



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 11 September 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

## ATTENDANCE

**Councillors:** Cr Winchester (Chairperson)  
Cr Biscotti  
Cr Burton  
Cr Grundy  
Cr Livermore  
Cr Macdonald  
Cr Preston  
Cr Taskovski  
Cr Willis  
Cr Wilson

**Staff:** R Ryan, General Manager  
M Duff, Director Infrastructure Services  
J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation  
K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services  
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment

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

### 1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

There were no apologies.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 August 2024**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 28 August 2024 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)**

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.

Cr Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 9.3: Proposed Naming of Parks in Jumping Creek, stating he is selling land at Jumping Creek for Ian McNamee and Partners.

**6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.36pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/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 5.36pm and resumed at 5.37pm.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT****7. MAYORAL MINUTE**

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**7.1 ACT-NSW Urban Potable Water Negotiations****RESOLVED (Winchester)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

Cr Macdonald requested the Mayor accept an urgent Notice of Motion: That Council discuss the impacts of, and submits to the New South Wales Government urgent questions relating to, the announcement of the Bungendore High School site.

Cr Macdonald stated the matter requires urgent consideration, particularly prior to the consideration of Item 9.2 relating to memorandum of understanding with the Abbeyfield housing development which is directly impacted by the decisions taken and in relation to the Bungendore High School.

The Mayor ruled that this matter is not of great urgency and does need to be considered by Council before the next scheduled Ordinary meeting of Council.

## **9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

### **9.1 Draft Financial Statements 30 June 2024**

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#### **RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)**

That Council:

1. Refer the 2023/24 Financial Statements to audit in accordance with section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Note that the 2023/24 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:
  - a. The Local Government Act 1993 and regulations made there under
  - b. The Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
  - c. The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. Note that the 2023/24 financial statements present fairly the operating result and financial position and accord with Council's accounting and other records.
4. Is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.
5. Delegates authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements.
6. Delegate authority to the General Manager to issue the financial statements upon receipt of the audit report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.2 Abbeyfield Bungendore Memorandum of Understanding  
MOVED (Macdonald/Preston)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Abbeyfield to facilitate the spending of the \$500,000 internal reserve, being the former NSW Stronger Communities Program grant funds for the Bungendore Seniors Housing Project.
2. Authorise the General Manager to make minor amendments that are aligned with the terms and intent of this agreement as presented and provide a further report when the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by both parties.

**AMENDMENT (Grundy/Burton)**

That this item be deferred.

The amendment (of Crs Grundy and Burton) was PUT and LOST.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy and Macdonald  
Against: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

The motion (of Crs Macdonald and Preston) was brought forward and PUT.

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**RESOLVED (Macdonald/Preston)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Abbeyfield to facilitate the spending of the \$500,000 internal reserve, being the former NSW Stronger Communities Program grant funds for the Bungendore Seniors Housing Project.
2. Authorise the General Manager to make minor amendments that are aligned with the terms and intent of this agreement as presented and provide a further report when the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by both parties.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson and Winchester  
Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy and Macdonald

Having declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, Cr Taskovski left the Chambers at 6.07pm.

441/24                    **9.3 Proposed Naming of Parks in Jumping Creek**  
**RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the names Malian Park, Onyong Lookout and Umbe-Yukeemruk Park in Jumping Creek.
2. Place the proposal on public exhibition for 21 days and if no objections are received, adopt and formalise the names.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Taskovski returned to the Chambers at 6.11pm.

442/24                    **9.4 Tender RFT 2024-03 Bungendore Sports Hub - Netball, Civil, Landscaping**  
**RESOLVED (Biscotti/Grundy)**

That Council:

1. Decline to accept any of the tender submissions for works proposed at Bungendore Sports Hub under RFT 2024-03 as per Section 178 (1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
2. Endorse a review of the scope of works and issuing of a new Request for Tender.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

443/24                    **9.5 Post-Exhibition Report - Proposed Property Information Package Fee**  
**RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)**

That Council adopt the Property Information Package Fee of \$500 and update the QPRC 2024/25 Fees and Charges.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

444/24                    **9.6 Register of Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters - Councillors and Designated Persons**  
**RESOLVED (Biscotti/Willis)**

That in accordance with s440AAB of the Local Government Act (1993), the Register of Annual Returns of Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters by Councillors and Designated Staff for the period ending 30 June 2024, be tabled.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**445/24 **10.1 Virtual Fencing for Wildlife Road Collision****RESOLVED (Grundy/Willis)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

446/24 **10.2 Cost Shifting by State and Federal Governments****RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**447/24 **11.1 Cultural Development and Public Art Committee Minutes - 13 June 2024****RESOLVED (Livermore/Willis)**

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Cultural Development and Public Art Advisory (CDPA) Committee held on 13 June 2024.
2. Accept the artwork donation from the Queanbeyan Art Society: 'All that Glitters' by John Bosler.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**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**

There were no Questions with Notice.

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

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

Cr Winchester 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**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/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 RFT 2024-27 Mulloon Creek Causeway - Tender Evaluation**

*Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

**Item 16.2 General Manager's Annual Performance Review 2023/24 and Performance Agreement 2024/25**

*Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) 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 6.40pm to discuss the matters listed above.

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**16.1 RFT 2024-27 Mulloon Creek Causeway - Tender Evaluation  
RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)**

That Council award Contract No. 2024-27 for the construction of a new box culvert crossing at Mulloon Creek on Mulloon/Manar Road to tenderer A&J Power Formwork and Civil Pty Ltd for the contract amount of \$460,878 (excluding GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

All staff, including the General Manager, left the Chambers at 6.42pm.

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**16.2 General Manager's Annual Performance Review 2023/24 and Performance Agreement 2024/25  
RESOLVED (Winchester/Biscotti)**

That Council endorse:

1. The General Manager's Performance Review Panel Report for the Annual Performance Review 2023/24.
2. The General Manager's Performance Agreement with Council's Strategic Objectives and Priorities for 2024/25.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Staff and the General Manager returned to the meeting at 7.03pm.

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**RESOLVED (From the Chair)**

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.03pm.

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 Mayor then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

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**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Cr Biscotti to address Council on his time as a QPRC Councillor.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That Standing Orders be resumed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**18. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The time being 7.17pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER  
MAYOR  
CHAIRPERSON**