



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.04PM

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), Brian Ashcroft (Director Environment and Engineering), Brent Lawrence (Communications and Marketing Coordinator) and Roslyn Burke (Communications and General Assistant)

Press: Talia Carn (The Irrigator)

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tony Ciccia
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Mayor Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES**

17/057

Resolved

THAT the apology of Cr Peter Davidson be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

17/058

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 July 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Kidd)

ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

17/059

Resolved

THAT the following items, namely:

6.1. MAYORAL MINUTE - CONGRATULATIONS BRENT LAWRENCE AND

6.2. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston declared a Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.4 Uncompleted Works Revotes of Expenditure at 30 June 2017 as his company (Weston and Weston) is the current contractor for the air conditioning contract at 30 June 2017. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston left the meeting and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.10 Leeton Recycling Centre – Transport Rebate as they recycle his company's cardboard. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston does not believe that the interest will affect his deliberations on the matter or his vote. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston remained in the meeting, participated in the debate and voted on this matter.

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CONGRATULATIONS BRENT LAWRENCE

17/060

Resolved

THAT the minute be received and noted and Council's congratulations and thanks be extended to Brent Lawrence.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 6.2 MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

17/061

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the actions of the Mayor in writing to Murrumbidgee Irrigation Ltd Board to request full details of their staff and infrastructure rationalisation plans in Leeton and to appeal to their moral conscience to remain loyal to Leeton, which is the birthplace of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) and a key area in their network.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION - Nil

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

17/062

Resolved

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Item 8.8 Revised Cemetery Fees 2017/18 Financial Year and Item 8.10 Leeton Recycling Centre – Transport Rebate be brought forward to allow discussion on these items.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.8 REVISED CEMETERY FEES 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

17/063

Resolved

THAT Council adopts the amended cemetery fees for Leeton and Whitton for 2017/18 as follows:

Leeton Lawn	Fee
Single depth	\$3,550.00
Double depth	\$3,830.00
Reopening (detachable plate)	\$1,255.00
Reopening (book style)	\$1,605.00
Stillborn	\$2,225.00
Leeton Monumental	
Single/double depth	\$3,020.00
Reopen including 1 st interment	\$1,050.00
Reopen (not including slab)	\$ 965.00
Whitton Monumental	
Single/double depth	\$3,330.00
Reopen including 1 st interment	\$1,270.00
Reopen (not including slab)	\$1,180.00

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.10 LEETON RECYCLING CENTRE – TRANSPORT REBATE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest for this Item as they recycle his company's cardboard. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston does not believe that the interest will affect his deliberations on the matter or his vote. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston remained in the meeting, participated in the debate and voted on this matter.

MOTION

THAT Council resolves to advise Leeton Auto Centre that it will no longer offer a fuel/freight subsidy to support their recycling business. This would not take effect before 1 October 2017.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Reneker)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

17/064

Resolved

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 8.10pm to allow Leeton Recycling Centre owner Daryl Odewahn to make a presentation to Council.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

17/065

Resolved

THAT the meeting be resumed at 8.35pm to deal with the balance of the items on the Agenda.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccia)

AMENDMENT

THAT Council resolves to continue to support the Leeton Recycling Centre to offer commercial recycling services to the value of \$5,000 net per annum in Leeton Shire Council for a three year period ending 30 June 2020, subject to an annual report being supplied by Leeton Recycling Centre to Council.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

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

17/066

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to continue to support the Leeton Recycling Centre to offer commercial recycling services to the value of \$5,000 net per annum in Leeton Shire Council for a three year period ending 30 June 2020, subject to an annual report being supplied by Leeton Recycling Centre to Council.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 8.1 QUARTERLY REVIEW AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

17/067

Resolved

THAT Council notes the final report in relation to the Council Delivery Program for 2014-2017 and Operational Plan for 2016/17 for the quarter ended 30 June 2017.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016/17

17/068

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 notes that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
 - a) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;
 - b) The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements ; and
 - c) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. Council endorses the Annual Financial Reports as fairly presenting the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and that the Financial Reports accord with Council's accounting and other records.
4. Council states that it is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.
5. Council, in accordance with Section 413(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 authorises the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
6. Council delegates to the General Manager the authority to issue the Financial Statements upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
7. Council endorses the internal cash restrictions listed at 30 June 2017.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.3 INVESTMENTS REPORT JULY 2017

17/069

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for July 2017 be noted.

(Moved Cr Ciccica, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.4 UNCOMPLETED WORKS REVOTES OF EXPENDITURE AT 30 JUNE 2017

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston declared a Pecuniary Interest for this Item as his company (Weston and Weston) is the current contractor for the air conditioning contract at 30 June 2017. Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston left the meeting and did not participate in the debate or vote on this matter.

