



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

## ATTENDANCE

**Councillors:** Cr Livermore (Chairperson)  
Cr Biscotti  
Cr Burton  
Cr Macdonald  
Cr Taskovski  
Cr Webster (via Zoom)  
Cr Willis  
Cr Wilson

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

**Also Present:** W Blakey (Clerk of the Meeting)  
L Ison (Minute Secretary)

### 1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.33pm.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Deputy 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

038/23

#### **RESOLVED (Livermore/Biscotti)**

That the apologies for non-attendance from Crs Winchester, Grundy and Preston be received and leave of absence be granted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 February 2023**

039/23

**RESOLVED (Livermore/Taskovski)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 8 February 2023 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

040/23

**RESOLVED (Livermore/Biscotti)**

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 5.36pm, Cr Livermore advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

041/23

**RESOLVED (Livermore/Taskovski)**

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 5.45pm.

**7. MAYORAL MINUTE – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT****7.1 Hume Materials Recycling Facility Fire and Impacts**

042/23

**RESOLVED (Livermore/Burton)**

That Council:

1. Determine, in accordance with Clause 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the services due to the unavailability of competitive tenderers arising from limited recycling capacity in NSW.
2. On the basis that Re.Group agree to 'open book' cost reviews, authorise the General Manager to negotiate a revised monthly contract rate as a variation within the existing contract until such time as a new facility is constructed in the region.
3. Write to the NSW Minister for the Environment and Heritage requesting financial assistance to cover costs arising from this situation.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

**9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION****9.1 Scoping Proposal PP.2022.0001 - Residential Rezoning - 141 Googong Road Googong (Sunset)**

043/23

**RESOLVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)**

That Council:

1. Supports the progression of the Scoping Proposal for the rezoning of part of Lot 39 DP 1257837 No. 141 Googong Road, Googong, to a Planning Proposal, subject to the following:
  - a. the area of threatened ecological communities and in particular the EPBC Box-Gum Woodland that is currently zoned R1 General Residential, being rezoned the C2 Environmental Conservation; and
  - b. the payment of the fees outlined in Council's Fees and Charges for the preparation of a Complex Planning Proposal.
2. Considers the merits of entering into a Local Planning Agreement with the landowner of Lot 39 DP 1257837 No. 141 Googong Road, Googong, for the C2 Environmental Conservation zoned land and riparian corridors, as part of the Planning Proposal preparation and consultation stage.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Taskovski and Wilson

Against: Crs Webster and Willis

- 044/23      **9.2      Development Application DA.2021.1453 - Construction of a Three Storey Boarding House - 2 Ross Road, Queanbeyan**
- RESOLVED (Wilson/Willis)**
- That consideration of Development Application DA.2021.1453 - Construction of a Three Storey Boarding House - 2 Ross Road, Queanbeyan be deferred to Councillors are able to undertake site inspection.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 9.3      Modification Application - MOD.2011.077.B - Variation to Electricity Supply Arrangements and Fencing - 7123 Nerriga Road, Corang**

This item of business was WITHDRAWN.

- 045/23      **9.4      Road Naming - Proposed New Road Name - Holland Drive**
- RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle, the name Holland Drive as the proposed name for the new road located off Monaro Station Drive Royalla and created under subdivision Development Consent DA-388-2016.
2. Advertise the proposed road name for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette for the road name Holland Drive, if no objections are received.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.5 Locality Renaming Proposal - Dissolving "Back Creek" into Mongarlowe**

046/23

**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Agree in principle to dissolve the locality name of Back Creek into the adjoining locality of Mongarlowe.
2. Publicly exhibit the proposal for 28 days.
3. Write to affected property owners in the Back Creek locality asking for comments to be submitted within 28 days.
4. Notify the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of any submissions received during the 28 day exhibition period.
5. Subject to no objections being received for the locality name change, request GNB to publish the change in the NSW Government Gazette.
6. Where there are objections to the proposed locality name change, that a report considering the objections and justifying whether the proposal should proceed, be brought back to Council.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.6 Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Business Case**

047/23

**RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)**

That Council endorse the final business case for the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.7 Floodplain Management Program 2022-23 - Funding Acceptance**

048/23

**RESOLVED (Biscotti/Livermore)**

That Council:

1. Decline the funding offer from NSW Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) Floodplain Management Program for the Bungendore Overflow Channel.
2. Consider the inclusion of \$900,000 as Council's contribution to the project in the 23/24 budget.
3. Re-apply to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) Floodplain Management Program for the Bungendore Overflow Channel in 23/24 subject to funds being made available in the 23/24 Operational Plan.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 049/23      **9.8      Australia Day Donations to Assisting Community Groups**  
**RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)**  
That Council approve donation payments totalling \$2,100 to the community organisations that provided assistance for Australia Day 2023.
- For:            Crs    Biscotti,    Livermore,    Macdonald,    Taskovski,  
                         Webster, Willis and Wilson  
Against:      Cr Burton
- 050/23      **9.9      Federal Government Funding for TROVE**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**  
That Council support the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and the upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove by:
1. Making representation to the local Federal Member, Kristy McBain.
  2. Writing to the Hon. Tony Burke, Federal Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Paul Fletcher, Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts, calling for sustainable funding for Trove.
  3. Endorsing the NSW Public Libraries Association in lobbying for additional sustainable funding.
- For:            Crs    Biscotti,    Livermore,    Macdonald,    Taskovski,  
                         Webster, Willis and Wilson  
Against:      Cr Burton
- 051/23      **9.10    PCYC Alternate Use of Squash Court**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)**  
That Council permit the temporary modification of one squash court at the Queanbeyan PCYC to be used a private office and interview space, noting that the court will be restored when a permanent space in the PCYC is constructed.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.11 Loan Refinance**

052/23

**RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)**

That Council:

1. Note that the existing loan with Westpac Banking Corporation will reach the end of its fixed rate period on 27 February 2023.
2. Enter into a new loan agreement with Westpac Banking Corporation at a variable interest rate with repayments calculated over the remaining 15 year term to refinance the balance outstanding.
3. Authorise the use of the Common seal for the execution of the Loan Agreement with the preferred lender.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.12 Investment Report - January 2023**

053/23

**RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)**

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of January 2023.
2. Note the investment return for January 2023 was \$1,493,905.
3. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.13 Vacancies on Committees**

054/23

**RESOLVED (Wilson/Burton)**

That Council nominate Cr Macdonald for the vacancies created by Cr Ternouth on s.355, Organisational, Statutory and Regional Committees.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****10.1 Delivery Program Update - July-December 2022**

055/23

**RESOLVED (Willis/Burton)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**10.2 Bungendore History Walk**

056/23

**RESOLVED (Willis/Biscotti)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**10.3 Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 Successful Projects**

057/23

**RESOLVED (Willis/Biscotti)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**10.4 Councillor Workshops**

058/23

**RESOLVED (Wilson/Livermore)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****11.1 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - February 2023**

059/23

**RESOLVED (Willis/Biscotti)**

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Local Traffic Committee held on 7 February 2023.
2. Adopt recommendations LTC 01/2023 to LTC /2023 from the meeting held on 7 February 2023.

LTC 01/2023: Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plans and proposed road closures for ANZAC Day Ceremonies 2023 in Queanbeyan.

LTC 02/2023: Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plans and proposed road closures for ANZAC Day Ceremonies 2023 in Jerrabomberra.

LTC 03/2023: Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plans and proposed road closures for ANZAC Day Ceremonies 2023 in Bungendore.

LTC 04/2023: Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plans and proposed road closures for ANZAC Day Ceremonies 2023 in Braidwood.

LTC 05/2023: Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plans and proposed road closures for ANZAC Day Ceremonies 2023 in Captains Flat.

LTC 06/2023: Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plans with amendment including bollards and nightline for pedestrian safety for Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival.

LTC 07/2023: Approve the Tour De Cure event in



- accordance with traffic management plans provided.
- LTC 08/2023: Under Road Transport Act 2013, approve changes to current unrestricted parking to timed parking restrictions at Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan.
- LTC 09/2023: Under Road Transport Act 2013, approved changes to current restricted parking at Lowe Carpark.
- LTC 10/2023: A Section 138 application under the Roads Act 1993 with temporary Traffic Management Plan is to be submitted to Council for installation of advance direction signage on Old Cooma Road, Googong.
- LTC 11/2023: A Section 138 application under the Roads Act 1993 with temporary Traffic Management Plan is to be submitted to Council for installation of electronic digital sign panel at 101 Cameron Road, Karabar.

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 Livermore advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Livermore 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**

060/23

**RESOLVED (Livermore/Wilson)**

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 Bungendore Property**

*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.*

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.31pm to discuss the matters listed above.

**16.1 Bungendore Property**

061/23

**RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)**

That Council:

1. Purchase 13 Gibraltar Street, at Bungendore for the purposes of a Temporary Office to provide Council Operations and Customer Services in Bungendore whilst a new Council Administration Building and Community Centre is being planned, DA consent issued and constructed.
2. Authorise the General Manager to execute the Contract of Sale and Purchase for 13 Gibraltar Street (Lot 1 DP 817205) at the purchase price of \$1,650,000.
3. Upon acquisition, classify the land as operational land.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

062/23

**RESOLVED (Livermore/Willis)**

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.38pm.

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

**17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The time being 6.40pm, the Deputy Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR ESMA LIVERMORE  
DEPUTY MAYOR  
CHAIRPERSON**