



# LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Tony Reneker 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), and Brent Lawrence (Corporate Communications Coordinator)

**Press:** Nil

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tracey Morris
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom

3. **APOLOGIES**

16/190

**Resolved**

THAT the apology of Cr George Weston be accepted and that leave of absence be granted.

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

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

16/191

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, November 23 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

5. **MAYORAL MINUTES** See Item 7.1

6. **NOTICES OF MOTION** Nil

16/192

**Resolved**

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.05pm to allow Council to move directly to Items 7.2 (Light Up Leeton Presentation of Awards) and 7.3 (Integrated Planning and Reporting – Community Strategic Plan) of the Council report to allow for special presentations contained in each report.

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

7. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

**CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS**

**Item 7.2 LIGHT UP LEETON PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Light Up Leeton Committee Chairman Mr Carl King thanked Council for its continued support of the Light Up Leeton event as well as other local businesses houses that contribute significantly to the success of the event on an annual basis. He also thanked Council for ensuring Mountford Park was in excellent condition for the event.

Members of the Leeton Chamber of Commerce and Industry then presented the Best Window Display with the following presentations made:

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Breed and Hutchinson Real Estate Pty Ltd
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Leeton Trophy and Gift Centre
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Lanham's Jewellers

Lanham's Jewellers owner Mrs Francine Lanham extended her thanks to the Light Up Leeton Committee for all the hard work they put into making Christmas such a special period for Leeton Shire residents and businesses houses.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom thanked Mr King and the entire Light Up Leeton Committee for their ongoing efforts in ensuring this popular Christmas event runs so smoothly on an annual basis. The Mayor further added that this event truly captures the spirit of Christmas and is of great importance to Leeton Shire residents.

### **LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL – HAVE YOUR SAY AWARD**

A presentation was made to Mrs Rebecca Ormond who was the winner of an I-Pad for her valuable contribution to the Leeton Shire Councils "Have Your Say" feedback forum in relation to the Community Strategic Plan.

### **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**16/193**

THAT the meeting be resumed at 7.25pm to deal with the balance of the items on the Agenda.

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

### **Item 7.3 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**16/194**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council endorse Leeton On The Go – Our Community Strategic Plan – Towards 2030.

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

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The General Manager declared a pecuniary interest in this item as it relates to the General Manager's salary package. The General Manger vacated the room at 7.27pm.

**Item 7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - PERFORMANCE REVIEW - GENERAL MANAGER**

**16/195**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Note that a Performance Review has been held for the General Manager on 25 November 2016 and that the review assessed Jackie Kruger's performance as exceeding expectation.
2. Increase the General Manager's salary package to \$225,000 inclusive of salary, superannuation and vehicle with effect from the pay period commencing 28 November 2016.

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

The General Manager returned to the Chambers at 7.29pm.

**Item 7.4 SUPPORT FOR RIVERINA REGIONAL TOURISM CONTINUED OPERATIONS**

**16/196**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council continues its involvement in Riverina Regional Tourism as a member Council for the period 1 July 2017-30 June 2018, with the additional compulsory Taste Riverina Contribution, at a cost of \$9167.00.
2. Leeton Shire Council continues to be involved from a planning perspective in Riverina Taste and Riverina Regional Tourism.
3. Council monitors the transition and contributes to the review.

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

**Item 7.5 GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES APPLICATION - YANCO MEMORIAL HALL**

**16/197**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Accept the Liquor and Gaming NSW War Memorial Grant for the Yanco Memorial Hall located at Lot 4, DP 751745, 5-7 Main Avenue, Yanco for ceiling repairs.

2. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign and seal all relevant documentation in relation to the grant.

