PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 8:04am were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Pattel and Cr Kennedy

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Manager of Finance and Administration - Deborah Glyde, Manager of Communities – Angela Henry, Director Of Works – Michael Wanrooy and Minutes Secretary – Judy Norton.

PRAYER

Cr Kennedy read the prayer.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20170620.1

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Boardroom, Richmond on Tuesday 16 May 2017 be adopted as tabled.

ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1.0 MATTERS ARISING

Nil

Cr Wharton congratulated the organizers and volunteers for the success of the recent Field Day weekend. Cr Fox acknowledged Councils support and advised that there had been record exhibitors and crowd numbers.

WORKS AND SERVICES

WORKS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 2.0 WORKS COORDINATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT

Nil Report - Officer on Annual Leave

WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER REPORT

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ITEM 3.0 WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

WORKSHOP FOREMAN REPORT

ITEM 4.0 WORKSHOP REPORT

Noted

AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 5.0 AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

Nil Report - Officer on Annual Leave

DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

ITEM 6.0 DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

Noted

Michael gave an overview of current works. Main Roads have discussed the allocation of \$750,000.00 for a further 4.6 klm seal on the Winton Road. The Councillors discussed the recent upgrade to Goldring Street and questioned why there was a distinct bump at each approach to the new work and why the asphalt was not to the kerb. Michael explained the difference of size in the stone and that Main Roads had only paid for the running surface. Cr Wharton advised that the main street would have new asphalt next year.

Cr Kuhl advised that the new trees at the RV Park had been planted in the wrong place and will not provide the shade required. Michael advised that more trees are to be planted.

Cr Kuhl also requested that the Streetscape project be completed in the near future, using plants from the Council nursery.

Cr Pattel advised that a grazier had expressed concern that the graders doing the flood damage work were not clearing around the grids. Michael suggested that the installation of approach slabs would rectify the problem.

Order of business changed due to Mr Green being unavailable until 1:30pm.

RURAL LAND OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 8.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the options for the Jackdaw bore and decided that the two tanks could remain in place if the landholder install a bigger pump at his own expense.

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Cr Bawden advised that the commons still held plenty of feed.

AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

ITEM 9.0 AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

Noted

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 10.0 TOWN SERVICES REPORT

Noted

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM 11.0 SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Noted

BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

ITEM 12.0 BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Demountable Buildings - 70 Simpson Street

RESOLUTION 20170620.2

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that Council approve the application for building work for two x four bedroom demountable buildings with ensuites on land described as Lot 13 SP 189973, 70 Simpson Street, Richmond.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ITEM 13.0 FINANCE REPORT

Noted

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 14.0 CEO REPORT

Item 14.1 Animal Inspection Program

RESOLUTION 20170620.3

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that Council approve a Systematic Inspection Program for the purposes of:-

a) undertaking inspections of all properties in the Town of Richmond for compliance with the number of dogs which may be kept on an allotment in a designated town area; and

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b) to check that all dogs kept on an allotment in a designated town area are registered.

2. commence the program on 01 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 after advertising in June 2017;

inspect all allotments in the declared town area of Richmond;

4. conduct the program for a period of six (6) months;

5. To make available copies of this resolution for purchase at a cost of 50 cents per page.

Item 14.2 Solar Farm - Confidential Report

RESOLUTION 20170620.4

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council enter into closed session under Section 275 (1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the correspondence from Solar Panel Xpress regarding the various options that are available by using Solar Energy as a source of power.

RESOLUTION 20170620.5

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council exit the closed session under Section 275 (1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that considered the correspondence from Solar Panel Xpress regarding the various options that are available by using Solar Energy as a source of power.

Councils consensus is that until more background information is sourced and the cost of the preparation of a business case study can be included in the budget that this project would not go ahead at this time.

RESOLUTION 20170620.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that Council would not proceed with the offer of a presentation from Solar Panel Xpress depicting the installation and commissioning of solar power for the Richmond township.

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20170620.7

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the meeting adjourn for morning tea at 10:02am.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20170620.8

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting resume at 10:31am.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Pattel, Cr Kennedy, Peter Bennett, Debbie Glyde, Angela Henry, Michael Wanrooy and Judy Norton.

