

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
HELD AT BUNGOWANNAH HALL, CHAMBERS ROAD, BUNGOWANNAH
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018**

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

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

Cr O'Neill offered a prayer to open the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

Cr Matt Hicks gave notice of his intention to declare a non-pecuniary interest in the Closed Council Confidential Report - ITEM 1 – PROPOSED WALLA WALLA EARLY YEARS CHILDHOOD HUB – ACQUISITION OF LOT 2 DP 1105566, 80 COMMERCIAL STREET, WALLA WALLA report.

APOLOGY

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2018

4926 RESOLVED [Quinn/Hicks]

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

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ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

1. 4399 – SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES UNDER SECTION 713 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

Cr Quinn queried progress in the matter. General Manager advised no further action to date and indicated that the item will be removed.

2. QUESTION ON NOTICE – UNUSED SHIRE LAND OWNED BY COUNCIL – REVIEW STRATEGY TO RETAIN OR DISPOSE

Cr Meyer queried if there was further progress in relation to the matter. General Manager advised no further action to date and indicated that the item will be removed.

3. QUESTION ON NOTICE – REALIGNMENT OF THE SCHOLZ/SHOEMARK ROAD INTERSECTION

Cr Weston queried progress in relation to the matter. Director Engineering advised that removal of trees at the intersection will be undertaken within next two weeks

OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

GOVERNANCE

1. **PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL – MURRAY REGIONAL TOURISM BOARD**

4927 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That standing orders be suspended at 6.35pm to allow a presentation by Mark Francis, Chief Executive Officer, Murray Regional Tourism Board.

Mark Francis, Chief Executive Officer, made a presentation to the meeting.

4928 RESOLVED [Osborne/Quinn]

That standing orders resume at 7.15pm.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. CULCAIRN WASTE FACILITY - PURCHASE OF USED TANA COMPACTOR

4929 RESOLVED [Quinn/Meyer]

That:

1. in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the purchase of specialised used waste compaction is considered to be an extenuating circumstance wherein Council resolves not to enter into a tendering process.
2. Council resolve to purchase from GCM Enviro Sydney a TANA waste compactor for the Culcairn waste facility for a delivered purchase price of \$185,000.00 (GST exclusive).

GOVERNANCE

Item 1 dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2. STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND - ROUND 1

4930 RESOLVED [Hicks/O'Neill]

That the signing of the Statement of Acceptance of Funding for the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 1 by the General Manager be endorsed.

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3. STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND – ROUND 2

MOTION [Quinn/Schilg]

That the following timeline be adopted for Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Activity	Date for completion
Expressions of Interest information forwarded to sporting/community groups	Wednesday 14 March
Expressions of Interest from Sporting/Community Groups close	5pm, Wednesday 4 April
Expressions of Interest assessed and shortlisted by Council	Wednesday 11 April
Shortlisted organisations will be contacted by Council to finalise applications for funding	Monday 16 April
Unsuccessful applicants advised by Council	Monday 16 April
Council to submit individual applications	5pm, Friday 4 May

4931 AMENDMENT [Osborne/O'Neill]

Activity	Date for completion
Expressions of Interest information forwarded to sporting/community groups	Wednesday 14 March
Expressions of Interest from Sporting/Community Groups close	5pm, Wednesday 4 April
Expressions of Interest assessed and shortlisted by Council	Thursday 12 April
Shortlisted organisations will be contacted by Council to finalise applications for funding	Monday 16 April
Unsuccessful applicants advised by Council	Monday 16 April
Council to submit individual applications	5pm, Friday 4 May

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

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4. PROPOSED SECONDARY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IN WALLA WALLA

4932 MOTION [Hicks/Osborne]

That:

1. Council provide 'in principle' support for further investigations into the implementation of a secondary refugee resettlement program at Walla Walla
2. the General Manager develop a Terms of Reference for the Advisory/ Reference Committee that clearly articulates the roles of Greater Hume Council and the Walla Walla community.
3. a further report be submitted to the April 2018 meeting of Council on the establishment of an Advisory Committee/Reference Committee to provide legal status for the proponents of the initiative.

