

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE 2018 at 9.30 am

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

The General Manager, Director of Engineering, Manager Projects and Minute Secretary were in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

- 18/64 Chairperson Clr. Verdon read out the Acknowledgement of Country.
- 18/65 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clr. Keenan, and a leave of absence for Clr. Keenan was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Bourke and Koschel.
- 18/66 Clr. Koschel requested leave of absence for August meeting, which was GRANTED on the motion of Clr. Funnell and Braid OAM.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

- 18/67 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 18/68 The Minutes of the Meeting of 18th April 2018 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WEEKLY CIRCULARS: previously forwarded to Councillors by Constituent Councils.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (May 2018) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 3rd May 2018.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: (May 2018) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 16th May 2018.

- 18/69 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

18/70 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid OAM and Koschel that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of April and May 2018 be received.

ADOPTION OF REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017/2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/2019

18/71 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that the Draft Revised Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2018/2019, as exhibited, following close of public comments, be adopted as Council's Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan for 2018/2019, subject to the inclusion of the following projects:-

Mimosa Drive Water Pressure Project	\$120,000
Stage Two of the Riverina Water Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan:	\$65,000
Increase in budget for the construction of additional standpipes across the Council area:	\$75,000

MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2018/2019

18/72 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Koschel that the rates and charges be made for 2018/2019 year, as outlined in the adopted Operational Plan 2018/2019.

DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON 2018/2019

18/73 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that the report be noted.

REMUNERATION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

18/74 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that Council pay remuneration to the two independent members of the Audit and Risk Committee as follows:

1. Chairperson \$453 per meeting
2. Committee Member \$339 per meeting

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

18/75 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid OAM and Funnell that Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 23rd May 2018 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

FINALISATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF INCORPORATING THE GHSC WATER FUNCTION INTO RWCC OPERATIONS

18/76 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that Riverina Water County Council note the report, and take no further action in this matter.

REVIEW OF RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENTS

18/77 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid OAM and Meyer OAM that the report be noted and that Council endorse the timelines in the report as they relate to the review of the suite of Riverina Water County Council's Strategic Planning documents.

NEW BOARD ROOM

18/78 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Conkey OAM that Council note the progress report on the fit out of the new Board Room.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

18/79 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Conkey OAM that

- a) Council be represented the Local Government NSW 2018 Annual Conference;
- b) Council's delegate be the Chairman and the General Manager (observer);
- c) Nominations be invited from any other Councillor to attend as an observer. (Clr. Braid indicated her desire to attend)
- d) Council determine motions that it believes are of concern and should be discussed at the Conference.

RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL PERFORMANCE COMPARISON SNAP SHOT

18/80 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey OAM and Funnell that Council note the report and that a precis of Council's performance indicators be prepared and provided to Councillors

JOINT ORGANISATIONS

18/81 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Funnell and Koschel that Council receive a further report on the proposed membership of the newly formed Joint Organisations at the August meeting.

PROPOSED RIVERINA WATER COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

18/82 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that:

- (a) Council initiate a two-year community grants program in the terms outlined in this report
- (b) Council staff administer the program (noting that the Community Engagement Officer will coordinate the program)
- (c) Council commence the Community Grants Program in 2018/19 with Year One funding of up to \$500,000 to be available to eligible organisations in July 2019 and Year Two funding of up to \$500,000 to be available to eligible programs in July 2020.
- (d) Review of the effectiveness of the Community Grants Program be undertaken in November 2019.
- (e) Funding for eligible organisations with the four Local Government Areas be made available as follows:

1.	Wagga Wagga City Council	\$200,000
2.	Greater Hume Shire Council	\$100,000
3.	Federation Council	\$100,000
4.	Lockhart Shire Council	\$100,000

- (f) Staff create the guidelines and applications forms for the Program and that a further report on the draft guidelines be prepared and presented to a future meeting of Council (and as soon as practicable)

RWCC SPONSORSHIPS

18/83 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Quinn and Funnell that the advice from the General Manager regarding sponsorships by RWCC for the year 2017/2018 be noted.

WATER AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP

18/84 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Conkey and Funnell that Council become a gold member of WaterAid and that the cost of membership be reflected in the 2018/19 Delivery Plan at the September 2018 Quarterly Budget Review.

