

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE MERRIWAGGA COMMUNITY HALL  
on Tuesday, 20 August 2024, commencing at 10.05 am**

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**1. PRESENT**

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

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

**2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A request for leave of absence was received from Cr HJ Lyall.

**0947 RESOLVED** that the request for leave of absence from Cr HJ Lyall be received and granted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded Cr B Furner

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

Report	Councillor/ Officer	Reason	Pecuniary / Non-Pecuniary
12.4	Cr MS Armstrong	Tenderer	Pecuniary
10.20	Cr GR Peters	Wife a member of the Hillston CWA	Non-Pecuniary
10.20	Cr DL Jardine	Wife an Office Bearer in the Hillston Ladies Golf Club	Non-Pecuniary

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**0948 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on 16 July 2024 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

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

Nil

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

10.05 am to 10.30 am – **Inspector Jason Dunn** Murrumbidgee Police District,  
Officer in Charge – Sectors  
**Superintendent Ray Stynes** – District Commander

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

**8. MAYORAL REPORTS**

**8.1 Mayors Report**

**0949 RESOLVED** that the Council note the Mayors report to the August 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded Cr WR Kite

**0950 RESOLVED** that the Council contribute \$1,500.00 towards the RAMJO project of determining the effect of water buy backs under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JK Potter / Seconded Cr MS Armstrong

**9. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil

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

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

**0951 RESOLVED** that the Council note the update on the action report for August 2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

### **10.2 Precis of Correspondence**

#### **10.2.1 South West Arts – Annual Report**

**0952 RESOLVED** that Council note tabling of the South West Arts Annual Report for 2023.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr B Furner

#### **10.2.2 Tara Moriarty MLC – Minister for Western NSW – Hillston Airport**

**0953 RESOLVED** that Council note the information provided by the Hon Tara Moriarty regarding the Regional Development Trust and application to the Hillston Airport.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

### **10.3 Renaming of Ninti Street Park – Rankins Springs**

**0954 RESOLVED** that the Council place on display the suggested renaming of the Ninti Street Park to “Rankins Springs CWA Centenary Park” for public comment.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

### **10.4 Caravan Parks – Costing Responses**

**0955 RESOLVED** that Council note the provision of information regarding the caravan parks requested at the July 2024 meeting.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

### **10.5 Infrastructure Report**

**0956 RESOLVED** that Council note the Infrastructure Report presented to the August meeting.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

### **10.6 Local Unsealed Road Pavement Stabilisation**

**0957 RESOLVED** that Council note the report on the end of the stabilisation trial using Polytrah on local roads.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.7 Infrastructure Report: Vandalism & Theft**

**0958 RESOLVED** that Council note the infrastructure report on recent vandalism and theft.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

### **10.8 Flood Restoration Works Update**

**0959 RESOLVED** that Council note the status of the Flooding Restoration Works.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

### **10.9 Plant Report**

**0960 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Report as of 6 August 2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **10.10 Plant Replacement**

**0961 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Replacement report for August 2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr B Furner

2.10 pm Manager Building & Regulatory Services joined the meeting.

#### **10.11 Development Applications – August 2024**

**0962 RESOLVED** that the Determinations for Development Applications received for July 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

#### **10.12 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – July 2024**

**0963 RESOLVED** that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 July 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$11,625,263.99.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

#### **10.13 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – July 2024**

**0964 RESOLVED** that Council receive the investment report as at 31 July 2024 and it be noted that in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 202 1, 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 GR Peters / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

#### **10.14 Delivery Program Performance Report**

**0965 RESOLVED** that Council note the Delivery Program progress report for August 2024 covering the period January 2024 to June 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

#### **10.15 Land Valuation Update**

**0966 RESOLVED** that Council note the advice and updated valuation schedule provided by the Valuer General.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

#### **10.16 Revotes from 2023/24 to 2024/25**

**0967 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. revote the budgets detailed in Attachment A totalling \$1,270,880.
2. note the budgets detailed in Attachment B totalling \$6,852,405.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

#### **10.17 Public Halls Update**

**0968 RESOLVED** that Council note the public halls update for 2023/24

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr B Furner

#### **10.18 Internal Reserves 2023/24**

**0969 RESOLVED** that Council confirm and approve the internal reserve balances for the 2023/24 financial year.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.05 am Community Development Officer joined the meeting.

