

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LIBRARY COMPLEX, LIBRARY  
COURT, HOLBROOK  
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Wilton (Chairperson), Hicks, Meyer, O'Neill, Osborne, Quinn, Schilg, Stewart and Weston.

**PRESENT:** General Manager, Director Corporate & Community Services, Director Environment & Planning, Acting Director Engineering and Executive Assistant.

Cr Schilg offered a prayer to open the meeting.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor (Chairperson) offered an Acknowledgement of Country at the commencement of the meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)**

Nil.

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2016**

#### **4495 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Shire Council held at Culcain on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 as printed and circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

### **ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **1. FORMAT OF ACTION REPORT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Cr Stewart requested that when officers amend the report, that the comment include the date it is added.

#### **2. 4138 – LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS (FORMERLY LOCAL HERITAGE FUND) 2015 – 2016**

Cr Stewart queried why the finalisation of the wording for the interpretative sign for the former Morebringer school site was still outstanding. General Manager indicated he would take on notice and follow up with the Tourism Officer.

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3. 4146 RELOCATION AND UPGRADE OF THE RAIL CROSSING NORTH OF HENTY

Cr Stewart queried further progress on the issue. In response the General Manager advised that the Review of Environmental Factors plan is complete, and this document will be submitted to Council for consideration. Following, it is expected that further costing of the project involving all stakeholders will need to be undertaken, to prepare the business case for the project and develop it to 'shovel ready' status, with the view that an application for funding be made under the NSW Fixing Country Roads Program and the Federal Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme.

4. QUESTION ON NOTICE – CALENDAR OF REGULAR MAINTANENCE WORK IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE SHIRE

Cr Stewart queried when the calendar would be made available. General Manager indicated he would take her request on notice because the Director Engineering is currently on annual leave.

5. 4450 – COMMUNITY SURVEY

Cr Stewart queried when will the new council review the results of the community survey. In response the General Manager advised that it is his intention to discuss the survey in a workshop on a date yet to be determined. To this end, General Manager said there was a need to circularise a schedule of dates for workshops to inform the new council and that he would prepare this and circularise for comment and availability in the near future.

6. QUESTION ON NOTICE – SHIRE TOUR – SOURCING SUITABLE GRAVEL DEPOSITS FOR REGRAVELLING UNSEALED ROADS IN THE SHIRE

Cr Meyer raised the issue of the need to source suitable gravel deposits for regravelling of unsealed roads, given the impact of the extreme wet weather this year on gravel roads.

7. QUESTION ON NOTICE – BEAUTIFICATION TO THE JINDERA EXCHANGE – REQUEST FOR TELSTRA TO CONTRIBUTE

Cr Osborne queried progress in the matter and asked if the funds to be provided by Telstra to paint the structure are still available.

8. QUESTION ON NOTICE – STAFF WORKING IN THE FIELD – WHS ISSUES

Cr Schilg queried progress, in response the Director Corporate & Community Services advised that it is expected that a draft policy will be presented to the December meeting.

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9. 4319 – TSR 2187 – JINDERA PUBLIC WATERING PLACE

Cr Schilg queried progress with regard to the delay in the sale of the land held as a TSR, due to the Crown Lands White Paper review. General Manager replied indicating that the review is taking significant time but he expected that the legislation could be submitted to parliament later in 2016.

10. LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS – COMPLAINT

Cr Schilg advised that she had received a phone call from a shire resident who had made enquiry through Council to obtain the contact hotline for Loose Fill Asbestos testing. A staff member had advised that they couldn't provide her with the number. Cr Schilg to provide details for the concerned resident to the General Manager.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. PRESENTATION OF 2015/2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**4496 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Schilg]

That:

1. In accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2016 are hereby received and noted.
2. A further report be presented to the November 2016 Council Meeting detailing any submissions received in respect of Council's audited Financial Statements if applicable.

The Chairperson, Cr Wilton, congratulated staff on the excellent preparation of the financial returns and the expediency in submitting the annual financial statements to the Office of Local Government.

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**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL REPRESENTATIVES**

Cr Meyer left the meeting room at 6.34pm, returning at 6.35pm.

**4497 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Schilg]

That:

1. Council resolve to appoint Mr Brent Livermore as an additional Council delegate to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.
2. Council advise the Secretariat that Councillor Osborne and Mr Brent Livermore have been appointed as Council's representative for the Southern Regional Planning Panel.

**2. SOUTH JINDERA LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL MASTER PLAN**

**4498 RESOLVED** [Osborne/O'Neill]

That Council:

1. note the comments and submissions made in relation to the draft *South Jindera Low Density Residential Master Plan* and draft *South Jindera Development Control Plan*
2. adopt the *South Jindera Master Plan*
3. adopt the *South Jindera Development Control Plan* as site specific controls at Chapter 11 of the *Greater Hume Development Control Plan 2013*.

**SOUTH JINDERA LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL MASTER PLAN**

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hicks Meyer O'Neill Osborne Schilg Stewart Weston Wilton	Quinn		

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**3. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BY A LOCAL BUSINESS TO ELIMINATE SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS**

**4499 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Osborne]

Council advise Mr Bob Matthews of the following:

1. that it is concerned about the environmental implications from the use of plastic bags, however it considers that the issue is one to be addressed by higher tiers of government that have the ability to implement legislation to address the issue.
2. Council staff has raised the issue with the REROC waste group. That group will work on developing a program to support businesses that wish to no longer supply plastic bags.
3. The REROC waste group is to determine whether there is support from REROC executive to lobby for state government legislation to ban the supply and use of plastic bags.
4. that Council promotes and encourages the reduction of the use of single use plastic bags through available mediums, e.g. Council's quarterly community and business newsletters, website, business newsletter, buy local campaign, Facebook page and support message on Council email signatories.

## **GOVERNANCE**

**1. COMMUNITY MUSEUMS STRATEGIC PLANS**

**4500 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Hicks]

That the report be received and noted.

**2. OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - JOINT ORGANISATION BOUNDARIES**

**4501 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Schilg]

That Council forward a submission on the Office of Local Government Consultation Paper - *Getting the boundaries right* supporting the boundaries of the Riverina JO and reconfirming Council's commitment to be a member of the Riverina JO.

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**3. POTENTIAL SALE (OR LEASE) OF 59 AND 61 GORDON STREET, CULCAIRN – FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY Q SHEETMETAL**

**4502 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Weston]

That the General Manager's actions in leasing the building to Kris Gilmour trading as KG Fabrications for a period of one year at a rental of \$250 per week plus outgoings and GST be endorsed.

**4. HUME MEDICAL CENTRE – REQUEST FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

**4503 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Meyer]

That Council offer Dr Bayo a rental reimbursement equivalent to eight (8) weeks rent after continuously practicing in Holbrook for a period of six months.

**5. QUESTION OF NOTICE (CR OSBORNE) – ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY COUNCIL FOR MILESTONE TOWN CELEBRATIONS**

**4504 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Stewart]

That the report be received and noted.

**6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS**

**4505 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Schilg]

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## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

*Item 1 dealt with earlier in the agenda.*

### **2. REQUEST TO AMEND NON RESIDENTIAL SEWER AND LIQUID TRADE WASTE CHARGES**

**4506 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Schilg]

That the non-residential sewer and liquid trade waste charges levied to Kotzur Pty Ltd, Assessment Number 10114718 be adjusted to \$346.28 and \$2,296.35 respectively for the period April 2016 to June 2016.

### **3. DAVID & CHERYL PAECH – LEASE OF LAND**

**4507 RESOLVED** [Osborne/O'Neill]

That:

1. Council resolve to enter into a new Licence for Lot 136 DP 753764 being a section of Walla Walla Gum Swamp Reserve 1003019 to David & Cheryl Paech for a 5 year term.
2. the following wording or similar be included in the Special Conditions of the Licence between Greater Hume Shire Council and David & Cheryl Paech:

*The parties agree that -*

*Grazing shall be undertaken in late winter or early spring (August/September) to coincide with the major growth period of the introduced annual pastures and flat weeds, and then the grazing removed to allow the native perennial species to regenerate.*

*The Licensee agrees to allow two persons as nominated by the Gum Swamp Reserve Management Committee access to Lot 136 DP 753764 for the purposes of environmental monitoring. Such access is granted on the basis that notification prior to access is provided to the Licensee.*

3. correspondence be forwarded to the Department of Primary Industries - Lands seeking approval from the Minister to enter into a Licence for Lot 136 DP 753764 being a section of Walla Walla Gum Swamp Reserve 1003019 for a 5 year term.
4. the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Licence to the David & Cheryl Paech for a section of Walla Walla Gum Swamp Reserve 1003019 under the Common Seal of Council.
5. rental income received for the Licence be transferred to the Walla Walla (Gum Swamp) Management Committee funds to assist with the ongoing projects and maintenance of Gum Swamp.

