



REPORT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 27 APRIL 2020

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 Acting Governance Team Leader, the Director Environment and Development, the Manager Growth Planning, the Director Liveability, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Organisational Performance, the Chief Information Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Communications Partner.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.30pm, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The Acknowledgement of Country was also read by Councillor A Jones. The Local Government Act and Regulations were amended to provide for video conferencing of Council and Committee meetings. This meeting was held by video conference with live web streaming.

CCL20/52 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID20/365)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 March 2020.

Moved by Councillor D Grant and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

MOTION

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 March 2020 comprising pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the series be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

CCL20/53 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID20/366)

There were no applications for leave of absence received.

CCL20/54 PUBLIC FORUM (ID20/367)

There were no submissions received for Public Forum.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

**CCL20/55 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING
14 APRIL 2020 (ID20/368)**

The Council had before it the report of the Development and Environment Committee meeting held 14 April 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

That the report of the Development and Environment Committee meeting held on 14 April 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

**CCL20/56 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIVEABILITY COMMITTEE - MEETING
14 APRIL 2020 (ID20/369)**

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure and Liveability Committee meeting held 14 April 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure and Liveability Committee meeting held on 14 April 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

**CCL20/57 REPORT OF THE CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE -
MEETING 14 APRIL 2020 (ID20/370)**

The Council had before it the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held 14 April 2020.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

MOTION

That the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held on 14 April 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL20/58 REPORT OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL AIRPORTS PANEL - MEETING 20 APRIL 2020 (ID20/371)

The Council had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Airports Panel meeting held 20 April 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

MOTION

That the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Airports Panel meeting held on 20 April 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL20/59 COVID-19 UPDATE REPORT ON COUNCIL SERVICES (ID20/354)

The Council had before it the report dated 20 April 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding COVID-19 Update Report on Council Services.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

1. **That the information contained within the report of the Chief Executive Officer dated 20 April 2020, be noted.**
2. **That the newly established COVID-19 reserve fund, be noted.**

CARRIED

CCL20/60 DRAFT 2020/2021 BUDGET AND FEES/CHARGES (ID20/314)

The Council had before it the report dated 8 April 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Draft 2020/2021 Budget and Fees/Charges.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the 2020/2021 draft Budget (including Fees and Charges) and Forward Budgets for 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024) be adopted and placed on public exhibition from Friday 1 May 2020 for 28 days.
2. That the 2020/2021 draft Macquarie Regional Library Budget be adopted and placed on public exhibition from Friday 1 May 2020 for 28 days, in conjunction with Council's planning documents.
3. That submissions and comments closing at 5.00 pm on Friday 29 May 2020 be invited in respect of the 2020/2021 draft Council Budget and the draft Macquarie Regional Library Budget.
4. That the various reports of the Directors, in reference to the Budget, be noted.

5. That the interest rate on overdue rates and charges be the maximum, as advised by the Minister for Local Government for the 2020/2021 year, except for those eligible ratepayers under Council's COVID-19 Rates Financial Assistance Policy.
6. That the annual pensioner rebates on both water and sewerage charges be maintained at \$100.00 each for the 2020/2021 financial year.
7. That the annual pensioner rebate on the Domestic Waste Management Service Charge – 3 Bin Service be maintained at \$52.00 for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

AMENDMENT

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8. That Council write to the NSW Local Government Minister seeking avenues for Council to alter from adopted per head fee to enable cost recovery of the service from the Australian Government via the Airline support package.
9. That the security charge within the draft revenue policy be updated prior to going on public exhibition to include a reference 'Council will proportionately charge all RPT Airlines based on share of total passengers every month the full cost of the contracted service invoice. This cost recovery process will continue under the condition of RPT Airlines receiving full subsidy for security screening charges from the Australian Government under COVID-19 stimulus packages. A \$6.60 cost-per person charge will return once government subsidies for security cease.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

The amendment then became the motion.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

FURTHER AMENDMENT

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10. That the fees for Aquatic Leisure Centres Season Passes be amended to be as follows:

Category	Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre	Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre	Geurie swimming pool
Family season pass	\$250	\$200	\$100
Adult season pass	\$100	\$80	\$70
Child season pass	\$70	\$50	\$45
Pensioner season pass	\$70	\$50	\$45
Family three month season pass	\$150	\$100	N/A (shorter season)
Adult three month season pass	\$80	\$50	N/A (shorter season)
Child three month season pass	\$40	\$30	N/A (shorter season)
Pensioner three month season pass	\$40	\$30	N/A (shorter season)

