

**MINUTES OF THE  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025  
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM  
AT THE LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



**Councillors:**

Cr. George Weston, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Krystal Maytom, Cr. Stephen Tynan, Cr. Michael Kidd, Cr. Boston Edwards, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Nicholas Wright and Cr. Sarah Tiffen.

**Staff:**

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Avtar Singh (Director Corporate/CFO), Silas Darby (Director Operations), Sarah Kingsbury (Manager Governance, Corporate and Customer Service), Francois Van Der Berg (Manager Building, Planning & Health) and Brent Lawrence (Manager Business Services).

**Other Attendees:**

Peter Kenyon (Banks of I.D.E.A.S) via videoconference  
Gidi Azar (WaterOz) via videoconference

**Press:**

Nil

## **1. CIVIC PRAYER**

Spoken by Cr. Tracey Morris

## **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Spoken by Cr. Michael Kidd

## **3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

Nil

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

**OCM 24/224**

### **Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 July 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

**(Moved Cr. Boston Edwards, seconded Cr. Nicholas Wright)**

## **5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## **6. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

**OCM 24/225**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Accepts the following reports as late items for consideration at tonight's meeting:
  - Item 8.3.3 – Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage, and
  - Item 7.3 – Mayoral Minute: Major Funding Secured for Roxy Community Theatre Redevelopment.
2. Brings forward the following items ahead of Item 7 – Mayoral Minutes:
  - Item 8.1.1 – Yanco and Whitton Community Development Action Plans, to accommodate speaker Peter Kenyon via video conference.
  - Item 8.3.3 – Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage, to accommodate Gidi Azar via video conference.
  - Item 8.3.1 – Resident Road Infrastructure Upgrade Requests – Glover and Almond Road, to accommodate any public addresses to Council on this item.
  - Item 8.4.1 – Proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with ACEnergy, to accommodate staff presentations.

**(Moved Cr. Nicholas Wright, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)**

## PROCEDURAL MOTION - MEETING ADJOURNED

**OCM 24/226**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council adjourned the meeting at the time being 6:42 pm to hear from the following:

1. Peter Kenyon (Banks of I.D.E.A.S) via videoconference on Item 8.1.1 - Yanco and Whitton Community Development Action Plans, and
2. Tracy Catlin and Lorraine Kefford (Whitton Town Improvement Committee) on Item 8.1.1 - Yanco and Whitton Community Development Action Plans, and
3. Tracey Hamilton and Tessa Hamilton (Yanco Town Improvement Committee) on Item 8.1.1 - Yanco and Whitton Community Development Action Plans, and
4. Gidi Azar (WaterOz) via videoconference on Item 8.3.3 - Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage.

**(Moved Cr. Krystal Maytom, seconded Cr. Sandra Nardi)**

Peter Kenyon (Banks of I.D.E.A.S) left the meeting via videoconference at the time being 7:03pm.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION - MEETING RESUMED

**OCM 24/227**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council resolved to resume the meeting at the time being 7:29 pm.

**(Moved Cr. Boston Edwards, seconded Cr. Stephen Tynan)**

Gidi Azar (WaterOz) left the meeting via videoconference at the time being 7:29pm.

## **ITEM 8.1.1. YANCO AND WHITTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLANS**

**OCM 24/228**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council notes for information the final versions of the Yanco (**Attachment 1**) and Whitton (**Attachment 2**) Community Development Action Plans, which reflect Council's commitment to supporting community-led initiatives through ongoing collaboration with residents and stakeholders.

**(Moved Cr. Boston Edwards, seconded Cr. Sandra Nardi)**

**ITEM 8.3.3. DEVELOPMENT SERVICING PLANS FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE**

**OCM 24/229**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses for the Draft (New) Development Servicing Plans (DSP) (**Attachment 1**) to be independently audited prior to the Plan being placed on public exhibition for 28 days, and if no substantive feedback is received during independent audit and the exhibition period, the document will be considered adopted.
2. Authorises Council's 2025/26 Revenue Policy (including fees and charges) to be updated with the following revised developer charges if and when the Plans are adopted:
  - Water Supply: \$3K per Equivalent Tenement,
  - Sewerage: \$4K per Equivalent Tenement.

