



REPORT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 25 MARCH 2019

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, D Gumley, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker, J Ryan and B Shields.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Governance Team Leader, the Community Support Officer, the Director Corporate Services, the Director Economic Development and Business, the Communications Coordinator, the Director Infrastructure and Operations (R Mills), the Director Planning and Environment, the Manager Strategic Planning Services and the Director Community and Recreation.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.30pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor J Diffey.

CCL19/27 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID19/246)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 February 2019.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 February 2019 comprising pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the series be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

CCL19/28 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID19/247)

There were no applications for leave of absence received.

CCL19/29 PUBLIC FORUM (ID19/248)

The Council reports having met with the following person during Public Forum:

- Anne Field – regarding item CCL19/30 - Annual Report from the Dream Festival.

CCL19/29(a) MACQUARIE STREET TREES (ID19/313)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Macquarie Street Trees.

Moved by Councillor B Shields

MOTION

1. That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare an options report for Council to consider in April 2019 to discourage the roosting of European Starlings in the main street trees.
2. That Council immediately significantly increase cleaning of the affected areas.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ONLY MATTERS:

CCL19/30 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DREAM FESTIVAL (ID19/124)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 February 2019 from the Director Economic Development and Business regarding Annual Report from the DREAM Festival.

Moved by Councillor D Grant and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

That the report from the Director Economic Development and Business 13 February 2019 be noted.

CARRIED

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

CCL19/31 REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2019 (ID19/249)

The Council had before it the report of the Planning, Development and Environment Committee meeting held 11 March 2019.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

That the report of the Planning, Development and Environment Committee meeting held on 11 March 2019, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL19/32 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2019 (ID19/250)

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Community and Recreation Committee meeting held 11 March 2019.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor G Mohr

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure, Community and Recreation Committee meeting held on 11 March 2019, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL19/33 REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2019 (ID19/251)

The Council had before it the report of the Economic Development, Business and Corporate Committee meeting held 11 March 2019.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Grant

MOTION

That the report of the Economic Development, Business and Corporate Committee meeting held on 11 March 2019, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL19/34 REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2019 (ID19/252)

The Council had before it the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held 11 March 2019.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor G Mohr

MOTION

That the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 11 March 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL19/35 REVIEW OF RATES STRUCTURE FOR 2019/2020 (ID19/242)

The Council had before it the report dated 7 March 2019 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Review of Rates Structure for 2019/2020.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the Rates Structure to be included in the Revenue Policy as part of the 2019/2020 Operational Plan be based on the existing 2018/2019 rate structure.
2. That the 2019/2020 rate structure incorporate a General Income Variation increase (the rate pegging limit) of 2.7% being the maximum permitted for the 2019/2020 rating year as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED

CCL19/36 2040 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (JULY 2018 - DECEMBER 2018) (ID19/209)

The Council had before it the report dated 11 March 2019 from the Manager Strategic Planning Services regarding 2040 Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program Progress Report (July 2018 - December 2018).

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

MOTION

1. That the Delivery Program and Operational Plan Progress Report, for the period of July to December 2018, provided here in Appendix 1 be adopted by Council.
2. That Council undertake the preparation of media highlights and opportunities in respect of the information included in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan review.

CARRIED

CCL19/37 WELLINGTON RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS - PROPOSED PLANNING AGREEMENT POLICY FOR SOLAR ENERGY FARMS (ID19/222)

The Council had before it the report dated 12 March 2019 from the Manager Strategic Planning Services regarding Wellington Renewable Energy Developments - Proposed Planning Agreement Policy for Solar Energy Farms.

Moved by Councillor D Grant and seconded by Councillor G Mohr

MOTION

1. That the report from the Manager Strategic Planning Services dated 10 March 2018 be noted.
2. That Council adopt the draft Policy as attached as Appendix 1 of this report for the purposes of undertaking detailed community and stakeholder consultation.
3. That the draft Policy be placed on public display for a period of no less than 28 days and for consultation to be undertaken with the following bodies or groups (as a minimum):
 - Wellington Chamber of Commerce;
 - National Farmers Federation – Wellington;
 - State Government Department of Planning and Environment;
 - Suntop Environmental Group; and
 - Proponents of Solar Energy Farms in and around Wellington.
4. That following completion of the public exhibition period that a further report be provided to Council, includes any submissions received during the public exhibition period.

CARRIED

CCL19/38 SOUTH-EAST DUBBO STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS REGIME (ID19/234)

The Council had before it the report dated 8 March 2019 from the Manager Strategic Planning Services regarding South-East Dubbo Stormwater Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Regime.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the report from the Manager Strategic Planning Services dated 8 March 2019 be noted.
2. That based on the results of the review prepared by Cardno Pty Ltd, that a new South-East Precinct Developer Contributions Plan be prepared.
3. That a report including the new draft Developer Contributions Plan specified in recommendation two (2) and a stakeholder consultation program be provided to Council for consideration in May 2019.

