



# **Minutes**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**held in the Council Chambers**

**John Street, Coonabarabran**

**on Thursday, 19 May 2022**

**commencing at 5:08 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cr A Doolan (Chairperson), Cr A Iannuzzi, Cr K Brady, Cr D Hogden, Cr Z Holcombe, Cr C Kopke, Cr J Newton, Cr K Rindfleish and Cr D Todd (videolink).

**In attendance:** General Manager (Roger Bailey), Director Technical Services (Gary Murphy), Director Environment and Development Services (Leeanne Ryan) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Erin Player – Minutes).

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Cr Hogden acknowledged the Gomeroi people, the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting is held and paid respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Gomeroi Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present.

### **Recording of Meeting**

The Mayor announced that the meeting was being streamed live plus audio recorded, and that the audio recording will be published.

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

**282/2122 RESOLVED** that Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 April 2022.

**MOVED:** Councillor Brady

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

### **The Mayor called for Disclosure of Interests**

Cr Newton declared a less than significant conflict of interest in Item 22 Community Events Program – May 2022 due to being involved in organising the event Wings n Things.

Cr Holcombe declared a pecuniary interest in Item 22 Community Events Program – May 2022 due to being the Secretary of the Coonabarabran Golf Club and recommended recipient of funding.

Cr Doolan declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9 Coinda Coonabarabran Water and Trade Waste Charges due to being a Director of Coinda in relevant period.

Cr Doolan declared a pecuniary interest in Item 22 Community Events Program – May 2022 due to his daughter being the Treasurer for the Coonabarabran Jockey Club who is a recommended recipient of the funding.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hogden

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 1 Mayoral Minute – Mayors Log of Activity, Kilometres Travelled and Expenses from 8 April 2022 to 10 May 2022**

**283/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the report on the Mayor's Activity and Log of Kilometres Travelled for the period 8 April 2022 to 10 May 2022.
2. Notes the report on the Mayor's credit card expenses between 8 April 2022 and 6 May 2022 and approves the payment of expenses totalling \$449.24.

**MOVED:** Councillor Doolan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

For – Unanimous

**Item 2 Councillors' Monthly Travel Claims**

**284/2122 RESOLVED** that the Councillors' monthly travel claims report in the amount of \$1,563.90 is noted.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 3 Delegates Report – Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Committee Meeting – 3 May 2022**

**285/2122 RESOLVED** that Council note the Delegate's Report in relation to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Committee Meeting held in Lightning Ridge on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 4 Delegates Report – Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Meeting – 10 May 2022**

**286/2122 RESOLVED** that Council note the Delegate's Report in relation to the Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Meeting held in Coonabarabran on Tuesday 10 May 2022.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 5 Minutes of Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting – 5 May 2022**

**287/2122 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 5 May 2022 are noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 6 Community Consultation Meetings**

**288/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Endorse the draft Minutes from the 7 Community Consultation Meetings held in March and April 2022 for Round 2 2021/2022.
2. Release the Minutes from the Community Consultation Meetings held in March and April 2022 for Round 2 2021/2022 to meeting attendees and on Council's website.
3. Hold Round 1 of the Community Consultation Meetings 2022/2023 in October and November 2022.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hogden

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 7 2022 ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government**

**289/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes that the Mayor is to attend the 2022 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra from 19 – 22 June 2022.
2. Authorises the Mayor to appoint one councillor to attend the National General Assembly.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hogden

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 8 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference**

**290/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Note the report on the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held in the Hunter Valley from 23 October 2022 to Tuesday 25 October 2022.
2. Call for draft motions from councilors for the conference.
3. Consider motions and Councillor attendees at the August 2022 Council meeting.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

For – Unanimous

**5.25pm**

**Cr Doolan left the meeting due to declaring an interest in item 9.**

**Item 9 Cooinda Coonabarabran Water and Trade Waste Charges**

**291/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Not accede to Cooinda Coonabarabran's request to waive water charges.
2. Agrees to enter into a payment plan with Cooinda Coonabarabran ending 30 June 2023 with no interest being applied during that time.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**292/2122 RESOLVED** that Council defer consideration of the request by Cooinda Coonabarabran for the waiving of liquid trade waste charges and that a report be provided to Council in relation to other businesses that have been impacted by liquid waste charges.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**5.57pm**

**Cr Doolan returned to the meeting.**

**Item 10 Council Resolutions Report**

**293/2122 RESOLVED** that the Council Resolution Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 11 Revotes and High Value Projects Report**

**294/2122 RESOLVED** that the Revote and High Value Projects Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 12 Draft Operational Plan 2022/23 and Delivery Program 2022/23-2025/26**

**MOTION**

That Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2022/23 including the Delivery Program 2022/23-2025/26 and the Revenue Policy as placed on Public Exhibition.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

On being PUT the MOTION was LOST

For (1) – Cr Todd

Against (8) – Cr Doolan, Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Brady, Cr Holcombe, Cr Kopke, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Hogden and Cr Newton

**295/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Endorses the draft Operational Plan 2022/23 including the Delivery Program 2022/23-2025/26 and the Revenue Policy as placed on Public Exhibition with the inclusion in the Revenue Policy of a 50% discounted rate for swimming pool charges for holders of a seniors card.
2. Thank those who have made submissions and contributions.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 13 Delivery Program Progress Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021/22**