**(Moved Cr. Nicholas Wright, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)**

**ITEM 8.3.1. RESIDENT ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ROAD UPGRADE REQUESTS - GLOVER ROAD & ALMOND ROAD**

**OCM 24/230**

**Resolved**

THAT Council declines to proceed with any upgrades at this time and maintains both Almond Road and Glover Road at their current service levels.

**(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Nicholas Wright)**

Manager Business Services left the meeting at the time being 7:35pm.  
Director Corporate / CFO left the meeting at the time being 7:40pm.

Manager Business Services returned to the meeting at the time being 7:48pm.  
Director Corporate/ CFO returned to the meeting at the time being 7:49pm.

**ITEM 8.4.1. PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT (VPA) WITH ACENERGY**

**OCM 24/231**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement between Leeton Shire Council and ACEnergy in respect of the proposed BESS project at 120 Houghton Road, Yanco.
2. Resolves to publicly exhibit the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement and accompanying Explanatory Note for a minimum period of 28 days in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

3. Receives a further report following the public exhibition period to consider any submissions received and determine whether to formally execute the Planning Agreement.

**(Moved Cr. Sandra Nardi, seconded Cr. Nicholas Wright)**

Manager Building, Planning & Health left the meeting at the time being 8:03pm.

## **7. MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **ITEM 7.1. MAYORAL MINUTE - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COMMERICAL RICE BEING GROWN IN THE RIVERINA**

**OCM 24/232**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council joins the Mayor in congratulating everyone involved in 100 years of commercial rice growing in Australia.

**(Moved Mayor Cr. George Weston)**

### **ITEM 7.2. MAYORAL MINUTE – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (FAGS) ALLOCATION ESTIMATES FOR 2025 / 26**

**OCM 24/233**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council notes for information the attached correspondence from the Local Government Grants Commission on the Local Government Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) allocation for 2025/26.

**(Moved Mayor Cr. George Weston)**

### **ITEM 7.3 MAJOR FUNDING SECURED FOR ROXY COMMUNITY THEATRE REDEVELOPMENT**

**OCM 24/234**

#### **Resolved**

THAT Council notes and receives the Sustainable Communities funding acquired for the completion of the Roxy Community Theatre redevelopment and acknowledges the support of the State and Federal Governments.

**(Moved Mayor Cr. George Weston)**

## **8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

### **8.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS**

**Item 8.1.2. DRAFT MOTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025**

**OCM 24/235**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approves motions as presented for submission to LGNSW.

**(Moved Cr. Michael Kidd, seconded Cr. Boston Edwards)**

**ITEM 8.1.3. LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

**OCM 24/236**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Receives and notes the Financial Sustainability Review Report prepared by the University of Newcastle (**Attachment 1**).
2. Endorses the establishment of a Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) as recommended in the Report.
3. Adopts the Terms of Reference for the FSAC (**Attachment 2**).
4. Approves the commencement of an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process for the appointment of five (5) suitably qualified community representatives, two (2) staff members and two (2) Councillor representatives.

**(Moved Cr. Michael Kidd, seconded Cr. Boston Edwards)**

**ITEM 8.1.4. MINUTES OF RAMJO MEETING - 16 May 2025**

**OCM 24/237**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the RAMJO meeting held on Friday 16 May 2025.

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

**8.2. CORPORATE MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.2.1. INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2025**

**OCM 24/238**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for July 2025.

**(Moved Cr. Michael Kidd, seconded Cr. Nicholas Wright)**

**ITEM 8.2.2. AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MEETING - THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025 - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AND MINUTES**

**OCM 24/239**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 July 2025.
2. Notes the Chairperson's Report to the Mayor and Councillors from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 July 2025.

