

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
HELD AT CULCAIRN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BALFOUR ST, CULCAIRN
ON WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2024**

The meeting opened at 6.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Hooper, Hicks, Lindner, Liston, Morton, O'Neill, Parker, Quinn, Schilg, General Manager, Director Engineering, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Environment and Planning, and Executive Assistant.

The General Manager opened the meeting at 6.00pm to confirm that all Councillors had undertaken the Oath or Affirmation of Office and conduct the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections.

INTRODUCTION OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY COUNCILLORS

1. INTRODUCTION OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

6725 RESOLVED [Hicks/ Quinn]

That the report be received and noted and that the minutes record that following councillors have taken oath Cr Lindner, Cr Quinn, Cr Schilg, Cr Liston and the following councillors Cr Hooper, Cr Hicks, Cr O'Neill, Cr Parker, Cr Morton, have taken the affirmation before Ken Scheuner, Justice of the Peace.

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Hooper Hicks Lindner Liston Morton O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg			

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MAYORAL ELECTION

1. MAYORAL ELECTION

6726 RESOLVED [Hooper / Liston]

That:

1. in the event of more than one nomination being received, Council determine, by resolution, the method by which the election of the mayor is to be conducted.

2. Council elect a mayor for the period October 2024 to September 2026

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hooper Hicks Lindner Liston Morton O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg			

The Returning Officer advised that nominations were received from Cr Parker and Cr Quinn. The Returning Officer called for further nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received at this time.

At this juncture the Returning Officer conducted the election by show of hands. Following the ballot the Returning Officer declared Cr Parker duly elected as Mayor for the period October 2024 to September 2026.

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2. DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

6727 RESOLVED [Parker/Morton]

That:

1. in the event of more than one nomination being received, Council determine, by resolution, the method by which the election of the deputy mayor is to be conducted.
2. Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the period October 2024 to September 2026

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hooper Hicks Lindner Liston Morton O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg			

The Returning Officer advised that nominations were received from Cr Schilg and Cr Hooper and Cr Hicks The Returning Officer called for further nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received at this time.

At this juncture the Returning Officer conducted the election by show of hands. Following the ballot the Returning Officer declared Cr Hooper duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the period October 2024 to September 2026.

At this juncture, Cr Parker, Mayor assumed the role of Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

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PRAYER

Councillor O'Neill read a prayer to commence the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The 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**

Nil

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION [Cr Hicks / Quinn]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council held at Culcairn on Wednesday 11 September 2024 as printed and circulated to be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

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ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

**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

GOVERNANCE

1. COUNCIL MEETING VENUES AND MEETING TIMES

6728 RESOLVED [Lindner / Hicks]

That:

Council adopt the following meeting schedule with meetings to commence at commence at 6pm.

Month	Proposed meeting date	Venue
November	Wednesday 20	Council Chambers, Culcairn
December	Wednesday 18	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
January	None	
February	Wednesday 19	Council Chambers, Culcairn
March	Wednesday 19	Community Meeting Room, Jindera
April	Wednesday 16	Council Chambers, Culcairn
May	Wednesday 21	Council Chambers, Culcairn
June	Wednesday 18	Council Chambers, Culcairn
July	Wednesday 16	Council Chambers, Culcairn
August	Wednesday 20	Council Chambers, Culcairn
September	September 10	Council Chambers, Culcairn

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Hicks Lindner Morton O'Neill Quinn Schilg	Hooper Liston Parker		

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2. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES

MOTION

To Suspend Standing Orders (6.22pm) [O'Neill / Hicks]

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hooper Hicks Lindner Liston Morton O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg			

MOTION

To Resume Standing Orders (6.30pm) [Schilg / Hicks]

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
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6729 RESOLVED [Quinn / Lindner]

That Council elects delegates to external organisations and Council Committees as outlined in Table 1.

ORGANISATION/COMMITTEE	DELEGATE(S)
Australia Day Committee	Cr Quinn Cr Liston Cr O'Neill Cr Morton
General Manager's Performance Review Committee	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Morton (Note General Manager has the opportunity to nominate a Councillor in addition to the Council nominated Councillors)
Holbrook Submarine Museum Committee	Replaced with s355 Committee
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee	Cr Parker (as an observer only)
Local Emergency Management Committee	Director Engineering, with Manager Traffic & Infrastructure as observer.
Local Traffic Committee	Director Engineering All councillors are to be advised when meetings are held. Cr O'Neill
Murray Arts Advisory Committee	Cr Hooper
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor and General Manager
Riverina Regional Library	Cr Schilg General Manager
Riverina Joint Organisation	Mayor (alternate Deputy Mayor) Observer General Manager
Riverina Water County Council <i>Appointed for a 4 year term</i>	Cr Liston Cr Parker
Rural Fire Service Bushfire Management Committee	Cr Hicks
Softwoods Working Group	Cr Liston

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3. CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTBACK METHOD

6730 RESOLVED [Hicks/ Lindner]

Pursuant to Section 291A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), Greater Hume Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14th September 2024, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at the election for the office, in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify Mr Steve Robb, Director Customer Service and Relationship Management NSW Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision

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4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) CONFERENCE – SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER TO TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2024

6731 RESOLVED [Schilg / Hooper]

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates and the General Manager (or her delegate) attend as Observer.

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ENGINEERING

1. REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CLEAN UP NOTICE

MOTION [Lindner / Schilg]

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposal to remove and relocate the waste material from Funks Pit to the Walla Walla Landfill to meet the requirements of the Clean-up Notice issued on Council.
2. Endorse the screening of transported material at the Walla Walla Landfill and use the material to complete the remediation of the landfill, along with final vegetation planting / mulching of the site.
3. Allocate funding of \$530,000 from Councils gravel pit and landfill remediation reserves to complete the Funks Pit rehabilitation and Walla Walla Landfill remediation projects.

MOTION

To suspend Standing Orders (6.33) [O'Neill / Hooper]

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hooper Liston Morton O'Neill Parker	Quinn Schilg Lindner Hicks		

MOTION

To Resume Standing Orders [6.47pm] [Hicks/O'Neill]

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AMENDMENT, [O'Neill / Hooper]

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2. Endorse the screening of transported material at the Walla Walla Landfill and use the material to complete the remediation of the landfill, along with final vegetation planting / mulching of the site.
3. Amount allocated be \$230,000 from council's gravel pit and landfill remediation reserves to comply with the EPA Clean up notice.
4. All aspects of Clean up Notice from the EPA be referred to the ARIC committee.

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

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6732 RESOLVED [O'Neill / Hooper]

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**PART C - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
GOVERNANCE**

1. CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE PERIOD

RECOMMENDATION [Quinn / Hicks]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

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MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.02pm

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

Cr Parker
Mayor, Greater Hume Council