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**4. JINDERA MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE (MSO) PROJECT**

**4508 MOTION** [Osborne/O'Neill]

That:

1. the amended tender received from Premier Building and Construction Pty Ltd for the construction of the Jindera Multi-Purpose Community Centre project for the amount of \$1,487,145.19 (excluding GST) be accepted as the preferred tender.
2. the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute contract and other associated documentation under the Common Seal of Council

AMENDMENT [Quinn/

That the matter lay on the table until 1 July 2017 until the next budget is prepared.

The Chairperson called for a seconder to the amendment. THE AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER. ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Cr Quinn requested his opposition to the motion be recorded.

## **ENGINEERING**

**1. CREATING A PLAN FOR BETTER URBAN ADDRESSING IN JINDERA**

**4509 RESOLVED** [Osborne/Schilg]

That:

1. Council endorse Action 1, 2. In relation to Action 3 discuss with the community (if needed) the provision of numbered signs and further proposed community engagement for Action 4 outlined in the report
2. funding for Actions 1, 2 and 3 estimated at \$28,000 be considered in the 2017/2018 Budget
3. Council also endorses the proposed Action 4 for further community engagement with affected residents in Wood Street, Fallon Street, Creek Street, Jindera Street and Gibson Street as detailed in the report.

AMENDMENT [Stewart/Meyer]

That:

1. Council endorse Action 1 and 2 and further proposed community engagement for Action 4 outlined in the report
2. funding for Actions 1 and 2 be considered in the 2017/2018 Budget
3. Council also endorses the proposed Action 4 for further community engagement with affected residents in Wood Street, Fallon Street, Creek Street, Jindera Street and Gibson Street as detailed in the report.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.  
ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.



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**2. DRAINAGE AND STREETScape WORKS, SLADEN STREET, HENTY**

**4510 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Schilg]

That:

1. in accordance with clause 178 (1) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Council resolve to decline the tender submitted by Longford Civil and
2. Council invite, in accordance with clause 167 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, fresh tenders based on the same or different details.

General Manager advised the meeting that advice will be provided to councillors regarding the need for replacement of street lighting as part of the project. Retendering will be undertaken shortly with the aim of a further report to council being submitted at the December meeting.

**3. 2015/16 SPRAY SEALING WORKS - GREATER HUME, LOCKHART, AND FEDERATION SHIRE COUNCILS**

**4511 RESOLVED** [Quinn/Hicks]

That report be received and noted.

## **PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **GOVERNANCE**

**1. OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS**

**2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES (LGNSW) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS**

**3. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT**

**4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY BRIEFING REPORT**

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## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. **CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARIES OF MONTHLY REQUESTS**
2. **STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES and investments AS AT 31 AUGUST 2016**
3. **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2016**
4. **COMMUNITY SERVICES QUARTERLY BRIEFING REPORT**

Cr Meyer congratulated staff on promotion of the successful CARPE DIEM men's mental health live theatre performances conducted recently in Henty and Holbrook.

## **ENGINEERING**

1. **SEPTEMBER REPORT OF WORKS**
2. **WATER & SEWER REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

1. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016**
2. **SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016**
3. **RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016**

**4512 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Quinn]

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

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## **PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS**

**4513 RESOLVED** [Meyer/Quinn]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

## **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil.

## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

1. JINDERA SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL

Cr Osborne requested that a report be prepared and presented to Council regarding an action plan for the Jindera School of Arts Hall, given that Council is proceeding with the Jindera Multi-Purpose Community Centre project.

