

**MEETING OF THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS JULY 26, 2017 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT

Administrator Mr Ashley Hall

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

Mr Adam McSwain, General Manager, Mr Mark Dalzell, Acting Director Infrastructure, Mr John Harvie, Director Economic and Business Development, Mrs Caroline Wallis, Director Corporate Services, Cian Middleton, Communications, Mrs Belinda Perrett Executive Assistant

GALLERY MEMBERS: Nil

GUESTS: Nil

CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING:

The Administrator, Mr Ashley Hall, chaired the meeting.

INTERPRETATION:

In these Minutes "the Council" means the Edward River Council

DECLARATION OF MEETING OPEN:

The Administrator, Mr Ashley Hall, formally declared the meeting open at 3.02pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Nil

154/17 SUBJECT: ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER
Adam McSwain**

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolves to Adopt the Election Caretaker Period Policy and Procedure

On the motion of the Administrator

155/17 SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO RATNG REVENUE POLICY 2017-2018

**FROM: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
Kris Kershaw**

RESOLUTION

1. That Council acknowledge and approve an amendment to the 2017-18 Rating Revenue policy, as adopted as part of the 2017-18 Operational Plan, in relation to the Conargo Farmland ad valorum rates;

Category	Correct Ad Valorum cents in the \$	Listed in Revenue Policy Ad Valorum cents in the \$
Former Conargo Shire Council Area		
Conargo Farmland Dryland	0.004598	0.004897
Conargo Farmland Low MIL Irrigation	0.006158	0.006559
Conargo Farmland High MIL Irrigation	0.008943	0.009525
Conargo Farmland Low Murray/ Murrumbidgee	0.005339	0.005687
Conargo Farmland High Murray/ Murrumbidgee	0.007462	0.007948
Conargo Farmland Murrumbidgee Groundwater	0.005262	0.005605
Conargo Farmland Murray Groundwater	0.008863	0.009440

Conargo Farmland Private Scheme Irrigation	0.008332	0.008874
Conargo Farmland Low Coleambally Irrigation	0.004785	0.005096
Conargo Farmland High Coleambally Irrigation	0.006967	0.007421

2. **IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED** that Council re-confirm the making and levying of the Conargo Farmland rating categories as per the following:

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.004598 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **CONARGO FARMLAND DRY**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.006158 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND LOW MIL IRRIGATION**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.008943 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND HIGH MIL IRRIGATION**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.005339 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND LOW MURRAY/MURRUMBIDGEE**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.007462 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND HIGH MURRAY/MURRUMBIDGEE**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.005262 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.008863 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND MURRAY GROUNDWATER**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.008332 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND PRIVATE SCHEME IRRIGATION**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.004785 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND LOW COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION**.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED – that Council make and levy an Ordinary Rate of 0.006967 cents per dollar of land value and a **MINIMUM RATE** of \$446.00 on all rateable land per property within the former Conargo Shire Council local government area sub-categorised as **FARMLAND HIGH COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION**.

On the motion of the Administrator

156/17 SUBJECT: DENILQUIN AND DISTRICT PSSA

**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER
Adam McSwain**

RESOLUTION:

That Council donate \$250.00 to assist the Deniliquin and District Primary School Sports Association in their sporting endeavours.

On the motion of the Administrator

157/17 SUBJECT: DENILQUIN CLAY TARGET CLUB – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

**FROM: DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
John Harvie**

RESOLUTION:

Council determined to donate \$500.00 to assist the Deniliquin Clay Target Club run their two-day shoot in October 2017.

On the motion of the Administrator

158/17 SUBJECT: CEMETERY MANAGEMENT POLICY

**FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES
Caroline Wallis**

RESOLUTION:

That Council adopts the Cemetery Management Policy

On the motion of the Administrator

159/17 SUBJECT: FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY

**FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES
Caroline Wallis**

RESOLUTION:

That Council adopts the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy.

On the motion of the Administrator

160/17 SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF LAND TO ENNOR ENGINEERING PTY LTD

**FROM: DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
John Harvie**

RESOLUTION:

That Council consider a report on this matter while the meeting is closed to the public as it contains information that is considered confidential pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it relates to information that may, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with who the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

It is considered the public Interest in preserving the confidentiality of information outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Councils decision making as publishing confidential information may impact on the willingness of third parties to conduct business with Council in the future.

On the motion of the Administrator

**161/17 SUBJECT: DENILQUIN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2013
(Amendment 6)**

**FROM: DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
John Harvie**

RESOLUTION:

That Council note that Denilquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Amendment 6) commenced on 14 July 2017.

On the motion of the Administrator

162/17 SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATIONAL DEPOTS
FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE
Mark Dalzell

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Note this report regarding the consolidation of the operational depots;
2. Select the Northern depot site, being at the intersection of Wanderer Street and Augustus Street as the preferred location for the consolidated depot;
3. Submit a Development Application for the expansion of the existing depot site; and
4. Receive a further report regarding detailed layout and costings following further consultation with staff.

On the motion of the Administrator

163/17 SUBJECT: CONTRACT 2.19.237 – SEALING AND ENRICHMENT WORKS WITHIN THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL LGA

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE
Mark Dalzell

RESOLUTION:

That Council consider a report on this matter while the meeting is closed to the public as it contains information that is considered confidential pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it relates to information that may, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with who the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

It is considered the public Interest in preserving the confidentiality of information outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Councils decision making as publishing confidential information may impact on the willingness of third parties to conduct business with Council in the future.

On the motion of the Administrator

164/17 CLOSED COUNCIL

On the motion of the Administrator (Mr A. Hall)

1. That council resolve into closed council to consider business identified.
2. That pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the:

business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.

3. That the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required under section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.
4. public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making, as it may prejudice Council's position in its negotiations.

Council closed its meeting at 3.28pm and the public and staff left the Chambers.

167/17 OPENING OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

On the motion of the Administrator

That Council move out of closed Council and into Open Council at 3.44pm.

The following resolutions of Council, while the meeting was closed to the public, were read to the meeting by the Administrator.

That council;

1. Enter into contract negotiations with Ennor Engineering Pty Ltd for part of Lot 52 at a sale price as confirmed in the confidential discussion.
2. Construct Wright Bros Drive from Saleyards Road to the intersection with the entry to the above land at a cost of \$489,000.
3. Construct an entryway to the above land at a cost of \$100,000
4. Extend water to the site boundary at a cost of \$49,500
5. Allow up to \$48,000 for the relocation of the Airport wash down evaporation pond and \$22,500 for contingences. The exact cost of relocating the pond will be determined when soil test results are obtained. If costs for relocating the pond and rectifying any soil contamination issues exceed the budgeted amount, then a further report be brought to Council and Council reserve the right not to proceed with the sale of the land.
6. Resolve to fund the abovementioned works from the proceeds of sale of the land, \$409,500 from Council's Roads to Recovery allocation and \$49,500 from savings through the Smart Water Project budget
7. Update the Deniliquin Aerodrome Masterplan 2011 to include this development.
8. Condition of contract to include project is substantially commenced with twelve months from date of sale.
9. DA approval must be received within six months from date of sale.

That Council:

1. Accept the tender submitted by Primal Resurfacing Pty Ltd for Contract 2.19.237 – Sealing and Enrichment Works within the Edward River Council LGA for the extended Schedule of Rates tender price for 2017/18 of \$1,894,045.45 + GST;
2. Execute the contract documents for Contract 2.19.237 – Sealing and Enrichment Works within the Edward River Council LGA.

Meeting closed at 3.44pm
