

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE
on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 commencing at 10.00 am**

1. PRESENT

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

Staff: General Manager Rick Warren, Director Corporate & Community Services Robert Rayner, Director Infrastructure Services Barry Heins and Manager Town & Fleet Services Bert Breuling.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for leave of absence was received from DP Fensom.

0400 RESOLVED that the request for leave of absence from DP Fensom be received and granted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Report	Councillor/ Officer	Reason	Pecuniary / Non Pecuniary
10.3	Cr DL Jardine	Wife is a member of staff	Non-Pecuniary
10.11	Cr HJ Lyall	On the Hillston Golf Club Committee	Non-Pecuniary

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

0401 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held 20 December 2022 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

6. MOTIONS & QUESTIONS (NOTICE GIVEN)

Nil

7. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES (WHERE SCHEDULED)

Citizenship Ceremony was undertaken for conferee - Mrs Cheryl Watts.

Boorga Road representation – Brett and Louise Turner, Michael Pfitzner, and Andy Ryan.

8. MAYORAL REPORTS

8.1 Mayors Report

402 RESOLVED that Council note the Mayors report to the February 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

9. DELEGATES REPORTS

0403 RESOLVED that Council note the Western Riverina Libraries Committee report and Carrathool Shire Library Updates.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers

0404 RESOLVED that Council note the update on action report for February 2023.
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.2 Precis of Correspondence

10.2.1 Catherine King MP – Mt Grace Road

0405 RESOLVED that Council note the advice that the Mt Grace Road funding is soon to be provided by the Federal Government.
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.2.2 TfNSW – Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC)

0406 RESOLVED that Council note the termination of the Road Maintenance Council Contract arrangements with TfNSW on 30 June 2023 and that, future contracts will be subject to Council decision.
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.2.3 Rankins Springs P & C Golf Day – Requesting Sponsorship

0407 RESOLVED that Council provide \$500 sponsorship for the Rankins Springs P & C Golf Day.
CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.2.4 Carrathool Jockey Club – Requesting Assistance

0408 RESOLVED that Council inform the Carrathool Jockey Club that due to resourcing issues it is unable to provide assistance with the upkeep of the raceground.
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

10.2.5 NSW Electoral Commission

0409 RESOLVED that Council note the estimate of \$28,982 provided by the NSW Electoral Commission to conduct the 2024 Council elections.
CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.2.6 Hon. Alister Henskens MP

0410 RESOLVED that Council note the successful funding application of \$188,000 to upgrade the lighting at the Goolgowi Sportsground, funded by the NSW Office for Sport.
CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.2.7 Country Mayors Association of NSW

0411 RESOLVED that Council note the State Election Priorities, and the Political Leaders Forum information provided by Country Mayors Association of NSW.
CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.3 Closure of Council Offices for Union Picnic Day

0412 RESOLVED that the Council note that the Union Picnic Day will be held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 and that in keeping with past practice, Council approve special leave for that day to all permanent employees.
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.4 Caravan Parks – Operations

0413 RESOLVED that Council note the report on the operations of its three caravan parks to 31/12/2022.
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.5 Disaster Ready Fund Round 1, 2023-2024

0414 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the opening of the Disaster Recovery Fund Round 1, 2023-24.
2. note that applications are open only to state and territory governments.
3. note the programme is over five years and review potential opportunities at the opening of each new funding round.
4. prepare a submission for the Kidman Way north of Wallanthery.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.6 Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, 2022-2024

0415 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the introduction of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, 2022-2024.
2. note Carrathool Shire and Hay Shire Councils will form a consortium for the purpose of the development of the plan.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.7 Regional and Local Roads Repair Program

0416 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the provisions of the Regional and Local Roads Program that closed in January 2023.
2. note Council has received \$4,760,000 under this program.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.8 Stronger Country Communities Fund

0417 RESOLVED that Council note the status of the application for Stronger Country Community Funds Round 5, and note the approved projects;

Project 1 Hillston Water Tower	\$280,680
Project 2 Lake Woorabinda Upgrade	\$228,714
Project 3 Community Infrastructure	\$166,547
Project 4 Town Beautification	\$154,017.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.9 NSW Recovery Grants Program

0418 RESOLVED that Council nominate projects or programs that meet the criteria and these projects be costed and confirmed at the April 2023 meeting.

Council wishes the following be considered at this stage:-

- Under the Built and /or Environmental recovery strand:
 - Flood gates – Hillston
 - Sump and pumps – Carrathool
 - Walking Track Desathalon Park – Hillston
- Under Social and / or Economic recovery strand:
 - Arid zone botanic gardens - Hillston

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

10.10 Works Schedule – 2023/24

0419 RESOLVED that Council note the anticipated funding and roadworks activity expected to be undertaken within the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.11 Hillston Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (Draft Report)

0420 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the minutes of the FRMC meeting held in November 2022,
2. endorse the Hillston Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan noting it is for the urban area of Hillston.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

12.11 pm Acting Community Development & Project Manager joined the meeting.

