

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018**  
**COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**  
**AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



**LEETON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**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), Brent Lawrence (Acting Manager Communications and Marketing) and Alison Balind (Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

**Press:** Nil

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

Nil

#### 4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

18/041

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

**(Moved Cr Ciccica, seconded Cr Smith)**

#### **ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS**

18/042

**Resolved**

THAT the following items, namely:

8.9 SERVICE NSW EASY TO DO BUSINESS PROGRAM

are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.

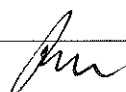
**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)**

#### 5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Weston declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 6.1 Mayoral Minute – Requests from Rotary District 9700 Conference as he is the current District Governor for Rotary and is also a member of the local Rotary Club which is hosting the Rotary Conference. Councillor Weston will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this matter.

Councillor Weston declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 8.2 Council's Community Strengthening Grant – Quick Response Grant – Leeton Family and Local History Society as he is a financial member of the Leeton Family Local History Group. Councillor Weston will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this matter.

Councillor Reneker declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 8.2 Council's Community Strengthening Grant – Quick Response Grant – Leeton Family and Local History Society as he is vice president of the Leeton Historical Society and there could be a perceived conflict of interest. Councillor Reneker will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this matter.



Councillor Kidd declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.1 Leeton United Football Club Request for Interest Free Loan for the 2018 Season – Purchase of Soccer Goals as he is a member of the Leeton United Football Club committee. Councillor Kidd will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this matter.

The General Manager declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 Mayoral Minute – Requests from Rotary District 9700 Conference as her husband is helping to organise the conference. The General Manager will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this matter.

Councillor Nardi joined the meeting, the time being 7.08 pm.

## 6. MAYORAL MINUTES

### Item 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - REQUESTS FROM ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 CONFERENCE

**Note:** Councillor Weston declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to this Item as he is the current District Governor for Rotary and is also a member of the local Rotary Club which is hosting the Rotary Conference. Councillor Weston vacated the Chamber and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

**Note:** The General Manager declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in this Item as her husband is helping to organise the conference. The General Manager vacated the Chamber and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

18/043

#### Resolved

That Council waives the fees for the hire of the Roxy Theatre for the Rotary District Conference.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

Councillor Weston and the General Manager returned to the meeting at 7.17pm.

## 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil



**8. OFFICER'S REPORT**

**18/044**

**Resolved**

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to allow representatives from the Leeton United Football Club to address the meeting.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)**

Having so resolved, Standing Orders were suspended and the meeting was addressed by Leeton United Football Club President, Mr Rod Harrison. The time being 7.19pm.

**18/045**

**Resolved**

THAT Standing Orders be resumed.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)**

Having so resolved, Standing Orders were resumed at 7.30pm.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS**

**Item 8.1 LEETON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB REQUEST FOR INTEREST FREE LOAN FOR 2018 SEASON - PURCHASE OF SOCCER GOALS**

**Note:** Councillor Kidd declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in this Item as he is a member of the Leeton United Football Club committee. Councillor Kidd vacated the Chamber and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

**18/046**

**Resolved**

THAT Council provides an interest free loan to the Leeton United Football Club for the sum of \$6,000 to be paid back in 3 installments of \$2,000 per annum commencing 2019/20.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)**

Councillor Kidd returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.37pm.

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**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**Item 8.2 COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT - QUICK RESPONSE GRANT - LEETON FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Note:** Councillor Weston declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to this Item as he is a financial member of the Leeton Family Local History Group. Councillor Weston vacated the Chamber and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

**Note:** Councillor Reneker declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to this Item as he is a financial member of the Leeton Family Local History Group. Councillor Weston vacated the Chamber and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

**18/047**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approves a grant to Leeton Family and Local History Society Inc to "waive the fee" to hire the supper room at the Leeton Roxy Community Theatre to the value of \$400 under the Quick Response Grant stream of the 2017/2018 Community Strengthening Grant Scheme.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Morris)**

Councillors Weston and Reneker returned to the Chamber at 7.4pm.

**Item 8.3 COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT - QUICK RESPONSE GRANT - REA DRESSAGE CLUB**

**18/048**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approves a grant to the financial value of \$1,000 under the Quick Response Grant stream of the 2017/2018 Community Strengthening Grant Scheme for the REA Dressage Club to purchase sand.

