



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2024
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM
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. George Weston.

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Avtar Singh (Director Corporate / CFO), Michelle Evans (Director Economic and Community Development), Tracy Pearce-Brambley (Executive Manager People and Culture), Sarah Graham (Manager Governance, Corporate and Customer Service), Gideon Vos (Roxy Project Manager), Emma Di Muzio (Manager Cultural Services), Brent Lawrence (Manager Business Services) and Melissa Seymour (Executive Assistant to General Manager and Mayor).

Press: Nil

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1. CIVIC PRAYER Cr. Ciccia

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Mayor Cr. Reneker

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

24/095

Resolved

Cr. Holt for an apology

Cr. Maytom apology for lateness, arrived at 6:25pm

Cr. Nardi apology for lateness, arrived at 6:55pm

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Smith)

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

24/096

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 July 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Maytom)

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr. Weston disclosed a significant pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 7.2 Roxy Community Theatre – Stage 1 – Build and Budget Report as Cr. Weston's company "Weston and Weston" has been engaged as a contractor for the Roxy Redevelopment Project. Cr. Weston elected to leave the Chambers when the Roxy Build Project report was being considered.

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - STATUS OF LEETON SHIRE SPORTING WALK OF FAME

24/097

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the status report of The Leeton Shire Sporting Walk of Fame and endorses the value of the project including encouraging future financial support for the event when consideration is made to adding more athletes in years to come.

(Moved Cr. Reneker)

Procedural Motion - Move into Committee of the Whole

24/098

Resolved

THAT Council move to go into Committee of the Whole at 6:02 PM.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Weston)

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Public representations commenced at 6:02 PM

The following person addressed Council on Item 7.1:

- Ms. Aanya Whitehead (Executive Director, Western Riverina Arts)

Then the following representatives from Leeton Shire Council's Youth Council addressed Council on the Roxy Community Theatre:

- Chelsea Van Ree, Daniel Bridge, and Thiviya Manoharan (St Francis De Sales College), and
- Kipling Doyle and Summer Dixon (Yanco Agricultural High School).

Public representations concluded at 6:25 PM

Procedural Motion - Moved out of Committee of the Whole

24/099

Resolved

THAT Council moved to go out of Committee of the Whole and into full Council at 6:29 PM.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Smith)

Cr. Maytom joined the meeting, time being 6:27 PM

Manager Cultural Services, left the meeting, the time being 6:30 PM

7. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 7.1 WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS ANNUAL REPORT

24/100

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Western Riverina Arts (WRA) 2023 Annual Report.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Kidd)

Cr. Weston left the meeting, the time being 6:37 PM

Item 7.2 ROXY COMMUNITY THEATRE - BUILD AND BUDGET UPDATE - AUGUST 2024

24/101

Resolved

THAT Council receives the update on the Roxy build project.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Morris)

Cr. Weston returned to the meeting, the time being 6:44 PM

Roxy Project Manager, left the meeting, the time being 6:45pm

Item 7.3 MINUTES OF COUNTRY MAYORS MEETING - 10 MAY 2024

24/102

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Country Mayors Association meeting held on Friday 10 May 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Maytom)

Cr. Nardi joined the meeting, time being 6:55 PM

Item 7.4 MINUTES OF RAMJO MEETING - 17 MAY 2024

24/103

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the RAMJO meeting held on Friday 17 May 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Maytom)

CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 7.5 MINUTES AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2024

24/104

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes for information the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2024.
2. Notes for information the Chairman's Report to the Mayor and Councillors from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2024.

(Moved Cr. Morris, seconded Cr. Kidd)

Item 7.6 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR JULY 2024

24/105

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Morris)

Item 7.7 POLICY REVIEW - AUGUST 2024

24/106

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the revised DRAFT Community Grants Program Guidelines for public exhibition for 28 days and, if no substantive feedback is received, the guidelines will be considered adopted.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr .Nardi)

Item 7.8 MINUTES OF THE YANCO COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE - MEETING - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 8 JULY 2024

24/107

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Yanco Community Hall Committee meeting and annual general meeting held on Monday 8 July 2024.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Ciccia)

Item 7.9 MINUTES OF THE YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 1 JULY 2024 AND 5 AUGUST 2024

24/108

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meetings held on Monday 1 July 2024 and Monday 5 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Morris)

