



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

21 May 2019

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019 AT 2PM**

The Mayor declared the meeting opened at **2.02pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Media and Members of the Gallery.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present

2 HOUSE KEEPING

Advice provided of Council's Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Evacuation Plan and location of the Amenities.

3 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

Advice provided to those present, of the legislative requirement for Disclosure of Political Donations:

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 147 requires a person submitting planning applications or submissions regarding a planning application, to disclose any reportable political donation and/or gifts to any local Councillor or employee of Council. Reportable political donations include those of, or above, \$1,000. The Disclosure Statement forms are available on Councils website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

There were no Disclosure of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.

4 PRESENT

Cr Neville Kschenka, Cr David Fahey OAM, Cr Narelle Payne, Cr Kevin Morris, Cr Tracey Lewis, Cr Wesley Hall, Cr Barbara Bryon, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

In Attendance

George Cowan (General Manager), Julian Geddes (Deputy General Manager Infrastructure), Martin Hiscox (Deputy General Manager Corporate & Community), Edwina Foley (Communications Officer) and Vicki Maher (Minute Taker)

5 APOLOGIES**RESOLUTION 19/077**

Moved: Cr David Fahey OAM

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That the apology from Cr Tammy Galvin be received and accepted.

CARRIED

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr David Fahey OAM declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.1 under the Local Government Act as In-Laws own affected property and will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Cr David Fahey OAM declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 19.1 under the Local Government Act as Full member of Golf Club and will remain and take part in discussion and voting.

Cr Wesley Hall declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 19.1 under the Local Government Act as External Accountant for Narrandera Golf Club and will remain and take part in discussion and voting.

Mr George Cowan General Manager declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 19.1 under the Local Government Act as Full member of the Golf Club and will remain and take part in discussion.

Cr Wesley Hall declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 24.1 under the Local Government Act as Ratepayers are Once-a-year clients of my accountancy practice and will remain and take part in discussion and voting.

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Nil

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 19/078

Moved: Cr Wesley Hall

Seconded: Cr David Fahey OAM

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

9 PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF AND CONTRACTORS

9.1 RELATED PARTIES DISCLOSURES

PRESENTATION

Council’s Acting Finance Manager; Rebecca Best, provided Councillors with a brief update on the Annual Financial Reporting Obligations AASB124 – Related Party Disclosures.

Forms have been distributed to all Councillors to be completed and returned to Finance Department by or at the 18 June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 19/079

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Barbara Bryon

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

MOTION

RESOLUTION 19/080

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council endorse the inclusion of the “Water Resource Efficiency and Recycled Water Affordability” report to be considered in the Agenda as Item 19.1.

CARRIED

10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 19/081

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

11 MAYORAL REPORT

11.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY INCREASE

RESOLUTION 19/082

Moved: Cr Neville Kschenka

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council notes:

- (a) That last December, the NSW Government enacted laws to provide better workers compensation coverage for firefighters who are diagnosed with one of twelve specific work-related cancers.
 - (b) That in many areas of NSW, fire services are made up of elected and staff members of local government, and that local governments strongly support this expanded workers compensation scheme.
 - (c) That as a result of these changes, the State Government has decided to implement the new scheme by charging local governments an increased Emergency Services Levy, without consultation.
 - (d) That the expected increase in costs to local governments will be \$19m in the first year alone, and that there is little or no time to enshrine this charge in Council's 2019/2020 budgets.
 - (e) That Local Government NSW has long advocated for the Emergency Services Levy to be significantly modified to ensure it is transparent, equitable and accountable.
2. That this Council supports Local Government NSW's calls for:
 - (a) The NSW Government to cover the initial additional \$19m increase to local governments for the first year and,
 - (b) The NSW Government to work with NSW local governments to redesign the funding mechanism for the scheme to ensure fairness into the future.
 3. Requests that the General Manager liaise with Local Government NSW to provide information on:
 - (a) The impact on council budgets and
 - (b) Council advocacy actions undertaken.
 4. Requests that the Mayor

