

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DARLINGTON POINT ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018  
COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

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**PRESENT**

Present were Councillors R McRae (Mayor), R Black (Deputy Mayor), G Smith, F Bryce, P Wells, G Gilbert, R Curphey, C Chirgwin and P Brown.

Also present were Craig Moffitt, General Manager, Alison Coe, Assistant General Manager, Corporate and Community Services and Peter Chudek, Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure & Environment.

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILLOR PATRICK BROWN 03.12**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Councillor Patrick John Brown took the Oath of Office.

Mayor, Councillor McRae welcomed Councillor Brown to the meeting, thanking him for his interest in standing for Council, and congratulating him on his election. Councillor McRae said she looked forward to Councillor Brown's support of Murrumbidgee Council and his representation of all Council residents and ratepayers.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 41/03/18 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Chirgwin that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 February 2018, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

**PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

**MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**PRIVATE WORKS-COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM 01.13 / 04.13 / 03.16**

- 42/03/18 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Wells and Gilbert that a detailed and itemised report on the private works carried out for the Coleambally Solar Farm, including income and expenditure, be provided.

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**COUNCILLORS' CORRESPONDENCE**

**03.16**

- 43/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors McRae and Black that all correspondence with individuals proposing business partnerships be handled by the General Manager.

**SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS**

- 44/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Chirgwin that Council suspend standing orders and adjourn at 10.20am.

**SWEATBOX COMMUNITY GYM, COLEAMBALLY**

**03.13.08A-16**

At 10.20am Mr Joe Briggs, President of the Coleambally Sweatbox Gym, joined the meeting, addressing Council on behalf of the Gym Committee.

At 11.05am Mr Joe Briggs departed the meeting.

**REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS**

- 45/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that Council resume the meeting and reinstate standing orders at 11.16am.

- 46/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that Council allocate land in Coleambally to meet the agreed building to house the Sweatbox Community Gym by 99 years lease or sale.

At 11.05am the meeting adjourned for morning tea.

At 11.16am the meeting resumed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- 47/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors McRae and Curphey that the Mayoral Report be adopted.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT**

**WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS**

**07.06.01**

- 48/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Smith that the Delegate's Report be adopted.

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### ESTABLISHMENT OF MURRUMBIDGEE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE 01.06

49/03/18 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Black that:

1. A local Murrumbidgee Council Destination Management Plan aligned to the Regional Plan be finalised, with input from Councillor McRae, a nominated Councillor, and in consultation with a Murrumbidgee Council Business and Tourism Group;
2. Nominations be sought for appointment to the Murrumbidgee Council Business & Tourism Advisory Group;
3. The Group will act as a conduit for information and support to Council in the promotion and advancement of business and tourism development within the Council area;
4. The Business and Tourism Advisory Group's role and purpose is to:
  - Inform the development and the review of Council's strategic priorities for sustainable economic and tourism growth;
  - Represent the small to medium enterprise sector and the local tourism industry in industry engagement and consultation processes as convened or approved by Council;
  - Make recommendations to Council on matters relating to business and tourism development that assist the growth of a stronger, more diverse, local economy;
  - Promote the direct and indirect value and benefits of economic and tourism development within the individual townships and agricultural surrounds, and across the Murrumbidgee Council area;
  - Be a positive advocate for business and tourism development within the Murrumbidgee Council area, Western Riverina sub-region; and on a regional, state and national basis.
5. Group membership will comprise nine business and industry representatives and 2 Councillors, (including the Mayor, Cr McRae);
6. The Group will be skills-based, reflective of local industry sectors, and representative of individuals in businesses or industries located, or with significant interest, in the Murrumbidgee Council area;
7. The group will meet no less than half yearly. Additional meetings may be convened by Council. Attendance at industry engagement forums, Government consultation processes, or strategic planning workshops, may be requested by Council from time to time.

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## Councillor Nominations

1. Councillors Black and Chirgwin nominated Councillor Brown as a Councillor representative to the Murrumbidgee Council Business and Tourism Advisory Group;
2. Councillors Curphey and Gilbert nominated Councillor Curphey as a Councillor representative to the Murrumbidgee Council Business and Tourism Advisory Group.

## DARLINGTON POINT OFFICE EXTENSION

04.07

**50/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Smith that the final draft architectural plans for the extension to the existing Council office building in Darlington Point be approved.

## COLEAMBALLY 50TH ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENTS WORKS

04.25.18

**51/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Black that:

1. The Lions Park Toilet Block, Coleambally be replaced with a prefabricated unit, with doors to open externally, and disabled access upgraded;
2. The proposed graphic design for the Coleambally town sign be approved.

## EASY TO DO BUSINESS INITIATIVE

02.18.05

**52/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Curphey that Council receive this report and:

1. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be authorised with Service NSW (SNSW) for the Easy to Do Business Initiative; and
2. Associated documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council, as necessary.

## RATES HARDSHIP POLICY

03.06

**53/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that the draft Rates Hardship Policy be endorsed, and the document be placed on Public Exhibition in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act.

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## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE, THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2018 02.09

54/03/18 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Bryce that the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Minutes be noted.

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### ANNUAL LEAVE, GENERAL MANAGER 05.26.01

55/03/18 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that the information contained in the report - Annual Leave, General Manager - be noted.

#### PRIORITY PROJECTS REGISTER-MARCH 2018-UPDATE 03.13.08A

56/03/18 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Black that the Priorities Projects Register Report be adopted.

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018 05.13

57/03/18 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that Council receive this report and note the financial monthly report containing the bank balances and investment schedule to 28 February 2018.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES 02.22

58/03/18 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Brown that the information provided in relation to the provision and management of Community Services in the Local Government Area (LGA), be noted and endorsed by Council.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS 27/02/2018 to 19/03/18 03.16.04

59/03/18 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Wells and Chirgwin that the Works in Progress Report be adopted.

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**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**GRADER TENDER– 07/2017**

**03.09.34**

**60/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Chirgwin 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) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

*(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**SALE OF INDUSTRIAL BLOCKS, AMAROO AVENUE, COLEAMBALLY**  
**04.14**

**61/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Chirgwin 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) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

*(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

Council closed its meeting to the public at 1.08pm.

**GRADER TENDER– 07/2017**

**03.09.34**

**62/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that the Hitachi Construction Machinery Australia Pty Ltd tender for supply of the John Deere 770GP grader be accepted.

**SALE OF INDUSTRIAL BLOCKS, AMAROO AVENUE, COLEAMBALLY**  
**04.14**

**63/03/18** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Brown that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the contract price for the sale of lots in one purchase in the Coleambally Industrial Estate, above the minimum price advertised.

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**64/03/18** Resolved on the motion of Councillor Curphey and Black that Open Council resume at 1.24pm.

**DELEGATES REPORT**

Councillor Smith provided a verbal report on the Western Riverina Libraries meeting held in Hay on Thursday 15 March 2018.

**65/03/18** Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Bryce that the verbal report be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.29pm.

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Cr R E McRae  
**MAYOR**

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*Erin Murphy* ..... General Manager ..... Mayor

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