

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF  
BREWARRINA HELD AT THE BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023**

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Meeting commenced at 10.02am

**1: PRESENT:**

**Councillors**

**Vivian SLACK-SMITH  
Angelo PIPPOS  
Noel SHERIDAN  
Trish FRAIL  
Isaac GORDON  
Thomas STANTON  
Mark BROWN**

**General Manager**

**David KIRBY**

**Executive Assistant**

**Laura GORDON**

**2: APOLOGIES**

21/23

- **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS; Seconded by Councillor BROWN; That Council grant the leave of absences for Councillor D GORDON & Councillor JEFFRIES for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Ordinary Business Meeting.**

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

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

- Councillor Noel Sheridan declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest to Item: 7.2 – Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program Round 5 – Golf Course.

**4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor STATNON ; Seconded by Councillor FRAIL; that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 covered by resolutions 2/23 to 20/23 action request be adopted.**

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

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**5: CLOSED SESSION**

- 23/23 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS, Seconded by Councillor BROWN;**  
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)

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**Meeting moved into closed session at 10.05am**

- 24/23 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor FRAIL, Seconded by Councillor I GORDON;**

**That Council move into open session.**

**Council resumed open session at 10:56am**

**6: OPEN SESSION**

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

HEATHER WHINGHAM-REID TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON THE RE-NAMING OF  
THE MONKEY BRIDGE ROAD TO KIMBRIKI ROAD

DESLEY MASON TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON THE RE-NAMING OF THE  
BREWARRINA TO GOODOOGA ROAD TO RON MASON WAY

- 25/23 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS, Seconded by Councillor BROWN;**  
That Council;

1. **Allow Heather Whingham-Reid to re-table her proposal of the renaming of the Monkey Bridge Road to “Kimriki Road”.**
2. **Allow Desley Mason to re-table her proposal of the renaming of the Brewarrina to Goodooga Road “The Ron Mason Way”.**
3. **That both have their resubmission sent through by next week to allow to table at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.**

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**7: MAYORAL MINUTE: NATURAL DISASTERS FLOODS/BUSHFIRES**

**PURPOSE:**

For Council to show appreciation to Council staff and volunteers during the recent natural disasters of floods and bushfires.

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- SW Rural fire Service Section 44 Declaration S44-22/23006
- AGRN 1025 – NSW Severe Weather and Flooding: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 onwards

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The Mayor send a letter of appreciation to all Council staff and contractors for their dedication throughout the natural disaster declared 2022 Floods and the March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 Bushfires.

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS, Seconded by Councillor FRAIL;  
That;**

1. The Mayor send a letter of appreciation to all Council staff and contractors for their dedication throughout the natural disaster declared 2022 Floods and the March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 Bushfires.

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

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**8: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS, Seconded by Councillor  
SHERIDAN; that Council accept the Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes from  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

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

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**8: 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. 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.

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor SHERIDAN, Seconded by Councillor  
BROWN;**

**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.

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N Sheridan excused himself from the Chambers at 11:03am

**ITEM 2: LOCAL ROADS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ROUND 4**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on its consideration of funding under the 2023 Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program Round 4.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That;

**Council resolve to endorse the following projects under the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program;**

- 1. Carters Swamp bridge Replacement - \$450k**
- 2. Weilmoringle Cemetery Upgrades - \$100k**
- 3. Brewarrina Golf Club - \$270k**

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor BROWN, Seconded by Councillor FRAIL;**

That;

**Council resolve to endorse the following projects under the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program;**

- 1. Carters Swamp bridge Replacement - \$450k**
- 2. Weilmoringle Cemetery Upgrades - \$100k**
- 3. Brewarrina Golf Club - \$270k**

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N Sheridan returned to the Chambers at 11:09am

A Pippos excused himself from the Chambers at 11:13am

**ITEM 3: COMMUNITY LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM (CLIRP)**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on its consideration of funding under the 2022 Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Package - Community Asset Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That;

**Council resolve to apply for a funding to rehabilitate and redeveloped the flood affected 4 Mile Camping Reserve under the Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Program (CLIRP) Community Asset Program (CAP)**

