

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE GOOLGOWI COUNCIL CHAMBERS
on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 commencing at 10.00 am**

1. PRESENT

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

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

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Report	Councillor/ Officer	Reason	Pecuniary / Non Pecuniary
12.2	Cr DA Liddicoat	Company that employs Cr DA Liddicoat placed a bid	Non-Pecuniary
12.2	Cr LW Cashmere	Partner of Cr LW Cashmere placed a bid	Non-Pecuniary

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

0444 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held 21 February 2023 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

6. MOTIONS & QUESTIONS (NOTICE GIVEN)

Nil

7. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES (WHERE SCHEDULED)

10.05 am Presentation received from Don Lowe and James Bissett of Gunbar Water. Presentation ended 10.25 am.

8. MAYORAL REPORTS

8.1 Mayors Report

0445 RESOLVED that Council note the Mayors report to the March 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DL Jardine / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

9. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers

0446 RESOLVED that Council note the update on action report for March 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

10.1.1 Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program

0447 RESOLVED that Council:

1. call for tenders for this program under Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. select the open tender method in accordance with clause 166a of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.2 Precis of Correspondence

10.2.1 Rosemary Roberts – Rankins Springs Cemetery

0448 RESOLVED that Council note the comments made by Mrs Roberts as to the well maintained standard of the Rankins Springs Cemetery.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.2.2 South West Arts – Equity Action Plan 2023-25)

0449 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the development of the Equity Action Plan for South West Arts.
2. provide comments to the General Manager by 24 March 2023.
3. submit an apology for being unable to attend the Annual General Meeting at Deniliquin on 14 April 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.2.3 TfNSW – Tabbita Speed Reduction

0450 RESOLVED that Council note the proposal for a reduction in the speed zone at Tabbita has been declined by TfNSW.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.3 Western Riverina Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022 – Update 2023

0451 RESOLVED that Council note the publication of the Western Riverina Regional Economic Development Strategy – 2023 Update produced by the Department of Regional NSW.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

10.4 Carrathool Water Supply

0452 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the information regarding the Carrathool Water Supply access and usage charges.
2. conduct an audit of the Carrathool Potable Water Supply.
3. undertake reviews of the other town water supplies.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

10.5 Infrastructure Report

0453 RESOLVED that Council note the Infrastructure Report for March 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

10.5.1 Local Roads Treatment

0454 RESOLVED that Council as a priority and in keeping with guidelines of Flood Emergency Repair make safe and provide access to residents on the roads in the Western part of the Shire in particular Roto Road, Lowlands Road and Watkins Road.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

10.6 Plant Report

0455 RESOLVED that Council note the Plant Report as at 8 March 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

10.7 Plant Replacement

0456 RESOLVED that Council receive the Plant Replacement report for March 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.8 Development Applications – February 2023

0457 RESOLVED that the Determinations for Development Applications received for February 2023 be noted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

11.41 pm Building & Regulatory Services Manager joined the meeting.

10.9 Development Application Modification DA2015/040 and DA2017/033 - Poultry Production Facility

0458 RESOLVED that Council resolves to grant approval for the modification of Development Consents DA2015/040 and DA 2017/033-Modify subject to attached condition change:

‘The broiler shed “down time” for clean out between each batch of broiler birds must be equal or greater than 7 days.’

CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr JK Potter
Division: All in Favour

11.49 am Building & Regulatory Services Manager left the meeting.

10.10 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – February 2023

0459 RESOLVED that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 28 February 2023 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$8,938,133.86.

CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

10.11 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – February 2023

0460 RESOLVED that Council receive the investment report as at 28 February 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.

CARRIED Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.12 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates and Charges

0461 RESOLVED that Council move the report to the closed committee under the provisions of section 10A (b) of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

0462 RESOLVED that:

1. Council resolve to sell the land as listed in this report for overdue rates and charges.
2. Council agree that from the date of this meeting, no listed property shall be withdrawn from sale unless all amounts due are paid in full.
3. delegated authority is given to the General Manager to set reserve prices.
4. any property not sold by auction remains with the appointed auctioneers for sale by private treaty.
5. delegated authority be granted to the General Manager to represent Carrathool Shire Council in all relevant dealings pertaining to the sale.
6. Council’s seal be applied to all relevant documents pertaining to the sale.
7. Council increase the impairment of rates and charges to \$156,472.
8. Council reserves the right to bid on any and all properties.

CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.13 Draft 2023/24 General Rate Levy

0463 RESOLVED that Council adopt the rating structure for inclusion in the draft Operational Plan, noting the increase as approved by IPART will be 3.7%.

CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.14 Operational Plan 2023/24 – Delivery Program Actions

0464 RESOLVED that Council approve the delivery program actions for inclusion in the 2023/24 Operational Plan.

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

10.15 Community Engagement Strategy Review

0465 RESOLVED that Council:

1. approve the draft Community Engagement Strategy and place the draft document on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. adopt the Community Engagement Strategy after the exhibition period if no submissions are received.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

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

10.16 Cordatos Building Project Proposal

0466 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the information regarding the Real Café.
2. consider the future use of the building.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

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

12.24 pm Community Development Officer joined the meeting.

10.17 Community Development Officer Report – March 2023

0467 RESOLVED that Council note the Community Development Officers report for March 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

0468 RESOLVED that Council provide a note of thanks to the Community Development Officer for all her tireless work in relation to the community events held over the past months.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

12.39 pm Community Development Officer left the meeting.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED COUNCIL 12.41 pm

0469 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 DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

12.1 Carrathool Shire Council Scholarship Scheme

0470 RESOLVED that Council advise Charles Sturt University that it has awarded three scholarships of \$3,000 each this year only to Rebecca Morio, Charly Mott and Jenna Vagg for 2023.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

12.2 Hillston Caravan Park Cabin Quotations

0471 RESOLVED that Council award studio cabins 10 & 12 to Greenwich Agriculture PTY LTD for \$16,500.00 each including GST. Funds will contribute to the installation of a deluxe Cabin from reserve funding.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

12.3 Lake Woorabinda User Agreement

0472 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the information regarding the current Lake Woorabinda User Agreement.
2. provide information it considers relevant and necessary to develop a new agreement.
3. consider a new agreement at a future meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr B Furner

12.4 Kidman Aviation – Lease Information

0473 RESOLVED that Council note the status with the lease of aerodrome facilities to Kidman Aviation.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

1.07 pm The Council meeting adjourned for lunch.

1.50 pm The Council meeting returned from lunch.

OPEN COUNCIL

3.18 pm

0474 RESOLVED that Council return to open Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

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 DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

13.0 NEXT MEETING

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Hillston District Office** on **Tuesday 18 April 2023** commencing at **10.00am**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 3.21 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 18 April 2023

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 18 April 2023, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.

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CR DL JARDINE, CHAIRMAN