

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 16th AUGUST 2017 at 9.30 am**

PRESENT: Clr. Y. Braid OAM, Clr. G. Conkey, Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. V. Keenan,
Clr. T. Koschel, Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. T. Quinn and Clr. G.
Verdon.

The Acting General Manager, Manager Corporate Services and
Manager Projects were in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

17/122 Chairperson Clr. Verdon read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

17/123 Acting General Manager declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 14
and would leave the chamber.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

17/124 The Minutes of the Meeting of 28th June 2017 having been circulated
and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the
motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE: COUNCIL MEETING 16 August 2017

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars
25/17 – 31/17.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (31 July 2017) forwarding
Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 27 July
2017.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (11 July 2017) forwarding
Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 5 July
2017

17/125 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that the
correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

INVESTMENT REPORTS

- 17/126 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Quinn that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of June and July 2017 be received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2017

- 17/127 RESOLVED on the motion Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey that the unaudited statements of the financial position as at 30th June 2017 be received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016/2017

- 17/128 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Funnell that:
- (i) Council's Draft Financial Statements be referred to audit by Council's auditors, Audit Office of New South Wales,
 - (ii) Council make a resolution in accordance with section 413 (2c) that the annual financial report is in accordance with:
 - the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under,
 - the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements,
 - the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
 - presents fairly the councils operating results and financial position for the year,
 - accords with Council's accounting and other records, and
 - that Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.
 - (iii) That Council adopt the abovementioned Statement and that the Chairman, Councillor and General Manager be authorised to complete the "Statement by Members of the Council" in relation to Council's 2016/17 Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Reports and be attached thereto.
 - (iv) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "finalise the date" at which the Audit Report and Financial Statements are to be presented to the public.

CAPEX BUDGET RESULT 2016/2017

- 17/129 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that Council receive and note report on the final Capital Expenditure Budget result for the 2016/17 financial year.

REVOTED BUDGET 2016/2017

- 17/130 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Quinn OAM that expenditure totalling \$1,627,800 be revoted and included in the 2017/2018 budget.

OPERATIONAL PLAN- PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 17/131 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Braid that the report detailing progress, as at 30th June 2017, achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2016/2017 Operational Plan be noted and received.

PECUNIARY INTEREST REGISTER – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- 17/132 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Koschel that the information be received and noted.

OVERDUE DEBTORS JUNE 2017

- 17/133 RESOLVED on the motion Clrs. Quinn and Keenan that the following report on overdue debtors for the period ended 30th June 2017 be received and noted.

MINUTES AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

- 17/134 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Koschel that the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting be noted.

REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT

- 17/135 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Keenan that Riverina Water County Council adopted Draft Policy 1.1 Code of Conduct and Draft Policy 1.1a Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct and that Council enter into an arrangement with Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) to share a panel of conduct reviewers.

POLICY 1.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

- 17/136 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Braid that Riverina Water County Council adopted Policy 1.2 Code of Meeting Practice.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- 17/137 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid that Council's December Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 commencing at 9.30, followed by an end of year lunch at a venue to be advised.

**VERBAL UPDATE BY ACTING GENERAL MANAGER ON
CURRENT AND PAST ISSUES ON WATER SUPPLY
PERFORMANCE & QUALITY AT KAPOOKA ROAD**

17/138 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell that the Council note the Acting General Manager's verbal update on current and past issues on water supply performance and quality at Kapooka Road.

17/139 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey and Braid that a personal visit be made to the customer concerned, and a letter to be forwarded to consumers along the trunk main affected by main breaks.

**VERBAL UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT BY
CLR. G. VERDON**

17/140 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell that the Council note the Chairperson's "Verbal update on General Manager Recruitment" whilst the meeting is closed to the public as it relating to personnel matters about an individual, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

17/141 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet, with amendment that Clr. Braid OAM assumes the Chairman's delegations in Clr. Funnell's absence.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF
JUNE 2017**

17/142 RESOLVED on the motion Clrs. Quinn and Conkey that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of June 2017 received and noted.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF
JULY 2017**

17/143 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Conkey that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of July 2017 be received and noted.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS
FOR 2016/2017**

17/144 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Keenan that the Director of Engineering's report covering 2016/2017 annual statistics be accepted and the contents noted.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

17/145 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Funnell that:

- i) Council receive and note this report, and
- ii) Council endorse the approved variations.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

17/146 Clr. Meyer OAM: Advised of issues with underground water in the street landscape in Henty. Wet underneath footpath where concrete was laid over. Original mains under railway line

Acting General Manager: Further investigation, ask Greater Hume Shire Council to contact us.

17/147 Clr. Conkey: What does Council do to assist customers with bad debts?

Corporate Services Manager: Original Account issued, followed by Reminder (when interest starts being charged), then Restriction Notice, and lastly a Restriction Card drop-off at the property. This is over a number of months. If the customer has not made contact at this stage to make arrangements, the water is restricted. If there is a payment arrangement in place we do not restrict. Restriction is a last resort. We encourage customers to make contact to make arrangements.

17/148 Clr. Funnell: Wished the Chairman a good holiday.

Chairperson: Away 21st August to 1st October, 2017, Clr. Funnell filling in for me.

17/149 Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 25th October 2017.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

17/150 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Funnell that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.30 am

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.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

CLOSED COUNCIL

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.

17/151 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Funnell that:

1. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business is to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2)(a) as outlined above.
2. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required under section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

VERBAL UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT BY CLR. G. VERDON

This item is classified as confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

2(a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),

17/152 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Funnell that the report be received and adopted.

OPEN COUNCIL

17/153 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid OAM that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

The Chairman read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

The Meeting concluded at 11.42 am
