



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 April 2022

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2022 AT 2PM**

The Mayor declared the Public Forum opened at **1.30pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Media, Members of the Gallery and those following via Live Streaming.

PUBLIC FORUM

Speakers

The Mayor invited Mr Rex Evans to address the meeting after submitting an application to speak on behalf of the Lake Talbot Environment Committee and against Item 11.3 Notice of Motion – Sky Bridge and Lake Talbot Environs

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council Meeting opened at **2pm**

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present

2 HOUSE KEEPING

Advice was provided of Council's Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Evacuation Plan and location of the Amenities.

3 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

Advice provided to those present, of the legislative requirement for Disclosure of Political Donations:

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 147 requires a person submitting planning applications or submissions regarding a planning application, to disclose any reportable political donation and/or gifts to any local Councillor or employee of Council. Reportable political donations include those of, or above, \$1,000. The Disclosure Statement forms are available on Councils website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

There were no Disclosure of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.

4 PRESENT

Cr Neville Kschenka, Cr Cameron Lander, Cr Narelle Payne, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Sue Ruffles, Cr Tracey Lewis, Cr Braden Lyons via Zoom

In Attendance

George Cowan (General Manager), Shane Wilson (Deputy General Manager Infrastructure), Martin Hiscox (Deputy General Manager Corporate & Community), Vicki Maher (Executive Assistant), Amanda Collins (Minute Taker)

5 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 22/089

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Apologies from Cr Kevin Morris be received and accepted and Leave of Absence granted.

CARRIED

5.1 REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA VIRTUAL LINK

RESOLUTION 22/090

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council approve Cr Lyons to join the 19 April 2022 Ordinary Council meeting via Virtual Zoom link.

CARRIED

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Peter Dawson declared a Non Pecuniary Significant Interest in this Item 22.1 under the Local Government Act as *Son acting on behalf of applicant* and will leave the meeting during discussion and voting

Cr Peter Dawson declared a Non Pecuniary Significant Interest in this Item 22.2 under the Local Government Act as *Adjoining property owner* and will leave the meeting during discussion and voting

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 22/091

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 March 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 MAYORAL REPORT

8.1 MAYORAL REPORT MARCH / APRIL 2022

RESOLUTION 22/092

Moved: Cr Neville Kschenka

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Mayoral Report for March / April 2022.

CARRIED

9 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

10 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - TREATMENT OF RFS ASSETS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Removes any Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets from its accounts and does not report these assets in its 2021-22 financial reporting; and
2. Includes a statement in its 2021-22 financial reports consistent with the arguments

provided in this motion on why RFS assets have not been included.

LOST

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - HERITAGE BRIDGE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. drive the establishment of a working group representing all parties with an interest in and around the railway heritage bridge over the Murrumbidgee River.
2. engage this working group to seek and consider options for the ongoing use or application of this bridge with a view to agreeing on a proposal for potential future development and funding opportunities; and
3. earmark \$20,000.00 in its cash reserves to assist this group source all information necessary to reach such an agreement or decide that no agreement can be reached by the end of the 2022-23 financial year.

LOST

11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - SKY BRIDGE AND LAKE TALBOT ENVIRONS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Seek in-principle agreement from the State Government/Grants Management Office to vary the funding deed for the Playground on the Bidgee program of works to transfer the remaining funds to cover the re-development and upgrade of facilities at and around Lake Talbot; and
2. Include the State Government/Grants Management Office's response with the development application for the Lake Talbot Sky Bridge component of the program that is scheduled to be tabled at the May meeting of Council.

LOST

12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS**13.1 NHAG NARRANDERA HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP - MINUTES - 4 MARCH 2022****RESOLUTION 22/093**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the NHAG Narrandera Health Advisory Group held on Friday 4 March 2022.

CARRIED

13.2 NARRANDERA FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 21 MARCH 2022**RESOLUTION 22/094**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Narrandera Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held 21 March 2022.
2. Submits a grant application for the detailed design of the North-East Narrandera Detention Basin system.
3. Endorses the future submission of a grant application to fund voluntary house purchasing.
4. Endorses the future submission of a grant application to fund voluntary house raising.

