

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, HENTY RECREATION FACILITY, HENTY
SHOWGROUND, HENTY
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2024**

The meeting opened at 6.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Forrest, Hicks, Meyer, O'Neill, Parker, Schilg (Chairperson), and General Manager, Director Engineering, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Environment and Planning, Chief Financial Officer, and Executive Assistant.

PRAYER

Councillor Parker read a prayer to commence the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

6658 RESOLVED [Cr Parker / Cr Hicks]

Cr Quinn, Cr Lindner and Cr Wilton are apologies.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 19 JUNE 2024

RECOMMENDATION [Cr Meyer / Cr O'Neill]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council held at Culcairn on Wednesday 19 June 2024 as printed and circulated to be confirmed as a true and correct with the following minor changes.

Environment and Planning Item 2 – Page 16 – Cr Schilg should be recorded as voting against the motion.

17 April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting – Governance Item 1 – Cr O'Neill should be recorded as voting for the motion.

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MOTION

6659 RESOLVED [Cr Meyer / Cr Parker]

The Amendment became the motion and was carried.

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ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

1. PREPARATION OF THE HOLBROOK STRUCTURE PLAN – MINUTE NUMBER 6410 PAGE 4

Cr Schilg asked if there was any movement on the Consultation phase. General Manager responded that there is now a budget for the consultation in this years financials, however it will now be a Greater Hume Structure Plan, not just Holbrook. Cr Parker as whether Council applied for funding via grant for this process. General Manager responded that she believes that the funding is just for the master planning of the West Jindera Land Use Precinct, however General Manager will clarify this funding and update the Councillors. Cr Schilg asked that the action report be updated with this information.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION – TOWNSHIP SPEED LIMIT REDUCATION – MINUTES NUMBER 6554 PAGE 6

Cr Parker asked the question as to when the next Local Traffic Committee meeting is. Director Engineering responded that the next meeting is in a months' time.

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

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil.

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A - FOR DETERMINATION

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

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GOVERNANCE

1. VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT PROJECT ALLOCATION

6660 RESOLVED [Cr Forrest / Cr Hicks]

That Council adopt the following projects to allocate the remaining funds for Neoen Australia PTY Ltd be allocated as follows;

Project	Recommendation to Fund
Culcairn Business District Beautification	\$100,000
Site Contamination Assessment Railway Parade, Culcairn NSW	\$50,000
Total	\$150,000

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2. RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY DEED OF AGREEMENT 2022-2026

6661 RESOLVED [Cr O'Neill / Cr Meyer]

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Deed of Agreement between the Coolamon Shire Council and the Councils of the Shires of Berrigan, Bland, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Federation, Greater Hume, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys and Temora, for the Provision of Library and Information Services under the Common Seal of Council.

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3. AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

6662 RESOLVED [Cr Meyer / Cr Forrest]

That both expressions of interest be considered and Henty be endorsed for the 2025 and Jindera be endorsed for the 2026 Greater Hume Australia Day Celebration's.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. DETERMINATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL – MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FEES

6663 RESOLVED [Cr O'Neill / Cr Parker]

That:

1. The fee payable to Councillors be set at \$13,742 per annum effective 1 July 2024
2. In addition to the adopted Councillor fee above, the fee payable to the Mayor be set at \$29,981 per annum effective 1 July 2024 of which \$4,787 be paid to the Deputy Mayor (balance payable to the Mayor \$25,194).
3. An allowance of \$4,787 be paid to the Deputy Mayor from the 2024/2025 Mayoral Allowance.
4. In addition to the above fees a superannuation contribution equal to 11.50% of the amount payable to each Councillor will be paid to the superannuation fund of their choice in 2024/25.

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ENGINEERING

1. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

6664 RESOLVED [Cr Meyer / Cr Hicks]

That the Greater Hume Council adopt the amendments to the Contribution for Footpath/Kerb and Channel Construction Policy.

