

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
HELD AT CULCAIRN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 40 BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN
ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024**

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Quinn (Chairperson), Forrest, Hicks, Lindner, Meyer, O'Neill, Parker, Schilg and Wilton, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Environment and Planning, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Assistant.

Councillor Cr Parker read a prayer to commence the meeting.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

That an apology be recorded for Acting General Manager/Director Engineering – Greg Blackie.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2023

6580 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Lindner]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council held at Holbrook on Wednesday 20 December 2023 as printed and circulated to be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2024

6581 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Lindner]

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council held at Culcairn on Wednesday 17 January 2024 as printed and circulated to be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following minor changes.

Item 1 – Page 4 confirm that the meeting concluded at 6:13pm rather than the noted time of 6:03pm. Minutes to be amended to show meeting finished at 6:13pm.

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ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

1. AMENDMENT TO GREATER HUME LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2012-ZONING & MINIMUM LOT SIZE CHANGES FOR SOUTH JINDERA LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREA- LOT 224 DP 280394 AND LOT 2 DP240938 – MINUTE NUMBER 6523 PAGE 5

Cr Quinn raised the matter to see if this action had progressed. Director Environment and Planning confirmed that the action is finalised.

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

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

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OFFICERS’ REPORTS – PART A - FOR DETERMINATION

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. CONVERSION OF PUBLIC LAND COMMANDER HOLBROOK PARK LOT 10 DP 571557 ALBURY STREET HOLBROOK CLASSIFIED AS COMMUNITY LAND TO OPERATIONAL PUBLIC LAND.

6582 RESOLVED [Cr Parker/Cr Schilg]

That Council:

1. Indicates that it is in agreement that a planning proposal be undertaken to reclassify Commander Holbrook Park from community land to operational land;
2. Will be informed by community consultation through this process;
3. Agrees that owners of Holbrook IGA will meet all associated costs to undertake the planning proposal;
4. Will receive further reports in relation to the outcome of the planning proposal and possible future sale of the land.

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2. USE OF THE HOLBROOK LANDFILL BY A FRONT LIFT BIN CONTRACTOR PROVIDING THE RURAL COLLECTION SERVICE

6583 RESOLVED [Cr Forrest/Cr Wilton]

That this report be received and noted.

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GOVERNANCE

1. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RECISSION

6584 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Lindner]

That the Greater Hume Council adopt the action with regard to the Policy as detailed in the table below;

Policy Name	Re-adoption/Rescission
Social Media Policy	Re-adoption
Media Policy	Rescission
Communications Policy	Rescission
Media and Communications Policy	Adoption

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2. COUNCIL MEETING VENUES FOR MARCH AND JULY 2024

6585 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Schilg]

That Council hold the March Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 20th March 2024 at Jindera (Jindera Hub Building), and the July Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 17 July 2024 at Henty (Henty Recreational Facility).

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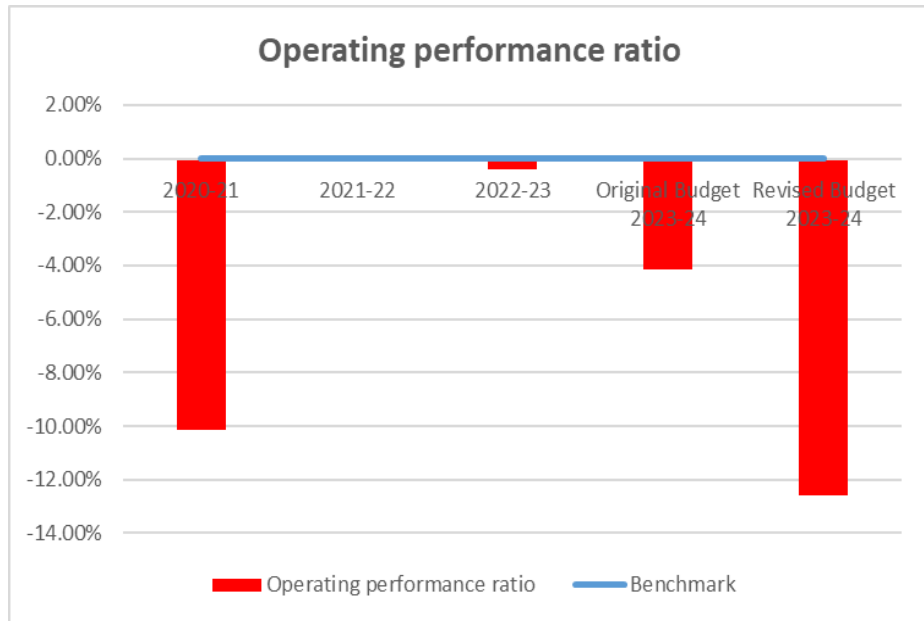
CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. INTERIM 2023/2024 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

