



**Edward
River**
COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

15 April 2021

**MINUTES OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE RFS BUILDING, MACKNIGHT DRIVE, DENILIQUN
ON THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2021 AT 9.00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Stone (General Manager), Mark Dalzell (Director Infrastructure), Amanda Barber (Manager Finance), Marie Sutton (Acting Manager Environmental Services), Tiffany Carroll (Communications Advisor), Matthew Begg (IT Support Officer), Belinda Perrett (Executive Assistant)

GALLERY: One

1 OPENING MEETING

2 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.

3 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.

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/31

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 March 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

10.7 Submission to Liquor License Application Cr Norm McAllister registered a pecuniary interest.

10.7 Submission to Liquor License Application Cr Patricia Fogarty registered a pecuniary interest.

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2020

RESOLUTION 2021/32

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

Receive and note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2020, contained at Attachment A

.CARRIED

8.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/33

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

Receive and note the Draft Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2021, contained at Attachment A

.CARRIED

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.1 MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS****RESOLUTION 2021/34**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council note the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager meetings attended during the month of March 2021, undertaken either remotely, or adhering to COVID-19 distancing regulations.

CARRIED

Councillors noted the attendance of Cr Bull at the Conargo Hall Committee meeting 3 March, SW Music Board Meeting 4 March, International Women's Day 10 March, SW Music Board Meeting 11 March, Town Hall Advisory Group Meeting 11 March, Country Education Fund Edward River 23 March and SW Music Board Meeting 25 March 2021.

Cr Wallace attended the Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting 4 March 2021 and the MMZ Liaison Committee meeting 25 March 2021.

10.2 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**RESOLUTION 2021/35**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as 6 April 2021.

CARRIED

10.3 INVESTMENT & RESERVES REPORT MARCH 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/36**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Note and receive the March 2021 report on Investments totalling \$45,951,738 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of March 2021 was \$36,211.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 March 2021 but not yet received was \$131,735.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report

CARRIED

10.4 DRAFT COMBINED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2022 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022**RESOLUTION 2021/37**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

1. That Council adopt the Delivery program 2018-2021 for a further year due to Council Elections being postponed by a year and Councillor's terms extended by a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. That the Edward River Council Combined Delivery Plan 2018-2022 which includes the draft 2021-2022 Operational Plan, 2021-2022 Budget and proposed Fees and Charges and Statement of Revenue Policy be placed on public exhibition for not less than 28 days, inviting submissions from the public *in accordance with section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993*.
3. Adds an additional objective to the operational plan – an organisational project to improve efficiencies and source revenue opportunities.
4. That at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition an Ordinary Meeting of the Council be held at 9am on Thursday 20th May 2021 to consider any submissions made on the draft Plan and Budget, consider the proposed 2021-2022 Operational Plan and Budget and determine Rates and Charges for 2021-2022 *in accordance with section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993*.
5. That the Community Engagement Strategy outlined in the report be endorsed.

In Favour: Crs Norm Brennan, Pat Fogarty, Peta Betts, Marg Bull, Ashley Hall, Norm McAllister, Nick Metcalfe and Mac Wallace

Against: Cr Peter McCrabb

CARRIED 8/1**10.5 2021-2022 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN****RESOLUTION 2021/38**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

That Council adopt the revised 2021-2022 Long-Term Financial Plan.

CARRIED

In Favour: Crs Norm Brennan, Pat Fogarty, Peta Betts, Marg Bull, Ashley Hall, Norm McAllister, Nick Metcalfe and Mac Wallace

Against: Cr Peter McCrabb

CARRIED 8/1

10.6 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK - DISBAND COMMITTEES**RESOLUTION 2021/39**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

The Council resolve to disband the following committees:

- Edward River Council Heritage Committee
- Deniliquin Promotions and Advisory Committee
- Edward River Tidy Towns Committees

CARRIED

Councillors Fogarty and McAllister registered pecuniary interests in this item and both Councillors left the Chambers at 10.13am.

10.7 SUBMISSION TO LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION - LIQUORLAND, DENILIKUIN**RESOLUTION 2021/40**

Moved: Cr Ashley Hall

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council approve the attached submission to Liquor and Gaming NSW regarding the Liquor License application by Liquorland Australia for packaged Liquor, citing no objection and outlining concerns regarding the social and economic impact of the application on the Edward River Community.

CARRIED

In Favour: Crs Norm Brennan, Marg Bull, Ashley Hall, Peter McCrabb and Mac Wallace

Against: Crs Peta Betts and Nick Metcalfe

CARRIED 5/2

Councillors Fogarty and McAllister re-entered the Chambers at 10.30am

Councillor Wallace left the Chambers at 10.31am and returned at 10.33am

**10.8 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REGIONAL FORUM 2021
"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES NGA21"****RESOLUTION 2021/41**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council

1. Resolves to approve the attendance of the Mayor and the General Manager at the Australian Local Government Association Regional Forum 2021 June 20 - 23 at the National Convention Centre Canberra.
2. Considers the attendance of other Councillors in line with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

CARRIED

10.9 DRAFT INDUSTRIAL LANDS STRATEGY**RESOLUTION 2021/42**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council place the draft Industrial Land Strategy on exhibition for a period of 28 days and receive a further report detailing the outcome of this exhibition.

CARRIED

10.10 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/43**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council note the Environmental Services report for March 2021

CARRIED

Marie Sutton Acting Manager Environmental Services left the Chambers at 10.45am and did not return.

10.11 DRAFT SALEYARDS STRATEGIC PLAN**RESOLUTION 2021/44**

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council place the draft Saleyards Strategic Plan on exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days and receive a further report detailing the outcome of this exhibition.

CARRIED

10.12 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM - APRIL 2021 - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/45**

Moved: Cr Nick Metcalfe

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council note the Major Projects Program from various funding sources - Progress Report for April 2021.

CARRIED

Councillor Fogarty congratulated those involved in the Memorial Park Netball Courts.

10.13 OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATE - APRIL 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/46

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council receive and note the April 2021 Operations Department update.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

9 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.20am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 May 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON