



**Edward
River**
COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

21 March 2019

**MINUTES OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 180 CRESSY STREET DENILIQVIN
ON THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2019 AT 9AM**

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: Adam McSwain (General Manager), Oliver McNulty (Director Infrastructure), Helen Flisher (Acting Director Corporate Services), Rindayi Matienga (Manager Finance), Julie Rogers (Manager Environmental Services),

GALLERY: 2

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2019/03/34 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Councillor declared a pecuniary interest:

Cr Hall - 11.17 – Seal Extension Trial

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION 2019/03/35

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 February 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

MINUTES OF THE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2019/03/36

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Tidy Towns Committee meeting held 12 February 2019.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Richard Walker spoke on behalf of the Sloane Street residents regarding report 11.17 Seal Extension Trial.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

11.1 MINUTES - ACCESS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2019/03/37

Moved: Cr Marg Bull
Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Access Committee meeting held on 27 February 2019.

CARRIED

MINUTES - OPEN AND PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGIC WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION 2019/03/38

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Open and Public Space Strategic Working Group on 1 March 2019.

CARRIED

MINUTES FROM THE DENILIQVIN AIRPORT EXPANSION STEERING COMMITTEE**RESOLUTION 2019/03/39**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council

1. Note and receive the minutes from the Deniliquin Airport Expansion Steering Committee for the following meetings:
 - (a) 22 January 2019
 - (b) 5 March 2019
2. Note and consider in a separate report to the March Council meeting the following resolution from the Deniliquin Airport Expansion Steering Committee 5 March 2019 meeting:

The Deniliquin Airport Expansion Steering Committee recommend that Council:

1. *Shift the focus to incremental improvement opportunities at the Deniliquin Airport. The work undertaken by the Committee has shown that airfreight out of Deniliquin is uneconomical at this time.*
2. *Note the importance of the runway to the community and that it supports critical services in the areas of health, medical and fire emergencies.*
3. *Acknowledge the work and investment by Council through this process*
4. *Endorse the McKinna report to be presented to Council*
5. *Note that while the airport was the original focus for this project, the opportunities identified, and work completed lend themselves to a bigger perspective and will provide substantial long-term benefit to Council and the region*

CARRIED

DENILIQVIN AIRPORT PROJECT**RESOLUTION 2019/03/40**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council

1. Note the following recommendation of the Deniliquin Airport Expansion Steering Committee from its meeting held 5 March 2019:

The Deniliquin Airport Expansion Steering Committee recommend that Council:

- (a) *Shift the focus to incremental improvement opportunities at the Deniliquin Airport. The work undertaken by the Committee has shown that airfreight out of Deniliquin is uneconomical at this time.*
- (b) *Note the importance of the runway to the community and that it supports critical services in the areas of health, medical and fire emergencies.*
- (c) *Acknowledge the work and investment by Council through this process*
- (d) *Endorse the McKinna report to be presented to Council*
- (e) *Note that while the airport was the original focus for this project, the opportunities*

identified, and work completed lend themselves to a bigger perspective and will provide substantial long-term benefit to Council and the region

2. Receive and note the following confidential reports from Redwater Consulting and McKinna Consulting:
 - (a) Redwater – Airfreight Analysis and Recommendations (Attachment 1)
 - (b) Redwater – Market Review and Opportunity Assessment (Attachment 2)
 - (c) McKinna – Deniliquin airport Expansion Agrifood Assessment (Attachment 3)
3. Approve the following approach for the Deniliquin Airport Project:
 - (a) Support the shift to incremental improvement opportunities at the Deniliquin Airport in line with the “Redwater Market Review and Opportunity Assessment report” (Attachment 2).
 - (d) Request Officers to consider the renewal of existing runways at the Deniliquin Airport in line with Council’s Asset Management Strategy and Plans and if required include the renewal within Council’s Long-Term Financial Plan.
 - (e) Support Officers to continue attempts to attract funding to renew the existing infrastructure at the Deniliquin Airport
 - (f) Update Council’s Advocacy Strategy to reflect clauses 3(a), (b), and (c) of this resolution.
4. Request McKinna Consulting attend a Council Workshop and Community Forum to present their detailed findings and further consider opportunities for the airport and agriculture in the Edward River region.
5. Discontinue the Deniliquin Airport Expansion Steering Committee and thank outgoing committee members for their contribution to the Deniliquin Airport expansion project.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS

RESOLUTION 2019/03/41

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council note the Mayor, Councillor and General Manager meetings for February 2019.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2019/03/42

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council to 22 February 2019.

CARRIED

11.7 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2018 TO 31 DECEMBER 2018**RESOLUTION 2019/03/43**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council

1. Receives the December 2018 financial review of the 2018-19 Operational Plan as adopted at the Council meeting on 21 June 2018
2. Approves the budget variations detailed in this report.

CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2019**RESOLUTION 2019/03/44**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council:

1. Note and receive the Report on Investments totaling \$48,811,152 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations;
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of February 2019 was \$73,596.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 28 February 2019 but not yet received was \$321,127.

CARRIED

TOWN PLANNING POLICY 5.10 BONDS AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS**RESOLUTION 2019/03/45**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister
Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

The motion was deferred and the matter will be taken to the June workshop for further discussion.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH POLICY 7.3 - DISABLED ACCESS AND MOBILITY

RESOLUTION 2019/03/46

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council repeal Environmental Health Policy 7.3 – Disabled Access and Mobility.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH POLICY 7.4 - NO SMOKING POLICY

(PUBLIC PLACES AND COUNCIL OWNED LAND)

RESOLUTION 2019/03/47

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council repeal the Environmental Health Policy 7.4 No Smoking Policy (Public Places and Council Owned Land).

