



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 21 July 2020**

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**MINUTES OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARKET STREET BALRANALD
ON TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2020 AT 5.03PM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

Chairperson Mike Colreavy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Terri Bilske (Director Corporate & Community Services), Ray Davy (Director Infrastructure & Development), Carol Holmes (Senior Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager) who is on approved leave.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/99

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

4.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/100

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2020 be confirmed

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

For Transparency, the Administrator, Mike Colreavy advised that in relation to item 15.1 – Purchase of Residential Property for Staff Housing in the Confidential section of the Agenda, he is the temporary occupant of the property 83 Court Street, Balranald.

6 ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE/REPORT**7 COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION**

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)**PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION****8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS****8.1 DROUGHT COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval from Council for the provision of funding under the Drought Communities Grant Opportunities scheme to various eligible community groups.

RESOLUTION 2020/101

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council

1. Accepts receipt of the applications as attached; and
2. Approves the provision of funding as per Officers Recommendation in this report in accordance with Council's Drought Communities Grant Opportunities procedure.

GROUP/ ORGANISATION	OBJECTIVE	FUNDING REQUESTED FOR	OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION	APPROVED AMOUNT
Balranald New Year's Eve Committee	To provide a family fun night for our community	New Year's Eve activities including Fireworks	Recommend to approve \$9,200	\$9,200
Balranald Central School	To educate children in a safe and supportive environment	Employ a Chaplain to help and support students at BCS – K-12	Recommend to approve \$7,000	\$7,000
St Barnabas Anglican Church		Restoration of St Barnabas Anglican Church	Recommend to approve \$9362.78	\$9,362.78
Balranald RSL Sub-Branch	To support veterans and their families through access to services that improve their health and wellbeing	Upgrade to memorial park by installing fencing around the perimeter	Recommend to approve \$10,000	\$10,000

Clare Sports Club	To manage and renovate infrastructure at Clare Recreation Reserve to ensure public safety is maintained for the local community and travelling public.	Repair and refurbish public toilets at Clare Recreation Reserve	Recommend to approve \$10,000	\$10,000
St Joseph's Parents & Friends	Provide financial support to the school for the benefit of our students and community	Purchase a demountable building, installation, transport and purchase of building	Recommend to approve \$10,000	\$10,000
Euston Community Centre Committee	Aim to keep the facilities in a good working order as these rooms are hired out on average every fortnight	Putting in new air-conditioning system	Recommend to approve \$10,000	\$10,000
Euston Preschool	To provide quality education & care to the youth of Euston	Purchase new tables and chairs for preschool classroom	Recommend to approve \$1,340	\$1,340

CARRIED

8.2 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - REGION 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council that nominations are now invited from member Councils of the Murray Darling Association for the positions of Chair and members of the Executive Committee for Region 4, and to nominate a representative of Council to the Committee.

RESOLUTION 2020/102

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council

1. commits to Murray Darling Association as a member Council.
2. nominates the Manager Strategic Development to serve on the MDA Region 4 Executive Committee for 12 months.

CARRIED

8.3 PROPOSED BALRANALD VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE UPGRADE PROJECT - BRIEFING OF THE ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY REPOSSES.**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To brief Council on the results of the four week online survey addressing the proposed Balranald Visitor Information Centre Upgrade Project

RESOLUTION 2020/103

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. That the results of the Online Community Survey relating to the proposed Balranald Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Upgrade Project be received and noted.
2. That the Growing Business, Industry & Tourism Advisory Committee be requested to prepare a prioritized master list of potential Tourism and Cultural projects for Balranald Shire.
3. That the VIC Upgrade project be referred to the Growing Business, Industry & Tourism Advisory Committee for advice on its prioritization, and confirmation of the elements that should desirably be incorporated into the site (e.g. Pavilion, Café, Visitor Information, Library, Council & Service NSW Customer Service).
4. That an analysis of current and future library needs be undertaken, including appropriate community consultation, to establish the desirability (or otherwise) of relocating the library into the upgraded Visitor Information Centre site.
5. That the outcomes requested above be progressively reported to Council.

CARRIED

8.4 2020 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the upcoming 2020 LGNSW Annual Conference and seek nomination of delegates to attend.

RESOLUTION 2020/104

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That;

1. The Administrator, and the General Manager be Council's authorised delegates at the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held at Lovedale in November 2020
2. The Administrator be authorised to submit any relevant motions to the conference in consultation with the General Manager.

CARRIED

8.5 HARDSHIP POLICY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek formal adoption of the Hardship Policy.

RESOLUTION 2020/105

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council formally adopts the Hardship Policy 2020 as attached to the meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

9 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 ADOPTION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE FOR PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIPS OF BALRANALD AND EUSTON

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council's adoption of the 2020/21 Stormwater Management Service charge as advertised in the 2020-21 Fees and Charges

RESOLUTION 2020/106

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council make and levy a Stormwater Management Service charge of \$25.00 per assessment on all land within the Balranald and Euston urban area that is in the residential and business categories for rating purposes, except vacant land, for which Council provides a stormwater management service, and a \$12.50 charge for each residential strata unit on the subject land for the financial year 2020-21.

