



**LEETON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2023  
COMMENCING AT 7:00PM  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Cr. Tony Reneker (Mayor), Cr. Michael Kidd (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Krystal Maytom, Cr. Ciccica (via videoconference) Cr. Matt Holt, Cr. Tracey Morris and Cr. George Weston.

**Staff:**

Chris Watson (Acting General Manager), Mandy Rogers (Director Corporate), Luke Tedesco (Acting Director Operations), Michelle Evans (Executive Manager Economic and Community Development), Tracy Pearce-Brambley (Executive Manager People and Culture), Sarah Graham (Governance and Customer Service Coordinator), Terry Schmidt (Communications Coordinator) and Lawrence Amato (Manager Finance).

**Press:** Nil

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr. Weston
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Mayor Cr. Reneker
3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr. Nardi, unexplained leave of absence.

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

**23/067**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

**(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Maytom)**

**23/068**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 29 May 2023, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

**(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Maytom)**

#### 5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

#### 6. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

#### 7. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

##### **CORPORATE MATTERS**

##### **Item 7.1 ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR 2023/24, BUDGET FOR 2023/24, REVENUE POLICY (INCLUDING FEES AND CHARGES) AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2023/24**

**23/069**

**Resolved**

THAT Council adopts, as presented:

1. The Operational Plan for the 2023/24 financial year
2. The Budget for the 2023/24 financial year
3. The Revenue Policy for the 2023/24 financial year, including the Schedule

of Fees and Charges as amended for the 2023/24 financial year.

4. Long Term Financial Plan 2023/24
5. The Delivery Program 2022-2025

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

## **Item 7.2 THE MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**23/070**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council authorises the General Manager to prepare and serve the following 2023/24 Rate Notices or, in her absence, they may be served by the Director Corporate.

#### **1. Ordinary Rates**

##### **a) Ordinary Rate - Residential**

In accordance with section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes the Base Amount \$502 for Ordinary Rates for the 2023/24 financial year, which represents 48% of the total revenue for the Residential Rating category and make the Ad Valorem component of the rate at 0.00462483 (0.00748273 in 2022/23) cents in the dollar on all land value of all rateable land within the Residential Rating category.

##### **b) Ordinary Rate - Farmland**

In accordance with section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes the Base Amount \$771 for Ordinary Rates for the 2023/24 financial year, which represents 20% of the total revenue for the Farmland Rating category and make the Ad Valorem component of the rate at 0.00429114 (0.0772242 in 2022/23) cents in the dollar on all land value of all rateable land within the Farmland Rating category.

##### **c) Ordinary Rate – Business**

In accordance with section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes the Base Amount \$349 for Ordinary Rates for the 2023/24 financial year, which represents 25% of the total revenue for the Business Rating category and make the Ad Valorem component of the rate at 0.00666703 (0.00901359 in 2022/23) cents in the dollar on all land value of all rateable land within the Business Rating category.

#### **2. Charges – Sewerage Local Fund**

##### **a) Sewerage Annual Charge - Residential**

That Council makes the Sewerage Annual Charge – Residential for the 2023/24 financial year \$720 for each parcel of land categorised as Residential land within the Leeton, Yanco and Whitton Sewerage Local Rate Areas in accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

b) Sewerage Annual Charge – Non-Residential

The charge is to apply to each water meter attached to the assessment categorised as Non-Residential land within the Leeton, Yanco and Whitton Sewerage Local Rate Areas in accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The usage charge is proposed to be \$ 1.25 cents per kilolitre with a minimum charge equivalent to the Residential charge of \$ 720.

The Non-Residential Sewer Access charge be as follows:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>2023/2024 (\$)</b>
20mm	153.00
25mm	240.00
32mm	392.00
40mm	613.00
50mm	957.00
80mm	2,450.00
100mm	3,827.00
150mm	8,611.00
200mm	15,308.00

3. **Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges**

That the interest rate to be charged on all overdue Rates and Charges and arrears during the 2023/24 financial year to be set at 9% for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

4. **Domestic Waste Management Charge**

That Council makes a Domestic Waste Management Charge under section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$330 on all rateable parcels of land for which there is a full waste collection service.

