



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

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

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Avtar Singh (Director Corporate / CFO), Michelle Evans (Director Economic and Community Development), Luke Tedesco (Director Operations, Acting) via videoconference, Sarah Graham (Manager Governance, Corporate and Customer Service), Terry Schmidt (Communications Coordinator), Monica Armanini (IP&R Coordinator), Gideon Vos (Roxy Project Manager) and Brad Bohun (Senior Partner - External Audit, Crowe Australasia) via videoconference.

Press: Nil

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1. CIVIC PRAYER Cr. Ciccia

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Mayor Cr. Reneker

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

24/001

Resolved

Accepted Cr. Nardi's apology for lateness.

(Moved Cr. Ciccia, seconded Cr. Maytom)

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

24/002

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2023, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Maytom)

24/003

Resolved

ADDITIONAL / LATE / CORRECTION ITEMS

THAT the:

- Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 with Auditors Opinion corrections on page 8 and page 11 (Item 7.1) of the Agenda is accepted.
- Investment Report for January corrections on page 125 and 126 of the Agenda (Item 7.5) is accepted.
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chairman's Report is accepted as a late item onto this agenda for discussion (Item 7.6).

(Moved Cr. Holt, seconded Cr. Weston)

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr. Weston disclosed a significant pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 7.3 Roxy Community Theatre – Stage 1 – Build and Budget Report as Cr. Weston's company "Weston and Weston" has been engaged as a contractor for the Roxy Redevelopment Project. Cr. Weston elected to leave the Chambers when the Roxy Build Project report was being considered.

Cr. Holt disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 7.16 Proposed naming of the Grandstand at Leeton No. 1 Oval as has worked for Mr. Bill Arnold and is a very close friend. Cr. Holt elected to leave the Chambers when the endorsement of naming of the unnamed stand at Leeton No.1 Oval was being considered.

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

7. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Mr. Brad Bohun (Senior Partner - External Audit, Crowe Australasia) entered the meeting, via videoconference, the time being 7:08 PM

Item 7.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023 WITH AUDITOR'S OPINION

24/004

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the presentation on the 2022/23 Financial Reports and Auditor's Reports for Leeton Shire Council by Mr Brad Bohun from Crowe in Albury representing the Auditor General.
2. Notes the Financial Statements and Auditor's Opinion are available for public viewing, with submissions to be lodged within 7 days of the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

(Moved Cr. Morris, seconded Cr. Kidd)

IP&R Coordinator entered the meeting, the time being 7:10 PM

Cr. Nardi entered the meeting, the time being 7:15 PM

Mr. Brad Bohun (Senior Partner - External Audit, Crowe Australasia) left the meeting, the time being 7:30 PM

Item 7.2 SIX MONTHLY DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 - 2023/24

24/005

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the six monthly (1 July to 31 December 2023) Progress Report on the implementation of the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program (2022–2025).

(Moved Cr. Morris, seconded Cr. Kidd)

IP&R Coordinator left the meeting, the time being 7:50 PM

Cr. Weston left the meeting, the time being 7:52 PM

Item 7.3 ROXY COMMUNITY THEATRE - STAGE 1 - BUILD AND BUDGET UPDATE

24/006

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Receives and notes the update on the Roxy Build Project.
2. Notes that an application for funding for Roxy Stage 2 has been lodged with Growing Better Regions (Commonwealth).
3. Provides approval to replace three (3) vacancies on the Roxy Redevelopment Committee, with nominations to be vetted and approved by the Portfolio Lead for Arts and Culture, Cr. Kidd.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Morris)

Cr. Holt recorded his vote against.

Cr. Weston returned to the meeting, the time being 8:01 PM

Roxy Project Manager left the meeting, the time being 8:05 PM

CORPORATE MATTERS

Procedural Motion – Dealing with Items for Exception

24/007

Resolved

Council moved to adopt Item 7.4 and Item 7.5 of business together and adopt as recommended.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Smith)

Item 7.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

Item 7.5 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024

24/008

Resolved

THAT Council notes the information contained in the:

- Investments Report for December 2023
- Investments Report for January 2024

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Morris)

Item 7.6 MINUTES - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 FEBRUARY 2024

24/009

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024, including the ARIC Chairman's report to the Mayor.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Morris)

Item 7.7 SETTING UP A NEW ARIC TO COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW

24/010

Resolved

THAT Council adopts the below suite of documents and, authorises their implementation:

- Draft 2024 Calendar of Agenda Items,
- Draft ARIC Terms of Reference,
- Draft Internal Audit Function Charter,
- Draft Integrated Risk Management Policy and Procedure,
- Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan,
- Draft Risk Appetite Statement (**Confidential**)
- Draft ARIC Expression Of Interest - Members Information Package.

(Moved Cr. Morris, seconded Cr. Weston)

Item 7.8 DATE CHANGE FOR THE 2024 MAY ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24/011

Resolved

THAT Council agrees to change the date of the May 2024 Ordinary Council meeting date from Wednesday 29 May 2024 to Wednesday 22 May 2024.

(Moved Cr. Ciccia, seconded Cr. Smith)

Item 7.9 DEBT RECOVERY POLICY REVIEW

24/012

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the Debt Recovery Policy for public exhibition for 28 days and if no substantive feedback is received, the policy will be considered adopted after the exhibition period.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Weston)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Item 7.10 POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

24/013

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Agrees to accept the proposal from Hunter Joint Organisation to tender for the purchase of power for Council's "Large Market Sites".
2. Authorises the General Manager to accept a tender from the successful supplier and to notify Councillors of this outcome at the next Council meeting following signing of the contract.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Holt)

Item 7.11 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

24/014

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the draft Asset Management Plans for public exhibition for 28 days and, if no substantive feedback is received, the Plans will be considered adopted after the exhibition period.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Holt)

Item 7.12 DRAFT KERBSIDE COLLECTION POLICY

24/015

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the draft Kerbside Collection Policy for public exhibition for 28 days and, if no substantive feedback is received, the Policy will be considered adopted after the exhibition period.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 7.13 LEETON WATER SLIDE PROJECT REVIEW

24/016

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the review of the Leeton Water Slide project.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Nardi)

**Item 7.14 QUARTERLY CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE REPORT - MAJOR PROJECTS -
JANUARY 2024**

24/017

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Quarterly Capital Works Update Report – Major Projects as of the 31 January 2024.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Maytom)

**Item 7.15 MINUTES OF THE LEETON LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- FEBRUARY 2024**

24/018

Resolved

THAT Council notes the minutes and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting which was held in February 2024.

(Moved Cr. Nardi, seconded Cr. Ciccia)

Cr. Holt left the meeting, the time being 8:55 PM

Item 7.16 PROPOSED NAMING OF GRANDSTAND AT LEETON NO.1 OVAL

24/019

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the naming of the unnamed stand at the Leeton No.1 Oval "The Bill Arnold Stand."

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Smith)

Cr. Holt returned to the meeting, the time being 8:58 PM

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Item 7.17 POST EVENT REPORT - 2023 LIGHT UP LEETON EVENT

24/020

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Receives for information the 2023 Light Up Leeton post event report, and
2. Acknowledges the sponsors, volunteers, events team and outdoor staff who contributed to the success of the event.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Maytom)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

24/021

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Councillor activity reports submitted for the period between 15 January to 27 February 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Weston)

10. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:32 pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
27 Mar 2024 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.