



REPORT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, A Jones, S Lawrence, K Parker and J Ryan.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Governance Team Leader, the Communications Partner, the Director Organisational Performance, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Development and Environment and the Director Liveability.

Councillor S Lawrence assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.34 pm 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 V Etheridge.

CCL21/258 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID21/1901)

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors D Grant and G Mohr who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That such requests for Leave of Absence be accepted and Councillors D Grant and G Mohr be granted leave of absence from this meeting

CARRIED

CCL21/259 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID21/1902)

No conflicts of interest were declared.

CCL21/260 PUBLIC FORUM (ID21/1903)

Council reports having heard from the following persons during Public Forum:

- Mr Nicholas Broadbent – CCL21/263 - Macquarie Conservatorium.
- Ms Di Clifford – CCL21/162 – Net Zero Emissions Future and Decarbonisation.
- Ms Barbara Sutherland – Thank you to the current Council.

CCL21/261 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID21/1882)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held 25 October 2021.

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 Extraordinary Council meeting held on 21 October 2021 comprising pages 4 and 5 of the series be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTES:

CCL21/262 NET ZERO EMISSIONS FUTURE AND DECARBONISATION (ID21/1904)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Net Zero Emissions Future and Decarbonisation.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. **That the Mayor write to the NSW Treasurer/Minister for Energy and:**
 - offer congratulations on the announcement of the NSW Hydrogen Strategy with its focus on green hydrogen and, noting Council's opposition to coal seam gas, express Council's support for a rapid reduction in the use of natural and coal seam gas in the NSW economy; and
 - request that the NSW Government urgently develop a gas decarbonisation roadmap so that NSW can be a leader by setting business, industry and households up to be resilient and sustainable in a decarbonising world, while safeguarding jobs in important manufacturing industries.
2. **That it be noted that this is consistent with Council's resolution to join the Cities Power Partnership (CPP) program, joining forces with councils across the country in an effort to accelerate Australia's transition to a renewable energy future.**
3. **That a copy of the correspondence to the NSW Treasurer/Minister for Energy be**

forwarded to all regional associations of Councils in NSW.

4. That Council lodge a motion calling on the NSW LGA Special Conference for 2022 to request that the NSW Government urgently develop a gas decarbonisation roadmap.

CARRIED

CCL21/263 MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM (ID21/1905)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Macquarie Conservatorium.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence

MOTION

1. That Council notes the valuable educational, cultural and economic benefits of the Dubbo region having a Conservatorium.
2. That Council note that the central business district or Victoria Park precinct would be an appropriate long term location to maximise the benefits for the Conservatorium, the community and other cultural institutions.
3. That Council notes the role of local governments around the state in housing and supporting Conservatoriums.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer work with the Macquarie Conservatorium to create a long term strategic plan to support the establishment of a permanent facility, including a funding strategy and identified partnership opportunities with NSW Government and Australian Government.
5. That Council also refers the question of Council's role in supporting the Conservatorium to the strategic planning processes that will occur during the next term of Council.

CARRIED

CCL21/263a PINNACLE INTEGRITY REPORT (ID21/1980)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Pinnacle Integrity Report.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

1. That Council note Council's previous decision to release a redacted copy of the Pinnacle Integrity independent investigators' report.
2. That Council authorises the CEO at their discretion, at any time, to release a full, or fuller, version of the Pinnacle Integrity report, should circumstances change such that, in the CEO's opinion, it is lawful and appropriate to do so.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL21/264 ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLAINT STATISTICS UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ID21/1906)

The Council had before it the report dated 22 October 2021 from the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control regarding Annual Report on Complaint Statistics Under Council's Code of Conduct.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

That the report of the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, dated 22 October 2021, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL21/265 PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL'S 2020/2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ID21/1907)

The Council had before it the report dated 20 October 2021 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Presentation of Council's 2020/2021 Financial Statements.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

That the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 be accepted by Council.

