

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL 2014 at 9.30 am**

PRESENT: Clr. G. Hiscock, Clr. R. Kendall, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. A. Negline, Clr K. Poynter and Clr. G Verdon.

The General Manager and Director of Engineering were in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

14/28 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

14/29 An apology for non-attendance was received from Clrs. Funnell and Kreuzberger and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Kendall.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

14/30 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

14/31 The Minutes of the Meeting of 26 February 2014 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Meyer OAM.

14/32 The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 26 March 2014 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Negline.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 08/14 – 15/14.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (20 March 2014) forwarding Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 5 March 2014.

14/33 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 14/34 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Poynter that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February and March 2014 be received.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

- 14/35 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31st March 2014 be received and adopted.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 14/36 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Kendall that the report detailing progress achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2013/2014 Operational Plan be noted and received.

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2014/15–2016/17 AND DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014/15

- 14/37 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and McInerney that in accordance with Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Draft Revised Delivery Program and Draft Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition and that it be on display at the Administrative Headquarters, Hammond Avenue Wagga Wagga

LOST TIME INJURY STATISTICS

- 14/38 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Negline that the quarterly statistics report on Lost Time Injuries for the 12 months ended March 2014 be received and noted.

DRAFT POLICY 4.5 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 14/39 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that Riverina Water County Council adopt Draft Policy 4.5 Work Health and Safety.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES - 2014 WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

- 14/40 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Kendall that
- a) Council be represented at the Local Government New South Wales 2014 Water Management Conference,
 - b) the Chairman or his nominee attend as a delegate,
 - c) Clrs Verdon and McInerney attend as observers, and
 - d) the General Manager and Director of Engineering or their nominees attend as observers

ANNUAL RESIDENT'S SURVEY

- 14/41 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Negline that:-
- a) the General Manager's report into the 2014 Riverina Water County Council residents survey been received and noted, and
 - b) the General Manager submit a further Report on the development of a communications plan for improved engagement with our community.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE – AUGUST 2014

- 14/42 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline that Council's August 2014 Meeting be held on Wednesday 20th August.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

- 14/43 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Verdon that the information be noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2014

- 14/44 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Meyer OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of February 2014 be received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2014

- 14/45 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Meyer OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of March 2014 be received and noted.

TENDER W173 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR WAGGA WAGGA WTP

- 14/46 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Kendall that Council consider the report "Tender W173 for Environmental Impact Statement for Wagga Wagga WTP", whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 14/47 Clr. Verdon: Advised that he would be applying for a leave of absence for Council's June 2014 Meeting.

Commented on the taste of water at Lockhart recently and requested that Council staff investigate.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

- 14/48 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Kendall that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.30 am

Pursuant to section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

- 14/49 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Poynter and Negline that:

1. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business is to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2)(c) as outlined above.

2. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required under section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

TENDER W.173 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR WAGGA WAGGA WTP

This item is classified as confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- c) as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

14/50 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Kendall that Hunter Water Australia Pty Ltd be awarded the contract for the Environmental Impact Statement for Wagga Wagga WTP, for the price of \$86,220.

OPEN COUNCIL

14/51 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Poynter and Negline that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

The Chairman read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

The Meeting concluded at 11.40 am