CARRIED

CCL19/39 REVIEW OF THE DUBBO CBD PRECINCTS PLAN (ID19/243)

The Council had before it the report dated 12 March 2019 from the Senior Strategic Planner regarding Review of the Dubbo CBD Precincts Plan.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

1. That the report from the Senior Strategic Planner dated 11 March 2019 be noted.
2. That the proposed process for review of the Dubbo CBD Precincts Plan be endorsed.
3. That a detailed stakeholder and community consultation Strategy be developed and be the subject of a future workshop with Councillors.
4. That feedback be sought from the community and stakeholders in the form of additional "Bright Ideas" and other issues for consideration.
5. Following completion of the initial community and stakeholder consultation period, a further report be prepared for Council outlining the results of consultation.
6. That in respect of the Wellington Town Centre Plan, Council note the provision of a \$45,000 grant funding under the Building Better Regions Fund, Community Investments Stream.
7. That in respect of the Wellington Town Centre Plan, a report including a project plan and Stage 1 of the project be provided to Council for consideration at its May 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

CCL19/40 ROAD CLOSURE AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT, BAKERS LANE, MARYVALE (ID19/260)

The Council had before it the report dated 12 March 2019 from the Property Development Officer regarding Road Closure and Disposal Agreement, Bakers Lane, Maryvale.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That Council approves the disposal agreement made with Mr Harold Baker for the closure of Bakers Lane, Maryvale and for subdivision, and consolidation with four adjoining rural lots, for a sale price of \$23,000 excluding GST.
2. That all documentation in relation to the matter be executed under Power of Attorney.

CARRIED

CCL19/41 2018/2019 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - ROUND ONE (ID18/1703)

The Council had before it the report dated 4 March 2019 from the Administration Coordinator regarding 2018/2019 Financial Assistance Program - Round One.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

1. That the report from the Administration Coordinator Community and Recreation dated 4 March 2019, be noted.
2. That funds from the 2018/2019 Financial Assistance Program Round One be allocated as follows:
 - Leaderlife Ltd. \$2,000
 - Dubbo District Concert Band \$1,845
 - Wellington Connect t/a Wellington Men's Shed \$5,000
3. That all applicants be advised of the outcomes of their funding application.
4. That the remainder of funds from Round One funding of \$6,155 be utilised for Round Two funding to a total of \$21,155.
5. That 2018/2019 Financial Assistance Program Round Two funding applications be determined in April 2019.

CARRIED

CCL19/42 DUBBO REGIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENT FUND - DUBBO AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND DUBBO AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB (ID19/208)

The Council had before it the report dated 28 February 2019 from the Recreation Coordinator regarding Dubbo Regional Sports Council Playing Field Improvement Fund - Dubbo and District Football Association and Dubbo Australian Football Club.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the report from the Recreation Coordinator dated 28 February 2019 be noted.
2. That the Dubbo and District Football Association, Dubbo Regional Sports Council Playing Field Improvement Fund application for \$14,250 be approved and the Association be formally notified of the outcome of their application.
3. That the Dubbo Australian Football Club, Dubbo Regional Sports Council Playing Field Improvement Fund application for \$3,740 be approved and the Club be formally notified of the outcome of their application.
4. That the Sporting Asset Coordinator work with the Dubbo and District Football Association and the Dubbo Australian Football Club to complete the project.

CARRIED

CCL19/43 DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - 18 MONTH DUBBO LGA MARKETING PROGRAM - FEES AND CHARGES (ID19/163)

The Council had before it the report dated 26 February 2019 from the Manager Economic Development and Marketing regarding Destination Development Partnership Program - 18 month Dubbo LGA marketing program - Fees and charges.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That the costs for businesses to collaborate in destination marketing activities as set out in the report of the Manager Economic Development and Marketing dated 26 February 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

CCL19/44 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID19/253)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

At this junction it was moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor G Mohr that the Council resolves into the Committee of the Whole Council, the time being 5.52pm.

The meeting resumed at 6.07pm.

CCL19/45 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (ID19/254)

The Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control read to the meeting of the report of Committee of the Whole held on 25 March 2019.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on 25 March 2019 be adopted, save and except CW19/5 and CW19/7 to be dealt with separately.

CARRIED

CW19/5 FUTURE USE OF WELLINGTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE BUILDING, CAMERON PARK, WELLINGTON (ID19/259)

The Council had before it the report dated 12 March 2019 from the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control regarding Future Use of Wellington Visitor Information Centre Building, Cameron Park, Wellington.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

- 1. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to determine the future use of the entire Wellington Visitor Information Centre building based on recommendations contained within this report.**
- 2. That the documents and considerations in regard to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

CARRIED

Councillor A Jones declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room and was out of sight during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor A Jones is the treasurer of Binjang Community Radio Inc.

CW19/7 MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL AQUATIC CENTRES (ID19/211)

The Council had before it the report dated 28 February 2019 from the Manager Recreation and Open Space regarding Management Options for Dubbo Regional Council Aquatic Centres.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

- 1. That the report from the Manager Recreation and Open Space, dated 28 February 2019, be noted.**
- 2. That it be noted that the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre Management contract with B and N Aquatics is set to conclude at the end of March 2019 in line with the terms of the contract (with a one month extension to the end of April 2019).**
- 3. That a letter sent to B and N Aquatics recognising their service of 12 years in the management of the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre, and to the Dubbo community.**
- 4. That the management of the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre be brought in-house and the identified budget included in the 2019/2020 budget considerations.**
- 5. That all three pool complexes, Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre, Wellington Memorial Pool and Geurie Aquatic Leisure Centre be managed internally of Council under the Recreation and Open Space function.**

6. That the Wellington Memorial Pool Complex be renamed Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre to reflect the additional facilities on offer at the redeveloped pool complex, and to bring in line with the existing naming conventions of the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre and Geurie Aquatic Leisure Centre.
7. That the documents and considerations in regard to this matter remain confidential to Council.

CARRIED

Councillor G Mohr declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room and was out of sight during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor G Mohr works with a family member of the current Dubbo Pool Manager.

In accordance with s375A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, a division was duly called, the following votes on the motion were recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Etheridge	Councillor Diffey
Councillor Gumley	Councillor Grant
Councillor Lawrence	Councillor Jones
Councillor Parker	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Shields	
Total (7)	Total (3)

The meeting closed at 6.17pm.

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CHAIRMAN