CARRIED

10 INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

10.1 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Council has received a Letter of Offer of a Commonwealth Government grant of \$832,921 excluding GST under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. This report suggests a number of potential projects to be funded by this grant and proposes that the community be consulted before funds are committed.

RESOLUTION 2020/107

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. That Council accepts the offer of a Commonwealth Government grant of \$832,921

- excluding GST under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
2. that the sum of \$180,000 excluding GST be allocated to rectification of a recognised deficit regarding signs and other road furniture across the shire affecting the safety of the Council's road network.
 3. that the remainder of the funds be allocated to projects as recommended by the Executive of Chairs Advisory Committee after consideration by their respective Advisory Committees with a request that consideration be given to;
 - Heating of the Theatre Royal
 - Development of the Euston Forest Eco-trail and enhancements to the Euston-Robinvale walking trail
 - Beautification of the approaches to Euston including Murray Terrace
 - Expansion of the proposed Balranald walking trail
 - installation of a toilet at Balranald cemetery
 - Enhancements to the Kyalite riverside reserve
 - Conservation works and interpretive signage at the Hatfield school reserve
 - Construction of a rest stop at Hatfield
 - Footpath construction in Balranald and Euston
 - Such other projects as any of the Advisory Committees might propose.
 4. That the Executive of Chairs Advisory committee be requested to submit its recommendations to the October Ordinary Council Meeting for the consideration of Council.

CARRIED

PART B – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

11.1 CORRESPONDENCE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

RESOLUTION 2020/108

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 TOURISM REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with an update on tourism activity in the quarter April to June 2020.

RESOLUTION 2020/109

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.2 BIDGEE HAVEN HOSTEL FINANCIAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the Financial Review Report is to provide Council with accurate and timely reporting of revenue and expenditure against the adopted Operational and Capital Works budget in relation to the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel.

RESOLUTION 2020/110

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receives and notes the June 2020 Financial Report for the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel.

CARRIED

12.3 STATEMENT OF FUNDS: 30 JUNE 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to:

1. To advise Council of the balance of funds and investments held for the month ending 30 June 2020;
 2. Certify that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 (Section 625)*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Section 212)* and Council's Investment Policy, which was adopted by Council on the 17 October 2017
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RESOLUTION 2020/111

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receive and note the Statement of Funds for the period ending 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

12.4 CARAVAN PARK FINANCIAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to present accurate and transparent financial information pertaining to the Balranald Caravan Park from financial year 2013/14 to 30 June 2020, including historical information presented previously and the anticipated results for YTD 30 June 2020 (which are presently being finalised).

The report highlights the previous operating results and the current operating tempo post Council's current management structure being implemented. The data demonstrates significant variances over time including increases in revenue and expenses over the reporting period. Although the reporting demonstrates significant increases in revenue and expenses for the 2019/20 FY these need to be considered in line with the transition from a Lessee management structure to a Council management structure. It is expected that the reporting results will normalise over the next twelve months with a forecast net positive increase result and subsequent increase in the Caravan Park Reserve.

RESOLUTION 2020/112

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receives and notes the Balranald Caravan Park Financial Report from 2013/14 to 30 June 2020 inclusive.

CARRIED

12.5 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of the Financial Review report is to provide Council with accurate and timely reporting of income and expenditure against the adopted 2019-20 Operational and Capital Works budget.

RESOLUTION 2020/113

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report on the Financial Review against Council's Operational Plan to 30 June 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.6 TOURISM FINANCIAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of the Tourism Financial Review report is to provide Council with accurate and timely reporting of Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Works against the adopted Operational and Capital Works budget in relation to the Tourism Department of Council.

RESOLUTION 2020/114

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receive and note the Tourism Monthly Financial Report to 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

13 INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

13.1 PLANNING ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of activities in the Planning area

RESOLUTION 2020/115

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be noted

CARRIED

13.2 INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

BACKGROUND

This is a monthly report to update Council on infrastructure works currently in hand and in planning, updated to 15 July 2020.

RESOLUTION 2020/116

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the monthly update of infrastructure projects be received and noted.

CARRIED

14 NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2020/117

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council considers the confidential report(s) at 6.45pm listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993:

15.1 PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR STAFF HOUSING

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/118

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the meeting be closed to the public.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/119

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Open Council session be resumed at 6.48pm.

CARRIED

THE ACTING GENERAL MANAGER REPORTED that the following resolution was passed in closed session:

RESOLUTION 2020/120

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

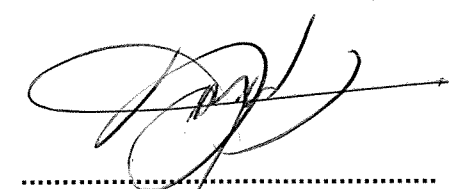
That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to commence negotiations for the purchase of the property at 83 Court Street, Balranald for the purpose of staff accommodation within the price range included in the report.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 6.53pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 18 August 2020.


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ADMINISTRATOR


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GENERAL MANAGER

