



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

16 May 2023

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2023 AT 2PM**

The Mayor declared the meeting opened at **2pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Media, Members of the Gallery and those following via Live Streaming.

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 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 Council's website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

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

4 REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

No requests to join via audio-visual link in May 2023.

5 PRESENT

Cr Neville Kschenka, Cr Cameron Lander, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, Cr Kevin Morris, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Braden Lyons, Cr Tracey Lewis

In Attendance

George Cowan (General Manager), Shane Wilson (Deputy General Manager Infrastructure), Martin Hiscox (Deputy General Manager Corporate & Community), Vicki Maher (Executive Assistant), Melissa Johnson (CAA/Minute Taker)

6 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 23/077

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

Council note that Leave of Absence had previously been granted for Cr Narelle Payne and Cr Sue Ruffles.

CARRIED

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 23/078

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 April 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

9 MAYORAL REPORT

9.1 MAYOR REPORT - APRIL / MAY 2023

RESOLUTION 23/079

Moved: Cr Neville Kschenka

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Mayoral Report for April/May 2023.

CARRIED

9.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - DAMAGING INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COSTS

RESOLUTION 23/080

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Writes to the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government, and local State Member Hon Steph Cooke:
 - a. Expressing Council's strong opposition to the NSW Government's last-minute decision to impose an enormous Emergency Services Levy (ESL) cost increase on councils for 2023-24 by scrapping the ESL subsidy for councils and at a time after Council has publicly advertised its Operational Plan and annual budget to the community.
 - b. Noting that, as a consequence of the unannounced 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18% increase in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget, Council's 3.7% rate increase to provide essential community services and infrastructure has been significantly eroded.
 - c. Advising that the Government's decision will lead to the cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects.
 - d. Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:
 - i. Restore the ESL subsidy in 2023-24
 - ii. Urgently introduce legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
 - iii. Develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.
2. Writes to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023-24 rate cap, which has resulted in additional financial stress.
3. Writes to the President of LGNSW seeking the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

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10 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**13.1 CR CLARKE - ATTENDANCE AT ALGWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE****RESOLUTION 23/081**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes information provided in the report; ALGWA Annual Conference.

CARRIED**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

15 PROCUREMENT**15.1 T-22-23-07 - 2 X MODULAR BRIDGE INSTALLATION****RESOLUTION 23/082**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Kevin Morris

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender by East Coast Civil Constructions P/L of \$506,200 ex GST to undertake the construction/Installation of two (2) x 18.5m single span InQuik modular bridges and associated works (including the removal of the existing bridges) at Mollys Lagoon and Somerset Park in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED**16 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

Nil

17 OUR COMMUNITY**17.1 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMUNITY - REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS****RESOLUTION 23/083**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Braden Lyons

That Council:

1. Endorses and appoints the following community representatives to the Domestic Violence Advisory Committee
 - a. Kristy McDuff
 - b. Trevor Murphy
 - c. Aloma Simpson
 - d. Brigette Stanton

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17.2 MINUTES - PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM S355 COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 MARCH 2023**RESOLUTION 23/084**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Parkside Cottage Museum S355 Committee held on Monday, 6 March 2023.

CARRIED

18 OUR ENVIRONMENT

Nil

19 OUR ECONOMY

Nil

20 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE**20.1 WATER TOWER RECREATION AREA****RESOLUTION 23/085**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Endorses concept design Option 1 as the base plan for the playground at the Narrandera water tower.

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21 OUR LEADERSHIP

Nil

22 POLICY**22.1 POLICY REVIEW - POL031 ADVERTISING****RESOLUTION 23/086**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Reviews and endorses POL031 Advertising Policy as presented for public exhibition, seeking community comment for a period of 28 days
2. Deems POL031 Advertising Policy as adopted should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

CARRIED

22.2 POLICY REVIEW - POL002 PROCUREMENT**RESOLUTION 23/087**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised policy document POL002 Procurement Policy as presented.

CARRIED

23 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS**23.1 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES - APRIL 2023****RESOLUTION 23/088**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for April 2023

CARRIED**24 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS****24.1 MARCH 2023 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW****RESOLUTION 23/089**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Braden Lyons

That Council:

1. Receives, notes and endorses the information and variations contained in the March Quarterly Budget Review.

CARRIED**24.2 INCOME STATEMENT - APRIL 2023****RESOLUTION 23/090**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

24.3 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 23/091

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander
Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Capital Works report as at 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

24.4 STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 23/092

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis
Seconded: Cr Braden Lyons

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as of 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

24.5 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 23/093

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander
Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

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 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

24.6 STATEMENT OF RATES AND RECEIPTS - APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 23/094

Moved: Cr Kevin Morris

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

25 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – OTHER REPORTS

Nil

25.1 CANCEL 30 MAY EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION 23/095

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Agree to Cancel the previously endorsed Extraordinary Council meeting on 30 May 2023, noting the budget reports will now be presented for Council's consideration at the 20 June 2023 Ordinary Council meeting.

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26 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 2.25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 June 2023.



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GENERAL MANAGER



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CHAIRPERSON