



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

## ATTENDANCE

**Councillors:** Cr Preston (Chairperson)  
Cr Grundy  
Cr Macdonald  
Cr Taskovski  
Cr Willis  
Cr Wilson

**Staff:** R Ryan, General Manager  
J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation  
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment  
G Cunningham, A/Director Infrastructure Services

**Also Present:** L Ison (Minute Secretary)

### 1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION

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#### RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Cr John Preston be elected as Chairperson for tonight's meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which the meeting was held.

**3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

It was noted that the application for leave of absence from Cr Biscotti was approved at the 26 June 2024 meeting.

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**RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)**

That the apologies for non-attendance from Crs Livermore and Burton be received and that leave of absence be granted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**3.1 Application for Leave of Absence - Cr Kenrick Winchester**

313/24

**RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)**

That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Kenrick Winchester for the following Council meetings:

- 10 July 2024
- 24 July 2024

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 June 2024**

314/24

**RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 26 June 2024 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

315/24

**RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)**

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

There were no disclosures.

**6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.35pm, the Chairperson advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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**RESOLVED (Preston/Macdonald)**

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.35pm and resumed at 5.51pm.

**7. MAYORAL MINUTE**

There was no Mayoral Minute.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

There were no Notices of Motion of Rescission.

**9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION****9.1 DA.2023.0600 - Alterations and Additions to Dwelling House - 28 River Drive Karabar**

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**RESOLVED (Taskovski/Macdonald)**

That consent be granted to a variation under Clause 4.3 of the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 for the proposed alterations and additions to the existing dwelling for the following reasons:

- a. The existing built form contains a variation to the development standard, as do many other dwellings along this section of River Drive, rendering the development standard unreasonable to require compliance with;
- b. Should the 5.5m height limitation be enforced, it would require a significant level of earthworks to facilitate the development;
- c. The proposed development is consistent with the existing bulk, scale and form of single dwelling developments in the locality and the area of non-compliance does not cause unacceptable bulk, scale or increased view loss or reduced privacy and solar access;
- d. The front façade and roof form from the street remain relatively unchanged, and the departure from the numeric height standard which is 33.82% or 1.86m is located behind the building line and relates to predominately the built form of the roof, with no habitable floor areas being above the height limitation, and
- e. The height of the proposed development will not result in any unreasonable amenity or visual impacts to the scenic qualities of the area due to the separation distance between the property boundary and the public footpath located at a distance of about 22m and rear setback of 7.5m, which are further enhanced by the slope of the site.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

318/24                    **9.2      Submissions Report on Planning Proposal for Abbeyfield Seniors Housing Proposal, Majara Street, Bungendore**  
**RESOLVED (Preston/Macdonald)**

That Council:

1. Seek legal advice to confirm the road closure process was undertaken correctly and that land ownership will be retained in Council ownership, to ensure development can be facilitated in accordance with the planning proposal.
2. Receive the Submissions Report for Planning Proposal PP.2024.0001.
3. Subject to the advice received in point 1, above, progress and finalise the amendment to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 Seniors Housing – Majara Street Bungendore.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

319/24                    **9.3      Assistance for Majors Creek Music Festival**  
**RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)**

That Council allocate \$3,000 from the QPRC Events Assistance Scheme to support the Majors Creek Festival in 2024.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

320/24                    **9.4      Application for a Cultural Grant - Braidwood Lions Club**  
**RESOLVED (Wilson/Willis)**

That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,500 to assist with costs for the Young Writers Festival 2024.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

321/24                    **9.5      Revised Expression of Interest - Regional Sports Complex Café / Bar Licence**  
**RESOLVED (Macdonald/Taskovski)**

That Council award Contract No QPRC-1087752 – Regional Sports Complex Café/Bar Licence Agreement to Embrace Disability Group for a period of three years for \$5,000 per month (ex GST) including utilities, with an option to renegotiate utility costs and CPI increases after one year of operation.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 322/24                    **9.6 Deputy Mayor Acting for Mayor - July 2024**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)**
- That Council approve the Deputy Mayor being remunerated 75% of the Mayoral allowance for the month of July 2024, whilst undertaking the responsibilities of Acting Mayor.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 323/24                    **10.1 Process and Timeline for Implementing Electrification DCP Provisions**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**
- That Council receive the report, outlining the timeline and technical studies required to implement an electrification Development Control Plan (DCP) for new developments.
- For:            Crs Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Willis and Wilson  
Against:      Cr Grundy
- 324/24                    **10.2 Update on QPRC Recycling Collection - Hume MRF Fire December 2022**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)**
- That the report be received for information
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 325/24                    **10.3 WHS Quarterly Report - 1 April to 30 June 2024**  
**RESOLVED (Wilson/Willis)**
- That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 326/24                    **10.4 Response to Questions with Notice - Maintenance of Roads**  
**RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)**
- That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 327/24                    **10.5 Questions With Notice - Customer Service**  
**RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)**
- That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 328/24                    **10.6 Questions With Notice - Fire Safety Checks of Vacant Buildings**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 329/24                    **10.7 Ending Violence Against Women**  
**RESOLVED (Grundy/Willis)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 330/24                    **10.8 LGNSW Annual Conference 2023 - Resolutions Update: Amendments to Companion Animals Act**  
**RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 331/24                    **10.9 LGNSW Annual Conference 2024**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 332/24                    **10.10 Councillor Workshops**  
**RESOLVED (Macdonald/Grundy)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

There were no Reports of Committees.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

There were no Notices of Motions.

**13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS**

There were no Delegates Reports.

**14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Staff responses to Questions with Notice were provided in Items for Information, see items 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6.

**15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION**

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Preston advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Preston then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

There were no presentations.

**16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

333/24

**RESOLVED (Preston/Macdonald)**

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

**Item 16.1 Tender Evaluation Report - Design and Construction Netball Pavilion, Maintenance Shed, and Minor Civil and Landscape Works at the Bungendore Sports Hub**  
*This item of business was been WITHDRAWN.*

**Item 16.2 Acquisition of Land Berlang Forest Road**  
*Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.54pm to discuss the matters listed above.

**16.1 Tender Evaluation Report - Design and Construction Netball Pavilion, Maintenance Shed, and Minor Civil and Landscape Works at the Bungendore Sports Hub**

This item of business was WITHDRAWN.

**16.2 Acquisition of Land Berlang Forest Road**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

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That Council create a Public Road over approximately 1,320m<sup>2</sup> of Lot 172 DP 755934 using the Roads Act 1993 on the Berlang Forest Road to resolve access issues for Lot 100 DP 1136936.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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**RESOLVED (Preston/Macdonald)**

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.57pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, the Chairperson then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

**17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The time being 6.57pm, the Chairperson announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR JOHN PRESTON  
COUNCILLOR  
CHAIRPERSON**