

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DARLINGTON POINT
ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING 11.00AM**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor McRae

RECORDING & WEBCASTING OF MEETING

Mayor McRae advised those present the meeting is being recorded and the audio recording will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council or Committee Meeting, members of the public agree to being recorded and webcast.

PRESENT

Present were Councillors R McRae (Mayor), R Black (Deputy Mayor), F Bryce, T Mauger, C Chirgwin, T Strachan, R Curphey, G Gilbert and J Saxvik.

Also present was General Manager, John Scarce, Director of Infrastructure, Tom Dimec, Director Planning, Community & Development, Garry Stoll and Chief Financial Officer, Kaitlin Salzke.

APOLOGIES

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

166/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 October 2022, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

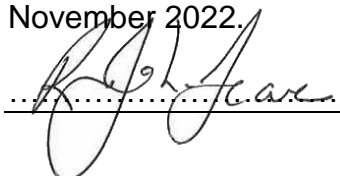
PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Councillor Black declared his non pecuniary interest in agenda item 27 - Conversion of Lease Number I260986.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

NIL

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.....General ManagerMayor

NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

MAYORAL MINUTE

DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE ROAD EMERGENCY

SC218; SC61; SC182

167/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Mayor McRae that:

1. Council join with Local Government NSW and the Country Mayors' Association of NSW in declaring a Statewide Road Emergency, supporting their call for:
 - a. An acceleration and significant increase in funding from the New South Wales Government for the \$1.1 billion Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Country Bridges program;
 - b. A boost to Road Block Grants funding from the Federal Government to compensate for the damage to the regional road network;
 - c. New funding from the Federal Government to provide Councils with plant machinery and skilled workers to expedite road repairs;
2. The State and Federal Governments acknowledge the Kidman Way as a vital arterial road during times of flood, taking more than its fair share of the diverted traffic from the Newell and Sturt Highways to keep the wheels of commerce turning. With this acknowledgement, they pledge funding to invest in the Kidman Way, moving the focus from maintenance to upgrade
3. Council write to the Hon Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, and the Hon Dominic Perrottet, Premier of New South Wales, seeking immediate support and action.

CARRIED

MAYORAL REPORT

SC217

168/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Bryce that the information contained in the Mayoral Report be noted.

CARRIED

DELEGATES' REPORTS

NIL

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

SC218

169/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Strachan that the information contained in the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and the revised Media and Communication Policy be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

At 11.36am Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia joined the meeting via video.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SC133

170/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Saxvik that the audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

At 11.49am Brad Bohun departed the meeting.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2022

SC133

171/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Saxvik and Bryce that the report be noted and variances to the budgets, as outlined in the attachment, be approved.

CARRIED

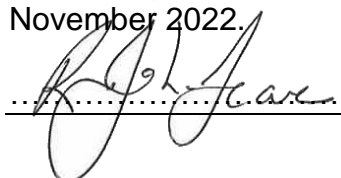
REVIEW OF BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY

SC49

172/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Strachan that the revised Business Continuity Policy be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

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.....General ManagerMayor

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY REVIEW SC49

173/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that the revised Fraud and Corruption Control Policy be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 SC50

174/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2021/22, and the Report be published on Council's website.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN SC34; SC49

175/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Strachan that the amendments to the Development Contributions Plan (Section 7.12 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979) be adopted, the Plan be endorsed and placed on public exhibition, with a further report to Council following the exhibition period.

CARRIED

LIQUID TRADE WASTE REGULATION POLICY REVIEW SC49

176/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Curphey that the revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be adopted by Council, after which it be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for approval.

CARRIED

LEASING OF COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES POLICY REVIEW SC49

177/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Strachan and Mauger that the revised Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

PRIVACY MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

SC49

178/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Strachan and Mauger that the revised Privacy Management Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

REVISED COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AND EVENTS POLICY

SC49

179/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Strachan and Mauger that the revised Murrumbidgee Council Events Policy (formerly Community Festival and Events Policy), as presented, be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.

CARRIED

CHILD SAFE (CHILD PROTECTION) POLICY REVIEW

SC49

180/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Strachan and Mauger that the revised Child Protection Policy be renamed the Child Safe Policy, and be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER REVIEW

SC49

181/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Strachan and Mauger that the revised Customer Service Charter be adopted.

CARRIED

RESCISSION OF CONTAMINATED LANDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

SC49

182/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Saxvik and Curphey that Council rescind its Contaminated Lands Management Policy.

CARRIED

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANT

SC195; SC196

183/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Gilbert that staff lodge a grant application for \$25,000 for a Local Heritage Fund for Murrumbidgee Council through the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant 2022.

CARRIED

REVISED SIGNS AS REMOTE SUPERVISION POLICY

SC49

184/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Strachan that the revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SC130

185/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Curphey that the information contained in the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

SC20

186/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Bryce that the information contained in the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SC21

187/11/22 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Strachan that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Annual General Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING SC21

188/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Strachan that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee General Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SC12

189/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that the information contained in the Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Annual General Meeting and Committee Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2022 SC133

190/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Mauger that Council note the monthly Cash & Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 October 2022.

CARRIED

OVERDUE RATES COLLECTION

191/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that the information contained in the Overdue Rates Collection Report be noted.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, OCTOBER 2022 SC210

192/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Mauger that the information contained in the Development Application Approved Under Delegation Report, October 2022, be noted.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

CONVERSION OF LEASE NUMBER I260986

SC79

193/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that this item be referred to the **CONFIDENTIAL** section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) and (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED

LIONS CLUB GRANT PROGRAM

SC361

194/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that this item be referred to the **CONFIDENTIAL** section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

Council closed its meeting at 12.34pm. Recording was stopped.

CONVERSION OF LEASE NUMBER I260986

SC7

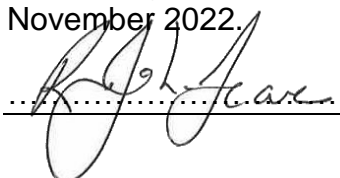
Councillor Black declared his non-pecuniary interest and departed the meeting.

195/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Bryce that:

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate the conversion of Lease Number I260986 at the 1 July 2022 land value, with legal fees and stamp duty to be paid by the lessee.
2. That the conversion settlement is to be paid in full.
3. That Council authorise the General Manager to execute the documents under the Common Seal of Council.

CARRIED

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..........General ManagerMayor

Councillor Black returned to the meeting.

LIONS CLUB GRANT PROGRAM

SC361

196/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Saxvik that \$2,000 funding under the 2022 Lions Club Grant Program be awarded to Rebecca Norris, Darlington Point Swimming Pool to purchase games and equipment.

Open Council resumed at 12.46pm with the meeting re-opened to the public. Recording resumed.

The Mayor informed the meeting of resolutions 195/11/22 and 196/11/22 as adopted in the Confidential section of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.47pm

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Cr R E McRae
MAYOR