

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE  
on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 commencing at 10.00 am**

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**1. PRESENT**

Councillors: DL Jardine (Mayor), DA Liddicoat, B Furner, GR Peters, MS Armstrong, LW Cashmere, JK Potter, HJ Lyall, and DP Fensom.

Staff: General Manager Rick Warren, Management Accountant Sarah Donnelly, Acting Director Infrastructure Services Bert Breuling and Manager Infrastructure Services Willem de Meyer.

**2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A request for leave of absence was received from WR Kite.

**0175 RESOLVED** that the request for leave of absence from WR Kite be received and granted.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**0176 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held 17 May 2022 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed with a spelling adjustment.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr B Furner

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**6. MOTIONS & QUESTIONS (NOTICE GIVEN)**

Nil

**7. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES (WHERE SCHEDULED)**

Nil

**8. MAYORAL REPORTS**

**0177 RESOLVED** that Council note the Mayors report to the June 2022 meeting.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

**9. DELEGATES REPORTS**

**0178 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the delegates report on the Rankins Springs Progress Association meeting, and
2. invite the Rankins Springs Progress Association to make a presentation at the July 2022 meeting.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

**0179 RESOLVED** that Council note the verbal delegates report from Cr B Furner on Murray Darling Association meeting (MDA).

CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

**0180 RESOLVED** that Council note the verbal delegates report from Cr HJ Lyall on the Kidman Way Promotion Committee meeting.

CARRIED Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr B Furner

## **10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers**

**0181 RESOLVED** that Council note the update on action report for June 2022.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

### **10.2 Precis of Correspondence**

Nil

### **10.3 Local Government NSW – 2022 Advocacy Priorities**

**0182 RESOLVED** that Council note the eight advocacy priorities of Local Government NSW for the 2022 year.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.4 Mayoral Allowance and Councillor Fees**

**0183 RESOLVED** that Council fix the Mayoral allowance and Councillor fees at the maximum allowance fee Mayor \$27,600 and Councillors \$12,650 for the financial year 2022/2023 noting the Mayoral fee is in addition to Councillor fees.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

### **10.5 Lachlan Lodge – Request to use Hillston Hall as Disaster Evacuation Site**

Councillors Fensom and Lyall declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of the Lachlan Lodge board.

**0184 RESOLVED** that Council inform Lachlan Lodge that as a general evacuation centre the Hillston Hall is not considered satisfactory for Lachlan Lodge residents in terms of disaster accommodation however, Council will approve a Lachlan Lodge specific emergency noting that other options are to be considered prior to the use of the hall as stated in the Lodges letter.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr B Furner

Manager Building and Regulatory Services joined the meeting at 10.30 am.

### **10.6 Planning Proposals – Gateway Determination – High & McGregor Streets Hillston**

**0185 RESOLVED** that Council:  
1. note the approval for the Planning Proposals for High Street and McGregor Street Hillston.  
2. note that the proposals have been placed on public exhibition for 28 days as required under the Environmental, Planning and Assessment Act 1979. note the Infrastructure Report for April 2022.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

Manager Building and Regulatory Services joined the meeting at 10.40 am.

### **10.7 Delivery Program 2022-2026**

**0186 RESOLVED** that Council:  
1. note the 2022-2026 Delivery program  
2. place the Delivery Program on Public Exhibition for 28 days, considering submissions prior to adopting the Delivery Program.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

### **10.8 Rankins Springs Sport & Recreation Ground Committee – Request to Pay Electricity – Ongoing**

**0187 RESOLVED** that Council:  
1. note the internal audit review of section 355 committees will be undertaken later in 2022.  
2. review the operations of the Rankins Springs Sport and Recreation Ground Committee following the report of the Director Corporate and Community Services to the July meeting of Council.  
3. take no action in regard to the electricity account.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

## **10.9 Infrastructure Report**

**0188 RESOLVED** that Council note the Infrastructure Report for May 2022.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

## **10.10 Major Plant Tenders**

**0189 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. select the open tender method in accordance with clause 166a of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, for the two (2) items of plant:
  - Motor Grader TN 2022-001
  - Prime Mover Truck TN 2022-002
2. note tender submission will be the subject of a report to Council at a later date for determination.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

## **10.11 Carrathool Road Construction - Update**

**0190 RESOLVED** that Council note the report for the Carrathool Road construction, with further reports to Council as the project progresses.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

## **10.12 Plant Report**

**0191 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Report as at 7 June 2022.

CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

## **10.13 Development Applications May 2022**

**0192 RESOLVED** that the Determinations for Development Applications received for May 2022 be noted.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

## **10.14 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – May 2022**

**0193 RESOLVED** that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 May 2022 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$5,535,532.92.

CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

## **10.15 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – May 2022**

**0194 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. receive the investment report as at 31 May 2022 and it be noted that the summary has been prepared in accordance with the Act, the Regulation and Council's Investment Policy.
2. note and approve the current policy breach of single institution exposure limits.

CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

## **10.16 Transfer of Land to Council – Carrathool**

**0195 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. approve the transfer of the land Assessment number 460-0 to Council's name for the value of the unpaid rates.
2. note the land is to be classified as operational land.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

## **10.17 Transfer of Land to Council – Gunbar**

**0196 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. approve the transfer of the land Assessment number 1047-0 to Council's name for the value of the unpaid rates.
2. note the land is to be classified as operational land.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr B Furner

### **10.18 Review of Information Guide**

**0197 RESOLVED** that Council adopt the draft Information Guide for a period of 12 months.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

### **10.19 Operational Plan 2022/23 (including the General Rate Levy and Fees & Charges)**

**0198 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. adopt the 2022/23 Operational Plan as amended.
2. adopt the Ordinary Rates for 2022/23 as detailed below and within the 2022/23 Operational Plan (General Rate Structure).

