

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DARLINGTON POINT
ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 2.00PM**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor McRae paid respect to the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Murrumbidgee Local Government Area, and to all Aboriginal Elders, past and present and emerging.

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 OAM (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

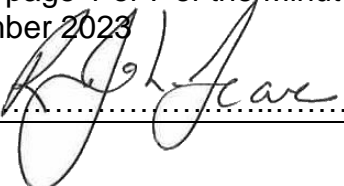
196/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Saxvik and Curphey that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 October 2023, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

NIL

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NOTICE OF RESCISSION

NIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

MAYORAL REPORT

SC217

197/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin 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

198/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that the information contained in the General Manager's monthly report be noted

CARRIED

DRAFT 2022/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SC133

199/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Mauger that:

1. Following review, the going concern basis is appropriate for the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023, and the required disclosures within the statements with regards to going concern are fairly reflected within the applicable notes;
2. Council authorise the General Manager, in consultation with the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee, Council's Auditors and the Chief Financial Officer, to make any necessary adjustments to the financial statements that may arise as the result of the audit process, and to report back to Council on any such adjustments that are made, where significant;

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3. Council authorises the signing of the Statement by Councillors and Management by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and endorse the signing by the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer (as Responsible Accounting Officer) in relation to the General Purpose Financial Statements;
4. The General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 be formally referred to Council's Auditor for audit; and
5. Council delegates to the General Manager authority, upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports to:
 - a. forward a copy of the financial statements and Auditor's Reports to the Office of Local Government;
 - b. arrange for public notice to be given, in the required format, on Council's website, of the Council meeting for presentation of the audited 2022/23 financial statements;
 - c. arrange for the Council's audited financial statements and Auditor's reports to be placed on public exhibition; and
 - d. list the audited financial statements and Auditor's reports on the agenda for the next available Council meeting for presentation to the public, which allows for the 7 days public notice requirement.

CARRIED

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2023

SC133

200/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Saxvik that the Quarterly Budget Review be noted and variances to the budget, as outlined therein, be approved.

CARRIED

DRAFT ALCOHOL FREE ZONE POLICY

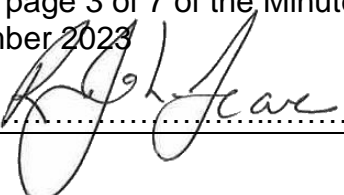
SC49; SC100

201/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Gilbert that the draft Alcohol-Free Zone Policy be adopted with the following changes:

- i. Removal of point 3 and addition of Schedule 1 – Current Alcohol-Free Zones;
- ii. Addition to *Delegation to the General Manager* section of "Individuals, groups or organisations must apply in writing to Council to request suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone at least one (1) month before the scheduled event."

CARRIED

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202/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Strachan that Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2022-23, the Report be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and published on Council's website.

CARRIED

**REPORT ON MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT
STATISTICS** **SC222**

203/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that Council note:

- a) there were no code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023; and
- b) these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON'S
ANNUAL REPORT** **SC130**

204/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Curphey that the information contained in the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee – Chairperson's Annual Report be noted.

CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
MEETING** **SC20**

205/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that the information contained in the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SC21

206/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Mauger that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Annual General Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING SC21

207/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Mauger that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee General Meeting Minutes be noted.

COLEAMBALLY AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING **SC5**

208/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Bryce that the information contained in the Coleambally Australia Day Committee Meeting Minutes be noted.

CARRIED

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2023 SC133

209/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Strachan that Council note the monthly Investment Report identifying all money Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, OCTOBER 2023

210/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Bryce that the information contained in the Development Application Approved Under Delegation October 2023 be noted.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

TENDER - SUPPLY, REGISTRATION AND DELIVERY OF PRIME MOVER SC687

211/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Saxvik 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) (d) (i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
- i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CARRIED

Council closed its meeting to the public at 2.43pm. Recording was stopped.

TENDER - SUPPLY, REGISTRATION AND DELIVERY OF PRIME MOVER SC687

212/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that:

1. Council accept the tender from Inland Trucks Wagga Wagga for the purchase of Kenworth Model T610 SAR for \$336,554.00 (excluding GST) - Tender Reference RFT0007/2023.
2. The contract documents, and any other associated documents, be executed on behalf of the Council in accordance with cl.165 of the Local Government Regulation by the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) as the Principal's Representative.

213/11/23 **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that open Council resume.

CARRIED

At 2.49pm the meeting re-opened to the public. Recording resumed.

The Mayor informed the meeting of resolution 212/11/23, as adopted in the Confidential section of the meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.51pm

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Cr R E McRae OAM
MAYOR

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