- (a) Write to the NSW Premier and NSW Interim Opposition Leader, NSW Minister for Customer Services, NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Local Government and Shadow Minister for Local Government, and local state member/s to:
- (i) Call upon the NSW Government to fund the 12 months of this extra cost rather than requiring councils to find the funds at short notice when budgets have already been allocated.
 - (ii) Explain how this sudden increase will impact council services / the local community.
 - (iii) Highlight that councils were not warned of the increased cost until May 2019, despite the new laws being passed in November 2018.
 - (iv) Explain that the poor planning and implementation of the increase is inconsistent with the Government's commitment to work in partnership with the sector.
 - (v) Ask the Government to work with local governments to redesign the implementation of the scheme to ensure it is fairer for councils and communities into the future.
- (b) Copy the above letter to Local Government NSW.

CARRIED

11.2 MAYORAL REPORT MAY 2019

RESOLUTION 19/083

Moved: Cr Neville Kschenka

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Report for April/May 2019 with the amendment that Cr Clarke was not at the GM Review but Cr Bryon.

CARRIED

At 2:16 pm, Cr David Fahey OAM, after earlier declaring an Interest in Item 12.1, vacated the Chambers during discussions and voting on the matter.

12 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

12.1 RESCISSION MOTION - VOLUNTARY PURCHASE

RESOLUTION 19/084

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Barbara Bryon

That Council Rescind Motion 19.2 Part c) Measure 11 of the Review of Narrandera Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan passed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 19

March 2019.

CARRIED

At 2:19 pm, Cr David Fahey OAM returned to the meeting.

12.2 RESCISSION MOTION - NARRANDERA TOWN SIGNS – GATEWAY SIGNS

RESOLUTION 19/085

Moved: Cr Barbara Bryon

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council Rescind Motion 19/056 Item 18.3 Narrandera Town Signs – Gateway Signs passed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 April 2019;

That Council:

1. Considers the attached designs, as amended and selects one design for application to the construction of 4 signs sized 3mx 1.8m each for erection at prominent gateway locations on the 4 main entry routes to Narrandera, supported by landscaped surrounds and flanking poles and banners for each sign.
Council endorsed Option on Page 91 Darker Orange, Koala up tree, add outline and block to Lizard, Narrandera to be reflective.
2. Locations for the signs to capture all incoming traffic on the entrance to town on the Newell Highway, (Narrandera side of Gillenbah where the existing tree sign is located), Newell Highway Northern approach, Irrigation Way (Narrandera side of Canal Bridge), Barellan Road town side of Red Hill Industrial Estate (at the location of the existing small sign).
3. Council to seek RMS approval for low level directional signage at the Newell Sturt intersection for Narrandera.
4. Incorporate Solar Lights within each signs landscaping at the cost of \$750+GST per sign.
5. Landscaping be designed to reflect the themes established by the design of the Cemetery and Lake Talbot Pool Complex entrances.

CARRIED

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - NARRANDERA TOWN SIGNS - GATEWAY SIGNS

RESOLUTION 19/086

Moved: Cr Barbara Bryon

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Considers the attached designs, as amended and selects one design for application to the construction of six (6) signs sized 3mx 1.8m each for erection at prominent gateway locations on the six (6) main entry routes to Narrandera, supported by landscaped surrounds and flanking poles and banners for each sign.
[As per Council's original motion endorsed 16 April, Option on Page 91 Darker Orange, Koala up tree, add outline and block to Lizard, Narrandera to be reflective]
2. Sign placements on all entrance roads to Narrandera at the appropriate distance out of town *before* travellers are actually *in* town, giving them time to decide to detour.
 - Sign 1 - Newell Highway - Morundah side of Gillenbah
 - Sign 2 - Newell Highway – Grong Grong side of Narrandera
 - Sign 3 - Sturt Highway - Hay side of Gillenbah
 - Sign 4 - Sturt Highway - Wagga side of Gillenbah
 - Sign 5 - Irrigation Way - Leeton Road
 - Sign 6 - Barellan Road - Barellan side of Red Hill Industrial Estate entrance.
3. Approve the removal of the existing Narrandera town signs.
4. Council to seek RMS approval for the installation of the new signs and the low level directional signage at the Newell Sturt intersection for Narrandera.
5. Incorporate Solar Lights within each signs landscaping at the cost of \$750+GST per sign.
6. Investigate landscaping to reflect the themes established by the design of the Narrandera Cemetery and Lake Talbot Water Park entrances.