Rate Type	Category	Sub-category	Ad Valorem Amount (c in \$)	Minimum Rate	Approximate Rate Yield 2021/22
Ordinary	Farmland	General	0.2324948	\$510.00	\$1,819,257
Ordinary	Farmland	Irrigable S6A(3) Land Valuation Act	0.3176902	\$510.00	\$1,162,454
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland West	0.2533923	\$510.00	\$21,554
Ordinary	Residential	General	1.5389584	\$375.00	\$366,378
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	0.8354182	\$375.00	\$28,692
Ordinary	Business	Hillston	4.4135649	\$510.00	\$91,083
Ordinary	Business	Hillston/Main	4.7070740	\$510.00	\$92,496
Ordinary	Business	Goolgowi	4.2413273	\$510.00	\$12,100
Ordinary	Business	Villages	2.6772796	\$510.00	\$6,044
Ordinary	Business	Rural	2.4014892	\$510.00	\$52,173

3. make each annual access and consumption charge for water, sewer, liquid trade waste and waste for 2022/23 as detailed in the Fees & Charges document contained within the 2022/23 Operational Plan.
4. set the interest rate payable on overdue rates & charges at the maximum rate specified by the Minister for Local Government being 6% for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

The Economic Development Support Officer joined the meeting at 11.50 am

### **10.20 Economic Development Unit Report – June 2022**

**0199 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the Economic Development Support Officers report for June 2022.
2. determine the location of any youth murals following the designs being submitted to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.21 Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Station/s**

**0200 RESOLVED** that Council :

1. note the funding opportunity under the Electric Vehicle Destination Charging Grants.
2. request the preparation of a full report by the General Manager for review at the August 2022 Council meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong /Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

## **10.22 Public Swimming Pools - Unsupervised**

**0201 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. seek community feed-back via consultation with the community.
2. report back with findings at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

## **10.23 Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program - Update**

**0202 RESOLVED** that Council confirm the previous events approved and authorise the proposed events for submission under the Community Events Program – Reconnecting Regional NSW.

Approved May 2022 Council Meeting:

Goolgowi Beat the Heat Pool Party	\$10,000
Community Pool Parties	\$ 3,000
Lights on Lake – Lake Woorabinda	\$20,000
Summer Nights Movie Series	\$11,000
Taste of Hillston Luncheon	\$12,000
St Joseph’s Christmas Tree	\$ 2,200
Spring in the Springs	\$ 3,932
Ladies Night Out – CWA	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Total	\$64,132

New Proposals:

Tools down – Rankins Springs	\$ 5,000
Community Christmas Party Rankins Springs	\$ 2,500
Family Fun Day – Hillston Swans	\$10,000
Merriwagga Hall Committee – Ball	\$ 6,000
Country Music Night – Goolgowi	\$10,000
Carrathool Get Together	\$ 5,000
Country Music Night – Hillston	\$10,000
Additional Staff Hours	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total	<u>\$56,500</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$120,632</u>

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

The Economic Development Support Officer left the meeting at 12.10 pm

## **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**0203 RESOLVED** that Council receive and adopt the minutes of the Hillston Arid Zone Botanic Garden Sunset Committee as attached.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

## **12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CLOSED COUNCIL** 12.05 pm

**0204 RESOLVED** that Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to consider the closed Council reports.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

## **12.1 Hillston Medical Services**

**0205 RESOLVED** that Council note the status of the Hillston Medical Centre Services and continue negotiations.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

## **12.2 Hillston Town Water Reservoir Update**

**0206 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the report and cost variations that were identified during refurbishment of the water tower.
2. approve a variation of \$73,213.04 to complete the works with the amount offset from savings to the Lachlan River Road Project under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

## **12.3 Lachlan River Road Design & Construction**

**0207 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. award the Tender 2021-015, Design and Construction of 5.6 kms of Lachlan River Road to McKeon Earthmoving Pty Ltd in the sum of \$893,240.00.
2. note the sealing and line-marking will be undertaken by Downer EDI and Central West Line-marking under the current contracts, and
3. note the variation of \$73,213.04 will be allocated to the Hillston Water Tower refurbishment project under Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program round.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

## **12.4 Moore Street Units**

**0208 RESOLVED** that:

1. the units remain as low income rentals.
2. the rent for new tenants dependent on circumstances will be \$120 per week for a single person and \$150 per week for a couple. Rent for existing tenants will increase by \$19 to \$70 per week to be reviewed at the expiry of the annual lease period.
3. staff report back to Council with relevant criteria to be considered to assess any applications for occupation of the units.
4. leases and rent be reviewed each 12 months, in accordance with 12 month lease period.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

1.10 pm Meeting adjourned for lunch

1.45 pm Meeting returned from lunch

## **12.5 Letter of Support – New Tourism Opportunity**

**0209 RESOLVED** that Council offer a letter of support to Mr Carlton Hendricks in his plans to apply for a permit to exhibit prescribed species at his property in Binya.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

## **12.6 Gravel Pit Agreement – Jager’s Pit**

**0210 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. exercise the options with all gravel pit agreements (commencement 1 October 2022).
2. negotiate with landowners as necessary regarding terms and conditions

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

## **OPEN COUNCIL**

2.20 pm

**0211 RESOLVED** that Council return to open Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

## **CLOSED COUNCIL REPORT**

The resolutions of Council made while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the open Council meeting by the General Manager.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

**13.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Goolgowi Council Chambers** on **Tuesday 19 July 2022** commencing at **10.00am**.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 2.30 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 19 July 2022

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 19 July 2022, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.