

**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**
TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM
AT THE LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Councillors:

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

Staff:

Avtar Singh (Acting General Manager), Silas Darby (Director Operations), Michelle Evans (Director Economic and Community Development), Sarah Kingsbury (Manager Governance, Corporate and Customer Service).

Other Attendees (via videoconference)

Nil

Press:

Nil

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1. CIVIC PRAYER

Spoken by Cr. Stephen Tynan

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Spoken by Cr. Sarah Tiffen

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

OCM 24/140

Resolved

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

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

5. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Nil

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cr. Nicholas Wright disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.2 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committees as he is a founding member of the Leeton Rainbow Pride Collective and has a strong emotional investment in the Pride Festival. Cr. Nicholas Wright elected to remain in the Chamber, participate in the discussion, and vote on the item.

Cr. Boston Edwards disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.3.2 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committees as he resides on a section of Pine Avenue that is recommended for temporary closure on a number of occasions. Cr. Boston Edwards elected to remain in the Chamber, participate in the discussion, and vote on the item.

7. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1.1. DRAFT MOTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

OCM 24/141

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the following motions for submission to the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government:

- 1. Streamlined Visa Processes to Address Health Workforce Shortages in Regional Australia:** That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement streamlined and expedited visa processes to attract and retain international health professionals, including doctors, nurses, and allied health workers, in regional areas to address critical workforce shortages.
- 2. Increased Support for Housing Initiatives in rural Australia:** That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to dedicate a proportion of their financial assistance for housing initiatives to rural Australia where the need is great but the scale of development is unable to compete with metropolitan areas and major regional centres.
- 3. Reimaging the PALM Scheme:** That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to: provide local Councils with both the mandate and direct financial resourcing to provide local oversight to the PALM Scheme Program and provide contextual partner-based representation to employers (and workers), and provide temporary work rights for workers disengaged from the PALM Scheme who are residing and working in regional areas.

(Moved Cr. Sandra Nardi, seconded Cr. Tracey Morris)

8.2. CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 8.2.1. INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

OCM 24/142

Resolved

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

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

Item 8.2.2. AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MEETING - THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025 - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AND MINUTES

OCM 24/143

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the Chairperson's Report to the Mayor and Councillors from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2025.
2. Notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2025.

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

Item 8.2.3. POLICY REVIEW – MARCH 2025

OCM 24/144

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the following DRAFT documents for public exhibition for 28 days and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for comment, if no substantive feedback is received, the following documents will be considered adopted:

- DRAFT (Revised)- Fraud and Corruption Policy,
- DRAFT (New) – Fraud and Corruption Plan.

(Moved Cr. Tracey Morris, seconded Cr. Michael Kidd)

Item 8.2.4. ENDORSEMENT OF CCTV MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, CODE OF PRACTICE AND STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE

OCM 24/145

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Leeton Shire Council and NSW Police (Murrumbidgee Police District) for the operation and management of the Leeton CCTV system.
2. Adopts the DRAFT CCTV Code of Practice and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) as the governing framework for the operation of the CCTV system.
3. Authorises the General Manager to execute the MoU on behalf of Leeton Shire Council.

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

Cr. Boston Edwards recorded his vote against Item 8.2.4.

Cr. Stephen Tynan recorded his vote against Item 8.2.4.

Item 8.2.5. QUARTERLY REPORT AND MINUTES - WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

OCM 24/146

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 18 November 2024.

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

Item 8.2.6. QUARTERLY REPORT AND MINUTES - YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (YTIC)

OCM 24/147

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meetings held on 2 September 2024, 4 November 2024, 18 November 2024 and 2 December 2024.

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

Item 8.2.7. QUARTERLY REPORT - WHITTON TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

OCM 24/148

Resolved

THAT Council notes this report for information only.

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

Item 8.2.8. MINUTES - YANCO TOWN HALL AND MARKET COMMITTEE - MEETINGS HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024 & 9 DECEMBER 2024

OCM 24/149

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee meetings held on 11 November 2024 and 9 December 2024.

(Moved Cr. Michael Kidd, seconded Cr. Tracey Morris)

8.3. OPERATIONAL MATTERS

OCM 24/150

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 31 December 2024.

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

Item 8.3.2. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 6 MARCH 2025

OCM 24/151

Resolved

THAT Council notes the minutes for information and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on Thursday 6 March 2025.

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

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Council noted the Councillor activity reports that were submitted or provided verbally for the period between 26 February 2025 to 25 March 2025.

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There has been no further business, the meeting closed at 7:51pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
Tuesday 29 April 2025 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.