



**LEETON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022  
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

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

**Staff:**

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Mandy Rogers (Group Manager Corporate),  
Tom Steele (Group Manager Operations), Tony Aloisi (IT Systems Engineer) and  
Kerrie-Anne Hare (Executive Manager IPR, Governance and Engagement).  
Andrew Reilly (Group Manager Shire Activation) attended for part of the meeting.

**Press:**

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

Nil

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

**22/023**

**Resolved**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 February 2022, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Maytom)**

#### **ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS**

THAT the following items, namely:

8.13. LGNSW DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE  
are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.

#### 5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Cr Smith declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.11 – Minutes of the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee Meeting – 13 December 2021, 14 February 2022 and 7 March 2022.

The reason for the declaration is that Cr Paul Smith, as President of the Leeton VRA Rescue Squad, presented to the Yanco Markets and Hall Committee about the donation discussed in the report.

#### 6. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

#### 7. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

##### **Item 1.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN**

**22/024**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs.

2. Agrees to support and participate in the Australian Local Government Association's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association to:
  - a. express support for ALGA's funding priorities
  - b. identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA
  - c. seek funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.
3. Requests that rural and regional health be added to the ALGA's advocacy agenda.

**(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)**

## **Item 2.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS**

**22/025**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council adds three new portfolios – Environment and Climate Change, Tourism and Yanco Agricultural Institute – and their portfolio leads Cr Weston, Cr Maytom and Cr Morris respectively, to the existing list of portfolios.

**(Moved Cr Reneker )**

## **8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS**

#### **Item 8.1 LEETON SHIRE'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2035**

**22/026**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council endorses the *Liveable Leeton 2035* Community Strategic Plan for public exhibition from 28 March 2022 to 25 April 2022.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)**

#### **Item 8.2 ADOPTION OF THE LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

**22/027**

### **Resolved**

THAT Council adopts the new Leeton Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)**

**Item 8.3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**22/028**

**Resolved**

THAT Council awards:

1. Brooke Buckley a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with representing Leeton in the under 15's netball team at the Netball NSW State Titles in Sydney from 11–13 June 2022.
2. Ava Robertson a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the 2022 NSW Public School Sports Association (PSSA) Swimming State Championships in Sydney from 4–5 April 2022.
3. Kian Henman a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the 2022 NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association (CHSSA) Swimming State Championships in Sydney from 30 March–1 April 2022.
4. Raith Henman a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the 2022 NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association (CHSSA) Swimming State Championships in Sydney from 30 March–1 April 2022.

**(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Kidd)**

**CORPORATE MATTERS**

**Item 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

**22/029**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for February 2022.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)**

**Item 8.5 ADOPTION OF THE LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRADE OF WATER ALLOCATION POLICY**

**22/030**

**Resolved**

THAT Council adopts the new Leeton Shire Council Temporary Trade of Water Allocation Policy.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccia)**

**Item 8.6 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL VARIATION**

**22/031**

**Resolved**

THAT Council resolves to apply for a permanent additional special variation (ASV) under section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, subject to Council approval of the 2022/23 Budget by Council for consultation on 27 April 2022, and notes that:

- Council will budget to receive additional income of \$101,367 if the special variation is approved
- The special variation is required as Council anticipates that the 2022/23 Budget “Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes” will be a loss, in line with the 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements
- Council has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community in 2022/23 if the special variation is approved and considers that it is reasonable.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Maytom)**

**OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**Item 8.7 LEETON GOLF COURSE UPDATE - 1 JULY 2021 TO 31 DEC 2021**

**22/032**

**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 2021 to 31 December 2021.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Morris)**

**Item 8.8 MINUTES OF THE LEETON LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
- 16 MARCH 2022**

**22/033**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the Minutes and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 March 2022.

