

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 28th JUNE 2017 at 9.30 am

PRESENT: Clr. Y. Braid OAM, 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, Corporate
Services Manager, Manager Projects and Project Engineer-
Networks were in attendance.

17/82 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clr Conkey and Mr. M.
Eden and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell
and Koschel

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

17/83 Chairperson Clr. Verdon read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

17/84 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

17/85 The Minutes of the Meeting of 26th April 2017 having been circulated and
read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion
of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars
16/17 – 24/17.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (12 May 2017) forwarding
Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 4 May 2017

17/86 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid OAM that the
correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 17/87 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Keenan that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of April and May 2017 be received.

DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON 2017/2018

- 17/88 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Koschel that the fees for 2017/2018 be set at:
- i) Councillors \$5,790, and
 - ii) Additional fee for Chairperson \$9,510.

ADOPTION OF REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017/2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/2018

- 17/89 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Quinn that the Draft Revised Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/2018, as exhibited, following close of public comments, be adopted as Council's Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan for 2017/2018, subject to the following changes:-

	2016/2017	2017/2018
Search /Enquiry Fee – S603 (as for property transfer)	\$75	\$80
Interest on Overdue Accounts	8.0%	7.5%

MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2017/2018

- 17/90 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Koschel that the rates and charges be made for 2017/2018 year, as outlined in the adopted Operational Plan 2017/2018.

AUGUST 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

- 17/91 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid OAM that Council hold its August 2017 Ordinary Meeting on 16 August 2017 commencing at 9.30 am.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 17/92 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Braid OAM that:
- a) Council be represented the Local Government NSW 2017 Annual Conference;
 - b) Council delegate be the Chairman and the General Manager (observer);
 - c) Nominations be invited from any other Councillor to attend as an observer.
 - d) Council determine motions that it believes are of concern and should be discussed at the Conference.

Clrs. Braid OAM and Keenan nominated to attend the Local Government NSW 2017 Annual Conference.

Clr. Keenan left meeting 10.00 am.

RWCC SPONSORSHIPS

- 17/93 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that the advice from the General Manager regarding sponsorships by RWCC for the year 2016/2017 be noted.

ADVOCACY FOR MURRAY DARLING MEDICAL SCHOOL

- 17/94 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Braid OAM that Riverina Water County Council support the Murray Darling Medical School as requested.

REMUNERATION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

- 17/95 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Braid OAM that Council pay remuneration to the two independent members of the Audit and Risk Committee as follows:
1. Chairperson \$442 per meeting
 2. Committee Member \$331 per meeting

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 17/96 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid OAM and Koschel that Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 5th June 2017 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

INTERNAL POLICY 3.25 LEAVE

- 17/97 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that Riverina Water County Council adopt Internal Policy 3.25 Leave.

POLICY 1.15 PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

17/98 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that Riverina Water County Council adopt Policy 1.15 - Public Access to Information.

POLICY 1.20 – PRIVACY

17/99 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Funnell that Riverina Water County Council adopt Policy 1.20 – Privacy.

POLICY 2.8 – WATER BILLING HARDSHIP

17/100 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Funnell that the Policy 2.8 – Water Billing Hardship, be adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

17/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report Consideration of Quotations for Internal Audit Services whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to Commercial Information, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

TENDER W219 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIRS PAD AND ACCESS ROAD AT WILLANS HILL, WAGGA WAGGA

17/102 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report “Tender W.219 for the Construction of Reservoirs Pad and Access Road at Willans Hill, Wagga Wagga, 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.

TENDER W.220 FOR CLEANING OF FACILITIES AT VARIOUS BUILDINGS OF RIVERINA WATER LOCATED AT 91 HAMMOND AVENUE

17/103 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report “Tender W.220 for Cleaning of facilities at various buildings of Riverina Water located at 91 Hammond Avenue Wagga Wagga”, 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

17/104 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Braid OAM that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2017

17/105 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Quinn that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of April 2016 received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 2017

17/106 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Koschel that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of May 2016 be received and noted.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

17/107 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Koschel that Council receive and note this report.

Clr. Keenan entered meeting 10.38 am.

CONTRACT W221 – 1in100 LEVEE REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS (REF)

17/108 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid OAM that Council:

- 1) Adopt the updated REF completed by Hunter Water Australia and Nghenvironmental and,
- 2) Determine to proceed with the construction of 1 in 100 Levee.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCORPORATION OF GHSC WATER FUNCTION INTO RWCC

17/109 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Keenan that Council continue to investigate the option of incorporating all or part of GHSC's water operations into RWCC's operations.

Clr. Quinn requested that his opposition to the Motion be recorded.

PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOLBROOK RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY ASBESTOS INSULATION

- 17/110 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Funnell that Council:
- not provide direct, voluntary financial assistance to homeowners affected by asbestos, where other funding programs already exists.
 - confirm with GHSC its in-principle support, pending the availability of other funding options.
 - Council waive connection fees of \$2,532 for 14 Croft Street.
 - Delegate authority to General Manager to provide assistance in individual cases that aren't already covered and report back to Council.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 17/111 Clr. Funnell: Passed on his congratulations to Clr. Braid OAM on being awarded an OAM.
- 17/112 Clr. Koschel: Queried UGL reports, figures don't appear to add up.
Director of Engineering: Will discuss after meeting.
- 17/113 Clr. Braid OAM: Thanked for congratulations, do believe a lot of other people helped her along the way.
- 17/114 Chairperson: Formally moved motion congratulating Clr. Braid OAM on Queens Birthday Award and thanked her for service to the community.

Reminded Councillors that Third Party Disclosure statements need to be returned ASAP. Auditor's chasing them up.

Thanked Ian Kreutzberger on his continued presence at meetings and service to the former Urana Shire Council and Riverina Water and best wishes in next election.
- 17/115 Clr. Verdon: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 16th August 2017.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

17/116 RESOLVED, on the motion of Ctrs. Keenan and Koschel that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.32 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.

17/117 RESOLVED, on the motion of Ctrs. Keenan and Koschel 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)(a) 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.

CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

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

2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17/118 RESOLVED, on the motion of Ctrs. Funnell and Koschel that Riverina Water County Council accept to the quotation from CountPlus National Audits for Internal Audit Services.

**TENDER W219 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIRS PAD
AND ACCESS ROAD AT WILLANS HILL, WAGGA WAGGA**

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

2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 17/119 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Meyer OAM that accept the Stephen Shaw tender for Tender W219 – Construction of Reservoirs Pad and Access Road at Lot 22 DP 835331 Willans Hill Wagga Wagga for \$390,000 ex GST.
Clr. Braid OAM left meeting 11.45 am

**TENDER W.220 FOR CLEANING OF FACILITIES AT VARIOUS
BUILDINGS OF RIVERINA WATER LOCATED AT
91 HAMMOND AVENUE**

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2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 17/120 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Quinn and Koschel that Council accept the Tender submission from International Cleaning Services for a price of \$72,521.67 per annum incl. GST
- 17/121 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Funnell and Koschel that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

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

The Meeting concluded at 11.50 am