**(Moved Cr Ciccica, seconded Cr Nardi)**

**Item 8.4 INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BUSH BURSARY PROGRAM 2018**

**18/049**

**Resolved**

THAT Council participates in the Bush Bursary Scholarship program in 2018.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)**

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**Item 8.5 INVESTMENTS REPORT FEBRUARY 2018**

**18/050**

**Resolved**

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

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Reneker)**

**Item 8.6 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2018  
NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**18/051**

**Resolved**

THAT the following motions be submitted by Leeton Shire Council for consideration at the National General Assembly:

**Item 1 - Road Safety Measures under the category of Financial Sustainability – Oppose Cost Shifting:**

That this Assembly:

1. Requests the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities agreement for the expansion of the traffic safety measure of Tactile Line Treatments (audible warning devices, rumble strips) as a mechanism for inclusion in the current and future National Road Safety Strategies.
2. Advocates for additional funding allocations to be incorporated into future Federal Assistance Grants (FAG) roads component to support the infrastructure costs associated with the inclusion of Tactile Line Treatments or Audible Warning Devices in road construction to improve road safety outcomes within regional communities.

**Item 2 - Container Deposit Scheme Implementation under the category of Environment**

That this Assembly:

1. Requests the Federal Government to investigate options for the implementation of a National Container Deposit Scheme to ensure consistency of operation in all states and territories.
2. Supports the implementation of a National Container Deposit Scheme to increase recycling of beverage containers.



**Item 3 - Citizenship processing backlogs under the category of Regional Development**

That this Assembly:

1. Requests the Department of Home Affairs to address the procedural and staffing issues affecting citizenship applications and processes all applications from refugees within a reasonable time, as required by law.
2. Strongly urges the Department of Home Affairs to allocate sufficient resources to clear the existing backlog of citizenship applications.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)**

**ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS**

**Item 8.7 INSTALLATION OF WARNING LIGHTS AT TWO INTERSECTIONS WITH IRRIGATION WAY**

**MOTION**

THAT Council approves the installation of warning lights with funds to be identified in the next quarterly review, including the option of drawing down funds from the Infrastructure Restriction.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)**

**AMENDMENT**

THAT Council approves the installation of warning lights at the intersection of Irrigation Way and Murrami Roads (north and south) with funds to be identified in the next quarterly review, including the option of drawing down funds from the Infrastructure Restriction.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)**

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

**The Motion was put and carried.**

**18/052**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approves the installation of warning lights at the intersection of Irrigation Way and Murrami Roads (north and south) with funds to be identified in the next quarterly review, including the option of drawing down funds from the Infrastructure Restriction.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)**



**Item 8.8 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - TOWN ENTRANCES**

**18/053**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council defers the Town Entrances project for consideration with the 18/19 Budget estimates.
2. Council provides \$30,000 to provide safe access and parking at the Lyrics, Lintels and Landscape installations as part of the Yanco and Leeton west town entrance sites.

**(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)**

Councillor Kidd requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS**

**Item 8.9 SERVICE NSW EASY TO DO BUSINESS PROGRAM**

**18/054**

**Resolved**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into a contract with Service NSW for the Easy To Do Business initiative.
2. Delegates authority to the Mayor and General Manager to execute any necessary documents under the Common Seal of Council.

**(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Weston)**

**9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS**

**Cr George Weston**

Sunrice Festival – Acknowledged the committee and volunteers that have organised this year's Sunrice Festival.

Yanco Institute – A recent presentation given to Rotary provided a great deal of information about what training was being undertaken and suggested they be invited to present to Council at a future workshop.

Bowmaker Book CD – The launch of the CD would be held on Friday, 30 March at 2pm and invited Councillors to attend.





**Cr Sandra Nardi**

Roadworks – A great deal of positive feedback has been received on the roadworks and tidy ups being undertaken around Leeton and staff are to be commended.

Triple J application – An application has been submitted for Leeton to host the Triple J's One Night Stand festival.

**Cr Peter Davidson**

Former General Manager – John Bachelor sent his best wishes to Council. Councillor Davidson had spoken with him at a funeral that they were both attending.

Local Business Improvements – Comment was made on the work being undertaken at buildings within the Pine Avenue. Councillor Davidson said that the work on the Kendalls and Washingtons buildings had greatly improved the streetscape.

Meeting Apology – Councillor Davidson advised he would be an apology for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**Cr Tracey Morris**

Passing of Former Councillor – Councillor Morris paid tribute to a former Leeton Shire Councillor, Helen Errey, who had passed away recently.

**Cr Tony Reneker**

Police Restructure – Advised that with the recent restructure of the NSW Police services locally that Inspector John Wadsworth was now located at Leeton Police Station as the Officer-in-Charge.

