

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF
BREWARRINA HELD AT THE BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
FRIDAY 29TH JULY 2022**

Meeting commenced at 10.04am

1: PRESENT:

Councillors

**Vivian SLACK-SMTIH
Angelo PIPPOS
Noel SHERIDAN
Thomas STANTON
Isaac GORDON
Douglas GORDON
Mark BROWN
Donna JEFFRIES**

General Manager

David KIRBY

Executive Assistant

Laura GORDON

Finance Manager joined Council in the Chambers at 10:04am

2: APOLOGIES

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS; Seconded by Councillor STANTON; that Council grant the leave of absences for Councillor FRAIL for the Friday 29th July Ordinary Business Meeting.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- NIL

4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 24th June 2022

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor D GORDON ; Seconded by Councillor STANTON; that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 24th June 2022 covered by resolutions 78/22 to 88/22 action request be adopted.

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5: MAYORAL MINUTE:

- See Confidential 2 - Mayoral Minute – Appointment of General Manager

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- 91/22 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor BROWN, Seconded by Councillor SHERIDAN;**
that Council move to close the Meeting to the public as per section of the Local
Government Act 1993:
Section 10B (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993, the discussion of personnel
matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

Meeting moved into Closed Session at 10:08am

Acting General Manager excused himself from the chambers at 10:08am

- 92/22 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor JEFFRIES, Seconded by Councillor BROWN;**
That Council move into open session

Meeting resumed open session at 10:10am

Acting General Manager returned to the chambers at 10:11am

6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Nil

7: REPORTS FOR ACTION TO COUNCIL:

ITEM 1: BANK RECONCILIATION & INVESTMENTS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present the reconciliation of Council's cashbook and bank statement as at 30th June 2022. The presentation of this information is not a requirement of any Act, however it has been provided historically for the information of Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That;

1. The bank reconciliation report is received as information.
2. The certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer for compliance with the Investment Policy and the Ministerial Investment Order dated 28 April 2017 be received and noted.

- 93/22 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor JEFFRIES, Seconded by Councillor D
GORDON;**

That;

1. The bank reconciliation report is received as information.
2. The certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer for compliance with the Investment Policy and the Ministerial Investment Order dated 28 April 2017 be received and noted.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

ITEM 2: ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to refer the 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements to audit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

1. Council's Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June 2022 be referred to audit
2. The necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the statements on the annual General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and;
3. Council delegate the General Manager to authority to "finalise the date" at which the auditor's report and financial statements are to be presented to the public as per section 418(1).

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor JEFFRIES, Seconded by Councillor BROWN;

That Council;

1. Council's Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June 2022 be referred to audit
2. The necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the statements on the annual General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and;
3. Council delegate the General Manager to authority to "finalise the date" at which the auditor's report and financial statements are to be presented to the public as per section 418(1).

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

ITEM 3: BREWARRINA GARBAGE COLLECTION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the information and costings relating to Garbage Collection in Brewarrina and the consideration of changing the weekly collection back to a single residential collection service.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

1. Council return to one weekly residential bin collection service.

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor SHERIDAN, Seconded by Councillor PIPPOS;

That Council;

1. Council return to one weekly residential bin collection service.
2. The Commercial bin services will remain the same; Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays for Schools, Hospitals & Businesses

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

ITEM 4: STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND ROUND 5

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine priorities for eligible works to be completed under the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund based on best estimates of cost and concepts

RECOMMENDATION:

That;

Council receive the report and endorse the priorities for funding as recommended under the Stronger Country Communities Fund as follows:

1. To be determined by Council.

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor D GORDON, Seconded by Councillor PIPPOS;

That Council;

1. Council form a subcommittee for Stronger Country Communities Round 5 funding and prioritize works projects moving forward & delegate the committee to authorise the prioritize list to be submitted under the funding.
2. That the Council Subcommittee meet on Thursday 11th August 2022 at 10am to discuss the latest proposals for SCCF Round 5.

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

D Gordon excused himself from the Chambers at 10:37am

D Gordon returned to the Chambers at 10:40am

ITEM 5: REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY SUBMISSION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the submission lodged by the Mayor on behalf of Council regarding the draft Regional Water Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

That;

1. Council receive this report as information and consider any further matter relating to the strategy.

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor STANTON, Seconded by Councillor BROWN;

That Council;

1. Council receive this report as information and consider any further matter relating to the strategy.

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I Gordon excused himself from the Chambers at 10:50am

I Gordon returned to the Chambers at 10:56am

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

The purpose of this report is for Councillors to receive the Status Report, Councils Information Reports as well as the items for Correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Status Report, Information Reports, which are listed from a-n, and the Items for Correspondence be received as information.

8: REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Status Report, General Manager and Mayors Diary
- b) Roads
- c) Plant
- d) Utilities
- e) CHB
- f) CSM
- m) Human Resources
- n) FAM

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor I GORDON, Seconded by Councillor JEFFRIES;

That;

The status Report, Information Reports and Items of Correspondence be received and noted.

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

CHB joined the meeting via Telephone Link at 11:02am

D Jeffries had excused herself from the chambers at 11:04am

D Jeffries returned to the chambers at 11:06am

Councillors agreed on a 40 minute adjournment of the Meeting at 11:08am

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Councillors Meeting resumed at 11:43am

9: NOTICE OF MOTION/ QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- See Confidential 1

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS, Seconded by Councillor STANTON;
That Council move into open session.**

Council resumed open session at 11:55 am

D Gordon excused himself from the chambers at 11:22am

D Gordon returned to the chambers at 11:23am

11: OPEN SESSION

- The Acting General Manager reported to the OPEN session of the Council meeting that the following resolutions were moved in CLOSED session:

CONFD 1. – VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE – KITCHEN AND AUDITORIUM

- Brewarrina Shire Council consider the notice of motion and delegate the General Manager to undertake any further matters relating to the proposed motion and or outcomes.

CONFD 2. – MAYORAL MINUTE – APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

- That Council received the presentations from shortlisted candidates for the position of General Manager on 25 July 2022.
- That Council offer the position of General Manager to the recommended candidate and authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract of employment based on the standard contract of employment issued by the Office of Local Government.
- That the recommended candidate remain confidential until the position is accepted by the recommended candidate and the Mayor announces the appointment of the General Manager. All other information presented and discussed in the closed Session remains confidential.
- That the Council resolves to affix the Council seal to the contract in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

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Meeting concluded at 12.00pm