5. **Waste Management Charge**

That Council makes a Waste Management Charge under section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$330 to the non-residential and non-rateable parcels of land in the Leeton Shire Council area being rendered a full waste collection service.

6. **Landfill Access Charge**

That Council makes a Landfill Management Charge under section 501 of

the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$72 (GST Inclusive) to all parcels of land not having access to the Domestic Waste Collection Service under section 496 and Waste Collection Services under section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

That Council makes a Landfill Management Charge under section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$72 (GST Inclusive) for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available and is unoccupied.

7. **Recycling Service Charge**

That Council makes a Recycling Service Charge under section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$165 on all parcels of land for which there is a full Domestic Recycling Collection Service.

Recycling Services for non-residential and non-rateable properties will be optional and those properties wishing to use the service will be charged at the rate of \$165 per annum.

8. **Water Charges**

That Council makes the following water charges:

a) Access Charges

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>2023/2024 (\$)</b>
20mm	319.00
25mm	319.00
32mm	811.00
40mm	1,265.00
50mm	2,034.00
65mm	3,439.00
80mm	5,210.00
100mm	7,787.00
150mm	13,673.00

b) Consumption Charges – Residential

- for the first 300 kilolitres (kL) = \$1.25 per kL
- from 301 kilolitres to 600 kilolitres = \$1.92 per kL
- thereafter = \$3.41 per kL

Strata Properties with single meter \$2.11 per kL for all consumption.

c) Consumption Charges – Non-Residential

- for the first 300 kilolitres (kL) = \$1.25 per kL
- thereafter = \$1.92 per kL

9. **Stormwater Management Charge**

That Council makes a Stormwater Management Charge under section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$25 for developed residential properties, \$12.50 for each residential strata unit and \$25 for eligible properties within the Ordinary Business Rating category area and \$12.50 for each business strata title unit.

10. **On-site Sewerage Management Service Fee**

That Council makes an annual Administration Service Fee under Section 608 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$15 per annum for an approval to operate a system of sewerage management.

11. **Fees and Charges**

That Council makes the Fees and Charges for the 2023/24 financial year as per the adopted Operational Plan 2023/24 and Revenue Policy (including the Fees and Charges 2023/24).

**(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Maytom)**

**Item 7.3 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR MAY 2023**

**23/071**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for May 2023.

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

Manager Finance left the meeting at 7.40pm.

**Item 7.4 QUARTERLY CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE REPORT - MAJOR PROJECTS - JUNE 2023**

**23/072**

**Resolved**

THAT Council

1. Notes for information the Quarterly Capital Works Update Report as of the 16 June 2023.
2. Approves that the Roxy value managed budget-to-complete is now \$6.041M (down from \$6.4M), the value management component is now \$751K (up from \$402K); and the approved Roxy Redevelopment budget remains at \$12.2M.

3. Notes that staff will continue to pursue up to \$1.221M of grant funding to help return some or all value managed items, provided that Council's contribution of \$5.284M remains unchanged.

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

### **OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

#### **Item 7.5 MINUTES OF THE LEETON LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY 2023**

**23/073**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council notes the minutes and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 May 2023.

**(Moved Cr. Holt, seconded Cr. Kidd)**

### **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

#### **Item 7.6 QUICK RESPONSE GRANT APPLICATION - LEETON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**23/074**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council awards the Leeton Basketball Association \$2K from the Quick Response Grant program to go towards purchasing a new uniform kit for the Leeton Men and Women representative teams for MIA League.

**(Moved Cr. Maytom, seconded Cr. Kidd)**

### **PEOPLE AND CULTURE MATTERS**

#### **Item 7.7 LEETON SHIRE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS - UPDATE REPORT**

**23/075**

#### **Resolved**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council notes for information the reports on Library opening hours and endorses the amended Library operating hours being Monday to Friday 9:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 12 Noon.

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

### **8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**9. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:59 pm.

..... signed by  
the Chairman of the meeting held on  
26 Jul 2023 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.