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2. PROVISION OF FOOTPATH, BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN

MOTION [Cr Parker / Cr O'Neill]

That Council:

1. Approve the construction of footpath in Balfour Street, Culcairn.
2. That the cost to land owners be as detailed.
3. That the landowners be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project

AMENDMENT [Cr Parker / Cr O'Neill]

Hold over this report until the August Meeting based on the new methodology for the rates payers.

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ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

6665 RESOLVED [Cr Parker / Cr O'Neill]

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ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE

1. **WRITE OFF UNRECOVERABLE DEBTS**

6666 RESOLVED [Cr Meyer / Cr Parker]

That consideration of the report on the writing off unrecoverable accounts receivable charges be referred to Closed Council in accordance with Section 10A 2(b) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

1. **REQUEST TO AMEND SEWERAGE CONSUMPTION FOR APRIL 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023**

6667 RESOLVED [Cr Meyer / Cr Parker]

That the consideration of the large sewerage account for assessment 10059004 be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A(2) (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

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ENGINEERING

1. HOLBROOK FLOOD MITIGATION RFT 10060861 TENDER ASSESSMENT

6668 RESOLVED [Cr Meyer / Cr Parker]

That the matter concerning the consideration of tenders for the undertaking of the Holbrook Flood Mitigation Project be referred to Closed Council in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART B – TO BE RECEIVED AND NOTED

GOVERNANCE

1. UPDATE ON COUNCIL INITIATED INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

6669 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Forrest]

That Council notes the update.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT – MONTH ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

6670 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Forrest]

That Council receives and notes the Investment Balances Report for the month of June 2024.

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PART C - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT – JUNE 2024

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. GREATER HUME LIBRARY SERVICES
2. GREATER HUME CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REQUESTS
3. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

ENGINEERING

1. JUNE REPORT OF WORKS

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

6671 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Forrest]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

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PART D

COMMUNITY MEETING- MINUTES

- 1. CULCAIRN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 18 JUNE 2024**
- 2. CULCAIRN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 21 MAY 2024**
- 3. HOLBROOK COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE MINUTES 3 JUNE 2024**
- 4. HOLBROOK COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE AGM MINUTES 3 JUNE 2024**
- 5. JINDERA COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE MINUTES 19 NOVEMBER 2023**
- 6. JINDERA COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE MINUTES 21 APRIL 2024**
- 7. JINDERA COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE MINUTES 26 MAY 2024**
- 8. LANKEYS CREEK HALL COMMITTEE MINUTES 24 JUNE 2024**
- 9. WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MINUTES 3 JUNE 2024**
- 10. WOOMARGAMA HALL COMMITTEE MINUTES 5 MARCH 2024**

6672 RESOLVED

[Cr Hicks / Cr Forrest]

That Part D of the Agenda be received and noted.

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CLOSING THE MEETING

At this Juncture the live stream of the meeting was paused so that the confidential section of the meeting was held in camera at 6.25pm.

6673 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Parker]

That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into 'Committee of the Whole' for the discussion of the following item of business;

1. **WRITE OFF UNRECOVERABLE DEBTS**
2. **REQUEST TO AMEND SEWERAGE CONSUMPTION FOR APRIL 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023**
3. **HOLBROOK FLOOD MITIGATION RFT 10060861 TENDER ASSESSMENT**

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ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED

6677 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Parker]

That the Ordinary meeting be reconvened at 6.39pm for the purpose of determining the reports of the matters dealt with in Committee.

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RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

1. WRITE OFF UNRECOVERABLE DEBTS

6678 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Forrest]

That the foregoing report and recommendation from Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) be adopted.

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2. REQUEST TO AMEND SEWERAGE CONSUMPTION FOR APRIL 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023

6679 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr O'Neill]

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3. HOLBROOK FLOOD MITIGATION RFT 10060861 TENDER ASSESSMENT

6680 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr Parker]

That the foregoing report and recommendation from Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) be adopted.

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MATTERS OF URGENCY

6681 RESOLVED [Cr Hicks / Cr O'Neill]

A leave of absence for Cr. Parker for the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 14 August 2024 be received and granted.

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:41pm

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 14 August 2024 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Tony Quinn
Mayor, Greater Hume Council