The further amendment on being put to the meeting was carried. **CARRIED**

The further amendment then became the motion and on being put to the meeting, was carried. **CARRIED**

CCL20/61 DRAFT 2020/2021 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (ID20/293)

The Council had before it the report dated 9 April 2020 from the Manager Growth Planning regarding Draft 2020/2021 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

MOTION

1. That the draft 2020/2021 Delivery Program and Operational Plan (attached as Appendix 1 to the report of the Manager Growth Planning dated 9 April 2020) and draft Long Term Financial Plan (attached as Appendix 2 to the report of the Manager Growth Planning dated 9 April 2020), be adopted by Council for the purposes of public exhibition.
2. That community and stakeholder engagement be undertaken in accordance with the Community Engagement Strategy included in the report of the Manager Growth Planning dated 9 April 2020.
3. That the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
4. That following completion of the public exhibition process, a further report be presented to Council for consideration, addressing the outcomes of the public exhibition.
5. That following adoption of Council's Budget and the "settling" of COVID-19, a review of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan be undertaken as a component of the quarter 1 budget review.

CARRIED

CCL20/62 JOINT ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP (ID20/352)

The Council had before it the report dated 20 April 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Joint Organisation Membership.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That Council apply to the Minister for Local Government for membership to a newly established Joint Organisation, effective 1 July 2020.
2. That if the Minister doesn't concur with forming a new Joint Organisation, Council withdraw its application until after the proposed review of the Joint Organisation Model which is to be undertaken by the NSW Government in the next six months.

3. That Council offer administrative support for the first year of the newly formed Joint Organisation to assist with its establishment.
4. That the Mayor write to all Mayors of the Region to seek their interest in joining the newly formed Joint Organisation.

CARRIED

As one or more Councillors voted against the motion, in accordance with Clause 11.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the following votes were recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Etheridge	Councillor Diffey
Councillor Gumley	Councillor Grant
Councillor Mohr	Councillor Jones
Councillor Ryan	Councillor Lawrence
Councillor Shields	Councillor Parker
Total (5)	Total (5)

As there were an equal amount of votes for and against, the Mayor, Councillor B Shields, used his casting vote in the affirmative.

CCL20/63 DUBBO CBD PRECINCT PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS (ID20/277)

The Council had before it the report dated 30 March 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Dubbo CBD Precinct Progress and Developments.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That the information within the report of the Chief Executive Officer dated 30 March 2020, be noted
2. That monitoring of the COVID-19 Response be undertaken and appropriate measures for supportive event development and CBD dwell time activities be put into place.
3. That, once a timeline for lifting restrictions has been announced by the Government, a subsequent report be presented to Council regarding COVID-19 recovery for the CBD.

CARRIED

CCL20/64 MACQUARIE RIVER CBD MASTER PLAN (ID20/275)

The Council had before it the report dated 28 March 2020 from the Liveability Architect regarding Macquarie River CBD Master Plan.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

1. That the information contained within the report of the Liveability Architect, dated 28 March 2020, be noted.
2. That the Macquarie River CBD Master Plan be formally adopted without further change.
3. That the Event Precinct, as identified, be adopted with the existing funds expended exclusively in this area.
4. Dubbo Regional Council seek further external funding opportunities to enable the further implementation of the Macquarie River CBD Master Plan.
5. That, where contact details have been provided from the public submissions, a letter be sent out acknowledging input towards the final Macquarie River CBD Master Plan.
6. That Council staff meet the Dubbo Triathlon Club to identify their future needs and develop funding strategies to assist them.
7. That Council staff meet with the Wiradjuri Technical Advisory Panel with a view to incorporating local Wiradjuri themes into the structural elements of the Macquarie River CBD Master Plan.

CARRIED

CCL20/65 MURONBUNG ROAD STAGE 3 – AHIP APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF ABORIGINAL ARTEFACTS (ID20/300)

The Council had before it the report dated 7 April 2020 from the Manager Infrastructure Delivery regarding Muronbung Road Stage 3 – AHIP Application for Temporary Removal of Aboriginal Artefacts.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the information contained within the report of the Manager Infrastructure Delivery dated 7 April 2020, be noted.
2. That all documentation in relation to the temporary removal of Aboriginal Artefacts be executed under Power of Attorney.

CARRIED

CCL20/66 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID20/372)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.

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CHAIRMAN