



**Edward  
River**  
COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**18 March 2021**

**MINUTES OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE RFS BUILDING, MACKNIGHT DRIVE, DENILIQUN  
ON THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2021 AT 9.00AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Philip Stone (General Manager), Ms Suni Campbell (Director Infrastructure), Mr Mark Dalzell (Director Infrastructure), Ms Tiffany Carroll (Communications Advisor), Mr Matthew Begg (IT Help Desk), Mrs Belinda Perrett (Executive Assistant).

**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**

**APOLOGY**

**RESOLUTION 2021/17**

Moved: Cr Nick Metcalfe

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That the apology received from Cr Marg Bull and Cr Peter McCrabb be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 2021/18**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

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

**CARRIED**

**6 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

**9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**10.1 MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS**

**RESOLUTION 2021/19**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

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

**CARRIED**

**10.2 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2021/20**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as 8 March 2021.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 INVESTMENT & RESERVES REPORT FEBRUARY 2021****RESOLUTION 2021/21**

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council:

1. Note and receive the February 2021 report on Investments totalling \$45,624,472 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of February 2021 was \$7,131.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 28 February 2021 but not yet received was \$143,408.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report

**.CARRIED**

**10.4 DOCTORS AND NURSES ATTRACTION POLICY****RESOLUTION 2021/22**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

That Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the Doctors and Nurses Attraction Policy attached to this report.
2. Allocate a Doctor Incentive package of \$6,500 to assist with housing for a new registrar relocating to Deniliquin, employed by the Shiloh Medical Practice
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make this payment in accordance with the adopted policy

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

That Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the Doctors, Registrars and Nurses Attraction Policy attached to the report.
2. Allocate a Doctor Incentive package of \$5,000 to assist with housing for a new registrar relocating to Deniliquin, employed by the Shiloh Medical Practice.
3. Delegate Authority to the General Manager to make this payment in accordance with the adopted policy.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADVERTISING POLICIES****RESOLUTION 2021/23**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

1. That Council rescinds all previous versions of the Media Policy; and
2. Council adopt the reviewed and amended Media Policy attached to this report.
3. That Council adopt the draft Social Media Policy attached to this report.
4. That Council adopt the draft Corporate Advertising Policy attached to this report.

**CARRIED****10.6 RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK BUSH BURSARY PROGRAM****RESOLUTION 2021/24**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council;

1. Reviews the report supplied below and attached from the NSW Rural Doctors Network.
2. Edward River Council participate in the Rural Doctors Network Bush Bursary Program in 2021/22 providing a scholarship of \$3,000.00.

**CARRIED****10.7 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION 77TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM****RECOMMENDATION**

The motion lapsed due to not having a mover or seconder.

That Council

1. Resolve that two Councillors be given the opportunity to attend the Murray Darling Association's 77th National Conference and AGM Sunday 16 – Wednesday 19 May 2021 in Wentworth.

**10.8 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/25**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council note the Environmental Services reports for February 2021

**CARRIED**

**10.9 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM - MARCH 2021 - PROGRESS REPORT****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

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

**10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil

**11 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLUTION 2021/26**

Moved: Cr Ashley Hall

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**13.1 Contract C2021/06 - George Street Reconstruction 20/21**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**13.2 Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**13.3 Town Hall Stage 4**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**CARRIED**

**13.1 CONTRACT C2021/06 - GEORGE STREET RECONSTRUCTION 20/21****RESOLUTION 2021/27**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council:

1. Not accept the tender submissions for Contract C2021/06 – George Street Reconstruction 20/21, in accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* since all submitted tender prices were greater than the funding for the project,
2. Authorise the General Manager to enter negotiations with Deni Civil and Construction Pty Ltd, being the preferred tenderer, in accordance with Clause 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations*, up to the value of \$180,000 + GST,
3. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Contract C2021/06 – George Street Reconstruction 20/21, and;
4. Delegate the Contract Superintendent to approve variations up to a maximum of 10% of the contract value to allow for any issues that may arise on site.

**CARRIED****13.2 INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY****RESOLUTION 2021/28**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

1. Note this report regarding the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy project,
2. Accept the quotation from Alluvium Consulting Australia Pty Ltd of \$206,935 including GST for the Preparation of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy, and;
3. Authorise the General Manager to sign the Safe and Secure Water Program funding agreement relating to the state government subsidy of up to \$120,997 including GST.

**CARRIED**

**13.3 TOWN HALL STAGE 4**

**RESOLUTION 2021/29**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty  
Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council;

1. Approve the variation to Contract C2020/21 Deniliquin Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment for the Stage 4 construction to Moretto Building Pty Ltd at the lump sum price of \$826,607.10 including GST, and;
2. Authorise the Contract Superintendent to issue the Variation Direction for Contract C2020/21 – Deniliquin Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2021/30**

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace  
Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**13 CLOSE OF MEETING**

**The Meeting closed at 10.28am**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 April 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**