POLICY 2.03 PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

18/85 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Koschel and Meyer OAM that Council:

- (a) Endorse draft Policy 2.03 Pesticide Use Notification Plan that is to be placed on public exhibition from 9 June to 10 July 2018 and invite public submissions on the draft policy during that period.
- (b) Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:
 - (i) Addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed Policy 2.03 Pesticide Use Notification Plan
 - (ii) Proposing adoption of the Policy unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.

TENDER W.227 FOR DRILL AND BLAST THROUGH ROCK AT WILLANS HILL, WAGGA WAGGA

18/86 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that Council consider the report “Tender W.227 for Drill and Blast Through Rock at Willans Hill, Wagga Wagga”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

TENDER W.127 RIVERINA WATER PEST CONTROL SERVICES 2018-2023

18/87 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that Council consider the report “Tender W.127 Riverina Water Pest Control Services 2018-2023”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

CONTRACT W.195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) CONTRACT VARIATION

18/88 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that Council consider the report “Contract W195 – Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Contract Variation”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

18/89 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2018

18/90 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Conkey OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of April 2018 received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 2018

18/91 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Conkey OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of May 2018 be received and noted.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

18/92 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Quinn that Council receive and note this report.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

18/93 Clr. Meyer OAM: Asked if Council has measured the increase in water usage at Culcairn pump station with all the new houses in Morven?

Director of Engineering: Pressure testing has been undertaken on the Henty to Morven water main.

Clr. Meyer OAM: Issue with farmers, can't get water east of Culcairn (Weston).

Director of Engineering: Check flow, data analysis, if ongoing issue please advise property owner to email us.

18/94 Clr. Conkey OAM: Made reference to earlier comments by Clr Bourke in relation to the Community Grants Scheme when Clr Bourke extended his appreciation to WWCC for their collaborative approach to the distribution of funds amongst the four constituent Councils.

18/95 Clr. Bourke: Reinforced his earlier comments as referenced in minute number 18/94 (above)

18/96 Chairperson: Water pressure issues at Yerong Creek and Henty, have they been measured?

Director of Engineering: Pressure varies 40 – 50, that pressure well within or level of service. Problem found at Kabota property downstream of the meter, not viable to increase pressure in main.

Internal issue for owner – number of stock troughs off line resulting in negative pressure at tank.

We've advised him on how he can improve his water supply. Formal letter to be sent following Council Meeting.

Clr. Bourke: Queried height of tank etc?

Director of Engineering: Height of internal tank greater than static head pressure in the main.

Clr. Funnell: - Property owner trying to avoid electricity costs.

Director of Engineering: Our responsibility finishes at meter, where there is a minimum 40m static head pressure.

Clr. Bourke: Queried if a ring main would fix his problem?

Director of Engineering: Ring main not practical in this case, extra 5m head in peak time.

Clr. Meyer OAM: - Is a pump on the main a solution?

Director of Engineering: No, tank on boundary, maybe a solution for property owner.

18/97 Clr. Bourke: Asked about Armidale travel?

Director of Engineering: Flights to be organised.

18/98 Clr. Verdon: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 22nd August 2018.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

18/99 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.15 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.

18/100 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM 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.

TENDER W.227 FOR DRILL AND BLAST THROUGH ROCK AT WILLANS HILL, WAGGA WAGGA

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

Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

18/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Funnell that Council accept the Premier Drill and Blast Pty Ltd tender for Tender W227 – Drill and Blast through rock at Willans Hill, Wagga Wagga for \$83,558 ex GST.

TENDER W.127 RIVERINA WATER PEST CONTROL SERVICES 2018-2023

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

Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

18/102 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Conkey OAM that Council awards the 5-Year Pest Control Contract 2018-2023 (Specification W.1127) to Avante Guard, Wagga Wagga for an annual amount of \$19,396.32 (including GST plus CPI increases)

CONTRACT W.195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)
CONTRACT VARIATION

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

Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

18/103 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Funnell and Bourke that:

- (a) That Council authorise the General Manager to further negotiate a suitable outcome within the original project budget.
- (b) That Council be provided with an update on the contract negotiations at the Board meeting in August 2018.
- (c) That the financial implications of any negotiated outcome be reported to Council as part of the September 2018 Quarterly Financial Review.

18/104 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs Koschel and Meyer OAM that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

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

The Meeting concluded at 11.53 am
