



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2021
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr. Paul Maytom (Emeritus Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Tony Reneker, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Tracey Morris and Cr. Michael Kidd

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Mandy Rogers (Group Manager Corporate), Tom Steele (Group Manager Operations), Andrew Reilly (Group Manager Shire Activation), Kerrie-Anne Hare (Executive Manager IPR Governance) and Antonio Aloisi (IT Systems Engineer)

Press: Nil

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** – Cr Sandra Nardi
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** – Mayor Cr Paul Maytom
3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

Committee of the Whole

21/130

Resolved

THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole to hear an address by LGNSW President Linda Scott and witness her presentation of the Emeritus Mayor certificate and lapel pin, and LGNSW medal and certificate for Exceptional Service, to Mayor Maytom.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Cr Scott thanked Mayor Cr Paul Maytom for his extensive service to local government over many years, acknowledging that he will not be standing at the next elections.

Resumption of Standing Orders

21/131

Resolved

Resumption of Standing Orders

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Davidson)

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 2021, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 22 October 2021, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr Michael Kidd declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in item 8.1 – MLHD Proposal Seeking Support in Recruitment Efforts.

The reason for the declaration is that Cr Kidd is an employee of MLHD, and he and his wife are participants in the promotion.

Having made the declaration, Cr Kidd advised of his intent to vacate the meeting, not participate in the debate and not vote on this matter.

6. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

President of Local Government NSW

7. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Cr Kidd left the meeting, the time being 7.22pm.

Item 8.1 MLHD PROPOSAL SEEKING SUPPORT IN RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

21/132

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the MLHD's campaign to recruit and retain clinical talent for Leeton Hospital.
2. Endorses Council's plans to offer initial settlement support to new recruits appointed to permanent or long-term contract positions.
3. Endorses the provision of a contribution of up to \$7,000 towards the production of a promotional video on Leeton on the understanding that the footage is fully available to Leeton Shire Council to use for its own promotional purposes.
4. Agrees to extend the incentive scheme for new doctors to Leeton to fully qualified Nurse Practitioners, to the value of \$3,000 for each Nurse Practitioner appointed on a permanent basis, up to a maximum of two appointments per annum.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Nardi)

Cr Kidd returned at 7.42pm

Item 8.2 MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE

21/133

Resolved

THAT Council appoints:

1. The Mayor and General Manager as its representatives, until revoked, to vote in Director Elections and at shareholder meetings of Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited (ABN 39 084 943 037).

2. The Deputy Mayor and Group Manager Corporate as its authorised representatives to execute the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited forms titled "Authority: Appointment of Body Corporate Representative" to give effect to the appointments under item 1, above.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

**Item 8.3 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT
FOR QUARTER 1, 2021/22**

21/134

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information Quarter 1 (July to September 2021) Progress Report on the implementation of the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program (2017–2022) and Operational Plan (2021/22).

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 8.4 QUARTERLY CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE REPORT - MAJOR PROJECTS

21/135

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Quarterly Capital Works Update Report for the period July to September 2021.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.5 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

21/136

Resolved

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for September 2021.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Item 8.6 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2021–2022

21/137

Resolved

THAT Council adopts the Leeton Shire Council Road Safety Action Plan for 2021–2022.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Smith)

ACTIVATION MATTERS

Item 8.7 MINUTES OF THE YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 9 AUGUST 2021

21/138

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021.

(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.8 MINUTES OF THE LIGHT UP LEETON COMMITTEE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2021

21/139

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Light Up Leeton Committee Annual General Meeting held on 5 August 2021.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.9 MINUTES OF THE WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

21/140

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

21/141

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Councillor Activity Reports for the period 22 September 2021 to 27 October 2021.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Weston)

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Note: Pursuant to Section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

21/142

Resolved

- 1 That Council moves into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- 2 That in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine items listed in Confidential Matters for the reasons indicated.
- 3 That the report relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by Section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 11.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law (Section 10A(2)e).

CLOSED COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Item 11.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

21/143

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes that the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 (together the Statements) have been compiled in accordance with:

- a. The *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder
 - b. The Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) and professional pronouncements
 - c. The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
2. Endorses the Statements as fairly presenting the Council's operating result and financial position for the year ended 30 June 2021 and that the Statements accord with Council's accounting and other records.
 3. States that it is not aware of any matter that would render the Statements false and misleading in any way.
 4. Endorses the referral of the Statements for audit in accordance with Section 413 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
 5. In accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* authorises the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required statements by Councillors and Management relating to the Statements.
 6. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to lodge the signed Statements and Audit Reports (as noted below) and Special Schedules with the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) and to put the Statements and Audit Reports and Special Schedule on public display upon receipt of the Audit Reports.
 7. Endorses the Internal Restrictions as at 30 June 2021 as detailed in **Attachment 1**.
 8. In anticipation of receiving the Audit Reports on 29 October 2021, sets the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 24 November 2021 as the meeting date that the Statements and Audit Reports and Special Schedules will be presented to the public for review and comment. Note: The meeting date must be at least 7 days after the date on which notice is given, but not more than 5 weeks after the Audit Reports are given to Council.

Note: The NSW Audit Office will provide the following reports (together the Audit Reports) by 29 October 2021, after approval of the Statements by Council:

- An opinion on the General Purpose Financial Statements
- A report on the conduct of the audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements
- An opinion on the Special Purpose Financial Statements.
- An opinion on Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

21/144

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 9.48pm.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council one resolution was passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Item 11.1.

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
24 Nov 2021 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.