CARRIED

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - INFORMATION FORUM FOR COUNCIL ELECTION

RESOLUTION 19/087

Moved: Cr Barbara Bryon

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Early in the coming financial year initiate the process of organising a Forum for those in our community who may be interested in standing for council election, to become aware of what is involved in being an elected councillor.
2. That this early Forum be followed by a workshop closer to the actual election next year.

CARRIED

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - HENRY MATHIESON OVAL

RESOLUTION 19/088

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Wesley Hall

That Council review the Masterplan for Henry Mathieson Oval (HMO) following consultation with all users.

CARRIED

14 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 MINUTES - NARRANDERA - LEETON SHIRE COUNCILS JOINT AIRPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 9 APRIL 2019

RESOLUTION 19/089

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr David Fahey OAM

1. That the Minutes of the Narrandera - Leeton Shire Councils Joint Airport Management Committee held on Tuesday 9 April 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED

16 OUR COMMUNITY

Nil

17 OUR ENVIRONMENT

Nil

18 OUR ECONOMY

Nil

19 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

19.1 WATER RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND RECYCLED WATER AFFORDABILITY

RESOLUTION 19/090

Moved: Cr David Fahey OAM

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receive and note the late report.
2. Approve the subsidised recycled water rate for the Narrandera Golf Course of \$0.15/kL for 200,000 kL in the 2019/20 financial year.

3. Waive the recycled water 100mm access charge for the 2019/20 financial year.
4. Waive the recycled water 100mm connection charge.

CARRIED

20 OUR CIVIC LEADERSHIP

20.1 2018-2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM - 31 MARCH 2019 QUARTERLY REVIEW

RESOLUTION 19/091

Moved: Cr Wesley Hall

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Endorse the 2018-2022 Delivery Program quarterly review dated 31 March 2019 as presented and publish the report to the community.

CARRIED

20.2 CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLUTION 19/092

Moved: Cr Wesley Hall

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

- (a) Adopt the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.
 - (i) Notes Circular 18-44 information about the new Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

20.3 NEW COMMERCIAL LEASE - 4-6 TWYNAM STREET, NARRANDERA

RESOLUTION 19/093

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr David Fahey OAM

1. That Council:

- (a) Endorse the new lease agreement with Property NSW for the premises 4-6 Twynam Street, Narrandera commencing on the completion of the building works and terminating three years later with a single option to renew for a further three years (the total term of the lease plus single option being six years).

- (b) Endorse the placement of the Seal of Council to the lease document and any other documents relating to this matter.

CARRIED

20.4 POLICY REVIEW - CS270 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES & FACILITIES

RESOLUTION 19/094

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Barbara Bryon

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft policy CS270 Councillor Expenses & Facilities.

CARRIED

20.5 POLICY REVIEW - CS50 CREDIT CARD & ADOPTION OF POLICY CS280 FUEL CARDS

RESOLUTION 19/095

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Wesley Hall

That Council:

1. Adopt the revised Policy CS50 as proposed and new policy CS280 Fuel Card.

CARRIED

20.6 NEW POLICIES - DEBT RECOVERY AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

RESOLUTION 19/096

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft polices Debt Recovery and Rates & Charges Financial Hardship.

