

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2020, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

**RECORDING & WEBCASTING OF MEETING**

Mayor McRae confirmed amendments to the Local Government Act 1993, which allows Councils to meet remotely to assist them to manage the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus at their meetings and to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order. These amendments will operate for a period of six months, but may extend to 12 months by regulation if required.

In the spirit of open, accessible and transparent Government, and to ensure this meeting is open to the public, Councillors were informed the meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to the Murrumbidgee Council facebook page. A recording will also be placed on Council's website following the meeting.

**PRESENT**

Present were Councillors R McRae (Mayor) (Jerilderie Chambers), R Black (Deputy Mayor), G Smith, F Bryce, P Wells, G Gilbert, R Curphey, P Brown and C Chirgwin (all remote access by audio-visual link).

Also present in the Jerilderie Chambers was John Scarce, General Manager.

Present by audio-visual link were staff members Vicki Sutton, Finance Manager and Sue Mitchell, Manager Corporate & Community Services, and Consultant Town Planner Steve Parisotto.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**71/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2020, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

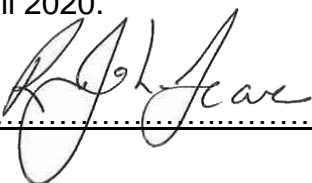
**CARRIED**

**PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NIL

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

NIL

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

**CY10-002**

**72/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that the following motion, passed at the Council meeting of 25 February 2020, be rescinded by application of Councillors Chirgwin, Brown and Curphey, with the Notice of Rescission having been made in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and provided to Council's General Manager on 27 March 2020:

*42/02/20 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Smith that Council endeavour to transition the Commonwealth Home Support Programme to a suitable provider. Should same not be found, Council to continue with provision of service.*

**CARRIED**

**COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

**73/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Brown that an audit be undertaken of the community transport service provided as part of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, and Council investigate financial opportunities for continuing this Programme. Council to prioritise a workshop addressing the specific order of business as soon as possible.

**CARRIED**

**MAYORAL REPORT**

**SC217**

**74/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Mayoral Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATE'S REPORT**

NIL

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

SC218

**75/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Brown that raw water restrictions for Jerilderie township be as detailed below:

#### Residential Properties

- Watering times 7am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm daily - use of automated systems or hoses with timers (timers cannot be set to exceed 120 minutes) or hand held hoses only.

#### Commercial/Council Properties Watering Times

- For lawn or garden 11pm to 7am daily - use of automated systems only.
- For lawn or garden 7am to 9am daily - hand held or hoses with timers (timers cannot be set to exceed 120 minutes) only.

**CARRIED**

### MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

SC49

**76/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Wells and Chirgwin that the Murrumbidgee Council draft Model Code of Meeting Practice, as presented to today's meeting, be adopted by Council, with amendment to Clause 3.9 to read:

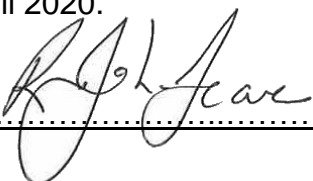
- 3.9 A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the Council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted 5 business days before the meeting is to be held.

**CARRIED**

Sue Mitchell, Manager Corporate & Community Services, departed the meeting.

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**77/04/20**      **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that the Quarterly Budget Review Report be noted and variances to the budgets, as outlined in the attachment, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – HILLTOP ACCOMMODATION CENTRE  
CY10-002**

**78/04/20**      **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that a donation of \$3000 a year for 3 years be made to the Hilltop Accommodation Centre Stage 2 development.

**CARRIED**

**COVID-19 HARDSHIP POLICY** **SC49/SC271**

**79/04/20**      **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Smith that Council adopt the Draft COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy and endorse the retrospective waiving of interest charges on outstanding rates and charges from 1 April 2020.

**CARRIED**

**DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT, ELLIOTT PARK, JERILDERIE SC119**

**80/04/20**      **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that Murrumbidgee Council endorse the draft Plan of Management for Elliott Park to enable it to proceed to public exhibition.

**CARRIED**

Consultant Planner Steve Parisotto departed the meeting.

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING SC199

**81/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Western Riverina Arts Annual General Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Minutes be noted.

**CARRIED**

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – MARCH 2020 SC133

**82/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Gilbert that Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 March 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT – 31 MARCH 2020 SC165

**83/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that the contents of the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report at 31 March 2020 be noted.

**CARRIED**

#### LOAN BORROWINGS AS AT 31 MARCH 2020 SC214

**84/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that the information contained in the Loan Borrowings Report as at 31 March 2020 be noted.

**CARRIED**

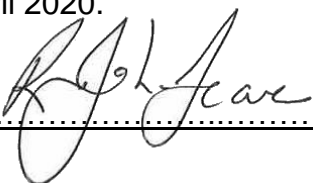
#### STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – MARCH 2020 SC137

**85/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Brown that the information contained in the Stronger Communities Fund, March 2020 Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – MARCH 2020**

**SC59**

**86/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that the contents of the New Council Implementation Fund, March 2020 Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

At 3.17pm Councillor Wells was granted approval to leave the meeting.

**2019/20 DELIVERY PROGRAM REVIEW**

**SC241**

**87/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Bryce that the information contained in the Delivery Program Review Report to 31 December 2019 be noted.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE MANAGER – MONTHLY REPORT**

**SC218**

**88/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Finance Manager Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT – MONTHLY REPORT**

**SC218**

**89/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Manager, Planning & Environment Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**MANAGER, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES – MONTHLY REPORT**

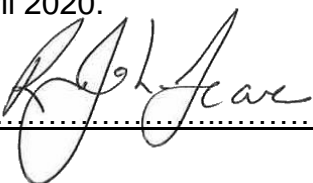
**SC218**

**90/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Manager, Corporate & Community Services Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**MANAGER, ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT – MONTHLY REPORT** **SC218**

**91/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Manager, Economic & Tourism Development Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**ASSET MANAGER – MONTHLY REPORT** **SC218**

**92/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Asset Manager Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION – MONTHLY REPORT** **SC218**

**93/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Operations Manager – Construction, Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS MANAGER, MAINTENANCE – MONTHLY REPORT** **SC218**

**94/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey the information contained in the Operations Manager – Maintenance, Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, MARCH 2020** **SC210**

**95/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Curphey that the information contained in the Development Application Approved Under Delegation Report, March 2020, be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**BIOSECURITY/SALEYARDS/TRUCKWASH/STOCK CONTROL SC92**

**96/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Biosecurity, Saleyards, Truckwash and Stock Control Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**WORKS IN PROGRESS 17/03/20 TO 20/04/20 SC218**

**97/04/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Bryce that the information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

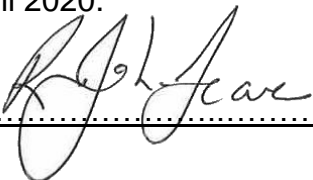
**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.42pm.

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Cr R E McRae  
**MAYOR**

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