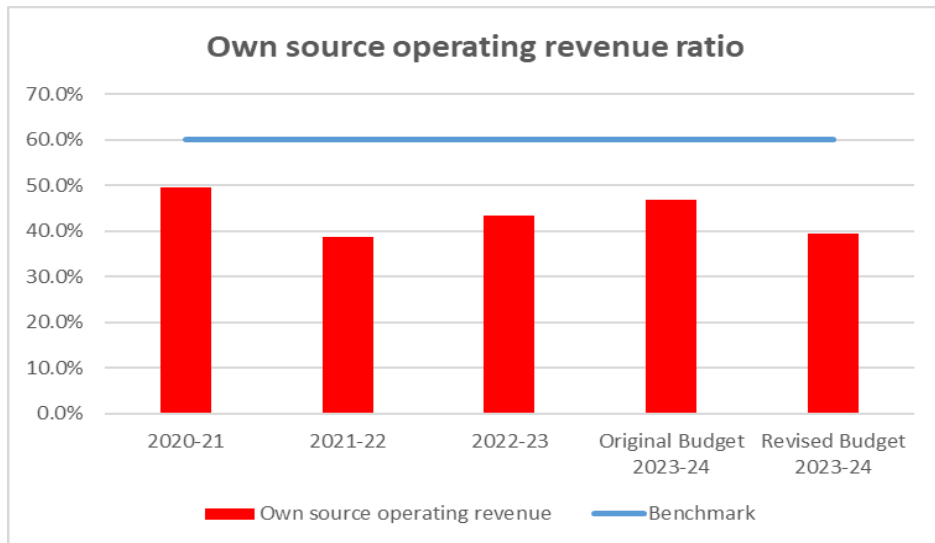
6586 RESOLVED [Cr O'Neill/Cr Wilton]

That Council note and approve the Interim Budget Review Statement as at 31 December 2023.

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS



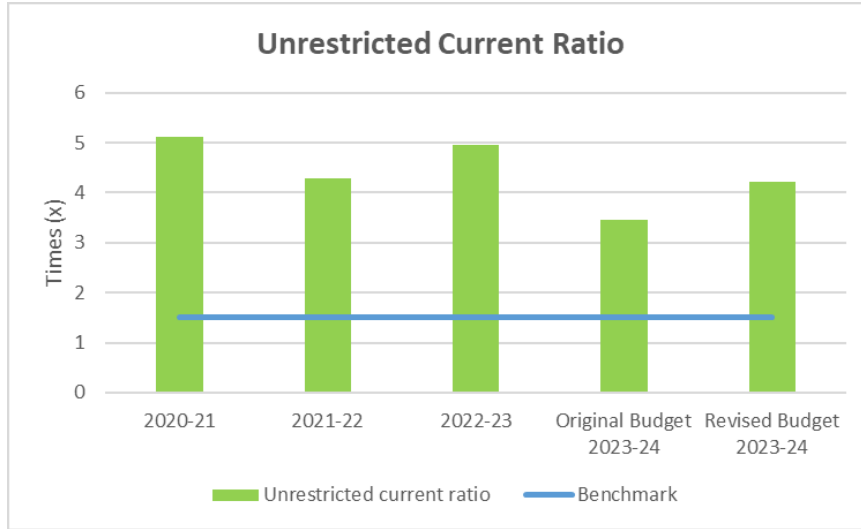
This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.



