



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Paul Smith,
Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Tony Reneker, Cr. Sandra Nardi,
Cr. Tracey Morris and Cr. Michael Kidd

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Kerrie-Ann Hare (Manager IPR and
Governance), Monica Armanini (Communications Coordinator) and Brent
Lawrence (Manager Visitor, Cultural and Local Economy)

Press: Nil

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Paul Smith
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Mayor Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

20/173

Resolved

THAT Council notes the apologies from the Director Operations Peter Keane and Director Business and Investment Brendan Leary.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

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

20/174

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 October 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Reneker)

5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest

Item 8.3 – Cr George Weston declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3 – Round 1 of the 2020/21 Community Strengthening Grants Program Allocations.

The reason for the declaration is that his company provided a quote to the Leeton Aviators Club for the installation of the air conditioning which was the subject of their request for assistance.

Item 8.3 Cr Tony Reneker declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3 – Round 1 of the 2020/21 Community Strengthening Grants Program Allocations.

The reason for the declaration is that he is President of the Leeton Family History Society who are a potential recipient.

20/175

Resolved

THAT Item 8.5 Presentation of Annual Financial reports and Auditor's Reports for the Year Ending 30 June 2020 be brought forward to accommodate the zoom presentation by the Auditor.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

20/176

Resolved

THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a presentation by the Auditor at 7.16pm.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Council's External Auditor, Mr Bradley Bohun Senior Partner – Audit and Assurance, Crowe Australasia, addressed Council.

Council's Chairman of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Mr Graham Bradley also addressed Council.

The Mayor thanked both gentlemen.

20/177

Resolved

THAT the meeting move back into Full Council at 7.39pm.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.5 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

20/178

Resolved

THAT Council notes the presentation on the 2019/20 Financial Reports and Auditor's Reports for Leeton Shire Council by Mr Brad Bohun from Crowe Australasia, Albury, noting the correction on page 68 of the Financial Statements that budgeted grant funding of \$113M should read \$11.3M.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Kidd)

ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

20/179

Resolved

THAT the following items, namely:

6.1. MAYORAL MINUTE: SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEETON RESIDENTS

8.11. ELECTRONIC LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020

are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)

6. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE: SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEETON RESIDENTS

20/180

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Approves in principle a free bus service from Leeton to Whitton Pool on weekends when the temperature is forecasted to be over 38°C, as well as New Year's Day and Australia Day, with pool entrance being free for all customers on such days until the end of January 2021.
2. Requests the General Manager to implement the service in a manner that addresses all identified risks, noting arrangements may need to be trialled and/or reassessed over the period.
3. Agrees that any costs incurred be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve in the event there is insufficient operational revenue available.

(Moved Cr Maytom, seconded Cr Nardi)

8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020

20/181

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the activities and progress made during the 2019/20 financial year, as outlined in the Annual Report, towards achieving Council's Delivery Program commitments.
2. Endorses the Leeton Shire Council Annual Report 2020, with amendments as tabled at the Council meeting.
3. Notes that while the text of the Leeton Shire Council Annual Report 2020 will not be altered, a graphic designer has been commissioned to produce a professionally designed version of the report and arrange for the printing of hardcopies.

4. Notes that the Leeton Shire Council Annual Report 2020 will be posted on Leeton Shire Council's website by 31 December 2020 and that the Leeton community and the Minister for Local Government will be advised of its availability.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

**Item 8.2 OLG CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD
01/09/2019 TO 31/08/2020**

20/182

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the Leeton Shire Council Code of Conduct Complaints Report – Statistics 2019/20, being nil complaints.
2. Note that the Code of Conduct report has been submitted to the Office of Local Government in accordance with Part 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Leeton Shire Council Code of Conduct, March 2019.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Cr George Weston and Cr Tony Reneker left the meeting the time being 8.04pm.

**Item 8.3 ROUND 1 OF THE 2020/21 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS
PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS**

20/183

Resolved

THAT Council approves the following applications for assistance under Round 1 of the 2020/21 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Historic Hydro Writers Club	\$1,000
Leeton Aviators Club	\$1,000
Leeton Can Assist	\$1,000
Leeton Family and Local History	\$2,000
Leeton Family and Local History	\$1,300
Leeton Show Society	\$1,000
Riverina Riding Club	\$1,000
Whitton Town Improvement Committee	\$2,000
Yanco Wamoon Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,000

TOTAL \$12,300

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Morris)

Amendment

Moved by Cr Ciccia that the Leeton Aviators Club receive \$2,000.

The amendment was **lost**.

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TOTAL	<u>\$12,300</u>

Item 8.4 MINUTES LEETON MEN'S SHED MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2020

20/184

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Leeton Men's Shed Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2020.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT MATTERS

Item 8.6 2020/21 BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

20/185

Resolved

THAT the review of Council's Budget as at 30 September 2020 be noted and the variations contained in the Quarterly Budget Review Statements (Budgeted Income Statement – Consolidated and Capital Expenditure Funding Source and Asset Classification included as part of **Attachment 1**) be adopted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 8.7 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

20/186

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for October 2020 be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

Item 8.8 REGIONAL TOURISM MARKETING UPDATE - VISIT RIVERINA AND MURRUMBIDGEE TRAILS

20/187

Resolved

THAT Council receives and notes the update given regarding Visit Riverina and the Murrumbidgee Trails collaborative marketing activities.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Item 8.9 ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS

20/188

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the installation of four Permanent Traffic Classifiers within the Shire road network, with locations to be approved by the General Manager.

2. Endorses the upgrade of the drainage network in Petersham Road between properties 7 and 29 Petersham Road, also providing improved pedestrian access on the western side of the road.
3. Endorses the inclusion into the Roads and Drainage program for 2020/21 of two additional road projects:
 - Whitton Road (Canal Street to Washington Drive) – renewal.
 - Acacia Avenue (between Yanco Avenue and Racecourse Road) – double reseal.
4. Endorses the repurposing of the 2020/21 road renewal program funds allocated to Euroley Road and Sycamore Street to:
 - Gogeldrie Street, Whitton – rehabilitation (one section) and reseal.
 - Research Road (Gladman Road to Toorak Road) – rehabilitation and widening.
 - Corbie Hill Road (Intersection with Yanco Avenue) – renewal.
5. Endorses for nomination to the Fixing Local Roads Round 2 funding application:
 - Canal Street (Traffic lights to Market Street) – renewal.
 - Back Whitton Road (Rice sheds to Binyah Street) – renewal.
6. Notes for information that the Roads Infrastructure Committee will consider the merits of Koonadan and Collins Roads as additional opportunities for Fixing Local Roads Round 2.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccio)

Item 8.10 UPDATE ON TOWN WATER CONNECTION TO FIVEBOUGH ROAD RESIDENTS

20/189

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the Fivebough Road property owners are not prepared to pay \$42,000 each to access town water supply.
2. Declines approving an extension of the town water main from 230 Fivebough Road to the intersection of Fivebough and Brobenah Roads as the capital and operation costs render the project unaffordable and would not be a prudent use of Council funds.

(Moved Cr Ciccio, seconded Cr Smith)

**Item 8.11 ELECTRONIC LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020**

20/190

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Resolves to endorse the recommendation of the Electronic LATC meeting issued on 19 November 2020, noting Council's decision may need to be presented to Transport for NSW for review as the body that controls traffic signals on all roads.
2. In the interim, installs a further warning sign at 400m and investigates installing a streetlight at the intersection.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Smith)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

20/191

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Councillor Activity Reports for 29 October 2020 to 25 November 2020.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
16 Dec 2020 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.