CARRIED

20.7 ADOPTION OF 2019-2020 FINANCIAL YEAR STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION 19/097

Moved: Cr Wesley Hall

Seconded: Cr Barbara Bryon

That Council adopt the following recommendations:

- a) The unchanged Delivery Program 2018-2022 as presented;
- b) The Operational Plan 2019-2020 as presented;
- c) Make the Ordinary Rates for 2019-2020 as presented;
- d) Adopt the maximum Interest Penalty Rate for 2019-2020 of 7.5%;
- e) Adopt the Narrandera Waste Management charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- f) Adopt the Barellan Waste Management charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- g) Adopt the Grong Grong Waste Management charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- h) Adopt the Water Charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- i) Adopt the Sewer Charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- j) Adopt the Stormwater Management Charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- k) Adopt the Fees and Charges for 2019-2020 as presented;
- l) Note the proposed external borrowing of \$250,000 for the 2019-2020 financial year;
- m) Adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2019-2029 as presented;
- n) Adopt the Capital Works Program 2019-2029 as presented;
- o) Note the internally restricted cash and projects to be performed in the 2019-2020 financial year;
- p) Note the Anticipated Fit for the Future benchmarks for the 2019-2020 financial year as presented;
- q) Note the amended Emergency Services Levy amount for the 2019-2020 financial year as presented.

CARRIED

21 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

21.1 APRIL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION 19/098

Moved: Cr Kevin Morris

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council receive and note the Development Services Activities Report for April 2019.

CARRIED

22 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS

22.1 MARCH 2019 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

RESOLUTION 19/099

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Kevin Morris

That Council receive, note and adopt the information and variations contained in the March Quarterly Review.

CARRIED

22.2 APRIL STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES

RESOLUTION 19/100

Moved: Cr David Fahey OAM

Seconded: Cr Wesley Hall

That Council receive and note the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as at 30 April 2019.

CARRIED

22.3 APRIL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

RESOLUTION 19/101

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Barbara Bryon

That Council receive and note the information contained in the Statement of Investments report as at 30 April 2019.

CARRIED

22.4 APRIL INCOME STATEMENT

RESOLUTION 19/102

Moved: Cr Wesley Hall

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council receive and note the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 30 April 2019.

CARRIED

22.5 APRIL STATEMENT OF RATES AND RECEIPTS**RESOLUTION 19/103**

Moved: Cr Wesley Hall

Seconded: Cr Kevin Morris

That Council receive and note the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 06 May 2019.

CARRIED

22.6 APRIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**RESOLUTION 19/104**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr David Fahey OAM

That Council receive and note the information contained in the Capital Works report as at 30 April 2019.

CARRIED

23 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – OTHER REPORTS

Nil

24 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS**RESOLUTION 19/105**

Moved: Cr David Fahey OAM

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

24.1 Lot 10 DP1202049 Sturt Highway TJ & KM Hands

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

24.2 Mayoral Report - GM Mid-Term Performance Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

CARRIED

24.1 LOT 10 DP1202049 STURT HIGHWAY**RESOLUTION 19/106**

Moved: Cr Kevin Morris

Seconded: Cr David Fahey OAM

1. That Councillors note the contents of this report.
2. That further detail outlining options moving forward be returned to the 18 June 2019 Council Meeting.
3. That Senior Council staff advise the property owners of Council's resolution.

CARRIED

At this point, time being 3.34pm, all staff left the meeting.

24.2 MAYORAL REPORT - GM MID-TERM PERFORMANCE REVIEW**RESOLUTION 19/107**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Barbara Bryon

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information contained in the General Manager Mid-Term Review report as prepared by Local Government Management Solutions.
2. Defer Item 24.2 until the 18 June Ordinary Council Meeting in order to provide a more detailed report in a format that is more comprehensive.
3. That a 360 Performance Appraisal be conducted at the General Manager's Annual Review.

CARRIED

24.3 OPEN COUNCIL**RESOLUTION 19/108**

Moved: Cr David Fahey OAM

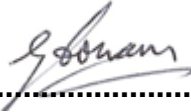
Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council and the Mayor advises of resolutions resolved in Closed Council.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3.50pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 2019.



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GENERAL MANAGER



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CHAIRPERSON