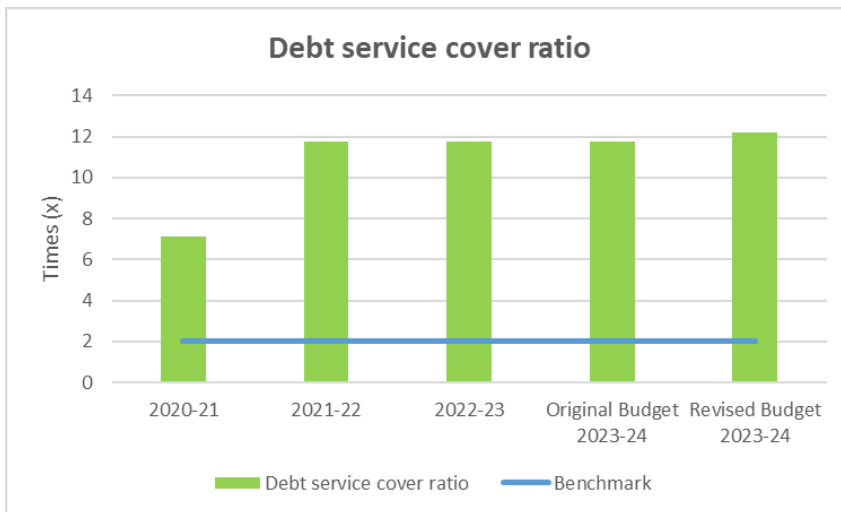
This ratio measure fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. It should be noted that the benchmark 60% is unlikely to be achieved in rural councils such as Greater Hume Council due to their heavy reliance on grants and contributions due to their large area and small populations.

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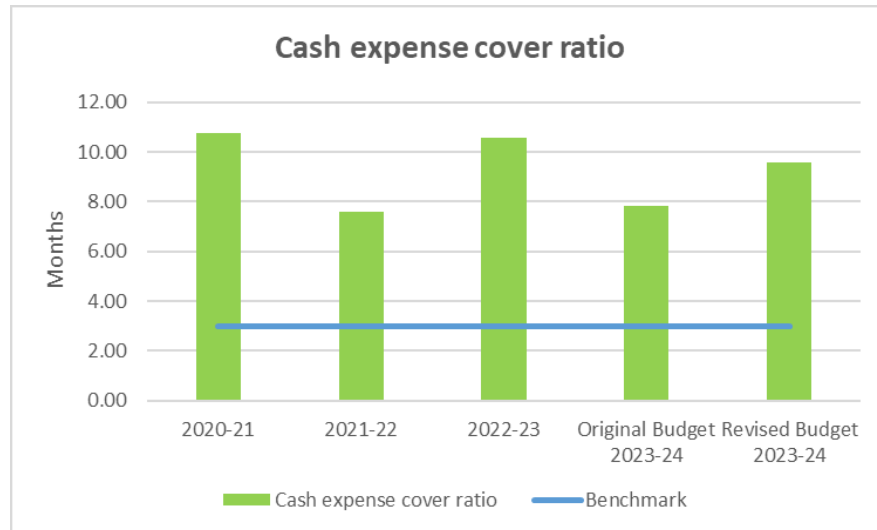
This ratio assesses the adequacy of Council's working capital and its ability to satisfy Obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.



This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt, Including interest, principal and lease payments.

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This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months Council can continue to pay for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

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**2. SECTION 355 COMMITTEE – WALLA WALLA AND JINDERA SOLAR FARMS –
SEEKING ENSODREMENT OF COMMUNITY APPLICANTS AND CONFORMATION
OF THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SAID COMMITTEES.**

6587 RESOLVED [Cr Wilton/Cr Hicks]

That Council:

1. Endorse the appointment of Patrick Hayes and Kathy Anderson to the Jindera Solar Farm Section 355 Committee until the next Annual General Meeting where by elections will be held for the re-election of community members.
2. Endorse the appointment of Aimee Mellington and Luke Lieschke to the Walla Walla Solar Farm Section 355 Committee until the next Annual General Meeting where by elections will be held for the re-election of community members.
3. Note the named Councillor member of the Jindera Solar Farm Section 355 Committee and the Walla Walla Solar Farm Committee as being the Mayor.
4. Note the named operations member of the Jindera Solar Farm Section 355 Committee and the Walla Walla Solar Farm Committee as being the General Manager.