AMENDMENT [Quinn/Weston]

That:

1. Council provide 'in principle' support for further investigations into the implementation of a secondary refugee resettlement program at Walla Walla
2. Walla community liaise with the Red Cross to establish the legal status for a Committee to provide legal status for the proponents of the initiative.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST. ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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

5. JOINT ORGANISATION UPDATE

4933 RESOLVED [Quinn/Hicks]

That the report be received and noted.

6. GREATER HUME COUNCIL NEW WEBSITE

4934 RESOLVED [Osborne/Schilg]

1. That Greater Hume Council accepts the proposal from OpenCities to develop and implement a new Council website
2. The cost of the project is \$84,000 for the first three years, payable up front which will be funded from unrestricted cash held
3. At the expiration of the three years, Council Hume Council will move to an annual subscription based payment.

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**7. ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES IN GREATER HUME COUNCIL AREA –
WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018**

4935 RESOLVED [Quinn/Hicks]

That Council determine its representatives to attend the Anzac Day 2018 ceremonies to be held in Greater Hume Council area.

<p>Culcairn <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 10.15 - 10.30am March from Railway Parade Bus terminal park 10.45am Service at Balfour St Memorial 11.00am Laying of Wreaths 11.30am Post March service/function at Culcairn Memorial Hall Contact: John McLean, T: 02 6029 7816</p> <p>Councillor Weston</p>	<p>Henty <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 9.00am Service/Wreath Laying at Pleasant Hills Hall 10.30am Gather at Henty Community Centre 10.45am Anzac Day march to Henty Memorial Park 11.00am Wreath laying at the Cenotaph 11.30am Service at Henty Community Club Contact: Ian Dunn T: 02 6929 3258</p> <p>Councillor Meyer</p>
<p>Brocklesby <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 9:30am Conducted at the Brocklesby War Memorial Refreshments in the Hall following the service Contact: Alan Panther T: (02) 6026 5781 E: apanther@bigpond.com</p> <p>Councillor Quinn</p>	<p>Holbrook <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 5.45am Dawn Service, Cenotaph Ten Mile Creek Gardens 10.15-10.30am Gather on corner Hume/Albury Streets 10.45am March through Albury Street 11am Ceremony at Cenotaph Ten Mile Creek Gardens Contact: Kim Turner Secretary, Holbrook RSL SubBranch M: 0419 953 563</p> <p>Councillor Wilton</p>

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ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES IN GREATER HUME COUNCIL AREA – WEDNESDAY, 25
APRIL 2018 [CONT'D]

<p>Burrumbuttock <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 12pm Service at Memorial Hall Contact: Janice Beesley, T: 02 6029 3341</p> <p>Councillor Schilg</p>	<p>Jindera <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 6.00am Dawn service at Memorial Park, Jindera Fire Brigade providing breakfast for a gold coin donation 10.30am Service at the Memorial Park Cnr Dight and Urana Streets. Followed by morning tea, at School of Arts. Please bring a plate Contacts: Dawn Service – Greg Finster M 0417 412 639 10.30am Service St Johns School, T 02 6026 3220</p> <p>Councillor O’Neill</p>
<p>Walla Walla <u>Wednesday, 25 April</u> 5.45am Dawn Service at Bicentennial Park; 10.30am Assemble at Walla Walla Hair & Beauty 10.45am March commences 11.00am Service and wreath laying in Bicentennial Park Following the service there will be sausage sizzle Contact: Karen Wenke, T: 02 6029 2316</p> <p>Councillor Hicks</p>	

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

4936 RESOLVED [Hicks/O’Neill]

That the following policies be adopted:

1. Greater Hume Council Records Management Policy
2. Greater Hume Council Education Assistance Policy
3. Greater Hume Council Recognition of Long Service Policy.

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9. PROGRESS ON THE DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

4937 RESOLVED [Schilg/Stewart]

That:

1. The draft Disability Inclusion and Access Reference Groups Terms of Reference be adopted
2. Council note the progress made to date in the implementation of the Disability Inclusion Access Plan and thank those members of the community who have participated in the Reference Groups and other engagement activities.