**296/2122 RESOLVED** that Council endorses the Delivery Program Progress Report for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 14 Draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2037**

**297/2122 RESOLVED** that Council endorses the draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2037.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 15 Community Engagement Strategy**

**298/2122 RESOLVED** that Council adopts the *Community Engagement Strategy 2022-2026*.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 16 Community Development Coordinator Program – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**299/2122 RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Memorandum of Understanding for the Community Development Coordinator Program and enter into the arrangements with each of the local Development Groups and Progress Associations for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 17 Investments and Term Deposits – month ending 30 April 2022**

**300/2122 RESOLVED** that Council accept the Investments Report for the month ending 30 April 2022 including a total balance of \$25,056,176.55 being:

- \$2,327,478.77 in at call accounts.
- \$22,000,000.00 in term deposits.
- \$728,697.78 cash at bank.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

For – Unanimous

**Item 18 Robertson Oval Advisory Committee**

**301/2122 RESOLVED** that the late nomination for membership of the Robertson Oval Advisory Committee from Mr Chris Sullivan be accepted.

**MOVED:** Councillor Brady

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 19 Coonabarabran Groundwater Pipeline – Project Contract Completion Report**

**302/2122 RESOLVED** that Council note the completion of the Coonabarabran Groundwater Pipeline Project Contract with Chiverton Estate P/L trading as Thompson Irrifab.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 20 Baradine Water Treatment Plant**

**303/2122 RESOLVED** that Council write to Dept of Planning and Environment - Land and Asset Management requesting that Council be appointed Crown Land Manager for R80252 for Water Supply at Baradine.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

For – Unanimous

**Item 21 Inland Rail Update Report – May 2022**

**304/2122 RESOLVED** that Council notes the information in the Inland Rail Update Report.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**6.30pm**

**Cr Doolan and Cr Holcombe left the room due to declaring an interest in item 22.**

**Item 22 Community Events Program – May 2022**

**305/2122 RESOLVED** that the:

1. EDT Committee workshop priorities for the funding with a recommendation to the Mayor.
2. Mayor be delegated to make a final decision on the events for the funding.

**MOVED:** Councillor Brady

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**6.44pm**

**Cr Doolan and Cr Holcombe returned to the meeting.**

**Item 23 Combustible External Cladding**

**306/2122 RESOLVED** that Council notes the information provided on Combustible External Cladding.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 24 Planning Proposals – LEP Review and Reclassification of Land**

**307/2122 RESOLVED** that:

1. The list of nominated Heritage Items listed in Table 6 of the *Warrumbungle Community Based Heritage Study* be added into the LEP Review Planning Proposal.
2. Council prepare a Planning Proposal to reclassify the Council owned land outlined in Table 1 from Community to Operational for the purposes outlined in Table 1.
3. The General Manager, in consultation with the Mayor is delegated, to place the Planning Proposals on public exhibition and to hold a public hearing for the reclassification of land Planning Proposal.
4. Council not accept plan making delegations for the LEP Review Planning Proposal and the Reclassification of Land Planning Proposal and seek this to be completed by Department of Planning and Environment.
5. A report be prepared on the submissions received to the exhibition of the Planning Proposals.

**MOVED:** Councillor Brady

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 25 Development Applications**

**308/2122 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Applications and Certificates approved during April 2022, under Delegated Authority.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hogden

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady



For – Unanimous

**Item 26 Notice of Motion – Review Council Services and Infrastructure**

**309/2122 RESOLVED** that Council review services and infrastructure due to higher usage of public facilities e.g. cleaning of toilets, servicing of public areas within the Council budget.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rindfleish

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 27 Notice of Motion – Technology**

**310/2122 RESOLVED** that Council identify IT upgrades to support an effective up to date website development for Warrumbungle's Shire. Do not get left behind on technology. A report back to Councillors on the above.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rindfleish

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 28 Reports to be Considered in Closed Council**

**311/2122 RESOLVED** that:

**1. Item 28.1 Human Resources Monthly Report**

That the Human Resources Monthly Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**2. Item 28.2 Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Information Report**

That the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Information Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

**3. Item 28.3 Request for Write-Off of Rates and Charges**

That the Request for Write off of Rates and Charges Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

**MOVED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

The General Manager offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representation as to whether any part of the aforementioned items should not be considered in Closed Council.

There was no response from the public.

**312/2122 RESOLVED** that:

1. Council go into Closed Council to consider business relating to confidential information.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of Section 10A(2) as outlined above.
3. The correspondence and reports 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* (NSW).

**MOVED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**6.55 pm**  
**Closed Council**

**Item 28.1 Human Resources Monthly Report – April 2022**

**313/2122 RESOLVED** that the Organisation Development Monthly Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 28.2 Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Information Report**

**314/2122 RESOLVED** that Council note the advice and endorse the actions as outlined in the report in relation to the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Project.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 28.3 Request for Write-Off of Rates & Charges – Assessment Number 10041101**

**315/2122 RESOLVED** that, subject to satisfactory payment arrangements, Council waive interest on Assessment Number 10041101 for the period 5 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**316/2122 RESOLVED** that Council return to Open Council.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**7.07 pm**  
**Open Council**

**The resolutions of Closed Council were announced to the meeting by the General Manager.**

The Mayor acknowledged the sad passing of several community members Bob Fenwick and Barbara Young as well as ex councillors Fred Clancy and Wolfgang Bredereck.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**