



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**19 July 2022**

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022 AT 2PM**

The Mayor declared the Public Forum opened at **1.30pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Members of the Gallery and those following on the 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.*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Presentation**

Eiley Armida spoke on the great work from volunteers through Fusion Narrandera in giving assistance and supporting the Narrandera Shire community in many different ways. Mayor Kschenka then presented volunteers with Fusion's Certificate of Appreciation.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council Meeting opened at **2pm**.

**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 Councils website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.*

*There were no Disclosure of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.*

**4 PRESENT**

Cr Neville Kschenka, Cr Cameron Lander, Cr Narelle Payne, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Sue Ruffles, 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), Amanda Collins (Minute Taker)

**5 APOLOGIES****RESOLUTION 22/166**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council accepts apology from Cr Kevin Morris and Leave of Absence be granted.

**CARRIED**

**5.1 REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA VIRTUAL LINK**

**NIL**

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION 22/167**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 June 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**8 MAYORAL REPORT**

**8.1 MAYORAL REPORT - JUNE/JULY 2022**

**RESOLUTION 22/168**

Moved: Cr Neville Kschenka

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Mayoral Report for June/July 2022.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 MAYORAL MINUTE MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN - 450GL "UPWATER"**

**RESOLUTION 22/169**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Writes to the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Inc. Chair and (copies the MDA Region 9 Chair) requesting that the MDA:
  - a. Writes to the new Federal Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP to reiterate that, given the Government is committed to recovering an additional 450GL of upwater from the Basin, that water must be achieved without adverse social and economic impacts as required by the Murray Darling Basin Plan; and
  - b. Opposes the use of buybacks to achieve the saving of the 450GL of upwater.

**CARRIED**

**9 QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**10 NOTICES OF RESCISSION**

Nil

**11 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Nil

**13 COMMITTEE REPORTS****13.1 BETTERING BARELLAN COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 15 JUNE 2022****RESOLUTION 22/170**

Moved: Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Bettering Barellan Committee held on Wednesday 15 June 2022.
2. Note that the Committee has elected Member Donna Robertson as chairperson.

**CARRIED**

**13.2 GRONG GRONG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 27 JUNE 2022****RESOLUTION 22/171**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Extraordinary Grong Grong Community Advisory Committee held on Monday 27 June 2022.
2. Notes that the Committee unanimously elected Reiner Meier as Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

**13.3 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 6 JULY 2022****RESOLUTION 22/172**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on Wednesday 6 July 2022.

**CARRIED**

**13.4 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 14 JUNE 2022****RESOLUTION 22/173**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on Tuesday 14 June 2022.
2. Note and Accept Agency Reports.

**CARRIED**

**13.5 ABORIGINAL ELDERS LIAISON - MINUTES - 4 JULY 2022****RESOLUTION 22/174**

Moved: Cr Braden Lyons

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Minutes of the Aboriginal Elders Liaison held on Monday 4 July 2022.

**CARRIED**

**14 PROCUREMENT****14.1 TENDER T-21-22-06 LAKE TALBOT SKYWALK****RESOLUTION 22/175**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender by Struktis Steel (Ezibuild Pty Ltd) of \$626,000 ex-GST to undertake detailed design and construction of the Lake Talbot Skywalk in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**CARRIED**

## 15 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

### 15.1 DA-055-2021-2022 CHANGE OF USE (HOTEL TO OFFICE)

#### RESOLUTION 22/176

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Approves DA-055-2021-2022 for the change of use – from existing hotel (public bar) to professional consulting rooms and internal alterations and additions at Lot 1 DP187804 being the New Criterion Hotel at 100-106 East Street, Narrandera, subject to the Conditions of Consent in accordance with section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for the following reasons:
  - a. The development satisfies the provisions of the Narrandera LEP 2013, Narrandera DCP and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
  - b. Submissions raising potential impacts have been mitigated by the inclusion of appropriate conditions.
2. Conducts a Division to record the voting of Councillors.

In Favour: Cr's Neville Kschenka, Cameron Lander, Narelle Payne, Jenny Clarke OAM, Peter Dawson, Sue Ruffles, Braden Lyons and Tracey Lewis

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 16 OUR COMMUNITY

### 16.1 INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORT AT HOME FUNDING MODEL

#### RESOLUTION 22/177

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the changes to the Commonwealth Home Support Programs funding model effective 1 July 2022, as a transitional step to implementation of the Support at Home Programs.

**CARRIED**

**17 OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**18 OUR ECONOMY**

Nil

**19 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE**

Nil

**20 OUR LEADERSHIP**

Nil

**21 POLICY****21.1 POLICY REVIEW - RATES AND CHARGES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP****RESOLUTION 22/178**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy for public exhibition.
2. Deems POL019 Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy as adopted should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.
3. Rescinds the CS340 Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy (COVID-19).

**CARRIED****22 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS****22.1 JUNE 2022 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES****RESOLUTION 22/179**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for June 2022.

**CARRIED**



## **23 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS**

### **23.1 JUNE INCOME STATEMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION 22/180**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander  
Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 30 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

### **23.2 JUNE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS**

#### **RESOLUTION 22/181**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne  
Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

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 June 2022

**CARRIED**

### **23.3 JUNE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**

#### **RESOLUTION 22/182**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis  
Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Resolves to revoke the allocated funding of \$100,000 for the Narrandera Sportsground drainages and soak project to allow the design and procurement to be undertaken prior to completion of the current football season.
2. Resolves to allocate \$65,000 from the Internal Reserve being Shire Property Renewal & Cyclical Maintenance to the SCCF4 - Narrandera Sports Stadium – Lining of Stadium Internal Walls with Insulated Lining Panels project.
3. Receives and notes the information contained in the Capital Works report as of 30 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

**23.4 JUNE STATEMENT OF RATES AND RECEIPTS****RESOLUTION 22/183**

Moved: Cr Braden Lyons

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 30 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

**23.5 JUNE STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES****RESOLUTION 22/184**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as of 30 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 22/185**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders for discussion on item 23.6.

**CARRIED**

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 22/186**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

**CARRIED**

**23.6 NARRANDERA STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

**RESOLUTION 22/187**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council proceeds with the proposal by:

1. Increasing its 2022-23 borrowing bid to the OLG and NSW Treasury from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.
2. Engaging additional resources to prepare a Special Variation application to the IPART to fund loan repayments for a \$3,000,000 loan through a Stormwater Special rate.
3. As soon as practicable continuing community consultation to confirm support for the stormwater infrastructure design and LTFP intent to raise additional stormwater charges. (Note Council received one response to the exhibition of the proposed stormwater design and no responses to the LTFP addressed the stormwater capital works and associated funding)
4. Resolving that the Special Rate be levied by way of an Annual Charge on the rate assessments within the Special Rate boundaries to be further defined.
5. Lobbying the Commonwealth and NSW State Government, politicians and agencies to provide significant grant funds towards the implementation of the stormwater project.
6. Resolving that Council submits applications to finance the stormwater project when Commonwealth and State infrastructure grant programs open.

**CARRIED**

**24 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – OTHER REPORTS**

Nil

**25 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 3.35pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 August 2022.**



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**GENERAL MANAGER**



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**CHAIRPERSON**