ANNEXURE 6 – Terms of Reference Walla Walla Solar Farm Section

ANNEXURE 7- Terms of Reference Jindera Solar Farm Section 355 Committee

ANNEXURE 8- Selection Criteria for Expressions of Interest

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3. REQUEST TO WAIVE MEETING ROOM HIRE FEES

6588 RESOLVED [Cr Parker/Cr Wilton]

That Council waive Meeting Room Hire Fees of the Holbrook Meeting Room Library totaling \$1,300 for a trial period of 26 weeks for the purposes of hosting the Holbrook Playgroup.

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4. RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

6589 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr O'Neill]

That Council:

1. Endorse the Transition Programme to be commenced from 1 July 2024.

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**5. SIGNING OF CONTRACT FOR RESIDENCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT – UNIT 9
KALA COURT, HOLBROOK NSW 2644**

6590 RESOLVED [Cr Parker/Cr Wilton]

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Kala Court Retirement Complex, Independent Living Unit - Residence and Services Contract under the Common Seal of Council for Unit 9 Kala Court Holbrook.

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ENGINEERING

**1. PROVISION OF FOOTPATH, WALLACE STREET AND SWIFT STREET,
HOLBROOK**

6591 RESOLVED [Cr Parker/Cr Wilton]

That:

1. Council approve the construction of footpath in Wallace Street and Swift Street, Holbrook.
2. The cost to land owners be as detailed.
3. The landowners be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project.

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2. PROVISION OF FOOTPATH, BOWLER STREET, HOLBROOK.

6592 RESOLVED [Cr Parker/Cr Wilton]

That:

1. Council approve the construction of footpath in Bowler Street, Holbrook
2. The cost to land owners be as detailed.
3. The landowners be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project.

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ITEM TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2022.243.1 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION OF A SHOP, A RESTAURANT OR CAFE, SERVICE STATION ASSOCIATED WITH AN ANCILLARY CONVENIENCE STORE, CAR PARKING AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES ON LOT 7 DP658510, LOT 1 DP930569 AND LOT 6 DP2741 AT 55 COMMERCIAL STREET WALLA WALLA NSW 2659.**

6593 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Forrest]

That the proposed report be referred to Closed Council in accordance with [Section 10A\(2\)\(g\) of the LGA Act 1993](#) as the report deals with advice concerning litigation.

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OFFICERS’ REPORTS – PART B – TO BE RECEIVED AND NOTED

Nil

PART C - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER’S REPORT – DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. GREATER HUME LIBRARY SERVICES
2. GREATER HUME CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REQUESTS
3. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AS AT DECEMBER 2023
4. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AS AT JANUARY 2024

ENGINEERING

1. DECEMBER & JANUARY - REPORT OF WORKS

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

6594 RESOLVED

[Cr Hicks/Cr Forrest]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

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PART D

1. MINUTES OF WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY HALL MEETING HELD 4TH DECEMBER 2023
2. MINUTES OF WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY HALL MEETING HELD 5TH FEBRUARY 2024

6595 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Forrest]

That Part D of the Agenda be received and noted.

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MATTERS OF URGENCY

NIL

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CLOSING THE MEETING

At this juncture the live stream of the meeting was paused so that the confidential section of the meeting was held in camera at 6.17pm.

6596 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Wilton]

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. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2022.243.1 – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION OF A SHOP, A RESTAURANT OR CAFÉ, SERVICE STATION ASSOCIATED WITH AN ANCILLARY CONVENIENCE STORE, CAR PARKING AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES ON LOT 7 DP658510, LOT 1 DP930569 AND LOT 6 DP2741 AT 55 COMMERCIAL STREET WALLA WALLA NSW 2659**

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ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED

6598 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Forrest]

That the Ordinary meeting be reconvened at 6.53pm for the purpose of determining the report of the matter dealt with in Committee.

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RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

6599 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks/Cr Forrest]

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

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:54pm

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 20 March 2024 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Tony Quinn
Mayor, Greater Hume Council