



# LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2016

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**Present:**

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

**Staff:** Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Duncan McWhirter (Director Corporate Services), Barry Heins (Director Engineering and Technical Services), Garry Stoll (Director Environmental and Community Services), Brent Lawrence (Corporate Communications Coordinator), Peter McFarlane (Financial Services Manager) and Mel Irvin (Rates Officer)

**Press:** Nil

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tracey Morris
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Mayor Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**  
Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

16/117

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, July 27 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

5. **MAYORAL MINUTES - Nil**

6. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

A motion was put forward to consider by Cr Doig and seconded by Cr Weston to consider reports 7.1 to 7.7 in toto. Cr Doig withdrew the motion.

7. **OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS**

**Item 7.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING**  
**QUARTERLY REVIEW AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

16/118

**Resolved**

THAT Council note the progress in relation to the Council Delivery Program and Operating Plan for the quarter ended 30 June 2016.

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

**Item 7.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**  
**Returns Disclosing Interests of Councillors and Designated Persons**

16/119

**Resolved**

THAT Council note the returns as required under Section 449 of the Local Government Act 1993 lodged by Councillors and Designated Persons.

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

**Item 7.3 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS - Investments – July 2016**

16/120

**Resolved**

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

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

**Item 7.4 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Annual Financial Statements**  
**2015/16**

16/121

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council's Financial Reports be referred to audit in accordance with Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Council note that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
  - The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;
  - The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements ; and
  - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. The Annual Financial Reports presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and accords with Council's accounting and other records.
4. Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.

5. In accordance with Section 413(2)(c) the Mayor, one Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
  6. The General Manager be delegated authority to issue the financial statements upon receipt of the auditor's reports.
  7. Council endorse the internal cash restrictions listed at 30 June 2016.
- (Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Valenzisi)**

**Item 7.5 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – UNCOMPLETED WORKS -  
REVOTES OF EXPENDITURE 30 JUNE 2016**

**16/122**

**Resolved**

THAT the uncompleted works be re-voted and adjustments be made to the 2016/17 adopted Budgets.

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

**Item 7.6 END OF TERM REPORT**

**16/123**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council receive and note the End of Term Report 2012-2016 presented to the final Ordinary Meeting of this Council term held on 25 August 2016.
2. The End of Term Report 2021-2016 be appended to Council's 2015/16 Annual Report and made available to the public via Council's website.

**(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Dowling)**

**Item 7.7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT GOGELDRIE WEIR CARAVAN PARK**

**16/124**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council place the draft Plan of Management for the Gogeldrie Weir Caravan Park on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight (28) days seeking public comment.

2. A further report be presented to Council following the 28 day exhibition period if any submissions are received.

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

## **6. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS**

### Cr Peter Davidson

Thanked retiring Councillors Greg O'Callaghan, Tracey Valenzisi and Steve Dowling for their contributions since being elected to Council. He also wished all the new candidates and current councillors all the very best with their respective election campaigns leading into the September 10 election.

### Cr Tracey Morris

Expressed her sincere thanks to all the retiring Councillors for their years of service to the community. She has enjoyed the challenge of bettering herself as a Councillor and has participated in professional development opportunities that have arisen.

Cr Morris also reflected on the challenge and enjoyment she received from being the Chair of Council's Internal Audit Committee. She also thanked the General Manager and staff for their dedication to running a well governed organisation.

### Cr Emerson Doig

Thanked the Mayor and his fellow Councillors for what has been an enjoyable 8 years that he has currently served as a Councillor. He has enjoyed the wonderful events he has been able to participate and assist with as well as having input into important decisions that impact residents of the Shire.

### Cr Tracey Valenzisi

Reflected on her 8 years of service. She has really enjoyed the honest debates throughout her time on Council, some which she won and some which she didn't, however all discussions were handled with a high level of respect for each of her fellow Councillors.

Cr Valenzisi added that she felt so lucky to work with such a diverse group of elected representatives and is really looking forward to the community being able to vote for everyone this election as opposed to the old ward based system.

She closed by thanking the General Manager and staff for their support.

Deputy Mayor Cr Weston

Thanked the Mayor and his fellow Councillors for their continued support and commitment along with the General Manager and staff throughout this last term of office.

He added that he really enjoys working with the community to deliver events that showcase the history of our Shire giving particular reference to the Henry Lawson Cottage and Leeton Centenary events.

Cr Weston wished all candidates for the upcoming election all the best with their respective election campaigns.

Cr Greg O'Callaghan

Thanked everyone for their comradery over the past 8 years that he has served as a Councillor. Cr O'Callaghan also expressed his gratitude to the General Manager and staff for being so informative and accommodating with questions that he asked on a regular basis.

He closed by saying that he felt very humbled by the kind words he has received from his fellow Councillors as well as local residents who also congratulated him on the service he provided to the community during his 8-year tenure as well.

Cr Michael Kidd

Echoed his fellow Councillors sentiments for the efforts his fellow Councillors, the General Manager and staff have put in over the past four years of Council.

Commended the Mayor on working as hard as any Mayor he has seen for the betterment of Council's future.

Cr Kidd concluded by saying that he felt very fortunate to be part of an elected body that brought a wide range of different skills sets to the table.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Thanked the retiring Councillors for their outstanding efforts during their respective terms in office.

As Mayor he felt that his fellow Councillors were a strongly cohesive group who had developed great working relationships leading to healthy debate and exceptional performance overall.

He is very proud to be the Mayor of such a high performing Council. Being declared Fit for the Future in December last year was a tremendous effort with the General Manager and staff deserving a big congratulations. He added that despite this excellent news Council will need to continue to seek opportunities to do things better in order to remain sustainable into the future.

He concluded by speaking briefly about the job losses announced recently at the Daily Drinks Company. He has held initial meetings with senior managers at Lion to gain greater understanding of the changes, challenges and opportunities for the future of this company in Leeton Shire.

## **7. 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.

**16/125**

### **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 Morris, seconded Cr Davidson)**

## **Item 9.1 MINUTES – NARRANDERA AND LEETON VISITOR SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE**

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).

**Item 9.2 WRITING OFF DEBTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2016**

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains a discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)b).

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 8.00pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

**Item 9.1 MINUTES – NARRANDERA AND LEETON VISITOR SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE**

**16/126**

**Resolved**

THAT Council formally notes the Narrandera Leeton Visitor Information Services Steering Committee from the 9 May 2016.

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

**Item 9.2 WRITING OFF DEBTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2016**

**16/127**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council note the report regarding debt write offs.
2. Only the write off of debts above \$2,000 requiring the exercise of Council delegation be reported to Council, with the amounts being written off to be reported each quarter to Council as part of the Quarterly Financial Review of the Operation Plan.

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

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.15pm.



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 9.1 and 9.2.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16pm.

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the Chairman of the meeting held on  
21/09/2016 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.