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

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ITEM 15.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Item 15.1 Subject: PAYCE North Queensland Sports Bursaries for 2017

Angela advised that she had circulated the information relating to the bursaries with the closing date of 14 July 2017. Should no nominations be received Angela recommended that the two recipients of Councils sponsorship to attend the State Swimming Titles, Grace Moloney and Connor Smith, should be nominated.

Item 15.2 Subject: Green Army Richmond Projects July/Aug 2017

Council discussed the request from Mark Cachia to host another Green Army project and unanimously agreed not to participate at this time.

Item 15.3 Subject: Wedding Reception at Lake

Angela to provide information to the applicant advising that approval containing stipulated conditions will be granted by Council upon receipt of the appropriate forms.

Order of business changed to discuss late correspondence.

Item 15.4 Subject: Richmond Racecourse facilities

Council discussed the request from Megan Easton as a representative of the Richmond Campdraft to consider formally inviting the stake holding committees to put their representatives forward to form a steering committee or board and to consult the stake holding community groups and advise them of the progress and future plans for the Richmond Racecourse facilities. Cr Wharton requested that Cr Kuhl, as the Council representative with the planning portfolio, to respond.

Item 15.5 Subject: 2017-19 Works for Queensland (W4Q) Program

The Deputy Premier has recently announced that \$200 million over two years for the 2017-19 W4Q Program has been made available. Councils have from now until **28 July 2017** to prepare a list of projects.

Does this need a resolution

This item will be held over and discussed at the Budget Meeting Tuesday 27 June 2017.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS

ITEM 16.0 MONTHLY REPORT

Item 16.1 Fraud and Corruption Policy

RESOLUTION 20170620.9

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It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried Council approves the Fraud and Corruption Policy, to be reviewed again in 2018.

Item 16.2 Related Parties Policy

RESOLUTION 20170620.10

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried Council approves the Related Parties Policy, to be reviewed again in 2018.

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 17.0 MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

Item 17.1 Community Drought Support 2017

One late request for Community Drought Support 2017 was tabled.

Narelle Shaw requested \$2,000.00 to go towards the costs associated with the Pony Club running the Western Games.

RESOLUTION 20170620.11

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that Council allocate \$2,000.00 for the Western Games Assistance, from the community drought support funding.

Item 17.2 RADF

Angela reported that the Leadlighters had failed to lodge an application for funding and recommended that the allocated amount be returned to the pool.

RESOLUTION 20170620.12

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council withdraw the \$4,000.00 allocation for the Richmond Leadlighters and return to the pool for distribution to the community.

Angela recommended that the application for \$1,050.00 for tutor fees received from Narelle Lewis to continue the monthly Senior Art Activities in partnership with Richmond Aged Care be approved.

RESOLUTION 20170620.13

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council approve the application from Narelle Lewis for the sum of \$1,050.00 to continue monthly workshops with the Seniors.

Item 17.3 AFL Masters

Town Services has reported damage to the Sports Oval Facilities after the recent AFL Masters game. The organising parties deny any knowledge of the damage and have paid \$275.00 toward hire costs of the venue.

RESOLUTION 20170620.14

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It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council require a bond to be paid prior to any further AFL Masters Games.

Item 17.4 Lake Fred Tritton - Footpath Timeline Events

Angela presented the suggestion of installing some plaques into the cement path at regular intervals that highlight some of the Shires most notable events. This would be an effective way to highlight our timeline and add a point of interest to the walking track.

The Councillors agreed to investigate the matter further.

Item 17.5 Buy Local Campaign

The Buy Local campaign has proved slow to take off. Angela advised that it will now be advertised in the School Newsletter in addition to the avenues currently in place.

RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 18.0 RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 19.0 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ITEM 20.0 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Noted

POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 21.0 POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 21.1 Maintenance issue

Michael advised that the issue of the lifting tiles would be addressed during winter closedown.

