



**Edward
River**
COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

20 February 2020

**MINUTES OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 180 CRESSY STREET DENILIQUIN
ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Norm Brennan (Mayor), Cr Pat Fogarty (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peta Betts, Cr Marg Bull, Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Peter McCrabb, Cr Nick Metcalfe, Cr Mac Wallace

IN ATTENDANCE: Adam McSwain (General Manager), Oliver McNulty (Director Infrastructure) Lachlan Sharp (Coordinator Communications and Integrated Planning), Belinda Perrett (Executive Assistant)

GALLERY: One

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa people. I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to past Aboriginal Elders, the present Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reside within this area, and their future generations.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I have come here as a Councillor freely and without bias to:

- Represent the views of the community in considering the matters before us today
- To vote in a matter I consider to be in the best interest of the community
- To observe the Code of Conduct and respect the rule of the chair and views of my fellow Councillors.

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2020/5

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That the apology received from Cr Norm McAllister be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION 2020/6**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 December 2019 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 6 February 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 MINUTES OF THE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019 AND 11 FEBRUARY 2020****RESOLUTION 2020/7**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Tidy Towns Committee meeting held 10 December 2019, contained at Attachment 1 and minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting contained at Attachment 2.
2. Discontinue and cease the operation of the Section 355 Edward River Council Tidy Towns Committee
3. Note that the members that made up the Edward River Council Tidy Towns Committee will continue to meet and focus on improving the appearance of the Edward River Local Government Area

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/8**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2020, contained at Attachment A.

CARRIED

Julie Rogers, Manager Environmental Services entered the Chambers at 9.06am

REPORTS TO COUNCIL**MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS****RESOLUTION 2020/9**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council note the Mayor, Councillor and General Manager meetings for December 2019 and January 2020.

CARRIED

Julie Rogers, Manager Environmental Services left the Chambers at 9.08am

Amanda Barber, Manager Finance entered the Chambers at 9.08am

RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**RESOLUTION 2020/10**

Moved: Cr Marg Bull

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council to 6 February 2020.

CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT DECEMBER 2019**RESOLUTION 2020/11**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

1. Note and receive the Report on Investments totalling \$43,656,829 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations;
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of December 2019 was 120,123;
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 December 2019 but not yet received was \$297,141;
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report.

CARRIED

Julie Rogers, Manager Environmental Services entered the Chambers at 9.11am

INVESTMENT REPORT JANUARY 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/12**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

1. Note and receive the Report on Investments totalling \$44,867,761 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations;
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of January 2020 was \$57,903;
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 January 2020 but not yet received was \$330,892;
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report

CARRIED

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**RESOLUTION 2020/13**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council

- 1) Receive the 31 December 2019 financial review of the 2019-20 Operational Plan as adopted at the Council meeting on 20 June 2019
- 2) Approve the budget variations as detailed in this report, there is a surplus of \$926,000 at the end of this period

CARRIED

GENERAL REVALUATION REPORT 2019**RESOLUTION 2020/14**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

That Council receive and note the General Revaluation report 2019.

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Manager Finance left the Chambers at 9.24am

DRAFT FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES POLICY**RESOLUTION 2020/15**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council adopt the Financial Sustainability Principles Policy, Attachment 1

CARRIED

**COMBINED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-2020
PROGRESS REPORT - 31 DECEMBER 2019****RESOLUTION 2020/16**

Moved: Cr Marg Bull
Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council receive and note the combined Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Operational Plan 2019-2020 Progress Report, contained at Attachment 1.

CARRIED

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REGIONAL FORUM 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/17**

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace
Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council

1. Resolves to approve the attendance of the Mayor and the General Manager at the Australian Local Government Association Regional Forum 2020 June 14-17 at the National Convention Centre Canberra.
2. Resolve to not send any other Councillors.