10.05 am Community Development & Project Manager joined the meeting

#### **10.19 Community Development Officer Report – August 2024**

**0970 RESOLVED** that Council note the Community Development Officers report for July 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr B Furner

## **10.20 2023-2024 Council Community Grants Scheme**

**0971 RESOLVED** that Council has considered all applications (except the late applications) and approved the following:

<b>Applicant</b>		<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>GOOLGOWI</b>			
<b>1</b>	Goolgowi CWA	Catering & Kitchen Resources	\$1,500.00
<b>2</b>	Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen's Club	Comfy Chairs for Club	\$1,500.00
<b>3</b>	Goolgowi Public School P & C	BBQ Upgrade	\$1,500.00
<b>4</b>	Goolgowi Progress Association	Black Tie Centennial Ball	\$1,500.00
<b>6</b>	Goolgowi Public Hall	Purchase & Provide BBQ	\$1,078.84
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,078.84</b>
<b>HILLSTON</b>			
<b>8</b>	Hillston Active Farmers	Equipment & Upskilling	\$1,500.00
<b>10</b>	Hillston Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser	BCAF Signage	\$1,498.00
<b>13</b>	Hillston CWA	Front Yard Refurbishment	\$1,500.00
<b>14</b>	Hillston Hook Line & Sinker Festival	Going Digital	\$1,500.00
<b>15</b>	Hillston Hospital Auxiliary	Funeral Catering Equipment	\$1,500.00
<b>16</b>	Hillston Junior Basketball Association	New Supplies & Resources	\$1,059.90
<b>17</b>	Hillston Ladies Golf Club	Fairway Fun – Golf for Juniors	\$1,500.00
<b>19</b>	Hillston Swans	Canteen Equipment	\$1,500.00
<b>20</b>	Lachlan Tennis Association	Preventing Damage & Equipment	\$1,500.00
<b>21</b>	St Joseph's Parish School P & F	2024 Christmas Tree	\$1,500.00
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,557.90</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,636.74</b>

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr B Furner

## **10.21 Lake Woorabinda Beautification**

**0972 RESOLVED** that Council approve the scope changes to the SCCF 5 Project - Beautification of Lake Woorabinda Precinct resulting from savings to the Hillston Water Tower Project.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

## **10.22 Hillston Arid Zone Botanic Garden Update**

**0973 RESOLVED** that Council note:

1. the amount of funding available to undertake the proposed works at the Hillston Arid Zone Botanic Garden.
2. the modifications to the plan to enable stage one works to be completed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

11.00 am Community Development Officer left the meeting.

11.00 am Community Development & Project Manager left the meeting

## **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

## **12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CLOSED COUNCIL** 2.26 pm

**0974 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 DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

### **12.1 Hillston Medical Centre – Update**

**0975 RESOLVED** that Council note the financial statement for the Hillston Medical Centre.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **12.2 Council Staff Gratuity Policy**

**0976 RESOLVED** that Council approve the payment to be made under the Staff Gratuity Policy.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **12.3 Solar Farm Development – Public Benefit**

**0977 RESOLVED** that Council note the information provided regarding development contributions applicable under the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Regulations.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

3.05 pm Cr MS Armstrong left the meeting

### **12.4 Award Tender 2024-002 – Panel of Subcontractors**

**0978 RESOLVED** that Council endorse all conforming companies as detailed within the report for inclusion on the Panel of Subcontractors for the contract term.

- A & K Plant Hire Pty Ltd
- Boots Civil Pty Ltd
- Brooks Hire Service Pty Ltd
- Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd
- Craig McKeon Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- Harrisons Plant Hire Pty Ltd
- MBS Grazing
- Multara Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- P & A Bulk Haulage
- RKCM Harvester Pty Ltd
- Rollers Australia Pty Ltd
- Tutt Bryant Pty Ltd
- Ware Earthmoving Pty Ltd

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

3.07 pm Cr MS Armstrong rejoined the meeting

### **12.5 Watkins Road Culvert Upgrade**

**0979 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the report regarding Watkins Road flood issues.
2. note access has been provided to residents along the road.
3. staff bring a report to the next Council meeting on the replacement of the existing culvert with 2 x 1200mm pipes, including rock ballast around the culverts and a gravel surface on the road above.

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

### **12.6 Planning Proposals- Merriwagga and Rankins Springs – Update**

**0980 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the information provided regarding Merriwagga and Rankins Springs Planning Proposals, and;
2. submit the proposal for a gateway determination under section 3.33 and 3.4(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

2.45 pm Manager Building & Regulatory Services left the meeting

**12.7 Hillston Residential Subdivision Update**

**0981 RESOLVED** that Council:

- 1. note the near completion of the Hillston Subdivision.
- 2. note the blocks will be marketed in the near future.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

**12.8 Hillston District Aquatic Club – Lake Woorabinda**

**0982 RESOLVED** that Council note that the Mayor and General Manager will be attending the Annual General Meeting of the Hillston District Aquatic Club to discuss the future operations of the lake.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

**OPEN COUNCIL** 3.58 pm

**0983 RESOLVED** that Council return to open Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / 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 DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

**13.0 Next Meeting**

Due to the Local Government Elections on 14 September 2024, the next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council that was to be held at the **Hillston District Office** on **Tuesday 17 September 2024**, commencing at **10.00am** has been cancelled.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 4.03 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday 20 August 2024 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 15 October 2024.

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 15 October 2024, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.