CARRIED

13.3 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL - MINUTES - 21 MARCH 2022**RESOLUTION 22/095**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes from the Youth Advisory Council meeting on 21 March 2022.

CARRIED**13.4 ABORIGINAL ELDERS LIAISON - MINUTES - 28 MARCH 2022****RESOLUTION 22/096**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Aboriginal Elders Liaison held on Monday 28 March 2022.

CARRIED**13.5 ECONOMIC TASKFORCE COMMITTEE (OPEN) - MINUTES - 4 APRIL 2022****RESOLUTION 22/097**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Economic Taskforce Committee meeting held 4 April 2022.
2. Receives and notes the Tourism Stimulus Projects (non-confidential) as at March 2021.
3. Receives and notes the Economic Stimulus Projects (non-confidential) as at March 2021.
4. Receives and notes the Economic Development Strategy (non-confidential) as at March 2021.

CARRIED**13.6 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 6 APRIL 2022****RESOLUTION 22/098**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held

on Wednesday 6 April 2022.

6.2 AMENDED MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

1. Endorse the amended 2022 calendar year meeting dates as detailed below;
Wednesday 6 April 2022 – Ordinary meeting
Wednesday 6 July 2022 – Ordinary meeting
Wednesday 31 August 2022 – Extra Ordinary meeting to discuss the draft financial statements
Wednesday 6 October 2022 – Ordinary meeting, however the Engagement Closing Report will also be presented at this meeting
Wednesday 23 November 2022 – Ordinary meeting.
Note and receive the Audit Plan

6.3 RESPONSE FROM THE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ABOUT ASSETS VESTED TO COUNCIL

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

1. Acknowledge that councils finance team will be limited to recognising the RFS Red Fleet at historic cost based on the annual equipment allocation value.
2. Confirm with the AO that the above recognition of the Red Fleet will satisfy the requirements of the AO directive from its 2021 management letter to record the fire-fighting equipment in council's assets register.
3. Committee support Council's methodology to calculate Red Fleet asset values on a historical basis as advised by the Audit Office at the December 2021 meeting of the committee.
4. All other assets such as equipment, uniforms, radios and hoses etc to be considered as consumables.

CARRIED

14 OUR COMMUNITY

14.1 CORPORATE SERVICES 355 & ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINEES

RESOLUTION 22/099

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Endorses and appoints the following community representatives to Council Advisory Committees:
 - Arts & Culture Advisory Committee - Julie Briggs, Lindee Russell, Aanya Whitehead, Rita Wilkie, Barbara Bryon.
 - Bettering Barellan Advisory Committee - Nola Trembath, Heather White, Donna Robertson, Lesley Bandy.
 - Domestic Violence Advisory Committee - Leigh Mathieson, Tiffany Thornton, Rita Wilkie.
 - Grong Grong Community Advisory Committee - Jean Batchelor, Bob Manning, Len O'Reilly, Kerryn Cassidy, Gemma Purcell, Reiner Meier
 - Railway Station Facility Advisory Committee - Tony Andracchio, Bob Manning, Tony Taylor, Barbara Bryon, Josie Middleton.
2. Endorses and appoints the following community representatives to the Council Section 355 Parkside Museum Committee - Brigitte Stanton, Nerelle Daly, Barbara Bryon, Steve Wicker, Josie Middleton. Lesley Bailey and Lynette Burrell.

CARRIED

14.2 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ELIGIBILITY

RESOLUTION 22/100

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Acknowledges that the Community Transport service cannot provide transport to permanent residents of Residential Aged Care Facilities as outlined in the eligibility criteria in the Community Transport Service Provider Contract.

CARRIED

15 OUR ENVIRONMENT

15.1 EMPLOYMENT ZONES REFORM

RESOLUTION 22/101

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Endorses the Employment Zones Reform Translation of Narrandera LEP 2013 into the E4 General Industry land use table.
2. Acknowledges the public exhibition as required by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Employment Zone Reform Program.
3. Authorises the General Manager to approve and sign all required statutory documentations to make changes to the LEP.