**(Moved Cr. Tracey Morris, seconded Cr. Nicholas Wright)**

**ITEM 8.2.3. COUNCIL COMMITTEE INFORMATION & TERMS OF REFERENCE BOOK**

**OCM 24/240**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the DRAFT (New) Council Committee Information and Terms of Reference Book for public exhibition for a period of 28 days (except for the new Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee which is considered immediately adopted), and if no substantive feedback is received during the exhibition period, the document be adopted.
2. Calls for Expression of Interest for Committee members for Council's Section 355 Committees, Action Committees, and Advisory Committees over the coming months, with the recruitment of the Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee members commencing immediately.
3. Accepts the recommended administrative amendments to the DRAFT (New) Council Committee Information and Terms of Reference Book to provide additional clarity.

**(Moved Cr. Nicholas Wright, seconded Cr. Sarah Tiffen)**

**ITEM 8.2.4. ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS BY COUNCILLORS & DESIGNATED PERSONS - 1 JULY 2024 to 30 JUNE 2025**

**OCM 24/241**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Notes for information that the 2024/25 Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns have been submitted as required, on time by eight (8) of the nine (9) Councillors, Senior

Management, and designated persons and have been made publicly available on Council's website.

2. Notes for the record that at the time of completion of this report Cr. Sarah Tiffen has not returned a completed Annual Disclosure of Interest Return. Once returned these reports will also be made publicly available on Council's website.

**(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Boston Edwards)**

#### **ITEM 8.2.5. POLICY REVIEW – AUGUST 2025**

**OCM 24/242**

##### **Resolved**

THAT Council endorses the DRAFT (Revised) Development Application Objections Policy for public exhibition for 28 days, and if no substantive feedback is received during the exhibition period, the policy will be considered adopted.

**(Moved Cr. Nicholas Wright, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)**

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION - DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

**OCM 24/243**

##### **Resolved**

THAT Council endorsed the following items of business on the agenda together by a single resolution:

#### **Item 8.2.6. MINUTES - WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (WTIC)**

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 16 June 2025.

#### **Item 8.2.7. MINUTES - YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (YTIC)**

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meetings held on 5 May 2025, 2 June 2025, 7 July 2025 and 4 August 2025.

#### **Item 8.2.8. MINUTES - YANCO HALL AND MARKET COMMITTEE - MEETINGS HELD ON 2 JUNE 2025 & 4 AUGUST 2025**

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Hall and Market Committee meetings held on 2 June 2025 and 4 August 2025.



**Item 8.2.9. NOTES - WHITTON TOWN HALL COMMITTEE- 7 APRIL 2025**

THAT Council receives for information the notes from the Whitton Town Hall Committee meeting held on Monday 7 April 2025.

**Item 8.2.10. MINUTES - LIGHT UP LEETON COMMITTEE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 17 JULY 2025**

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Light Up Leeton Committee held on 17 July 2025.

**Item 8.2.11. MINUTES - WHITTON COURTHOUSE & HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

THAT Council notes for information the minutes from Whitton Courthouse and Historical Museum Committee meetings held between February and June 2025.

**Item 8.2.12. MINUTES - LEETON SUNRICE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE - JANUARY 2025 TO JULY 2025**

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Leeton SunRice Festival Committee meetings held on 16 January 2025, 20 February 2025, 20 March 2025, 3 April 2025, 15 May 2025, 19 June 2025 and 17 July 2025 (**Attachments 1 to 7**).

**(Moved Cr. Boston Edwards, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)**

**8.3. OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.3.2. LEETON GOLF COURSE UPDATE - 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025**

**OCM 24/244**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes for information the update on the operation of the Leeton Golf Course, including the Income and Expenses Report, for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

**(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Nicholas Wright)**

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS**

THAT Council notes the Councillor activity reports submitted for the period between 30 July to 25 August 2025.

**11. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35pm.

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the Chairman of the meeting held on  
Tuesday 23 September 2025 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.