

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE IAN GILBERT ROOM, JERILDERIE CIVIC HALL  
ON TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

**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), G Smith, F Bryce, P Wells, C Chirgwin, P Brown and R Curphey.

Also present was John Scarce, General Manager.

Council staff: William Wade, Sue Mitchell, Vicki Sutton, Steve Goodsall, Kelly Tyson, Johann Pereira and Kellie Dissegna

**APOLOGIES**

NIL

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**237/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Chirgwin that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2020, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Pecuniary interest declarations were received from Councillor Robert Curphey and Councillor Faith Bryce in relation to Item 21 – Development Applications Approved Under Delegation, September 2020 and Councillor Phillip Wells in relation to Item 24 – Unauthorised Tree Clearing.

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

NIL

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

NIL

**MAYORAL REPORT**

**SC217**

**238/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Black that the information contained in the Mayoral Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATES' REPORTS**

NIL

**OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT**

**SC218**

**239/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that:

1.
  - a) Council not proceed with any physical Christmas event for 2020;
  - b) A personal Christmas card be provided to all staff, signed by elected representatives and the General Manager;
  - c) Council provide an undertaking that a day be set aside for all staff and their family to come together for a fun day, celebration and a meal at the first opportunity the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and we all feel safe to participate.
2. The December 2020 Council meeting be rescheduled to Thursday 17 December 2020.
3.
  - a) The General Manager John Scarce be granted annual leave for the period 19 December 2020 to 9 January 2021 (inclusive). Noting that the General Manager will remain contactable via email and mobile phone during this time.
  - b) The General Manager be authorised to take the private use vehicle provided into the State of Queensland for the period 19 December 2020 to 9 January 2021 (inclusive).

**CARRIED**

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**OFFICE CLOSURE – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**

**SC218**

**240/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that the Murrumbidgee Council administrative offices be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from 12.00pm Wednesday 23 December, 2020, to re-open Monday 4 January, 2021, a total of 4 ½ days special leave.

**CARRIED**

**STATEMENT BY COUNCILLORS & MANAGEMENT**

**SC133**

**241/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Smith that:

1. Following a review at Council’s workshop, the going concern basis is appropriate for the 30 June 2020 financial statements and the required disclosures within the statements with regards to going concern are fairly reflected within the applicable notes;
2. Council authorise the signing of the Statement by Councillors and Management by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and endorse the signing by the General Manager and Finance Manager (as Responsible Accounting Officer) in relation to the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements;
3. Approval be granted to the Mayor and General Manager to authorise the submission of completed Audited Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government, upon receipt of the Audit Report.

**CARRIED**

**SHOULDER PARKING RESTRICTIONS – JERILDERIE BP**

**SC176**

**242/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that the “No Stopping” signs, currently located in the vicinity of Jerilderie BP, be retained.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

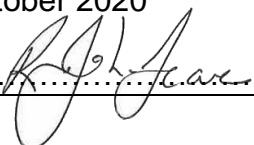
**JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SC21**

**243/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Bryce that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Annual General Meeting Minutes be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING SC21**

**244/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Bryce that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee General Meeting Minutes be noted.

**CARRIED**

**COLEAMBALLY AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SC5**

**245/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Black that the information contained in the Coleambally Australia Day Committee Meeting Minutes be noted.

**CARRIED**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING**

**MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020 SC133**

**246/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Brown that Council note the monthly Cash & Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 30 September 2020.

**CARRIED**

**NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – SEPTEMBER 2020 SC59**

**247/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Chirgwin that the contents of the New Council Implementation Fund - September 2020 Report be noted.

**RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020 SC165**

**248/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Brown that the information contained in the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report - September 2020 be noted.

**CARRIED**

**LOAN BORROWINGS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020** **SC214**

**249/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Loan Borrowings Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – SEPTEMBER 2020** **SC137**

**250/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Stronger Communities Fund Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**BUSH FIRE PREPAREDNESS** **SC116**

**251/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Bush Fire Preparedness Report be noted, and updates be provided during each month of the fire season.

**FINANCE MANAGER - MONTHLY REPORT** **SC218**

**252/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that the information contained in the Finance Manager Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT-MONTHLY REPORT** **SC218**

**253/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Smith that the information contained in the Manager, Planning & Environment Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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

**254/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Smith that:

- a) Business Murrumbidgee's section 355 status be revoked;
- b) the information contained in the Manager, Economic & Tourism Development Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS MANAGER, MAINTENANCE – MONTHLY REPORT**

**SC218**

**255/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Curphey that the information contained in the Operations Manager – Maintenance Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION – MONTHLY REPORT**

**SC218**

**256/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Operations Manager – Construction Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**ASSET MANAGER – MONTHLY REPORT**

**SC218**

**257/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Smith that the information contained in the Asset Manager Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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

**SC218**

**258/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Curphey that the information contained in the Manager, Corporate & Community Services Monthly Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, SEPTEMBER 2020**

**SC210**

Councillors Robert Curphey and Faith Bryce declared their pecuniary interest in this item and departed the building.

**259/10/20** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Black that the information contained in the Development Application Approved Under Delegation, September 2020, Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

Councillors Curphey and Bryce returned to the meeting.

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

**260/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Brown that the information contained in the Biosecurity, Saleyards, Truckwash and Stock Control Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**WORKS IN PROGRESS 15/09/2020 to 19/10/2020 SC218**

**261/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Brown and Bryce that the information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**UNAUTHORISED TREE CLEARING SC168/SC212**

**262/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Smith 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 (g) 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);
- (g) Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege

**CARRIED**

Council closed its meeting to the public at 2.34pm. Recording was stopped.

**UNAUTHORISED TREE CLEARING SC168/SC212**

Councillor Phillip Wells declared his pecuniary interest in this item and departed the building.

**263/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that Council issue a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) to the landowner for clearing of vegetation without development consent.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Wells returned to the meeting.

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**ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE**

**BROLGA PLACE TENDER EVALUATION**

**SC319**

**264/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Brown that this item without notice be accepted as it requires resolution before the next scheduled meeting.

**CARRIED**

**BROLGA PLACE TENDER EVALUATION**

**SC319**

**265/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Curphey 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) and (d) 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.
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
  - i. Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
  - iii. Reveal a trade secret.

**BROLGA PLACE TENDER EVALUATION**

**SC319**

**266/10/20 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Curphey that further investigations be undertaken into the Brolga Place Tenders, with a report to be tabled at the November meeting of Council.

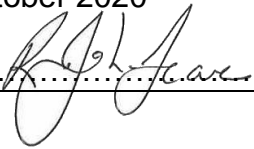
**CARRIED**

Open Council resumed at 3.38pm with the meeting re-opened to the public. Recording resumed.

The Mayor informed the meeting of resolutions 263/10/20 and 266/10/20 as adopted in the Confidential section of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.41pm

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Cr R E McRae  
**MAYOR**

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