**Cr Michael Kidd**

Former Councillor Errey – Councillor Kidd also paid tribute to Councillor Errey and her time at Leeton Shire Council.

Art Society Exhibition – The opening of the Leeton Art Society Annual Exhibition will be held on Thursday 29 March commencing at 6pm at the Multipurpose Community Centre.



**Cr Paul Smith**

Leeton Bidgee Classic – The recent Leeton Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition was well attended with 467 registered participants. A photograph which had been posted of a cod which had been caught had been viewed over 90,000 times. Feedback forms are still being collated. Thanks were extended to Council for being a major sponsor of the event.

**Cr Paul Maytom - Mayor**

Leeton Bidgee Classic – Acknowledged Councillor Smith for his efforts with the Leeton Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition and commented that it had been discussed at an Environmental Water Allowance Group meeting held in Wagga Wagga.

Country Mayors' Meeting – The Mayor and General Manager attended the recent Mayors and General Managers session in Sydney and indicated that the connections made at these events were beneficial for Leeton, placing the Council in a good position for the future.

Former Councillor – The Mayor acknowledged the passing of Councillor Errey and the work she had undertaken during her time on Leeton Shire Council.

Wattle Hill Clean Up Day – Councillors were advised that clean-up day would be held at Wattle Hill on Tuesday 17 April 2018. The Mayor and General Manager will be meeting with a group of residents from Wattle Hill to discuss a number of issues which were relevant to that community.

Visitors to Leeton – On a number of occasions in recent days, the Mayor had happened upon visitors to Leeton who had made the trip specifically to view the art deco features of the town among other things. One couple had heard about the art deco heritage and the Fivebough Wetlands and had made a specific trip to Leeton to view them. Other visitors from Tumut that had spoken with the Mayor had commented on how attractive the town was and that it was a credit to the Council.

**General Manager**

Yanco and Whitton Town Improvement Plans – Follow up meetings will be held as part of "Conversations with the Community". These meetings will be held in Yanco at 6.30pm on 19 April and Whitton at 7pm on 30 April 2018.

Joint Organisations – Snowy Valley Council has now sought to join with the Canberra region. The General Manager was not sure how the Government would respond to this and will advise the Councillors when information comes to hand.

Cr Ciccia left the Chamber at 9.26pm, returning at 9.28pm.



**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.*

**18/055**

**Resolved**

- 1 That Council moves 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 Smith)**

**Item 10.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 34-36 RIDLEY AVENUE AND  
5-7 DETHRIDGE 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).

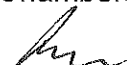
**Item 10.2 ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE - LITCHFIELD ROAD**

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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 9.28pm and the public left the Chambers.



**Item 10.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 34-36 RIDLEY AVENUE AND  
5-7 DETHRIDGE AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

**18/056**

**Resolved**

THAT

1. Council accepts the offer of \$82,500 (excluding GST) for the purchase of Lot 23, DP 1053574, 5-7 Dethridge Avenue, Leeton.
2. Council agrees to grant an option to buy Lot 17, DP 1053574, 34-36 Ridley Avenue at \$82,500 (excluding GST) with a non-refundable option fee of 10% payable up front and with the option to be executed within 22 months allowing a settlement period thereafter of 56 days.
3. If the above offers are accepted, Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign and seal all documentation in relation to the sale of Lot 17, DP 1053570, 34-36 Ridley Avenue, Leeton and Lot 23, DP 1053574, 5-7 Dethridge Avenue, Leeton.

**(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Ciccia)**

**Item 10.2 ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE - LITCHFIELD ROAD**

**18/057**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Supports, in principle, the closure of Litchfield Road (between Houghton and Rawle Road intersections) and agrees to sell it to P and D Stott for the price of \$8,200.
2. Authorises the submission of an application to Crown Lands to close the section of Litchfield Road between Houghton Road and Rawle Road intersections subject to there being no objections from adjoining property owners.
3. Authorises, upon closure of the road reserve, the Mayor and General Manager to execute the sale of Litchfield Road (between Houghton and Rawle Roads) to P and D Stott.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)**



**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

18/058

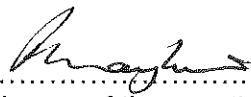
**Resolved**

THAT this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 9.32pm.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council two resolutions were passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Items **10.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 34-36 RIDLEY AVENUE AND 5-7 DETHRIDGE AVENUE, VANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE** and **10.2 ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE - LITCHFIELD ROAD**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

  
..... signed by  
the Chairman of the meeting held on  
18/04/2018 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.