Item 7.10 MINUTES OF THE FIVEBOUGH AND TUCKERBIL WETLANDS (FTWAC) COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023/24 FY

24/109

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Fivebough Tuckerbil Wetlands Advisory Committee (FTWAC) meetings that were held within the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Kidd)

**Item 7.11 MINUTES OF THE WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING - MONDAY 24 JUNE 2024**

24/110

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 24 June 2024.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Weston)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Item 7.12 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE REPORT - MAJOR PROJECTS - AUGUST 2024

24/111

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Quarterly Capital Works Update Report – Major Projects as of the 7 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Weston)

Item 7.13 LEETON GOLF COURSE UPDATE 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

24/112

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 2023 to 30 June 2024.

(Moved Cr. Maytom, seconded Cr. Smith)

Item 7.14 MINUTES OF THE BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

24/113

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Bush Fire Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19 September 2023.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Kidd)

**Item 7.15 MINUTES OF THE LEETON LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- 14 AUGUST 2024**

24/114

Resolved

THAT Council notes the minutes for information and endorses the recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Ciccia, seconded Cr. Weston)

Item 7.16 MINUTES OF THE LEETON TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 8 AUGUST 2024

24/115

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Leeton Tree Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Maytom)

Item 7.17 MINUTES INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP - 7 FEBRUARY 2024

24/116

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Infrastructure Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2024.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Morris)

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Item 7.18 MINUTES OF THE SUNRICE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE - NOV 2023 TO JUN 2024

24/117

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the minutes of the Leeton SunRice Festival Committee meetings held on 16 November 2023, 21 December 2023, 18 January 2024, 1 February 2024, 15 February 2024, 7 March 2024, 14 March 2024, 11 April 2024 and 6 June 2024.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Maytom)

Item 7.19 2024 SUNRICE FESTIVAL EVENT - POST EVENT REPORT

24/118

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the post event report of the 2024 Leeton SunRice Festival Committee.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Smith)

Item 7.20 2024 ART DECO FESTIVAL EVENT - POST EVENT REPORT

24/119

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the 2024 Australian Art Deco Festival – Leeton post event report and notes that the 2025 event date has been scheduled to be held on the 11 to 13 July 2025.

(Moved Cr. Maytom, seconded Cr. Kidd)

Item 7.21 MINUTES OF THE LIGHT UP LEETON COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 2023 TO JULY 2024

24/120

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the minutes of the Light Up Leeton Committee meetings held on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 November, 14 December 2023 and 18 January 2024 and the minutes of the annual general meeting held 04 July 2024.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Kidd)

Item 7.22 MINUTES JOINT AIRPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (NARRANDERA AND LEETON COUNCILS)

24/121

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the Minutes of the Narrandera - Leeton Airport Management Committee Meeting of 23 October 2023 and 25 March 2024.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Nardi)

PEOPLE AND CULTURE MATTERS

Item 7.23 CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS 2024/2025

24/122

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Approves Council's Depot, Administration Office, Library and Visitor Information Centre (VIC) be closed to the public for the Christmas/New Year period from close of business on Friday 20 December 2024 and re-open on Monday 6 January 2025 and that staff not required for other duties be required to take annual leave or other authorised leave for the seven (7) days which are not public holidays during the closure period.
2. Notes that the Leeton Museum and Gallery (LMAG) will remain open from 10:00am to 3:00pm on all holiday period days that are not public holidays, staffed by officers with minimal leave, volunteers and/or casuals.
3. Notes during the Christmas/New Year period signage stating that the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is temporarily operating from the Leeton Museum and Gallery (LMAG) will be prominently displayed for customer information.
4. Notes that a skeleton team will remain on duty over the holiday for water and sewer treatment, parks and gardens, landfill, swimming pools, cemetery, ranger services and on-call services.

5. Notes that Leeton Early Learning Centre and Vacation Care will close from close of business on Thursday 19 December 2024 and re-open on Tuesday 7 January 2025.
6. Notes that extensive pre-Christmas publicity be undertaken outlining the changes to Council's operations over the Christmas/New Year Period.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Smith)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Item 9.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

24/123

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Councillor activity reports submitted for the period between 25 July 2024 to 28 August 2024.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Smith)

10. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:03 pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
23 Oct 2024 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.