAT for Tender LSC2019-112 - Hiring of Plant and Equipment, the submissions be noted and be utilised, during two (2019-2021) financial years for the Hiring of this Plant and Equipment where available from the below suppliers, based upon equipment type required, availability and pricing:

- Riverina Stabilisers Pty Ltd
- Stabilco Pty Ltd
- Matt Sheldrick Bobcat and Excavator Hire
- Conplant Pty Ltd
- THE Mining Pty Ltd
- Bitu-mill (Road Maintenance) Pty Ltd
- JR Richards & Sons Pty Ltd
- Kennards Hire Pty Ltd
- Boots Constructions Pty Ltd T/A David Boots Sand and Gravel
- Rollers Australia Pty Ltd
- Altro Holdings Pty Ltd T/A Orange Hire
- Aqua Assets Pty Ltd
- Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 7.15 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING 20 AUGUST 2019

19/203

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to note the minutes and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 August 2019 with the exception of Item 2 where the recommendation for a 1:50 ratio or better is endorsed in principle only and will be reviewed on receipt of the draft report on the Development Control Plan.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item 8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR GEORGE WESTON - HENRY LAWSON COTTAGE

19/204

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Restates its recognition of the value and importance of the Henry Lawson Cottage to Leeton Shire both for its heritage significance and for its potential as an attractive tourism product and immediately upgrades it to a class 8 building in Council's Building Asset Management Plan which is under development and endorses an application being made for the Cottage to be listed as State Significant.
2. Establishes an Action Committee (with a clear Terms of Reference) comprising between 3 to 5 persons of which at least 2 must be elected Councillors, to ensure the conservation of the Cottage and the realisation of its full potential.
3. Authorises the Committee to make decisions on the best rental accommodation mix for the Henry Lawson Cottage to optimise the income derived while still supporting the use of the Cottage for medical students and practitioners from time to time and making it available for public open days.
4. Makes available to the Committee a budget of up to \$15,000 (one-off) from 'savings' achieved through grants received for adopted/funded projects in this financial year towards, but not limited to, completing heritage registration, installing signage and various improvement works.

5. Directs that the income derived from the Henry Lawson Cottage from now onwards be explicitly applied towards the running, day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of the Cottage (noting that Council will also need to source or allocate additional funds from time to time to cover asset renewal in accordance with Council's Building Asset Management Plan).

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

9. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

CR GEORGE WESTON

Beyond Bank: Beyond Bank event was a great night, once again showing how they benefit the community.

Wade Avenue Upgrade: On Thursday, a display will be held in Jarrah Mall to inform people about what will be going on with the upgrade. There will also be an information evening held for those unable to attend during the day. We are going to try and make it less disruptive to the business people as we can.

Disabled Changerooms: Approaches have been made by a few people in regard to disabled toilets, which currently don't have adult change facilities. Can Council look at this in the future.

Freedom Foods: Thanked staff for taking Councillors out to Freedom Foods.

CR SANDRA NARDI

Football finals: Congratulated the teams going into the football finals and wished them all the best. Yanco Hawks, Greens and four grades in Leeton United will be taking part.

Riverina Organic Expo: Two-day event in November focussing on organic products. There will be an event held in Leeton at the Visitors' Information Centre to make people aware of organic food available in this area.

CR TRACEY MORRIS

Park Run: A meeting was held on Monday to progress the event. There will be a Park Run representative in Leeton on 14 August to provide information on the requirements. Park Run is a five-kilometre community run that is an inclusive event for everybody. There will be an initial costing of \$7,000 to register the Leeton event with the Park Run organisation.

CR PAUL SMITH

Mr Tim Fischer: Condolences to the Fischer family on the passing of the former Deputy Prime Minister. He was a very humble man. His last ride will be on the train leaving from The Rock and ending up in Albury for a State Funeral.

CR PAUL MAYTOM

Indigenous Advancement Strategy: Meeting held at the Leeton High School. A lot of agencies involved in the group to help students who need support with their career paths.

Murrumbidgee Customers Advisory Group Meeting: Meeting of Water NSW group held in Griffith and discussed different projects, measures and options for how to manage going forward with much less water in the system.

Country Mayors' Conference: Quarterly forum was held in Sydney.

Quarterly Police Meeting: Was held at Narrandera. There is a new District Superintendent and new Officer In Charge for Leeton.

Inland Rail Forum: Forum was held in Wagga Wagga.

Build More Dams Committee: Held at Griffith and will send minutes out once they arrive.

Yanco Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment: Met at Yanco Weir and spoke about the project for a new regulator. The case for the environment is compelling.

Multicultural Committee AGM: Mayor was re-elected as the committee chair, deputy chair Robyn Hutchison and secretary Suzie Rowe.

NSW Ambulance Meeting: Meeting between Council and Ambulance representatives from Albury who advised there was no real stress on the system.

Murrumbidgee Police District Medals and Awards Ceremony: Awards held in Griffith.

Lifespan Collective Meeting: Meeting was on suicide prevention.

Beyond Bank Community Grants: Great to see the bank is giving so much back to the community.

Argyle Homes: Meeting to get information about level of housing provided within the community.

Road Otta Seals: Went for a drive around Narrandera Shire to have a look at the Otta seals.

Murray Darling Association Board Meeting: Region 9 meeting will be held in Leeton on Thursday.

Showground Federal Grant: Showground is on hold until we have an update on the grant funding.

Leeton Central Rotary: Attended presentation on NeuroNode, a device which helps people who have severe disabilities to communicate.

Local Health Advisory Committee Meeting: Attended first meeting for a while.

Meeting with MLHD: Met with Chief Executive of Murrumbidgee Local Health District Jill Ludford, Chair of MLHD board Gayle Murphy and others during the week.

Director Corporate and Community: Mayor acknowledged the work Craig Bennett had done especially in the governance and finance sections during his time at Leeton Shire Council and wished him all the best with his new role as General Manager of Glen Innes Severn Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.02pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
18 Sep 2019 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.