CARRIED

CCL21/266 DUBBO REGION AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRES - COSTINGS 2016/2017 TO 2020/2021 (ID21/1912)

The Council had before it the report dated 15 October 2021 from the Manager Aquatic Leisure Centres regarding Dubbo Region Aquatic Leisure Centres - Costings 2016/2017 to 2020/2021.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

- 1. That the report by Manager Aquatic Leisure Centres, dated 15 October 2021, be noted.**
- 2. That the Botanic Gardens Café's operational viability be reviewed with consideration**

to close, remove, or transfer to contract-management model via an Expression of Interest.

CARRIED

CCL21/267 RENEWAL OF VICTORIA PARK PLAYGROUND - RESULTS OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (ID21/1911)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 October 2021 from the Manager Recreation and Open Space regarding Renewal of Victoria Park Playground - Results of Community Consultation.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

1. That the report from the Manager Recreation and Open Space detailing the results of the Victoria Park Playspace survey be noted.
2. That, while recognising that over 70% respondents have indicated that they would like a fence around the playspace, the distance to Darling Street, Talbragar Street and Victoria Lane is far enough to preclude the need for a fence.
3. That in the event that Council determines that a fence is required that the perforated Aluminium screen is the preferred option to enable a visual timeline of the park to be incorporated into its manufacturing at an estimated cost of \$50,000 ex gst.
4. That consideration be given to the retention of the swings at the Fitness node, with the fitness cycles and cross trainer being repositioned to the eastern side of the area, at an estimated cost of \$15,000 ex gst.
5. That the current softfall arrangement of natural mulch and softfall be retained in both the junior and senior fitness area, noting that fully rubberised softfall would cost additional \$72,500.
6. That based on the community feedback that the Wee Hopper See Saw be swapped out in preference to the Wheelchair Accessible Carousel at an estimated increase in price of \$8,000 ex gst.
7. That any shortfall in the delivery of the Victoria Park Playspace be funded through the reallocation of funds for the Southlakes Playspace and that a new playground for Southlakes be considered in the development of the 2022/2023 Operational Plan and Budget.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

AMENDMENT

1. **That the report from the Manager Recreation and Open Space detailing the results of the Victoria Park Playspace survey be noted.**
2. **That suitable fencing be installed around the new Victoria Park Playground.**
3. **That consideration be given to the retention of the swings at the Fitness node, with**

the fitness cycles and cross trainer being repositioned to the eastern side of the area, at an estimated cost of \$15,000 ex gst.

4. That based on the community feedback that the Wee Hopper See Saw be swapped out in preference to the Wheelchair Accessible Carousel at an estimated increase in price of \$8,000 ex gst.
5. That any shortfall in the delivery of the Victoria Park Playspace be funded through the reallocation of funds for the Southlakes Playspace and that a new playground for Southlakes be considered in the development of the 2022/2023 Operational Plan and Budget.
6. That \$72,500 be reallocated to Cameron Park playground for a suitable fence subject to Community Consultation.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

The amendment then became the motion and on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

CCL21/268 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID21/1895)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

At this juncture, it was moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Ryan that the Council resolve into a Committee of the Whole Council, the time being 6.39 pm.

The meeting resumed at 6.45 pm.

CCL21/269 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (ID21/1909)

The Governance Team Leader read to the meeting the Report of Committee of the Whole held on 28 October 2021.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on 28 October 2021 be adopted, save and except item CW21/25 with such matter being dealt separately.

CARRIED

CW21/25 WATER SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE - ACQUISITION OF NORTHERN BOREFIELD - BUNGLEGUMBIE ROAD (ID21/1888)

The Committee had before it the report dated 21 October 2021 from the Manager Major Projects regarding Water Security Infrastructure - Acquisition of Northern Borefield - Bunglegumbie Road.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That the property known as 'Nevadon,' having an area of 532 hectares, be purchased for water security purposes.
2. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase of the property in accordance with the specifications outlined in this report.
3. That all documentation in relation to this matter be executed under Power of Attorney.
4. That all dealings in relation to this matter remain commercial in confidence.

CARRIED

Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, Ms A Rouse 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 Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, Ms A Rouse's parents own an adjoining property to the land in this report.

The meeting closed at 6.46 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON