MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TATALIA ROOM, UPPER LEVEL, RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB, 24 LANE, MOAMA
ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2019 AT 6:04PM

PRESENT: Cr Chris Bilkey (Mayor), Cr Gen Campbell (Deputy Mayor), Cr Tony Aquino (Councillor), Cr Ann Crowe (Councillor), Cr Neil Gorey (Councillor), Cr Alan Mathers (Councillor), Cr Thomas Weyrich (Councillor), Cr Geoff Wise (Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Des Bilske (General Manager), Ross Mallett (Director Corporate Services), Scott Barber (Director Engineering), David Wilkinson (Relieving Director Planning & Environment), John Harvie (Manager Economic Development & Tourism), Kerri Keogh (Manager Office of the General Manager), Courtney Dean (Coordinator Communications)

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 030519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Nikki Cohen be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

CARRIED

4 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interests declarations received from Councillors or staff on any matter within the meeting.
5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16 APRIL 2019.

RESOLUTION 040519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 16 April 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 DEPUTATIONS
There were no deputations to be heard on any matter within the meeting.

7 MAYORAL MINUTE
There was not a Mayoral Minute submitted to the meeting.

8 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
There were no Standing Committee Reports submitted to the meeting.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION
There were no Notices of Motion or Notices of Rescission submitted to the meeting.

10 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

10.1 COUNCIL’S RESOLUTION TRACKER

RESOLUTION 050519
Moved: Cr Alan Mathers
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That Council receives and notes the status of previous resolutions of Council on both manual and INFOCOUNCIL Resolution tracker reports.

CARRIED
10.2 SETTING OF COUNCILLOR & MAYOR FEES 2019/20

RESOLUTION 060519

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

That the Council establish the Councillor's fee at $12,160; and the Mayor's fee at $26,530 for the 2019/20 financial year.

CARRIED

10.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW - ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

RESOLUTION 070519

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That Council be represented at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2019, to be held 14-16 October in Sydney, by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and any other Councillor as determined by the Council, being Councillors Thomas Weyrich, Gen Campbell, Ann Crowe and Tony Aquino.

CARRIED

10.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW - MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2019/20

RESOLUTION 080519

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe


CARRIED

10.5 RENEW OUR LIBRARIES CAMPAIGN - WRAP-UP REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.
10.6 REQUEST FROM MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 090519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That due to Council not being a current financial member of the Murray Darling Association, Council politely declines the invitation to support the Murray Darling Association's funding proposal by making representation to State and Federal government.

CARRIED

10.7 NOTICE OF AGED CARE QUALITY REVIEW OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONAL GOVERNANCE

RESOLUTION 100519
Moved: Cr Geoff Wise
Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino
That Council acknowledge the Community Services department is about to participate in an Aged Care Quality Review, to be assessed for renewed accreditation for the delivery of community-based aged care services directly delivered.

CARRIED

10.8 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

RESOLUTION 110519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
That Council amends the Murray River Council Financial Assistance Program Framework by removing the following words from page two of the document under the heading 'Annual Allocations': 'are co-funded by state or federal departments and which'.

CARRIED

10.9 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL - TOURISM BRAND

RESOLUTION 120519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe
That Council adopt and endorse the new Murray River Council tourism brand.

CARRIED
10.10 SPORTS MARKETING AUSTRALIA - MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA - AGREEMENT TO HOST NATIONAL CUP TIER 1 AND UCI EVENTS.

RESOLUTION 130519
Moved: Cr Tony Aquino
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That Council:
1. Endorse the actions of the Manager Economic Development & Tourism in signing the three year agreement with Mountain Bike Australia to host a National Cup Tier 1 event in Moama.
2. Agree to the terms and conditions contained in the agreement.

CARRIED

10.11 MOULAMEIN HERITAGE VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 140519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That Council:
1. Receive the reports provided by Moulamein Community Development Inc.
2. Agree to enter into a 50 year lease agreement for the land located at 4 Paterson Street, Moulamein for a nominal annual fee.
3. Grant delegated authority to the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate, sign and apply the Common Seal of Council to the lease agreement.

CARRIED

10.12 ECHUCA MOAMA TOURISM - REPORTS

RESOLUTION 150519
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
That:
1. Council receive the reports from Echuca Moama Tourism.
2. The Manager Economic Development & Tourism review the reports and provide comments to Echuca Moama Tourism Board.

CARRIED
10.13 ASSESSMENT - ROUND 2 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION 160519**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich
Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino

1. That Council fund the following projects under Round 2 of its Community Grants Program:

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<th>Organisation Name</th>
<th>Project Title</th>
<th>Amount Requested</th>
<th>Amount Recommended</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Moulamein Retirement Village Inc</td>
<td>Doran Wing Sensory Garden and Activities Area Atrium</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Narelle Whitham - Art Relief Coordinator</td>
<td>Art Relief</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Echuca Animal Rescue Service Inc.</td>
<td>Companion Animal Desexing Program</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Moulamein Racing Club Inc.</td>
<td>Planting of native vegetation to regenerate the area.</td>
<td>$634.00</td>
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<td>Campaspe Murray Mental Health Network</td>
<td>Mental Health Cruise</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td>Bunnaloo Public School</td>
<td>A portable stage for the Bunnaloo Community Centre</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Mathoura Speed Shear</td>
<td>Norma Berry Memorial Chainsaw Competition Expansion</td>
<td>$2,150.00</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td>We Are Vivid</td>
<td>Destination Murray River: All Abilities Art Retreat</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Lions Club of Moama NSW Inc</td>
<td>Moama Southern Cross Care Vegetable Garden Project</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
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<td>Christmas Saviours</td>
<td>Continuing to celebrate despite tough times</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Mathoura Rural Fire Brigade</td>
<td>Operation Uniform Wash.</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
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<td>Barham Preschool</td>
<td>Barham Preschool Early Learning Centre</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Moulamein Working Sheep Dog Club</td>
<td>Moulamein Working Sheep Dog Club Sheep Yard Panels</td>
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<td>Koondrook Barham football netball club</td>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
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<td>Friends of Old Moama</td>
<td>Presentation of Historic Documentation</td>
<td>$1,164.00</td>
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<td>Outback Theatre for Young People</td>
<td>30 Years Young - Sharing Our Regional Story</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<td>Mathoura Public School P and C Association</td>
<td>Sandpit Upgrades</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<td>Murray Downs Advancement Group</td>
<td>Purchase of accounting program Xero</td>
<td>$600.00</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$30,398.00</strong></td>
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2. That Council fund the following events under its annual contributions (i.e. as listed within the Community Financial Assistance Program Framework):

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<td>Echuca Steam, Horse &amp; Vintage Rally Inc</td>
<td>2019 Echuca-Moama Steam Rally</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mathoura Preschool</td>
<td>Mathoura Country Kids Festival</td>
<td>$750.00</td>
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<td>Mathoura Events Committee Inc</td>
<td>Mathoura Easter Fair</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$3,5000</strong></td>
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3. That in 2019/20, Council fund (from consolidated revenue) the World Invitational Town Crier Tournament (Includes Australian Guild Town Crier Championship) in the amount of $3,000.

4. That Council install air-conditioning in the Tooleybuc Hall, under its maintenance program.

5. That Council provide in-kind support to the Rich River Rod Run in 2020 (eg. waive hire fees, provide waste, etc).

CARRIED

10.14 TOOLEYBUC MANANGATANG FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

RESOLUTION 170519

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That Council:

1. Informs the Tooleybuc Manangatang Football Netball Club of Council’s current commitment to projects in Tooleybuc and that there are no funds available in the 2018/19 budget to commit to the project.

2. Allocate $10,000 in the 2019/20 budget towards the upgrade of the netball courts at the Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve.

3. Congratulate the Tooleybuc Manangatang Football Netball Club on its initiative in seeking grant funding for the project, but remind the committee of the need to seek Council support for projects prior to submitting future funding applications.

CARRIED
11 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

11.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2019

RESOLUTION 180519
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
1. That the Officer’s report on Council’s Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliations and Investments as at 30th April 2019 be received and noted.
2. That the report detailing Council’s cashbook balance of $58,630,062.69 as at 30th April 2019 is received.
3. That the report detailing Council’s investment balance of $54,663,790.65 as at 30th April 2019 is received.

CARRIED

1.1 COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 190519
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
That Council approve the Murray River Council Draft Compliance Management Policy and it be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days seeking community feedback before final adoption of the policy.

CARRIED

1.2 2018-19 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

RESOLUTION 200519
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe
1. That the Quarterly Budget Review to 31 March 2019 be received and noted.
2. That the budget variations as detailed within the report and any subsequent changes made to those votes be included in Council’s estimates of income and expenditure for 2018/2019.

CARRIED
12 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

12.1 UPDATE ON MEROOL ROAD MOAMA

RESOLUTION 210519
Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That Councillors receive an update regarding actions to improve conditions for pedestrians at Merool Road, and intersections of River Gums Drive and Perricoota Road in Moama.
CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

13.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION
That the report be noted.

13.2 PLANNING PROPOSAL PP_2018_MRIVE_002_00 FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF 11 TURORA STREET, MOULAMEIN FROM COMMUNITY LAND TO OPERATIONAL LAND

RESOLUTION 220519
Moved: Cr Ann Crowe
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
1. That Council proceed to the next stage of the Planning Proposal.
2. That Council note the contents of the Public Hearing Report.
3. That Council undertake the necessary tasks to obtain Governor’s approval and Parliamentary Counsel Opinion (PCO) and request drafting of the new Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013.
4. That Council undertake all necessary tasks to finalise this amendment to the Wakool LEP 2013.
CARRIED

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Gen Campbell, Tony Aquino, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers, Thomas Weyrich and Geoff Wise
Against: Nil

14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Questions on Notice submitted to the meeting.
15  CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

15.1  CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION
That the report be noted.

16  SUNDARY DELEGATES REPORT

16.1  SUNDARY DELEGATES REPORT

RESOLUTION 230519
Moved: Cr Geoff Wise
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe
That the Sundry Delegates Reports of the Mayor and Councillors be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

CARRIED

The Mayor, Councillor Chris Bilkey advised the Council that he did not attend the SAP Workshop in Deniliquin on 14 May, but wished to add a meeting with Terrain Solar in Moama on 27 May.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gen Campbell advised the Council of her attendance at the following meetings and functions (in addition to her tabled Sundry Delegates Report):

- 1 May: LGNSW General Manager’s Performance Review – Moama
- 16 May: Crossenvale Community House LGBTI Flag Raising – Echuca Moama

Councillor Thomas Weyrich advised the Council of his attendance at the following meeting (in addition to his tabled Sundry Delegates Report):

- 22 May: Meeting with Victorian Cross-Border Commissioner – Moama
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION 240519
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That as provided in the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A(2): Subsections (c), (d)(i) and (d)(ii), and the public interest in protecting confidential information outweighs the public interest in ensuring accountability through open meetings, the Council move into Committee of the Whole at 6:59pm to consider the following Confidential Reports.

17.1 Economic Development and Tourism - Monthly Report
This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c, d(i) and d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

17.2 Moama Business Park Expansion
This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c, d(i) and d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

17.3 Tender for the Supply of Front End Loader
This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c and d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.4 Tender for CAT 12M Motor Grader
This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c and d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.5 Request for Tender - C1904 Construction of Barham Recreational Reserve Pavilion
This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED
17.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM – MONTHLY REPORT

RECOMMENDED
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

CARRIED

17.2 MOAMA BUSINESS PARK EXPANSION

RECOMMENDED
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise
That Council:
1. Receive the report on the Moama Business Park extension.
2. Grant delegated authority to the General Manager to negotiate and purchase the defined land in Moama within the price limits specified.
3. Provide a further report to the Council when the purchase of the land is completed.

CARRIED

17.3 TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF FRONT END LOADER

RECOMMENDED
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell
That Council approves the quotation of Hartwigs Pty Ltd for the supply of one (1) new Front End Loader (with greasing bank system and scales) for $194,840.00 plus GST including trade-in sale of $70,000 for existing Front End Loader.

CARRIED

17.4 TENDER FOR CAT 12M MOTOR GRADER

RECOMMENDED
Moved: Cr Alan Mathers
Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich
That Council approves the quotation of WesTrac Pty Ltd for the supply of one (1) new CAT 12M Motor Grader, for $353,467.05 plus GST including trade-in of existing CAT 120M Motor Grader.

CARRIED
17.5 REQUEST FOR TENDER - C1904 CONSTRUCTION OF BARHAM RECREATIONAL RESERVE PAVILION

RECOMMENDED
Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
That Council award the contract to construct the Barham Multi-Purpose Pavilion to CJ & BT McLoughlan Pty Ltd for the lump sum amount of $1,940,819 (excl. GST).

CARRIED

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 250519
Moved: Cr Geoff Wise
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers
That the Council move into Open Council at 7:51pm.

CARRIED

The General Manager, on behalf of the Mayor, advised the decisions of the Confidential Committee in Open Council.

RESOLUTION 260519
Moved: Cr Alan Mathers
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey
That that the recommendations of the Confidential Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

18 NOTICE OF URGENT BUSINESS
Nil

19 CLOSE OF MEETING
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:04PM.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 25 June 2019, commencing at 6:00pm, in Tatania Room, Upper Level, Rich River Golf Club, 24 Lane, Moama.


MAYOR