

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF
BREWARRINA HELD AT THE BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2023**

Meeting commenced at 10.00am

1: PRESENT:

Councillors

**Vivian Slack-Smith
Noel SHERIDAN
Douglas GORDON
Thomas STANTON
Mark BROWN
Donna JEFFRIES
Trish FRAIL**

General Manager

David KIRBY

Executive Assistant

Laura GORDON

2: APOLOGIES

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor BROWN; Seconded by Councillor JEFFRIES; That Council grant the leave of absences for Councillor I GORDON & Councillor PIPPOS for Friday 26th May 2023 Ordinary Business Meeting.

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

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

- Councillor Douglas Gordon declared a Pecuniary Interest to item: CONFD 2 – Brewarrina Swimming Pool Tender.
- Councillor Vivian Slack-Smith declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest to item: CONFD 2 – Brewarrina Swimming Pool Tender.

4: PRESENTATION:

- Moogahlin Performing Arts – Lillian Shearer & Penny Johnson attended Council meeting Friday 26th May 2023 to present, an update around the Moogahlin Performing Arts program.

5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 28th April 2023

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor JEFFRIES ; Seconded by Councillor D GORDON; that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 26th May 2023 covered by resolutions 42/23 to 57/23 action request be adopted.

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

6: MAYORAL MINUTE: BIOSECURITY LEVIES ISSUES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the impacts the new biosecurity Levy will have on farmers in the Brewarrina Shire.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor write to Hon Murray Watt Agriculture Minister and Hon Mark Coulton member for Parkes raising concerns over the impacts the new Biosecurity Levies will have on Farmers and Industry in the Brewarrina Shire.

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

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That the Mayor write to Hon Murray Watt Agriculture Minister and Hon Mark Coulton member for Parkes and the Hon Tara Moriarty Minister for Agriculture/ Minister for Western NSW raising concerns over the impacts the new Biosecurity Levies will have on Farmers and Industry in the Brewarrina Shire.

7: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- NIL

8: REPORTS FOR ACTION TO COUNCIL:

ITEM 1: GRIEVANCE POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about the Grievance Policy changes to ensure compliance with Council legislative obligations.

RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council;
Re-adopts the Grievance Policy with legislative amendments and updates.**

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

**That Council;
Re-adopts the Grievance Policy with legislative amendments and updates.**

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

ITEM 2: RESPECT AT WORK POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about the Respect at Work Policy changes to ensure compliance with Council legislative obligations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That;

Re-adopts the Respect at Work Policy with legislative amendments and updates.

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

That;

Re-adopts the Respect at Work Policy with legislative amendments and updates.

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

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

ITEM 3: INVESTMENT POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to review and update the Council's Investment Policy to ensure that it complies with current requirements and maintains proper stewardship over the management of Council's short and medium term financial investment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That;

Receive the report as information and adopt the revised Investment Policy.

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

That;

Receive the report as information and adopt the revised Investment Policy.

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

D Gordon returned to the Chambers at 10:40am

ITEM 4: LOAN RENEWALS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to gain Council endorsement to renew and pay off the loans in next five years.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

1. Endorse the action taken option 1, to renew Loan number 64 for a fixed interest rate at 4.92% (indicative as at 11 May 23) for further five years and payoff the loan at 28 June 2028 when it expires. This will save Council over \$225,000 interest payment over next 17 years.

2. That Council endorse the action taken to renew Loan 65 for a fixed interest rate at 4.92% (indicative as at 11 May 23) for further five years. This will enable Council's financial liquidity and have better cash flow management.

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

That Council;

Pay both Loans 64 & 65 the remaining funds and utilise the liquidated funds from the Yetta Clearance Sale to be able to do so.

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

ITEM 5: RATES ADOPTION FY 2023/24

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to gain Council's endorsement to adopt differential rate levy scenario 1 as recommended by Council's consultant.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

Endorse consultancy's recommendations to adopt differential rate levy scenario 1 for FY 2023/24

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

That;

Endorse consultancy's recommendations to adopt differential rate levy scenario 1 for FY 2023/24

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

D Jeffries excused herself from the Chambers at 10:56am

D Jeffries returned to the Chambers at 10:59am

ITEM 6: DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve and adopt the Draft 2023/24 Budget - Fees and Charges, Budget, Capital Works Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

1. Approve and adopt the Draft 2023/24 Budget and Revenue Policy - including Fees and Charges, Budget, Capital Works Program.
2. Place the 2023/24 Budget, Delivery Plan 2023/2024 and Revenue Policy on public exhibition for 28 days from Friday 26th May 2023 to Sunday 22nd June 2022 and accept submissions from the public during this period.

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

That Council;

1. Approve and adopt the Draft 2023/24 Budget and Revenue Policy - including Fees and Charges, Budget, Capital Works Program.
2. Place the 2023/24 Budget, Delivery Plan 2023/2024 and Revenue Policy on public exhibition for 28 days from Friday 26th May 2023 to Sunday 22nd June 2023 and accept submissions from the public during this period.

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

Councillors agreed to a 10 minutes adjournment of the Meeting at 11:01am

Council meeting resumed at 11:16am

ITEM 7: GOODOOGA TIN CAMP AND CEMETERIES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update from Department Planning and Environment regarding the Gazettal Notice for changes to the Goodooga Tin Camp and Cemetery.

RECOMMENDATION:

That;

1. Council receive this report as information.
2. The Council register and recognise the importance of the Goodooga Tin Camp and Cemeteries as Aboriginal Places under section 84 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act).

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

That;

1. Council receive this report as information.
2. The Council register and recognise the importance of the Goodooga Tin Camp and Cemeteries as Aboriginal Places under section 84 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act).

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

ITEM 8: MANAGING PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS AT WORK POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform the council of Managing Psychosocial Hazards at Work Policy to ensure compliance with Council legislative obligations.

RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council;
Adopts the Managing Psychosocial Hazards at Work Policy.**

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**RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor SHERIDAN, Seconded by Councillor D GORDON;
That Council;
Adopts the Managing Psychosocial Hazards at Work Policy.**

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

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.

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 BROWN; Seconded by Councillor STANTON;
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.

10: NOTICE OF MOTION/ QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

- NIL

11: CLOSED SESSION

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor FRAIL, 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 on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

Meeting moved into closed session at 11.42am

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

That Council move into open session.

Council resumed open session at 12:00pm

12: OPEN SESSION

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

CONFID 1 – YETTA DHINNAKAL AUCTION SALE

- That Council receive this report as information

CONFID 2 – BREWARRINA SWIMMING POOL TENDER

- That Council do not accept the recommendation and that the Brewarrina Swimming Pool Tender be re-advertised till 23rd June 2023 and be re-tabled at the June Council meeting.

CONFID 3 – ITEMS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

- That Council Receive items for correspondence – Safe Work Improvement Notice as information.

Meeting concluded at 12:02pm