ENGINEERING

1. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

4938 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That the revised Safe Driving Policy be adopted.

2. TENDER TL11-2017/2018 - PROVISION OF LINEMARKING SERVICES

4939 RESOLVED [Weston/Osborne]

That:

1. the tender submitted by North Eastern Roadmarkers of \$145,959.00 (excl. GST) be accepted.
2. additional funds are used to install new linemarking on Walla Walla Road.
3. the unsuccessful tenderers be notified.
4. the General Manager and the Mayor be authorised to sign the Contract under the Common Seal of Council.

3. TENDER TL10-2017/2018 - CONSTRUCTION OF A SEVEN LOT SUBDIVISION, JACOB WENKE DRIVE, WALLA WALLA

4940 RESOLVED [Hicks/Schilg]

That:

1. the tender submitted by Hurst Civil of \$154,204.50 (excl. GST) be accepted.
2. the unsuccessful tenderers be notified.
3. the General Manager and the Mayor be authorised to sign the Contract under the Common Seal of Council.

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ITEM TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

1. **PROPOSED WALLA WALLA EARLY YEARS CHILDHOOD HUB – ACQUISITION OF LOT 2 DP 1105566, 80 COMMERCIAL STREET WALLA WALLA**

4941 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That consideration of the purchase of Lot 2 DP 1105566, 80 Commercial Street, Walla Walla be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) 'information that would if disclosed confer an advantage on a person whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business'.

Reason

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of Council's final negotiations with the owners of Lot 2 DP 1105566, 80 Commercial Street, Walla Walla outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making at this time. If Council is successful with the purchase, the purchase price would be disclosed at that time.

PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. **WORKSHOP/BRIEFING SESSION SCHEDULE 2018**

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. **CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REQUESTS**

2. **STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

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3. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

ENGINEERING

1. REPORT OF WORKS - FEBRUARY 2018

2. WATER & SEWER REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

2. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018

3. RANGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018

4942 RESOLVED [Hicks/Schilg]

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

4943 RESOLVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

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CLOSING THE MEETING

At this juncture the Chairperson asked the media and members in the gallery to depart the hall.

4944 RESOLVED [8.02pm] [Quinn/Schilg]

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

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE SECTION

4945 RESOLVED [8.02pm] [Weston/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 item of business:

1. PROPOSED WALLA WALLA EARLY YEARS CHILDHOOD HUB – ACQUISITION OF LOT 2 DP 1105566, 80 COMMERCIAL STREET WALLA WALLA

AT THIS JUNCTURE, COUNCILLOR MATT HICKS MADE A DECLARATION OF NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE MATTER NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND LEFT THE HALL AT 8.02 PM PURSUANT TO SECTION 45(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 AND TOOK NO PART IN THE VOTING ON THE MATTER. THE REASON BEING IS THAT COUNCILLOR HICKS IS AN EMPLOYEE OF ELDERS WHICH IS AN OPPOSITION FIRM TO THE RURAL MERCHANDISE BUSINESS WHICH OPERATES ON LAND OWNED BY THE VENDORS. THE REPORT PROPOSES THAT THE LAND BE ACQUIRED BY COUNCIL.

CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

1. PROPOSED WALLA WALLA EARLY YEARS CHILDHOOD HUB – ACQUISITION OF LOT 2 DP 1105566, 80 COMMERCIAL STREET WALLA WALLA

RECOMMENDATION [Schilg/Stewart]

That:

1. Council approve the purchase of Lot 2 DP 1105566, 80 Commercial Street, Walla Walla Lot 2 DP 1105566, 80 Commercial Street, Walla Walla for an amount of \$100,000 (exc. GST).
2. the Mayor and General Manager be authorised in execute all documentation in relation to the purchase.
3. upon acquisition the land be classified as operational land in accordance with section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED

4946 RESOLVED [8.12pm] [Meyer/Schilg]

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

Cr Hicks returned to the meeting at 8.12pm.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The General Manager reported that the Committee of the Whole makes the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

4947 RESOLVED [Meyer/Schilg]

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

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.13pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 18 April 2018 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Heather Wilton,
Mayor - Greater Hume Council