CARRIED

Manager Tourism and Economic Development entered the Chambers at 9.36am

DRAFT EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020-2022**RESOLUTION 2020/18**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council

1. Adopt the draft Edward River Council Tourism Development Plan 2020-2022, Attachment 1
2. Discontinue and cease the operation of the Section 355 Deniliquin Promotions Advisory Committee
3. Note that consultation with the tourism industry will now take place through an informal Edward River Tourism Industry Network as per the Tourism Development Plan 2020-2022 recommendation
4. Note that the implementation of the Plan will be reliant on Council receiving external grant funding and that projects over and above those achievable through existing recurrent budget funding have not been factored into Council's Long-Term Financial Plan
5. Council to review in twelve months-time.

CARRIED

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

RESOLUTION 2020/19

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council adopt the Local Strategic Planning Statement (attachment 1) in accordance with section 3.9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT (DECEMBER 2019)

RESOLUTION 2020/20

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council note the Environmental Services report for December 2019.

CARRIED

Manager Engineering Assets entered the Chambers at 9.45am

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT (JANUARY 2020)

RESOLUTION 2020/21

Moved: Cr Marg Bull

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council note the Environmental Services report for January 2020.

CARRIED

Manager Environmental Development left the Chambers at 9.46am

MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 2020 PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/22

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council note the Major Projects Program from various funding sources - Progress Report for February 2020.

CARRIED

ASSET REVALUATION PROJECT**RESOLUTION 2020/23**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Adopt the 'Final Valuation of Edward River Council Infrastructure Assets – Date of Valuation 29 February 2020' as prepared by APV Valuers and Asset Management, contained as Attachment 2 to this report; and
2. Adopt the 'Final Valuation of Edward River Council Land, Building and Other Structure Assets – Date of Valuation 29 February 2020' as prepared by APV Valuers and Asset Management, contained as Attachment 3 to this report.

CARRIED

BUILDING CONDITION AND ASSESSMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2020/24**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council adopt the 'Condition Assessment of Buildings Prepared for Edward River Council' as prepared by CT Management Group contained as Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED

Manager Engineering Assets left the Chambers at 10am

**ESTATES BUILDING REVITALISATION AND CIVIC PRECINCT ACCOMMODATION PROJECT
- CONTRACT, TIMEFRAME AND GOVERNANCE****RESOLUTION 2020/25**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Endorse the process outlined in this report for the Tender and delivery of the Estates Building, Town Hall and Civic Precinct Development.
2. Endorse the project governance structure, Attachment 2
3. Note that the project scope and project timeframes will be impacted by the outcome of the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund assessment process. Approximately \$1 million in funding for the Town Hall element of this project is reliant on a successful funding application through this grant program. If this funding application isn't successful, then a further report with a modified project scope will be brought to Council for consideration.

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SEWER CONSTRUCTION - HARFLEUR STREET

RESOLUTION 2020/26

Moved: Cr Nick Metcalfe

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council;

1. Note that emergency works were carried out to repair the sewer on Harfleur Street between Hardinge Street and Macauley Street
2. Note that the cost of the works to construct a new sewer line was \$112,000
3. Ratify the reallocation of \$112,000 from the sewer telemetry project 2019/20 to offset the costs to construct this sewer.

CARRIED

DRAFT PRIVATE WORKS POLICY

RESOLUTION 2020/27

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council:

1. Place the draft Private Works Policy on Public Display for a period of 28 days
2. Subject to receiving no submissions during the public exhibition period, adopt the Draft Works Policy

CARRIED

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE 2019/2020 - QUARTER 2

RESOLUTION 2020/28

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council note the Capital Works Update for the end of the period Quarter 2

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

RATES HARMONISATION

RESOLUTION 2020/29

Moved: Cr Norm Brennan

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That

1. The resolution 2019/08/179 titled Rates and Revenue Harmonisation Project that was passed on 15 August 2019 be rescinded.
2. The resolution 2019/12/305 titled Rates Harmonisation Project – Preferred Rate Structure that was passed on 19 December 2019 be rescinded.
3. That Council
 - (a) Make an application to the Minister to vary its Rates Path Harmonisation to 1 July 2021; and
 - (b) Receive an updated Community Engagement Plan at the March 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 10.24am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON