

**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**
TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM
AT THE LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

PRESENT (Councillors):

Cr. George Weston (Mayor), Cr. Michael Kidd (Deputy Mayor) via videoconference, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Krystal Maytom, Cr. Stephen Tynan, Cr. Nicholas Wright, Cr. Boston Edwards and Cr. Sarah Tiffen (via videoconference).

PRESENT (Staff):

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Avtar Singh (Director Corporate / CFO), Silas Darby (Director Operations), Sarah Graham (Manager Governance, Corporate and Customer Service), Terry Schmidt (Communications Coordinator), Sibongubuhle Tshuma (Manager Finance), Monica Armanini (IP&R Coordinator) and Mark Johnson (Finance Consultant) via videoconference.

PRESS:

Nil

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1. LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Spoken by Cr. Krystal Maytom

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Leeton Shire Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri People and their continued impact on our Community.

We acknowledge their connection to the land, water and sky.

We acknowledge all Aboriginal people who have made the Leeton Shire their home.

As such we pay our respects to all Aboriginal Elders, past, present and emerging of our Shire.

Spoken by Cr. Nicholas Wright

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

OCM 24/89

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 October 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

5. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Cr. Stephen Tynan proposed a late item from the floor in accordance with clause 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice. The matter concerned the Roxy Operations business case. The Mayor deemed the matter non-urgent, and it did not proceed.

Cr. Stephen Tynan was informed that a Notice of motion could be submitted at the December Ordinary Council meeting, if necessary.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cr. Boston Edwards disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.2 Heritage Grants 2024/25 as Cr. Boston Edwards is on the board of Leeton Show Society and elected to leave the Chambers when the grant for Leeton Showground was being considered.

Mayor Cr. George Weston disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.3 Community Strengthening Grants Round 1 2024/25 as Mayor Cr. George Weston's is on the board of Rotary Club of Leeton and elected to leave the Chambers when the grant for Rotary Club of Leeton was being considered.

Cr. Michael Kidd disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.3 Community Strengthening Grants Round 1 2024/25 as Cr. Michael Kidd is on the board of Creative Connections Riverina Association and elected to virtually leave the meeting when the grant for Creative Connections Riverina Association was being considered.

Cr. Nicholas Wright disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.3 Community Strengthening Grants Round 1 2024/25 as Cr. Nicholas Wright is on the board of Rotary Club of Leeton and elected to leave the Chambers when the grant for Rotary Club of Leeton was being considered.

Cr. Nicholas Wright disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.3 Community Strengthening Grants Round 1 2024/25 as Cr. Nicholas Wright is member of Leeton Rainbow Pride Inc and elected to stay in the Chambers when the grant for the Leeton Rainbow Pride Inc was being discussed.

7. MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 7.1. MAYORAL MINUTE - PALM SCHEME POSITION PAPER

OCM 24/90

Resolved

THAT the Mayoral Alliance for the Pacific position paper on the "Re-Imagined" PALM Scheme be noted and endorsed.

(Moved Mayor Cr. George Weston)

8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1.1. [STATE OF THE SHIRE REPORT 2021-2024](#)

OCM 24/91

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the status update on the State of the Shire Report 2021-2024.

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

IP&R Coordinator left the meeting at the time being 6:35pm.

Item 8.1.2. [LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024](#)

OCM 24/92

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the Leeton Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24, noting the activities and progress made during the 2023/24 financial year, towards achieving Council's Delivery Program commitments.
2. Authorises the General Manager to make minor corrections if required.
3. Notes the Leeton Shire Council Annual Report 2024 as required by legislation will be uploaded to Leeton Shire Council's website prior to 30 November 2024 and a link to the document will be provided to the Minister for Local Government by way of an email to the Office of Local Government.

(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Tracey Morris)

Item 8.1.3. [MINUTES OF COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING - 9 AUGUST 2024](#)

OCM 24/93

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Country Mayors Association meeting held on 9 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Krystal Maytom)

Item 8.1.4. [MINUTES OF RAMJO MEETING - 16 AUGUST 2024](#)

OCM 24/94

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the RAMJO meeting held on Friday 16 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Tracey Morris, seconded Cr. Stephen Tynan)

8.2. CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 8.2.1. [INVESTMENT REPORT - OCTOBER 2024](#)

OCM 24/95

Resolved

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for October 2024.

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

Item 8.2.2. [2024/25 BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024](#)

OCM 24/96

Resolved

THAT Council reviews and considers the Quarterly Budget Review (QBR) as at 30 September 2024, and:

- a. notes the 2023/24 Capital and Operating Carry Overs works (works in progress) transferred into the 2024/25 financial year.
- b. approves the changes as recommended by Management.

(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Tracey Morris)

Mark Johnson (Finance Consultant) left the meeting via videoconference at the time being 6:45pm.

Manager Finance left the meeting at the time being 6:45pm.

Item 8.2.3. AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024 - MINUTES AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

OCM 24/97

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Friday 25 October 2024.
2. Notes the Chairman's Report to the Mayor and Councillors from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Friday 25 October 2024.

(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)

8.3. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Item 8.3.1. REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

OCM 24/98

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan as presented for submission to the NSW Government.

(Moved Cr. Sandra Nardi, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)

Cr. Boston Edwards left the meeting at the time being 7:30pm.

Item 8.3.2. HERITAGE GRANTS 2024/25

OCM 24/99

Resolved

THAT Council approves the following Local Heritage Places Grant offers for 2024/25:

Applicant	Work to be done	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Applicant's Contribution
Bill Alendi (Leeton Showground Land Manager)	Placement of water tank for water catchment at the "Arts & crafts" pavilion at Leeton Show Grounds to address the building base deterioration.	\$6,718	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$4,218
(incl GST)					

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

Cr. Boston Edwards, returned to the meeting at the time being 7:35pm

OCM 24/100

Resolved

THAT Council approves the following Local Heritage Places Grant offers for 2024/25:

Applicant	Work to be done	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Applicant's Contribution
Jack Punch	Awning soffit replacement to match earlier part replacement at shop	\$11,531	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,531
Fiona De Wit	External timber repair works and painting to farm residence	\$24,750	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$22,250
Evonne Newton	Repainting to weatherboards at front of house and repainting to later added rear structure	\$5,720	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$4,220
Sue Ciavarella	Restoration & installation of historic lighting at front of the residence	\$2,975	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,475
Rose Gordon	External timber repair works at gable end and repainting of the south façade to the Historic "Hotel Hydro"	\$28,740	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$23,740
(incl GST)					

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

Item 8.3.3. COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS ROUND 1 2024/2025

OCM 24/101

Resolved

THAT Council:

- Approves the following applications for funding under Round One of the 2024/25 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Leeton Yanco Swimming Club Inc	\$2,000
Leeton Golf Club Pty Ltd	\$2,000
Nuranurra Support Services Inc	\$1,500
Kurrajong	\$1,000

- Authorises the General Manager to adjust the Community Grants Program Guidelines such that all manner of constituted not-for-profit groups can make application in future.

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

Cr. Michael Kidd virtually left the meeting at the time being 7:40pm.

OCM 24/102

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Approves the following applications for funding under Round One of the 2024/25 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Creative Connection Riverina Association \$2,000

(Moved Cr. Nicholas Wright, seconded Cr. Krystal Maytom)

Cr. Michael Kidd virtually returned to the meeting at the time being 7:45pm.

OCM 24/103

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Approves the following applications for funding under Round One of the 2024/25 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Leeton Rainbow Pride Collective Inc \$2,000

(Moved Cr. Tracey Morris, seconded Cr. Krystal Maytom)

Mayor Cr. George Weston left the meeting at the time being 7:45pm.

Cr. Nicholas Wright left the meeting at time being 7:45pm.

Cr. Tracey Morris took the Chair at the time being 7:50pm.

OCM 24/104

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Approves the following applications for funding under Round One of the 2024/25 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Rotary Club of Leeton Inc \$2,000

(Moved Cr. Stephen Tynan, seconded Cr. Krystal Maytom)

Mayor Cr. Weston returned to the meeting at the time being 7:57pm and took the Chair.

Cr. Wright returned to the meeting at the time being 7:57pm.

Item 8.3.4. MINUTES OF THE WHITTON COURTHOUSE AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE

OCM 24/105

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes from the Whitton Courthouse and Historical Museum Committee Annual General Meeting (**Attachment 1**) and General Meeting (**Attachment 2**) held on Thursday 29 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Michael Kidd, seconded Cr. Sarah Tiffen)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Council noted the Councillor Activity Reports for the period from 15 October 2024 to 26 November 2024.

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There was no further business, the meeting closed at 8:09pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
Tuesday 17 December 2024 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.