2. RURAL CARE LINK – R U OK WORKSHOP

Cr O'Neill advised a Rural Care Inc. is holding a RU OK workshop at Burrumbuttock on 25 October 2016, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD 16-18 OCTOBER 2016 – GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL MOTIONS

Cr Meyer advised of the results of Greater Hume Shire motions at the conference were as follows:

- TYING WATER ENTITLEMENTS TO LAND TITLES

"That conference supports the concept that water is a basic, fundamental and essential utility and that Local Government NSW urgently lobby the State Government to reverse the decision to remove water rights from land title to ensure the economic and social sustainability of rural communities."

*This motion was subject to significant debate and was lost on a division.*

- NOXIOUS WEEDS FUNDING

"That Council request Local Government NSW to lobby the Department of Primary Industries to review the formula and policy which determines how noxious weeds funding is allocated to ensure funding is allocated on a more equitable basis".

*This motion was passed by conference without debate.*

4. IMMINENT CLOSURE OF DOODLE COOMA HOTEL

Cr Meyer advised regrettably that the owners of the Doodle Cooma Hotel have been unsuccessful in finding a buyer for the hotel and so the hotel will close on 6 November 2016.

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5. LIBRARY SERVICES FOR JINDERA AND WALLA WALLA

Cr Osborne has asked that officers investigate options for an improved library service for towns of growing population which are without this service, e.g. Jindera and Walla Walla. In her opinion the change in services provided by static libraries indicates that the mobile library service is not meeting the demands of residents in those towns and surrounding districts.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

Cr Osborne queried when a report will be presented regarding the new structure for committees. General Manager advised that it is expected that a report will be presented at the December meeting of Council.

7. HOT HOUSE THEATRE EVENTS IN GREATER HUME SHIRE

Cr Osborne queried why Council has not for some years had Hot House Theatre shows in the shire. In response, General Manager advised that grant funding to bring such shows into rural areas has ceased from the previous source. Cr Osborne indicated that perhaps Murray Arts may be able to provide information on possible sources of funding.

8. DAMAGE ON COUNCIL'S ROAD NETWORK DUE TO EXCESSIVE WET WEATHER

Cr Stewart stated to the meeting that the recent prolonged wet weather has done excessive and unexpected damage to our roads.

Cr Stewart requested that Council undertake an investigation and provide a comprehensive report. Cr Stewart indicated that she is interested in Council's response to that damage; specifically the report to provide response to the following questions:

- Will Council conduct an audit of the damage across the network and provide a summary report to the Councillors?
- How will Council prioritise the repair of the damage?
- Will Council need to alter planned spending and maintenance services to attend to the damage?
- How will Council use this current damage to inform a review of the Roads Strategy including:
  - Which roads best maintained their integrity in the damaging weather?
  - Which roads were most damaged by the weather?
  - Did recent maintenance provide any protection to individual roads?
  - Have different methods of repair or maintenance been applied to different roads, resulting in more or less resilience to the weather?

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DAMAGE ON COUNCIL'S ROAD NETWORK DUE TO EXCESSIVE WET WEATHER [CONT'D]

- How were the roads in neighbouring Councils affected and can we draw any conclusions about maintenance procedures from these results?
- How did the roads and any recent repairs hold up to KPIs or expected lifetimes that have been determined for them?
- What public notification or communication will be made about Council's planned response to weather damaged roads?

9. GEROGERY TOILET BLOCK

Cr Schilg offered congratulations on the completion of the new toilet block at Gerogery.

10. ROADSIDE VERGES AND GRAVEL ROAD

Cr Schilg commented that the practices to maintain roadside verges across the shire seem to be inconsistent this year. Additionally, Reynella and Maloneys Roads have suffered erosion and gutters and culverts are ineffective in taking the water away from the road. Acting Director Engineering to investigate.

11. BROCKLESBY BALDDALE ROAD AND GOOMBARGANA ROAD – DILAPIDATED STATE

Cr Hicks ratepayer has contacted him about the current state of the Brocklesby-Balldale Road and Howlong-Goombargana Road. Acting Director Engineering to investigate.

12. A R BLUETT MEMORIAL AWARDS

General Manager advised that whilst Greater Hume Shire Council was a finalist, the winner of the Rural Councils category this year was Parkes Shire Council. He added Albury City Council was the winner of the City and Regional Councils category. The Mayor asked that Council prepare a letter of congratulations under the signature of the Mayor be prepared and forwarded to AlburyCity.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.29pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 16 November 2016 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

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Cr Heather Wilton,  
Mayor - Greater Hume Shire Council