Order of Business changed to consider Late Items Report

Item 21.2 Pool closure

Council discussed the usual winter close down maintenance program and advised the DOW to direct council staff to administer the chlorine when required, maintain the grounds and engage a pool specialist to report on the upgrade of the chlorine system.

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TOURISM AND MARKETING REPORT

ITEM 22.0 TOURISM AND MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the positive feedback regarding the Kronosaurus Korner and the initiative to promote 'Creating a Better Experience' for visitors by marketing a fresh new experience each year.

Angela advised that a media release for the return of the Cobb & Co Coach had been released.

The Cambridge store is currently undergoing a thorough clean and rearrangement of exhibits after being closed during the roadworks.

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 23.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 23.1 Monthly statistics

Noted

The matter of the Caravan Park offering on line bookings was discussed and Council requested that the process be implemented by 1 September 2017.

Order of Business changed to consider Late Items Report

Item 23.2 Monthly report

Council discussed the complaints from the caravanners regarding the poor television reception. Peter advised that most users would still have MPEG2 and Richmond is transmitting on MPEG4. The suggestion was that set top boxes be made available for hire with a bond.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 24.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Golf Club

Cr Bawden advised that the Golf Club committee intend to submit plans to extend the course to 18 holes.

Lake Fred Tritton

The Fish Stocking Association are concerned about the weed and smell at the Lake. Cr Wharton advised that the twice yearly spraying of the Lake should alleviate the problem.

Tennis Court Clubhouse

Cr Wharton suggested that Councillors inspect the facilities at Longreach for ideas on how to proceed.

Prickly Bush

Cr Bawden suggested that the prickly bush behind the RV Park should be poisoned.

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Red Cross

Cr Kuhl enquired if Council could provide additional storage for the Red Cross Society. Cr Wharton advised that a new container could possibly be provided. DOW to follow up.

Street Repairs

Cr Fox reported the damage to the street in front of Terry Stainkeys' shed in Hillier Street.

Water Usage Entitlements

Cr Pattel requested that information on the water meter reading could be made available to the public. Cr Wharton advised that a public meeting will be held when the matter is finalised.

Meeting adjourned early due to deputation at 1:30pm - General Business to continue after deputation.

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20170620.15

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the meeting adjourn for lunch at 12:37pm.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20170620.16

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting resume at 1:24pm

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Pattel, Cr Kennedy, Peter Bennett, Debbie Glyde, Angela Henry, Michael Wanrooy, John Green and Judy Norton.

Order of business changed to receive deputation.

DEPUTATION

ITEM 7.0 DEPUTATION – JOHN GREEN (SOLAR FARM)

John Green addressed the meeting with an offer to provide consultancy services in relation to Council becoming a registered power retailer and building a solar farm. After a lengthy discussion Council advised Mr Green that they would peruse his submission but would not commit to any proposal at this stage.

Attendance

John Green left the room at 1:53pm

General Business resumed

Multimodal Yards

Cr Pattel suggested that Council conduct a meeting with the local livestock transport operators to abate any concerns they may have with the new multimodal yards.

Workshop Depot

Cr Pattel commented that the depot requires a general clean up.

Footpath Access

Cr Pattel enquired again about the footpath access at the corner of Crawford and Larsen Streets. Michael advised that an apron could be cut in but as there was no

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paved footpath surface on the other side of the street it would be difficult for motorised scooters to use.

RFDS and RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Helicopter

Cr Wharton advised that Tony McGrady would be visiting Council on Thursday 22 June in his capacity as chair of the Aeromedical Joint Operations Oversight Committee. The operation ensures the people of our region can access the very best aeromedical care when needed and it is the intention of Cr Wharton to lobby for a helicopter pad at the Hospital.

Croydon Road Airstrip Fencing

Cr Wharton enquired if the tenders had been decided for the Croydon Road airstrip fencing.

Accreditation for yards

Cr Wharton requested that Council apply for accreditation of the yards.

Information Reports

RESOLUTION 20170620.17

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the information reports be received and noted.

Meeting closure

RESOLUTION 20170620.18

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the meeting close at 2:12pm.

Next Ordinary Meeting

18 July 2017

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 20 June, 2017.

Mayor