

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2018**

The meeting opened at 6.14pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Meyer (Chairperson), Hicks, O'Neill, Osborne, Parker, Quinn, Schilg, Weston.

PRESENT: General Manager, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Environment and Planning and Director Engineering.

Paster Nathaniel Stroh offered a prayer to open the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acting Mayor (Chairperson) offered an Acknowledgement of Country at the commencement of the meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

GOVERNANCE

1. **INTRODUCTION OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR FOLLOWING THE BY-ELECTION HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2018**

That the report be received and noted and that the minutes record that newly elected Councillor Lea Parker has taken the affirmation before the General Manager.

Affirmation

I Cr Lea Parker solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Greater Hume Council and the Greater Hume Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

Nil.

APOLOGY

It was noted that Cr Wilton had Leave of Absence approved to 31 December 2018 at the November 2018 meeting.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2018

5152 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council held at Walla Walla on Wednesday, 21 November 2018 as printed and circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

1. 4784 – UPDATE ON HENTY GOVERNMENT DAM RESERVE CLEAN UP

Cr Meyer queried progress in the matter. Director Engineering advised that correspondence regarding the \$10,000 Council funded budget has been forwarded to the relevant committee.

2. QUESTION ON NOTICE – STREET LIGHTING – COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY POORLY LIT AREAS IN JINDERA WHICH POENTIALLY WARRANTED THE INSTALLATION OF NEW STREET LIGHTING

Cr O'Neill queried progress in this matter. Director Engineering advised that the lighting has been installed, and that a list will be supplied regarding the location of the new lights.

OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

GOVERNANCE

Item 1 dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2. **ON DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR BURRUMBUTTOCK, JINDERA AND WALLA WALLA**

5153 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That standing orders be suspended at 6.32pm to enable a presentation to be made to Council by Mr Allan Ofak regarding on demand bus service for residents of Burrumbuttock, Jindera and Walla Walla.

Mr Allan Ofak and Matt Kane, operators of the on demand public transport service provided a presentation to the Council on the service.

5154 RESOLVED [Hicks/O'Neill]

That standing orders resume at 6.45pm.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. HARD WASTE COLLECTION SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2019 – GREATER HUME COUNCIL

5155 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That:

1. Council support the Rotary Club of Holbrook's request to assist the football clubs with a hard waste collection on Sunday, 3 March 2019 inside the town limits of Holbrook, Henty, Culcairn, Walla and Jindera by opening (free of charge) the waste facilities at Henty and Jindera between 9am and 3pm and the landfills at Culcairn and Holbrook between 9am and 5pm.
2. Council will also assist with the provision and collection of registration forms, forgo waste disposal fees and incur additional costs for the event.
3. Council support a free open day at the other remaining waste facilities at Burrumbuttock, Gerogery, Mullengandra and Brockelsby between the hours of 9am and 3pm.
4. Council note that transfer stations can reach capacity and then people will be advised to take their waste items to either Culcairn or Holbrook Landfill.
5. only waste that is normally received will be accepted and people will be asked to prove that they are a resident of Greater Hume Council area.

2. DRAFT GREATER HUME COUNCIL S7.12 FIXED DEVELOPMENT CONSENT LEVY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2019

5156 RESOLVED [Osborne/Hicks]

That in accordance with:

1. Clause 33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 Council give notice of its intention to repeal the Greater Hume Council S94A Levy Development Contributions Plan 2017.
2. i Clause 28 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 place the Greater Hume Council S7.12 Fixed Development Consent Levy Development Contributions Plan 2019 (the Plan) on public exhibition for a period of 28 days (commencing after 4 February 2019).
3. Clause 28 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 Council advise of its intention not to proceed with the Council S7.12 Fixed Development Consent Levy Development Contributions Plan 2018.

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DRAFT GREATER HUME COUNCIL S7.12 FIXED DEVELOPMENT CONSENT LEVY
DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2019 [CONT'D]

**DRAFT GREATER HUME COUNCIL S7.12 FIXED DEVELOPMENT CONSENT LEVY
DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2019**

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hicks Meyer O'Neill Osborne Parker Quinn Schilg Weston		Wilton	

**3. INVITATION TO COMMENT - IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS MAPPING
PROJECT RIVERINA MURRAY REGION**

Director of Environment and Planning advised the meeting that the Council submission has been circularised to Councillors prior to the meeting.

5157 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Schilg]

That Council endorse the submission prepared in response to the exhibition of the Draft Riverina Murray Important Agricultural Lands Mapping.