10.12 Unsupervised Swimming Pool

0421 RESOLVED that Council:

1. give consideration to the non-supervised operation of the Hillston Swimming Pool.
2. seek community feedback regarding the proposal.
3. develop costings to enable non-supervised operation of the Hillston pool.
4. consider the cost of admission fees for unsupervised swimming facilities in the 2023/24 fees and charges.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

12.24 pm Acting Community Development & Project Manager left the meeting.

10.13 Infrastructure Report

0422 RESOLVED that Council note the Infrastructure Report for February 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.14 Establishment of the Rankins Springs Flood Study Committee

0423 RESOLVED that Council nominate the delegates of the Lachlan Floodplain Management Committee Crs Jardine, Peters and Fensom as its delegates to the Rankins Springs Flood Study Committee.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.15 Request to go to Tender – Gravel Production

0424 RESOLVED that Council select the open tender method in accordance with clause 166a of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* for the Drilling, Blasting, Crushing of Gravel.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.16 Barry Scenic Drive Proposed Amendment to Local Roads Capital Project

0425 RESOLVED that Council approve the change in the project on Barry Scenic Drive from installation of a concrete causeway to installing two box culverts with no alteration in project cost of \$100,000 as recommended to Council from the Roads Committee.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.17 Tender – Supply and Delivery of Fuels and Lubricants

0426 RESOLVED that Council:

1. select the open tender method for the Supply and Delivery of Fuels and Lubricants for a term of 36 months commencing from day of acceptance with an extension option of a further two terms of 24 months,
2. note that tender submissions will be the subject of a report to Council at a later date for determination.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.18 Plant Report

0427 RESOLVED that Council note the Plant Report as at 8 February 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

12.45 pm Building & Regulatory Services Manager joined the meeting.

10.19 Development Applications - December 2022 / January 2023

0428 RESOLVED that the Determinations for Development Applications received for December 2022 and January 2023 be noted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.20 Variations to Development Standards – 2022 Last Quarter

0429 RESOLVED that Council note the Clause 4.6 LEP Variations to Development Standards received for October - December 2022.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

10.21 Development Application 2023/003-Use of Land to Install 4 Manufactured Dwellings

0430 RESOLVED that Council endorse and approve staff recommendations in the above report in respect to the request by the applicant to review various conditions of DA 2023/003 under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

12.57 pm Building & Regulatory Services Manager left the meeting.

10.22 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – December 2022

0431 RESOLVED that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 December 2022 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$1,424,017.99.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.23 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – December 2022

0432 RESOLVED that Council:

1. receive the investment report as at 31 December 2022 and it be noted that in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.
2. note that the investments reported exceed the single institution exposure limit within the Investment Policy due to a substantial disparity in interest rates offered to Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.24 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – January 2023

0433 RESOLVED that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 January 2023 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$3,919,092.26.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.25 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – January 2023

0434 RESOLVED that Council:

1. receive the investment report as at 31 January 2023 and it be noted that in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.
2. note that the investments reported exceed the single institution exposure limit within the Investment Policy due to a substantial disparity in interest rates offered to Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.26 Council Policy 082 - Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy

0435 RESOLVED that Council:

1. adopt the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy and that the draft policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. adopt the policy after the public exhibition period if no submissions are received.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

1.05 pm The Council meeting adjourned for lunch.

1.45 pm The Council meeting returned from lunch.

10.27 Second Quarter Budget Review 2022/23

0436 RESOLVED that the budget review for the 2nd quarter of 2022/23 be received and the vote variations as listed in both the budget review statement and this report be implemented.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.28 Delivery Program Performance Report

0437 RESOLVED that Council note the Delivery Program progress report for February 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

10.29 Community Development Officer Report – February 2023

0438 RESOLVED that Council note the Community Development Officers report for February 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED COUNCIL 2.01 pm

0439 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 JK Potter / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

12.1 Hillston Medical Centre – Update

0440 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the change of management of the Hillston Medical centre operational from 9 January 2023.
2. note the financial information to the changeover date of 9 January 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

12.2 Rankins Springs Caravan Park

0441 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the request by the Conapaira Hotel to purchase the caravan park.
2. note the caravan park is crown land – therefore unable to be sold by Council.
3. have staff discuss with the operator of the hotel mutual arrangements that may be negotiated for Council to further consider licencing the premises.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

12.3 Fixing Local Roads Upgrade

0442 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the update on the Fixing Local Roads Grant Program Round 4.
2. note the roads nominated within the application process.
3. commence work on roads nominated quickly should the application be successful.
4. Council instruct staff to undertake roadworks on Pinteebakana and Boorga Roads, including bulldozing cutback material back to road to increase height, and resheet the Boorga Road a distance of 4.5 kms from the Pinteebakana intersection at a cost of \$177,000.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

OPEN COUNCIL

3.10 pm

0443 RESOLVED that Council return to open Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

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 JK Potter / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

13.0 NEXT MEETING

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Goolgowi Council Chambers** on **Tuesday 21 March 2023** commencing at **10.00am**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 3.17 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 21 March 2023

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.

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CR DL JARDINE, CHAIRMAN