



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 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 Ciccia, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Tracey Morris and Cr. Matt Holt (via videoconference).

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 Engagement), Tony Aloisi (IT Systems Engineer)

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** - Cr Paul Smith
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** - Mayor Cr Tony Reneker
3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Matt Holt was an apology for lateness.

Cr Krystal Maytom jointed the meeting at 7.02pm.

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

22/070

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccia)

5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mayor Cr Tony Reneker disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.5 Round Two of the 2021/22 Community Strengthening Grants Program Allocations as he is the vice-Chair of Leeton Connect Inc. Mayor Reneker elected to leave the Chambers when the allocation for Leeton Connect was being considered.

Cr Krystal Maytom disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8.5 Round Two of the 2021/22 Community Strengthening Grants Program Allocations as she is on the Committee for the Leeton Jumpstart Fund. Cr Maytom elected to leave the Chambers when the allocation for Jumpstart was being considered.

6. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Nil

7. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

8. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1 LEETON SHIRE'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN: LIVEABLE LEETON 2035

22/071

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the *Liveable Leeton 2035* Community Strategic Plan.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Maytom)

Item 8.2 POLICY REVIEW 2022

22/072

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the following draft policies for public exhibition for 28 days, and, if no feedback is received, the policies will be considered adopted after the exhibition period:

- Busking Policy
- Development Application Objections Policy
- Enforcement Policy
- Vandalism and Graffiti Management Policy
- Smoke Free Outdoor Areas Policy
- Cemetery Policy
- Parks, Playgrounds and Recreational Facilities Maintenance Management Policy
- Tree Management Policy, noting that for every tree removed at least two will be planted in replacement and that the policy will be duly updated.
- Grants Policy, noting that following acquittal Council may require a presentation on the way in which grant funds have been used and that the policy will be duly updated.
- Volunteering Policy
- Investments Policy
- Financial Hardship Policy
- Debt Recovery Policy
- Pensioner Concessions Policy

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 8.3 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL INFORMATION GUIDE 2022

22/073

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the revised Leeton Shire Council Information Guide.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 8.4 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT
FOR QUARTER 3 - 2021/22**

22/074

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan Quarter 3 Progress Report (January to March 2022).

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

Cr Krystal Maytom left the meeting, the time being 07:35 PM
Mayor Cr Reneker left the meeting, the time being 7.37PM and Deputy Mayor Michael Kidd took the Chair

**Item 8.5 ROUND TWO OF THE 2021/22 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS
PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS**

Community Grant Allocation to Leeton Jumpstart Fund

22/075

Resolved

THAT Council approves an allocation of \$1,924.78 to the Leeton Jumpstart Fund under Round Two of the 2021/22 Community Strengthening Grants program:

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

Cr Maytom returned to the meeting at 7.37pm.

Community Grant Allocation to Leeton Connect Inc

22/076

Resolved

THAT Council approves an allocation of \$2,000 to Leeton Connect Inc under Round Two of the 2021/22 Community Strengthening Grants program.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

Mayor Reneker returned to the meeting at 7.38pm and resumed as Chair.

Community Grant Allocations

22/077

Resolved

THAT Council approves the following applications for assistance under Round Two of the 2021/22 Community Strengthening Grants program:

Creative Connection Riverina	\$1,600.00
Leeton Athletic Club Inc	\$2,000.00
Leeton CanAssist	\$1,500.00
Leeton Show Society	\$2,000.00
Rapid Relief Team Ltd	\$2,000.00
Yanco Wamoon Rugby League Football Club	\$1,500.00

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 8.6 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

22/078

Resolved

THAT Council awards:

1. Ruby Miller a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the NSWCHS Netball State Championships, as an umpire, in Sydney from 31 May – 2 June 2022.
2. Wesley Wate a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the 2022 NSWPSA Boys Open Rugby League State Championships in Kiama from 21–23 June 2022.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)

CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 8.7 2021/22 BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

22/079

Resolved

THAT Council considers the QBR as at 31 March 2021, and approves the changes as recommended by Management.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 8.8 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR APRIL 2022

22/080

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.9 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - RESERVE 93647

22/081

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Attests that it has considered Native Title Manager advice in relation to the Draft Plan of Management for Reserve 93647.
2. Requests approval from the Minister Administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* to approve the annexed Draft Plan of Management for Reserve 85835.
3. Upon approval from the Minister Administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, Council amends the Draft Plan of Management if required by the Minister and places it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Maytom)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

**Item 8.10 MINUTES OF THE LEETON LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- 18 MAY 2022**

22/082

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Minutes and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on 18 May 2022.

(Moved Cr Maytom, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.11 SUPPORT WITH STADIUM HIRE FEES -SAMOAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

22/083

Resolved

THAT Council awards Labour Solutions Australia a Quick Response Grant of up to \$1755 to assist in holding a Samoan Independence Day celebration and associated activities.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

ACTIVATION MATTERS

Item 8.12 MINUTES OF THE SUNRICE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE - POST EVENT DEBRIEF MEETING

22/084

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Leeton SunRice Festival Committee post-event debrief meeting held on 28 April 2022.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Maytom)

Item 8.13 MINUTES OF THE WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 28 MARCH 2022

22/085

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 8.14 MINUTES OF THE YANCO COMMUNITY HALL AND MARKET COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022

22/086

Resolved

1. THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Community Hall and Market Committee meeting held on Monday 11 April 2022.

(Moved Cr Maytom, seconded Cr Smith)

Meeting Adjournment

22/087

Resolved

THAT Council adjourn the meeting to hear the Councillor Activity report.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Ciccia)

The meeting adjourned, the time being 8pm.

Meeting Resumption

22/088

Resolved

THAT Council resume the meeting.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

The meeting resumed, the time being 8.23pm.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. 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.

22/089

Resolved

- 1 THAT Council moves into Closed Council to consider the business identified.
- 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 Smith, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 10.1 WAMOON SEWERAGE SCHEME TENDER

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)c).

Item 10.2 WAMOON AVENUE KERB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION TENDER

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)c).

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

No objections were received from the Gallery.

Council closed its meeting at 8.26pm and the public left the Chambers.

CLOSED COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Item 10.1 WAMOON SEWERAGE SCHEME TENDER

22/090

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Formally rejects all tenders received for the Wamoon Sewerage Scheme.
2. Does not invite fresh tenders, as all tenders received complied to the requirements and provided confidence that project outcomes are feasible and can be successfully delivered.
3. Determines to enter into negotiations with the preferred supplier H2H Plumbing Pty Ltd based on their original submission.
4. Authorises the General Manager to enter into negotiations with a view to entering a contract for the construction of the Wamoon Sewerage Scheme in accordance with Section 178.3 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 10.2 WAMOON AVENUE KERB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION TENDER

22/091

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Formally rejects all tenders received for the Wamoon Avenue Kerb and Gutter construction – LSC2022-149, and
2. Invites fresh tenders based on different details being a revised scope of work.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

22/092

Resolved

THAT this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 9.10pm.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Morris)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council resolutions were passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Items

11. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

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