**INVITATION TO COMMENT - IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS MAPPING PROJECT
RIVERINA MURRAY REGION**

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
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Items 1 and 2 dealt with earlier in the meeting.

3. OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

5158 RESOLVED [Hicks/Osborne]

That the report be received and noted.

4. REVIEW OF VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE / SUBMARINE MUSEUM STAFFING AND HOURS OF OPERATION

5159 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That:

1. Council accept the offer of the Tourism and Promotions Officer to vary her hours of employment from Monday to Friday to Tuesday to Saturday inclusive for a trial period of three months commencing on 1 January and that Council acknowledges and thank the officer.
2. Council engage casual staff to operate the VIC/Museum on each Sunday during the trial period.
3. a further report be submitted to the March 2019 meeting of Council for consideration.

5. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

5160 RESOLVED [Hicks/Weston]

That Council adopt the Core Staff Numbers Policy, as attached in **ANNEXURE 7**.

6. INSTALLATION OF NRMA CHARGING STATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

5161 RESOLVED [Osborne/Hicks]

That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign the lease documentation under the Common Seal of Council.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. CHILD CARE SERVICES IN GREATER HUME COUNCIL AREA

5162 RESOLVED [Schilg/Weston]

That consideration child care services in Greater Hume Council be referred to Closed Council in accordance with sections 10 A (2) (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

2. AMENDMENT TO FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE 2018/2019

5163 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Quinn]

That the revised Fees & Charges Schedule for 2018/2019 incorporate the additional Road Closing Application fee and be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days commencing Saturday, 22 December 2018.

3. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

5164 RESOLVED [Hicks/Parker]

That the Internet, Email and Computer Use Policy as attached as **ANNEXURE 8** be adopted.

4. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

5165 RESOLVED [Osborne/Parker]

That the revised Greater Hume Council Fraud Control Policy be adopted.

5. CULCAIRN – HEALTHY TOWNS 2019

5166 RESOLVED [Hicks/Schilg]

That the report be received and noted.

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ENGINEERING

1. TENDER TL 06 – 2018/19 PROVISION OF SKATEBOARD FACILITY, CULCAIRN SKATE PARK

MOTION [Quinn/Weston]

That the design and construction of the Culcairn Skatepark be identical to the Jindera Skatepark.

5167 AMENDMENT [Osborne/O'Neill]

That:

1. the tender submitted by Haley Constructions Alternative Option 1 of \$144,868.00 (excl. GST) be accepted.
2. the unsuccessful tenderers be notified.
3. the General Manager and the Mayor be authorised to sign the Contract with Haley Constructions.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED, BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, AND BEING PUT TO THE VOTE WAS AGAIN CARRIED.

2. TENDER TL 05 – 2018/19 PROVISION OF SKATEBOARD FACILITY, JINDERA SKATE PARK

5168 RESOLVED [Osborne/O'Neill]

That:

1. the tender submitted by Haley Constructions of Option 1 \$176,805.00 (ex. GST) be accepted.
2. the unsuccessful tenderers be notified.
3. the General Manager and the Mayor be authorised to sign the contract with Haley Constructions.

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3. FLOOD FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS AWARDED TO GREATER HUME COUNCIL FOR CULCAIRN HENTY & HOLBROOK

5169 RESOLVED [Osborne/Hicks]

That Council accept the grant funding of \$180,000 for the investigation, design and completion of feasibility studies for works identified in the floodplain risk management plans for towns of Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook.

4. NSW DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS – NEW ARRANGEMENTS

5170 RESOLVED [Hicks/Weston]

That Council receive and note the report.

5. PURCHASE OF NEW GRADER

5171 RESOLVED [Hicks/Schilg]

That Council receive and note the report outlining the purchase of a new Komatsu GD555-5 Grader for a purchase price of \$325,900 (excl. GST).

6. PURCHASE OF BULK WATER TANKER FOR FIRE FIGHTING PURPOSES

5172 RESOLVED [Hicks/Weston]

That Council endorse the work of staff so far in to provide a mobile bulk water tanker trailer for use in this upcoming fire season and endorse the change to Council's proposed plant purchase program with a bulk water tanker trailer to be purchased in lieu of a bulk tipping trailer.

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7. ROAD EXPENDITURE – COPPABELLA ROAD, CUMMINGS ROAD AND ALMA PARK ROAD

5173 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That:

1. Council endorse the reallocation of funding of \$216k to the Cummings Road Reconstruction Project, and \$86k to the Alma Park Road Reconstruction project, from Council Rural Resealing Budget.
2. the staff prepare and lodge a Fixing Country Road application to undertake major repairs on Coppabella Road, Carabost, and note the increased likelihood of additional maintenance works required to be undertaken this year, accessing the remaining funds from Council's adopted Rural Reselling Budget.

ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

1. JACOB WENKE DRIVE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, WALLA WALLA

5174 RESOLVED [Quinn/Weston]

That consideration of potential list prices for 7 Lots within the Jacob Wenke Residential Subdivision at Walla Walla be referred to Closed Council in accordance with sections 10 A (2) (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

REASON

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality the determination of list prices of the 7 Lots outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making because the disclosure of this information could compromise Council's negotiating position.

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2. MAYORAL MINUTE - GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

5175 RESOLVED [Quinn/Weston]

That the Mayoral Minute on the General Manager's contract of employment be referred to Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) for discussion in accordance with Section 10(a)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 – personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

REASON

The ability for Councillors to discuss the General Manager's contract of employment in a full and frank manner outweighs the need for the report to be discussed on Open Council at this point.

PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. **WORKSHOP/BRIEFING SESSION SCHEDULE 2018/2019**
2. **OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS**
3. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES (LGNSW) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS**
4. **TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT**

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. **GREATER HUME CHILDREN SERVICES – REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2018**
2. **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018**
3. **GREATER HUME CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REQUESTS**
4. **STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2018**
5. **PEOPLE & CULTURE (HUMAN RESOURCES) REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2018**

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ENGINEERING

1. **NOVEMBER 2018 REPORT OF WORKS**

2. **WATER & SEWER REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018**

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018**

2. **SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**

3. **RANGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018**

5176 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

5177 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

CLOSING THE MEETING

At this juncture there were no members in the public gallery present.

5178 RESOLVED [7.30pm] [Hicks/Quinn]

That the meeting be closed during the discussion of the confidential matters listed in the agenda.

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COMMITTEE OF WHOLE SECTION

5179 RESOLVED [7.30pm] [Hicks/Quinn]

That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into 'Committee of the Whole' for the discussion of the following items of business:

1. **JACOB WENKE DRIVE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, WALLA WALLA**
2. **MAYORAL MINUTE - GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**
3. **CHILD CARE SERVICES IN GREATER HUME COUNCIL AREA**

CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

1. **JACOB WENKE DRIVE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, WALLA WALLA**

RECOMMENDATION [Osborne/O'Neill]

That:

1. Council adopted the list prices outlined in the table below:

Lot No.	Area Sq.m.	Price (including GST) \$
77	1165.72	69,500
78	1157.15	69,500
79	1043.73	62,750
80	940.94	56,900
81	962.50	57,750
82	943.11	62,500
83	940.94	56,500

2. Initial marketing and promotion be undertaken by Council staff.

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3. CHILD CARE SERVICES IN GREATER HUME COUNCIL AREA

RECOMMENDATION [Osborne/Hicks]

That:

1. Council continue to negotiate with the Department of Education & Training in relation to Greater Hume Children Services undertaking long day care services in Henty and Walla Walla under a satisfactory funding model
2. Subject to the negotiation of suitable arrangements under Point 1 above, the provision of long day care services in Henty be for a fixed term of five years during which time Council provide all support necessary to enable the Henty Preschool to expand their existing facilities and transition into long day care
3. Council continue to support the Walla Walla Early Childhood Hub building project and that Council commit to the ongoing provision of long day care services subject to appropriate funding and community need.

RECOMMENDATION [Osborne/Parker]

That management continue to investigate options to undertake the provision of childcare services in Mitta Mitta, Kergunyah, Walwa and Bellbridge and a further report be provided to an extraordinary meeting.

CR QUINN REQUESTED THAT HIS OPPOSITION TO THE RECOMMENDATION BE RECORDED.

At this juncture, all staff departed the meeting room, at 8.15pm.

2. MAYORAL MINUTE - GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

RECOMMENDATION [Meyer/

That following the report received at the Council meeting held on 17 October 2018 regarding the request of the General Manager for a two year extension to his Contract of Employment, that a new General Manager's contract of employment be offered to Steven Pinnuck, for a period of two years for the period of 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021.

ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED

5180 RESOLVED [8.22pm] [Osborne/O'Neill]

That the Ordinary Meeting be reconvened for the purpose of determining the report of the matter dealt with in Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairperson (Acting Mayor) reported that the Committee of the Whole makes the following recommendations.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

5181 RESOLVED [Osborne/Hicks]

That the foregoing report and recommendations from Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.24pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 20 February 2019 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Doug Meyer OAM
Chairperson
Deputy Mayor
Greater Hume Council