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

**Item 7.6 LEETON GOLF COURSE FEE WAIVER**

**16/198**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. In accordance with Section 610F of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council advertise its intention to introduce the following fees at the Leeton Golf Course.
  - (a) 15 months membership for the price of 12 (Any new member joining after 1 April be allowed to pay yearly membership which gives them membership for April May June of that year and the next full financial year)
  - (b) Membership fee for past members rejoining the course  
One year lapse – 25% discount on cost of fees  
Two year lapse – 50% discount on cost of fees  
(Note: Past Pensioner Members eligible however past full members who are now sports members not eligible)
  - (c) Fee for any full member playing in age bracket 18-29 – ½ cost = \$227.50
  - (d) Upgrading from a sports member to a full member in the last three months of the financial year for \$20
2. At the conclusion of the public exhibition period a further report will be presented to Council for consideration.

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

**Item 7.7 MINUTES OF WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
21 NOVEMBER 2016**

**16/199**

**Resolved**

THAT Council formally notes the Whitton Town Improvement Committee Minutes from the 21 November 2016.

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

**Item 7.8 POLICY REVIEW 2016**

**16/200**

**Resolved**

THAT:

1. Council place the draft revised policy register on public exhibition until 31 January 2017.
2. A further report be presented to Council for final adoption of the policies after consideration of any submissions received.

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

A motion was moved by Cr Ciccia and seconded by Cr Nardi to delete the "Trees – Issue of Vouchers" Policy.

The motion was PUT and LOST.

**Item 7.9 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS - INVESTMENTS NOVEMBER 2016**

**16/201**

**Resolved**

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

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

**ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS**

**Item 7.10 2016 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND MOBILITY PLAN (PAMP)**

**16/202**

**Resolved**

That Council formally adopts the Leeton Shire Council Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) 2016.

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

**Item 7.11 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL ROADS & TRAFFIC ASSET  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**16/203**

**Resolved**

THAT Council adopts the Leeton Shire Council Road and Traffic Asset Management Plan Version 1 23 November 2016, as presented.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS**

**Item 7.12 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL**

**16/204**

**Resolved**

THAT Council nominate Cr Paul Maytom and Cr George Weston as Leeton Shire Council members of the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel for a 3 year term commencing 24 November 2016.

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

**8. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS**

**Cr Peter Davidson**

Thanked the new Councillors for their commitment and willingness to get actively involved with important consultations particularly surrounding the Leeton Shire Community Strategic Plan since they were elected.

Cr Davidson wished the staff and his fellow Councillors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Cr Tony Ciccio**

Extended his congratulations to the Light Up Leeton Event Organising Committee for facilitating another excellent Christmas event for the residents of Leeton Shire and visitors from neighbouring towns.

He also wished the staff and his fellow Councillors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and is looking forward to a productive 2017 at the Council meeting table.

**Cr Tracey Morris**

Thanked the new Councillors for the fresh ideas they have already started to bring to this new term of Council and is looking forward to an exciting 2017 for Council.

Cr Morris also added that she was very pleased with the strong financial position that Council is currently in. She is looking forward to working with the staff and her fellow Councillors in 2017 to continue to look at more efficient ways for Council to do business.

Cr Tony Reneker

Queried update on Police Training to be held at Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre (Yanco Institute).

The General Manager advised that she had been in contact with Member for Murray Mr Adrian Piccoli and he advised that he had spoken with Minister for Primary Industries, The Hon. Niall Blair. Indications are that arrangements are back on track.

Cr Michael Kidd

Wished his fellow Councillors, staff and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Cr Kidd also expressed his excitement about the Leeton swimming pool upgrade.

Cr Paul Smith

Echoed his fellow Councillors sentiments in wishing the staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He hopes that everyone enjoys the break and is looking forward to a productive 2017 as a Councillor of Leeton Shire.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Mayor Maytom also wished the staff and Councillors a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2017.

In closing he said that it has been a busy year of change in improving many areas of Council with more work to be done in the New Year to ensure that Council maintains the strong position it is in. He expressed his delight at having received numerous comments in relation to Leeton Shire Council being a standout Council that is highly regarded by its neighbours and from across NSW for the way we do business.



The Mayor advised that there were no items to be considered in Closed Council tonight.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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the Chairman of the meeting held on  
18/01/2017 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.