



# **Minutes**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**held in the Council Chambers**

**Binnia Street, Coolah**

**on Thursday, 21 March 2024**

**commencing at 5:00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cr K Rindfleish (Chairperson), Cr K Brady (video-link), Cr Z Holcombe, Cr A Iannuzzi (video-link), Cr C Kopke (video-link), Cr J Newton, Cr D Todd and Cr D Hogden (5.09pm).

**In attendance:** Acting General Manager (Lindsay Mason), Director Environment and Development Services (Leeanne Ryan), Director Technical Services (Nicole Benson), and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Erin Player – Minutes).

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Cr Newton acknowledged 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 Chairperson announced that the meeting was being streamed live plus audio recorded, and that the audio recording will be published.

### **APOLOGIES**

**236/2324 RESOLVED** that the apology from Councillor A Doolan and be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

**237/2324 RESOLVED** that Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 February 2024.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

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

Nil

### **Item 1 Mayoral Minute – Mayors Log of Activity, Kilometres Travelled and Expenses from 8 February 2024 to 11 March 2024**

**238/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the report on the Mayor's Activity and Log of Kilometres Travelled for the period 8 February 2024 to 11 March 2024.
2. Notes the report on the Mayor's credit card expenses between 8 February 2024 and 7 March 2024 and approves the payment of expenses totalling \$1,034.03.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 2 Councillors' Monthly Travel Claims**

**239/2324 RESOLVED** that the Councillors' monthly travel claims report in the amount of \$1,930.91 be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 3 Minutes of Warrumbungle Road Network Advisory Group Meeting – 13 February 2024**

**240/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the minutes of the Warrumbungle Road Network Advisory Group meeting held at Coonabarabran on 13 February 2024.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 4 Warrumbungle Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting – 19 February 2024**

**241/2324 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Warrumbungle Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on the 19 February 2024 are noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 5 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting – 22 February 2024**

**242/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes Councillor Iannuzzi's resignation as Chairperson from the Traffic Advisory Committee.
2. Notes the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 22 February 2024 for information.
3. Grants approval to the groups listed below to close the roads listed below on Tuesday, 25 April 2024 for the purpose of conducting an ANZAC Day March and Ceremony, subject to compliance with: -
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Traffic Guidance Scheme
  - Council's Road Closure Guidelines
  - TfNSW Road Occupancy Licence for State Roads that are closed
  - TfNSW Western Region concurrence for Regional Roads that are closed
  - TfNSW Special Events Guide
  - Receipt of current Public Liability Insurance.

- a) Baradine RSL Sub Branch – Wellington Street and Narran Street from 10.00am to 12.30pm.
  - b) Binnaway RSL Sub Branch – Renshaw Street between Bullinda Street and Yarran Street from 9.30am to 12.00pm.
  - c) Coolah RSL Sub Branch – Binnia Street between Booyamurra Street and Campbell Street from 10.00am to 12.30pm.
  - d) Coonabarabran RSL Sub Branch – John Street between Edwards Street and Essex Street from 10.00am to 1.00pm.
  - e) Dunedoo Leadville RSL Sub Branch – Bolaro Street between Wargundy Street and Merrygoen Street from 10.00am to 12.00pm.
  - f) Mendooran RSL Sub Branch – Bandulla Street between Pampoo Street and Napier Street from 9.00am to 12.00pm.
4. Grants approval to Coonabarabran RSL Sub Branch for part closure of John Street, Coonabarabran between 5.57am and 6.15am on Tuesday, 25 April 2024 to conduct the Annual ANZAC Dawn Service subject to compliance with:
- Traffic Management Plan
  - Traffic Guidance Scheme
  - Council's Road Closure Guidelines
  - TfNSW Road Occupancy Licence
  - TfNSW Special Events Guide
  - Receipt of current Public Liability Insurance.
5. Grants approval to Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council for the Annual Sorry Day March for part closure of John Street, Coonabarabran from the Tennis Club to the Town Hall on Sunday, 26 May 2024 between 10.30am and 10.45am, subject to NSW Police implementing a 'rolling road opening' on the southbound lane between the Mary Jane Cain Bridge and the Town Hall, and compliance with:
- Traffic Management Plan
  - Traffic Guidance Scheme
  - Council's Road Closure Guidelines
  - TfNSW Road Occupancy Licence
  - TfNSW Special Events Guide
  - Receipt of current Public Liability Insurance.
6. Grants approval to the Coonabarabran Chamber of Commerce for part closure of John Street and Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran on Saturday, 30 March 2024 between 7.30am and 2.00pm to conduct the Annual Easter Bunny Bazaar event subject to compliance with and receipt of:
- Risk Assessment
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Traffic Guidance Scheme
  - Council's Road Closure Guidelines
  - TfNSW Road Occupancy Licence
  - TfNSW Special Events Guide
  - Receipt of current Public Liability Insurance.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 6 Council Resolutions Report**

**243/2324 RESOLVED** that the Council Resolution Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 7 Revotes and High Value Projects Report**

**244/2324 RESOLVED** that the Revote and High Value Projects Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 8 Macquarie Regional Library Services Delivery Update**

**245/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the Macquarie Regional Library Services Delivery Update.
2. Remain as a joint partner in the Macquarie Regional Library.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

**Item 9 Coonabarabran Community Garden Update**

**246/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the updated information to resolution 82/2223.
2. Continue to liaise with 2357 Development Group and the subcommittee of 2357 Development Group on the Community Garden Development.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 10 Rating Policy**

**247/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Endorses the draft Rating Policy.
2. Places the draft Rating Policy on exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and invites public submissions for a period of at least 42 days.
3. Receives a further report on the Rating Policy after the close of public submissions.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**5.09pm**

**Cr Hogden joined the meeting.**

**Item 11 Delivery Program Progress Report – 2nd Quarter 2023/24**

**248/2324 RESOLVED** that Council endorses the Delivery Program Progress Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Iannuzzi

For – Unanimous

**Item 12 Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2023-2033**

**249/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Place the Draft Long-Term Financial Plan on public exhibition, in accordance with Section 430(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, for a period of 28 days.
2. Adhere to the 'Principles' of the Financial Planning and Sustainability Policy.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 13 Investments and Term Deposits – month ending 29 February 2024**

**250/2324 RESOLVED** that Council accept the Investments Report for the month ending 29 February 2024 including a total balance of \$45,203,130.07 being:

- \$920,278.59 in at call accounts.
- \$43,550,000.00 in term deposits.
- \$732,851.48 cash at bank.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 14 Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Monthly Report**

**251/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Monthly Report for February 2024.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 15 Fee Waiver Request from the Chamber of Commerce – Easter Bunny Bazaar St Closure – Traffic Management Costs**

**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the report.
2. Approves the fee waiver for Council's Traffic Management Costs to the value of \$7,558.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

**AMENDMENT**

That Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the report.
2. Approves the fee waiver based on the event being moved a different location between Dalgarno Street in between clock Tower and Woolworths Carpark.
3. Delegates authority to the Acting General Manager to approve the fee waiver on the basis of the new location up to \$4,000.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Cr Kopke, Cr Newton, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Holcombe, Cr Brady, Cr Hogden, Cr Todd

Against – Cr Iannuzzi

**The amendment was put and became the MOTION**

**252/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the report.
2. Approves the fee waiver based on the event being moved a different location between Dalgarno Street in between the Clock Tower and Woolworths Carpark.
3. Delegates authority to the Acting General Manager to approve the fee waiver on the basis of the new location up to \$4,000.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Cr Kopke, Cr Newton, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Holcombe, Cr Brady, Cr Hogden, Cr Todd

Against – Cr Iannuzzi

**Item 16 Outcome of Tender Negotiations for Castlereagh River Rehabilitation Project**

**253/2324 RESOLVED** that Council note the report on the outcome of the tender negotiations for the Castlereagh River Rehabilitation Project.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 17 Drinking Water Management System Improvement Plan Implementation – March 2024 Update Report**

**254/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Drinking Water Management System Improvement Plan Implementation – March 2024 Update Report.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 18 Update on Resolution 325/2122 Report**

**255/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the Update on Resolution 325/2122 Report
2. Does not proceed with installation of an information sign and toilet facilities at Hickey Falls.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 19 Castlereagh Country Drought Resilience Plan**

**256/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Endorses the draft Regional Drought Resilience Plan for Castlereagh Country and associated documents.
2. Places the draft Regional Drought Resilience Plan for Castlereagh Country and associated documents on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and invites public submissions for a period of at least 42 days.
3. Receives a further report on the draft Regional Drought Resilience Plan for Castlereagh Country and associated documents after the close of the public submissions.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 20 Inland Rail Update Report – March 2024**

**257/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the information in the Inland Rail Update Report – March 2024.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous



**Item 21 Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Report – March 2024**  
**258/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Report – February 2024.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton                      **SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 22 DA 47/2021 – Request for Fee Reimbursement and Levy Waiver**  
**259/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Continue to impose the levy as per Condition 4 of the Notice of Determination for the approval of DA47/2021, requiring payment of \$4,800 based on the *Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2021*.
2. Refund DA fees of \$1,805.85 under Council's Donation Policy.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke                      **SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 23 Development Application (DA)19/2023**  
**260/2324 RESOLVED** that Council write to the Chair of the Western Regional Planning Panel seeking the determination of DA 19/2023 for proposed 5MW Solar Farm to be located at “Talbragar Park”, 126 Lawson Park Road, Dunedoo by the Western Regional Planning Panel.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hogden                      **SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 24 Development Approvals**  
**261/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Applications and Certificates approved during February 2024, under Delegated Authority.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd                      **SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 25 Notice of Motion – Town Swimming Pools**  
**262/2324 RESOLVED** that Council commit to maintaining and improving all six council run swimming pools across the shire ensuring these community resources will be preserved for years to come.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke                      **SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Cr Kopke, Cr Todd, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Hogden  
Against – Cr Brady, Cr Newton, Cr Holcombe

**5.48pm**

**Cr Brady left meeting**

**Item 26 Notice of Motion – Management of Small Projects**

**5.49pm**

**Cr Brady returned to the meeting**

**263/2324 RESOLVED** that Council investigate the ability for small projects of less than \$50,000 to be managed by community groups, and provide a further report to the May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Cr Kopke, Cr Todd, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Holcombe, Cr Newton, Cr Brady, Cr Iannuzzi  
Against – Cr Hogden

**Item 27 Reports to be Considered in Closed Council**

**264/2324 RESOLVED** that:

**1. Item 27.1 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).

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

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.

**265/2324 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 Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**5.53pm**  
**Closed Council**

**Item 27.1 Human Resources Monthly Report**  
**266/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Human Resources Monthly Report.
2. Includes a report on vacant positions, how long those positions have been vacant for and how many times they have been advertised.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**267/2324 RESOLVED** that Council return to Open Council.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**6.05pm**  
**Open Council**

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.06pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**