17/070

Resolved

THAT the uncompleted works be revoted and adjustments be made to the 2017/18 adopted Operational Plan Budgets.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Ciccica)

Item 8.5 CHANGE TO COUNCIL MEETING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 AND CHANGE OF MEETING TIME FOR ALL FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

17/071

Resolved

THAT the:

1. Ordinary Council Meeting for September 2017 be moved from Wednesday 20 September 2017 to Wednesday 27 September 2017.
2. Meeting times for Council Meetings remain at 7.00pm and Councillor Workshops be changed to 6.30 pm for all future meetings.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

**Item 8.6 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

17/072

Resolved

THAT Council awards Coopa Steele a \$250 Youth Category Development Grant from the Quick Response part of the Community Strengthening Grant Scheme to assist with costs involved in representing Leeton and NSW at the State Australian Rules Championships in Perth.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Smith)

**Item 8.7 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FOR QUICK RESPONSE GRANT - LEETON
GOLF CLUB**

17/073

Resolved

THAT Council supports the application from the Leeton Golf Club for \$500 towards the hosting of the Leeton Veteran's Week of Golf in October 2017, with funds to be allocated from the Quick Response Category of the Community Strengthening Grant Scheme.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS CONTINUED

**Item 8.9 DELEGATION TO COUNCIL OF FUNCTIONS UNDER THE
PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE ACT 2011**

17/074

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign an Instrument of Delegation.
2. Authorise the Common Seal of Leeton Shire Council to be affixed to the Instrument of Delegation.
3. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Instrument of Delegation.
4. Sub delegate to the appropriate staff the authority to inspect and certify all plumbing and drainage works undertaken in Leeton Shire.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 8.11 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 10 AUGUST
2017**

17/075

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to endorse and adopt the following resolutions of the Local Area Traffic Committee as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 August 2017.

Item 2 – Review of 40km/hr School Zone around all Leeton Shire Schools

Resolution:

That the LATC note the report and changes for School Zones from RMS and endorse Council to commence work on the new school zone signage placement subject to resident feedback and funding.

(unanimous support)

Item 3 – Disabled Access Yanco Hall

Resolution:

That the Committee endorse the design of a disabled car parking space fronting the Yanco Hall, including ramp and associated line marking/ground thermos on MR80 outside Yanco Hall. Leeton Shire to install once funding available.

(unanimous support)

Item 4 – Road Closure Requests, Leeton – Leeton Town Band Outback Spectacular November 2017

Resolution:

- a) That the Committee gives approval to hold the Leeton Town Band Outback Spectacular subject to the schedule of conditions as outlined in the RMS Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events.
- b) The event is conducted as per times, location of conditions and circumstances that are indicated in the application documents.
- c) A certified traffic control plan for the event is to be implemented, monitored and decommissioned by an accredited person.
- d) Event organisers and participants immediately obey all directions by police.
- e) Event organisers and participants immediately obey all direction by Leeton Shire Council Officers.
- f) The event organiser will supply a copy of a certificate of currency referring to a current public liability insurance policy.

- g) Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will immediately void this approval.

(unanimous support)

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr George Weston

Congratulated Communications and Marketing Coordinator Brent Lawrence on receiving his award and his excellent work in creating “Have Your Say” and the LSC website.

He has been travelling to a lot of local towns such as Cootamundra, Blayney and Parkes in his role as Rotary District Governor and finds that compared to many of these towns, Leeton is doing well.

Cr Weston enquired whether grant and funding opportunities are made known to the wider community and operators by Council. The General Manager advised this is not currently happening – assistance to access grants is done on a case by case basis when groups approach Council for help.

Asked for update of WiFi. General Manager replied that it is now operating and that Manager IT is providing her with weekly usage statistics

Cr Sandra Nardi

Has had very good feedback on the free WiFi from the community. Parents in particular appreciate that their children can use it in an emergency to contact home if they are out of data.

Cr Tony Ciccio

Condolences to Cr Peter Davidson and the Davidson family on the passing of John Davidson. He was a stalwart of the citrus industry.

He also wished good luck to the many local football codes who have teams in upcoming finals.

Cr Tracy Morris

Noted that during the Junior Rugby League Grand Finals the Ovals were incredibly busy – a great site to see.

She also noted however that during the Eisteddfod events on Saturday afternoon, there were no places open to eat or get a cup of coffee.

Tomorrow Cr Morris will be in Sydney attending a Statewide Risk Management conference.

Cr Michael Kidd

Express his condolences on the passing of John Davidson which is a great loss to the community.

He also expressed sadness at the passing of Kevin Auhl, a former employee of Country Energy who was also connected to St Vincent De Paul, the Hospital Auxiliary and former Chair of the Hospital Board.

Cr Kidd also congratulated Brent Lawrence on his award and noted how well the Eisteddfod has been going with all volunteers and staff working hard.

Cr Paul Smith

Has heard rumours from several local residents regarding the footbridge off Canal Street heading towards Amesbury. Director of Environment and Engineering to further investigate with relevant parties.

He also commented on the lack of inclusion of Councillors during the recent visit of the Premier and Cabinet. The Mayor and General Manager confirmed that invites came directly from the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Council had not been afforded the opportunity to have input into the invite list. The General Manager had requested that all Councillors be invited but this was declined by the organisers of the event.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Concurred with Cr Kidd about the passing of Kevin Auhl who was a strong humanitarian, serving as a Board Member of Assumption Villa and regularly volunteered with Community Transport.

Advised his fellow Councillors of some of his recent activities:

- Attended RAMROC meeting and is now RAMROC's representative on the Water NSW Murrumbidgee Customer Advisory Group.
- Attended EWAG meeting.
- Met with Showground Trust to discuss sporting facilities and Grand Stand.
- Whitton Museum meeting – they are looking for volunteers.
- Had discussions with Chair of Murrumbidgee Local Health District to discuss hospital.
- Had good discussions with Cabinet when they visited.

General Manager

Sussan Ley will be meeting with herself and the Mayor on Friday 25 August 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
27/09/2017 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.