CARRIED

15.2 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY

RESOLUTION 22/102

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Notes the release of the draft Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy.
 - a. Councillors take the opportunity to review the documents and if appropriate attend the webinar and or seminars.

CARRIED

16 OUR ECONOMY

Nil

17 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil

18 OUR CIVIC LEADERSHIP

18.1 2022-2023 FINANCIAL YEAR STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION 22/103

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Adopts the following for the purpose of public exhibition for a period of 28 days:
2. At the conclusion of the 28-day public exhibition period, further considers the strategic documents in conjunction with any community comments or submissions received at the proposed extraordinary meeting 31 May 2022.

CARRIED

19 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

19.1 MARCH 2022 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION 22/104

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for March 2022.

CARRIED

20 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS

20.1 MARCH INCOME STATEMENT

RESOLUTION 22/105

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 31 March 2022.

CARRIED

20.2 MARCH STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

RESOLUTION 22/106

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report indicating Council’s Fund Management position.
2. Notes the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopts the report as at 31 March 2022.

CARRIED

20.3 MARCH STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES

RESOLUTION 22/107

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as of 31 March 2022.

CARRIED

20.4 MARCH STATEMENT OF RATES AND RECEIPTS

RESOLUTION 22/108

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 01 April 2022.

CARRIED

20.5 MARCH CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 22/109

Moved: Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Capital Works report as of 31 March 2022.

CARRIED

21 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – OTHER REPORTS

Nil

22 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS**RESOLUTION 22/110**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

22.1 Major Residual Land Sale - Red Hill Industrial Estate

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - di, dii and diii of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

22.2 Sale of Land - Red Hill Industrial Estate

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - di, dii and diii of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

CARRIED

At 3.21pm, Cr Peter Dawson, after declaring an Interest in item 22.1 and 22.2 vacated the Chambers during discussions and voting on the Matters

22.1 MAJOR RESIDUAL LAND SALE - RED HILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**RESOLUTION 22/111**

Moved: Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Accepts the offer from Solar Switch Energy Renewables Pty Ltd to purchase 28 hectares of land on the Red Hill Industrial Estate (shown as the hatched area in the attached plan) for \$667,436 including GST.
2. Subdivides the required lot, together with separate lots to accommodate the truck wash (6.5 hectares), the retention dam (0.9 hectares) and remaining site (2 hectares) (as shown on the attached plan) at no cost to the purchaser.
3. Allocates \$350,000 from the Property Development Reserve for the required construction of sealed road, concrete kerb and gutter and provision of services to the subject lot being 28 hectares.

4. Transfers the proceeds of the sale of the subject lot into the Property Development Reserve upon completion of the sale.
5. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign any documents on behalf of the Council in relation to this matter.
6. Authorises the placement of the Seal of Council on any documents relating to this matter.

CARRIED

22.2 SALE OF LAND - RED HILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

RESOLUTION 22/112

Moved: Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Accepts the offer from Dharmasena Investment Pty Ltd to purchase two hectares on the Red Hill Industrial Estate at the location shown on the attached plan for \$7.50 per sq metre plus GST.
2. Notes that the purchaser's offer is conditional upon obtaining approval from Essential Energy to allow the solar facility to feed one megawatt of power into the grid.
3. Notes that Council's agents in this matter, QPL Real Estate of Narrandera, are entitled to receive a commission in the event that the sale proceeds to settlement.
4. Notes that the two-hectare parcel is proposed to be created as a separate lot when the larger 28 hectares lot on the Red Hill Industrial Estate is subdivided.
5. Transfers the proceeds of the sale of the subject lot into the Property Development Reserve upon completion.
6. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign any documents on behalf of Council in relation to this matter.
7. Authorises the placement of the Seal of Council on any documents relating to this matter.

CARRIED

At 3.39pm, Cr Peter Dawson returned to the meeting.

23 OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 22/113

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council and the Mayor advise of the resolutions endorsed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3.44pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 May 2022.



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GENERAL MANAGER



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CHAIRPERSON