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor I GORDON, Seconded by Councillor SHERIDAN;**

That;

**Council resolve to apply for a funding to rehabilitate and redeveloped the flood affected 4 Mile Camping Reserve under the Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Program (CLIRP) Community Asset Program (CAP)**

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

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A Pippos returned to the Chambers at 11:18am

**ITEM 4: TIMEFRAMES FOR 2023/24 BUDGET**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the timeframes for 2023/24 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council;**

**Prepare the Annual Budget as a part of an Operational Plan and Delivery Program each year.**

- 1. Rates will be increased by Rate Peg of 2.7% approved in council meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023;**
- 2. Fees and Charges 2023/24: Fees that are owned by Council will be increased by 8% to reflect the shape rise in inflation rate. Fees that are legislated (i.e. companion animal fees) will be updated by Council when advised by the State; and**
- 3. Salary & Wages will be increased by 5% to cover Local Government State Award increase and provision of salary review.**

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor FRAIL, Seconded by Councillor SHERIDAN;**

**That Council;**

**Prepare the Annual Budget as a part of an Operational Plan and Delivery Program each year.**

- 1. Rates will be increased by Rate Peg of 2.7% approved in council meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023;**
- 2. Fees and Charges 2023/24: Fees that are owned by Council will be increased by 8% to reflect the shape rise in inflation rate. Fees that are legislated (i.e. companion animal fees) will be updated by Council when advised by the State; and**
- 3. Salary & Wages will be increased by 5% to cover Local Government State Award increase and provision of salary review.**

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

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**ITEM 5: GIG STATE PROJECT (NBN CO TOWER)**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the NSW Governments Gig State programs intention to install fixed wireless communications in the Brewarrina Shire

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That Council receive the report as information.**

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor BROWN, Seconded by Councillor I GORDON;**

**That;**

- 1. That Council receive the report as information.**

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

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**ITEM 6: REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

**PURPOSE:**

To provide Council with background information on the Department of Regional updated Western Plains Regional Economic Development Strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council receive and acknowledge the report.

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

**That;**

1. That Council receive and acknowledge the report.

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

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**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

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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.

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**9: REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Status Report, General Manager and Mayors Diary
- b) Roads
- c) Plant
- g) Library
- h) Human Services
- m) Human Resources

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor FRAIL; Seconded by Councillor BROWN;**  
**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.

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**10: NOTICE OF MOTION/ QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

- NIL

**11: CLOSED SESSION**

- 35/23 **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)**

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**Meeting moved into closed session at 11.24am**

- 41/23 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor PIPPOS, Seconded by Councillor SHERIDAN;**

**That Council move into open session.**

**Council resumed open session at 11:42am**

**12: OPEN SESSION**

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

**CONF D 1 – DAVID CURREY GRIDS AND FENCING MINRAMAR GOODOOGA RD**

- Council write to Mr David Currey reaffirming its original offer as per Council Resolution No. 132/22.
- That Council inform Mr Currey that the offer expires on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**CONF D 2. – EMERGENCY SEWER RELINING**

- That Council approve emergency sewer relining works undertaken by Interflow during and after the 2022 flood event.
- That Council allocate \$600k from sewer reserves to complete project & undertake a claim through NSW Reconstruction Authority to find the all relining works and replenish sewer reserves with full amount once claimed.

**CONF D 3. – SMART WATER METERS**

- That Council accept the proposal from Nucleus 3 and Telstra for the supply and installation of 500 Smart Water Meters for total \$224,970 Ex GST.
- The Council allocate \$240,000 from water reserves to complete this project.

**CONF D 4. – REGIONAL PROCUREMENT REPORT**

- That all conforming tenders be awarded the contract as the panel source suppliers to Brewarrina Shire Council for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 (24 Months).
- That a provision be allowed for a 12 – month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 March 2026.

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CONFID 5. – BREWARRINA SWIMMING POOL TENDER

- That Council approve the new Brewarrina Swimming Pool Contract No. 2023-04 for the new three (3) years swimming pool contract commencing 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2026.
- That Council authorise the tender be advertised from 3rd April through until 28th April 2023.

**Meeting concluded at 11.45am**