

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on FRIDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2016 at 2.00 pm**

PRESENT: Clr. Y. Braid, Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. V. Keenan, Clr. T. Koschel, Mr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. T. Quinn and Clr. G. Verdon.

The General Manager, Director of Engineering and Manager Projects.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

16/214 Chairperson Clr. Verdon read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

Chairperson Clr. Verdon welcomed Clrs Keenan and Quinn to their first meeting at Riverina Water County Council.

16/215 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clr. G. Conkey and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

16/216 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

16/217 The Minutes of the Meeting of 26th October 2016 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 43/16 – 48/16.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (2 November 2016) forwarding Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 25 October 2016.

16/218 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Keenan and Quinn that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 16/219 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Meyer OAM that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of October and November 2016 be received.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 16/220 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Koschel that Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 21st November 2016 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

WORKSHOP OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/2018

- 16/221 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell that Council hold a workshop to discuss key aspects of the 2017/2018 Operational Plan, following Council's February 2017 Meeting.

DRAFT POLICY 1.12 ACCESS AND EQUITY

- 16/222 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Keenan that Riverina Water County Council adopt Draft Policy 1.12 Access and Equity.

POLICY 1.18 RECORDS MANAGEMENT

- 16/223 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Keenan and Koschel that Riverina Water County Council adopt Policy 1.18 Records Management.

DRAFT POLICY 1.27 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

- 16/224 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Keenan that Riverina Water County Council adopt Draft Policy 1.27 Related Party Disclosures.

APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS FOR SALES FLUCTUATIONS AND EMPLOYEE LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

- 16/225 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Funnell that Riverina Water County Council re-determine that an appropriate maximum level of funds to be kept as an Internal Restriction for Sales Fluctuations be \$5 million and that it further determine that an appropriate level of Internal Restriction for Employee Leave Entitlements is 30% of Council's Leave Liability.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

- 16/226 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid that Riverina Water County Council note Council's Resolution Sheet and endorse the offer of settlement with Nash Brothers, with the General Manager being authorised to sign a deed of release.

APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL LEAVE – GENERAL MANAGER

- 16/227 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Koschel that annual leave be approved for the period requested by the General Manager and that the Director of Engineering, Mr. Bede Spannagle, be appointed as Acting General Manager during this time.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2016

- 16/228 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Quinn that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of October 2016 be received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2016

- 16/229 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of November 2016 be received and noted.

- 16/230 MOVED Clrs. Keenan and Funnell that General Manager initiate a meeting with the owners of the Junction Motor In to discuss the recent main bursts and subsequent rectification.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

- 16/231 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that Council receive and note this report.

Director of Engineering left meeting 3.20 pm.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 16/232 Mr. Kreutzberger: Wish all a Merry Christmas.

- 16/233 Clr. Keenan: Recent contamination fears at RAAF Base, Wagga Wagga. Meeting held last Wednesday, consumer concerns drinking water contamination? Any comments from Riverina Water to RAAF Base?

General Manager: The Defence Department held a briefing with RWCC and WWCC about 6 months ago. The nearest RWCC bore field is 7-8 km away in Wagga Wagga, not at Forest Hill. Re-assure Forest Hill residents, where there is clay base, little chance for contamination. Will issue statement by letterbox and media.

16/234 Clr. Funnell: Inquired about an old main running through Brunslea Park. He had been advised that it contained asbestos

16/235 Clr. Funnell: Attended meeting of Murray Darling Association, interesting, good feedback and proactive.

Welcome to new Councillors, very merry Christmas

16/236 Clr. Meyer OAM: Very happy and festive season, see you all again next year.

Clr. Quinn: Also attended a meeting of the Murray Darling Association. Believes that it is a very destructive organisation, could do a lot of damage. Conference in Dubbo, a lot of people made a lot of money over buy backs and may put back on market. Deeply interested in it.

Clr. Funnell: Share few concerns there regarding the MDA, see what happens in next 12 years.

16/237 Chairperson: Wish you all a very joyful and festive Christmas. Hopeful Mr. Kreuzberger's position resolved soon. It is a shame the Office of Local Government moved Federation Council election back to September 2017.

Hope Councillors find working with RWCC a good experience.

16/238 General Manager: I have a few sponsorship requests that I would like feedback on, the Old Memorial Hall in Henty, being renovated into a gymnasium, furnished for physiotherapy users. Suggest supporting them by \$160 / year to cover water access charges.

2nd request was from the Rail Trail, requesting sponsorship into study into rail trail, requesting about \$20,000.

Chairperson: Fully support rail trails, maybe provide water bubblers, not until they've got it running. Doesn't fall into our Guidelines. It is for the Wagga to Ladysmith section.

16/239 Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 22nd February 2017.

The Meeting concluded at 3.40 pm