**(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Holt)**

**Item 8.9 ENERGY MASTER PLAN - WATER AND WASTEWATER FUNDING CONTRIBUTION**

**22/034**

**Resolved**

THAT Council authorises expenditure of \$68,000 from the Water reserve and \$68,000 from the Wastewater reserve to enable the implementation of solar arrays across four facilities for water and wastewater.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)**

**ACTIVATION MATTERS**

**Item 8.10 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MIA CRUISERS INC**

**22/035**

**Resolved**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the use of an approximately 400m section of the Leeton Town Ovals carpark by MIA Cruisers Inc to host a "Show and Shine" event during the 2020 Leeton SunRice Festival from 8am to 11.30am on SunRice Street Parade Day.
2. Waives the Section 68 Approval Fee of \$75 to use the Leeton Town Ovals Complex for the MIA Cruisers Inc "Show and Shine" as part of the 2022 Leeton SunRice Festival.
3. Waives the Section 138 Road Opening Permit fee of \$65 to use the Leeton Town Ovals car park for the MIA Cruisers Inc "Show and Shine" as part of the 2022 Leeton SunRice Festival.
4. Waives the fee of 30c per square metre of parking space for an area of 369m x 19m totalling \$2,257.20 for hiring the car parking spaces for the MIA Cruisers Inc "Show and Shine" as part of the 2022 Leeton SunRice Festival.

**(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Kidd)**

Cr Paul Smith left the meeting, the time being 8.10pm.

**Item 8.11 MINUTES OF THE YANCO COMMUNITY HALL AND MARKET COMMITTEE MEETING - 13 DECEMBER 2021, 14 FEBRUARY 2022 AND 7 MARCH 2022**

**22/036**

**Resolved**

1. THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee meetings held on Monday 13

December 2021, Monday 14 February 2022 and Monday 7 March 2022.

2. THAT Council endorse the \$2000 donation being recommended by the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee to go to the Leeton Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) to be funded from the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee term deposit account.
3. THAT Council endorse the \$4000 donation being recommended by the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee to go to the Yanco Miniature Railway Club Inc to be funded from the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee term deposit account.
4. THAT Council waive fees and charges for the Yanco Community Australia Day celebrations, Anzac Day event, Yanco Lions Club and Yanco Public School relating to the hire of the Yanco Community Hall for Yanco community events.
5. THAT Council waive stallholder fees at the Yanco Village Market for the following groups: Yanco Lions Club, Yanco Public School, Gralee School, Leeton SunRice Ambassadors entrants, Leeton Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) and other local schools raising money for a charitable reason.
6. THAT Council waive the stallholder fees and charges and hire of tables for the following Yanco Village Market Committee volunteers: Hugh and Yvonne Milvain, Tony and Josie Baganti, Mary Stevenson, Mel Shephard and Pam Bonfield.

**(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Kidd)**

Cr Paul Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 8.13pm.

**Item 8.12 MINUTES OF THE YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
- 7 MARCH 2022**

**22/037**

**Resolved**

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 7 March 2022.

**(Moved Cr Maytom, seconded Cr Kidd)**

**LATE ITEM**

**22/038**

**Resolved**

THAT Council accept Item 8.13 LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference as a late item.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)**

**Item 8.13 LGNSW DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE**

**22/039**

**Resolved**

THAT Council approves the attendance of the Councillor Tourism Portfolio Lead at the LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference on 17, 18 and 19 May 2022 in Orange NSW.

**(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)**

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT**

**22/040**

**Resolved**

THAT Council notes the Councillor Activity Reports for the period 24 February 2022 to 23 March 2022.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Maytom)**

**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.

**22/041**

**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 Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)**

**Item 11.1 RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY PROPOSAL**

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (Section 10A(2)a).

The Mayor asked the councillors and gallery if there were any objections to Council going into Closed Session to consider the matters listed.

No objections were received.

Council closed its meeting at 8.30pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

**CLOSED COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Item 11.1 RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY PROPOSAL**

**22/042**

**Resolved**

THAT Council become a member of the Riverina Regional Library, effective from 1 July 2022 for a period of 4\* years, and that a Councillor be appointed to the Riverina Library Board.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)**

Cr Ciccia voted against the motion.

\* NOTE: The resolution initially read 3 years but was updated at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 April to reflect the standard terms for joining Riverina Regional Library.

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**22/043**

**Resolved**

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 9.02pm.

**(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Smith)**

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

## **12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

..... signed by  
the Chairman of the meeting held on  
27 Apr 2022 at which meeting the  
signature hereon was subscribed.