CARRIED

DRAFT COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 2019/03/48

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council exhibit the draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy, attachment two, for a period of 28 days and receive a further report upon completion of the exhibition period.

CARRIED

DOGS IN ISLAND SANCTUARY

RESOLUTION 2019/03/49

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council exhibit a proposal to remove the ‘no dog’ signs at the pedestrian entries to the Island Sanctuary and receive a further report on the outcome of the exhibition.

Signage will be replaced to read “Dogs on Leash”

CARRIED

ROADSIDE GRAZING

RESOLUTION 2019/03/50

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council

1. Note the report on roadside grazing; and
2. Grant the concurrence in accordance with section 78 of the Local Land Services Act for the issuing of roadside grazing permits until 18 April 2019.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT (FEBRUARY 2019)

RESOLUTION 2019/03/51

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Norm McAllister

That Council note the Environmental Services report for February 2019.

CARRIED

STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM AND THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - MARCH PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2019/03/52

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council note the Stronger Communities Fund- Major Projects Program and the Stronger Country Communities Program- Progress Report for March 2019

CARRIED

Cr Hall left the Chambers at 11.26am

SEAL EXTENSION TRIAL**RESOLUTION 2019/03/53**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council

1. Construct a 4m wide seal on Sloane Street from Blackett Street to the last driveway before the River utilising 50mm of Class 2 gravel material worked with the existing road base material. This new road pavement will be 6m wide.
2. This trial will be monitored and routine maintenance completed across the period of the trial.
3. Note that the date of the four-year trial will commence following the completion of this project.
4. Place signage on Sloane Street identifying that Council are carrying out a low-cost seal trial.

CARRIED

Cr Hall returned to the Chambers at 10.45am

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE MARCH 2019**RESOLUTION 2019/03/54**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council note this report on the Capital Works update

CARRIED

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION 2019/03/55**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Norm McAllister

That Council approve;

1. The deferment of the reconstruction of the road and kerb and gutter between Hardinge Street and Macauley Street for future budget consideration
2. The deferment of the reconstruction of Wellington Street between Wood Street and Sloane Street for future budget consideration
3. The reallocation of \$1,009,700 from the Capital Works Program to works required on regional roads
4. Note that the road and kerb and gutter works identified for Poitiers street were completed in 2017/18
5. The reallocation of \$152,000 toward reconstruction of the road and kerb and gutter on Harfleur Street between Macauley Street and Hardinge Street

6. The allocation of \$30,000 towards the reconstruction of kerb and gutter along George Street between Hardinge Street and the IGA driveway
7. Note the additional income of \$400,000 from Fixing Country Roads

CARRIED

Cr McAllister left the Chamber at 11.02am and returned at 11.04am

DENILQUIN WATER TOWER PROJECT - CHANGE TO BRIEF

RESOLUTION 2019/03/56

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council agree to allocate an additional \$3,316 from the Edward River Community Grants Program to the Deniliquin Water Tower Project.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SPEAK UP

RESOLUTION 2019/03/57

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council

1. Approve the request from Speak Up for a \$2,000 financial contribution
2. IFund the request through Councils 'Quick Response Grants program'

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2019/03/58

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty
Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

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:

Contract C2019/03 - Water Reticulation Air Scouring Program

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.

Contract C2019/05 - Charlotte Street Water Mains Refurbishment

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.

Purchase Rear Loading Garbage Truck

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.

Purchase Side Loading Compactor

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

Council moved into confidential matters at 11.15am and members of the gallery left the Chambers.

CONTRACT C2019/03 - WATER RETICULATION AIR SCOURING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2019/03/59

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council:

1. Accept the tender submitted by H & S Maintenance Pty Ltd for Contract C2019/03 – Water Reticulation Air Scouring Program for the extended Schedule of Rates tender price of \$81,641.27 + GST;
2. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Contract C2019/03 – Water Reticulation Air Scouring Program; and
3. 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

CONTRACT C2019/05 - CHARLOTTE STREET WATER MAINS REFURBISHMENT

RESOLUTION 2019/03/60

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

1. Accept the tender submitted by Tapping Solutions Australia Pty Ltd for Contract C2019/05 – Charlotte Street Water Mains Refurbishment for the lump sum tender price of \$254,782.95 + GST;
2. Approve the reallocation of \$80,000 within the Watermain Rehabilitation Capital Works program from the Cressy Street, between Hardinge and Macauley Street, project to the Charlotte Street project;
3. Approve that the Watermain Rehabilitation project along Cressy Street, between Hardinge and Macauley Street, will not proceed as outlined in planned works in operational plan in 2018/19
4. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Contract C2019/05 – Charlotte Street Water Mains Refurbishment;
5. 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

PURCHASE REAR LOADING GARBAGE TRUCK

RESOLUTION 2019/03/61

Moved: Cr Marg Bull

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council

1. Accept the tender submitted by Wagga Trucks for the purchase of a Garwood Rear Compactor Body on a Hino 921 Auto truck for \$173,276 and that the optional extras of \$15,282 be included giving a total purchase price of \$188,558 excluding GST
2. Accept the trade in offer of \$36,000 excluding GST from Wagga Trucks.

CARRIED

PURCHASE SIDE LOADING COMPACTOR

RESOLUTION 2019/03/62

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council

Accept the tender submitted by Blacklocks for the purchase of a Bucher Compactor Body on an Iveco-Acco 4x2 truck for the contract price of \$391,308.02 excluding GST, and that an optional hardwired CCTV cameras with recording capability be included at a price of \$6,589.20 Ex GST giving a total purchase price of \$397,879.22 Ex GST, and that FM 32 be sold by way of public auction.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2019/03/63

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.30am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 April 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON