

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, RICHMOND ON
TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017

PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 8:09am
were:

COUNCILLORS:

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

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Director of Works - Michael Wanrooy,
Minutes Secretary – Judy Norton.

PRAYER

Cr Wharton read the prayer.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20170321.1

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Boardroom, Richmond on Tuesday 21 February 2017 be adopted as tabled.

ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

Cr Wharton discussed *Resolution 20170221.20* pertaining to the Water Bottling Plant and advised that a feasibility study and full cost benefit analysis will be prepared before Council commits to financial and in-kind contributions and to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure.

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1.0 MATTERS ARISING

Nil

WORKS AND SERVICES



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WORKS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 2.0 WORKS COORDINATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER REPORT

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

Noted

DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

ITEM 6.0 DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

Attendance

Will Harrington entered the room at 8:37am.

Will addressed the meeting regarding the new fibre Internet connection at the new office and suggested that Council accompany him to the site for a visual inspection.

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20170321.2

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the meeting adjourn to visit the site of the new office at 8:38am.

Will Harrington left from the office site.



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Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20170321.3

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting resume at 9:31am.

Attendance

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

Cr Bawden asked if a concrete table and chair setting could be placed in the Bush Tucker Garden and Cr Kuhl commented that some bench seats could also be provided.

Michael advised that he had sourced a quote to have the War Memorial cleaned, descaled and covered with a protective coating. Cr Wharton suggested that the process should be done every five years to maintain the appearance of the memorial.

Cr Kennedy enquired about the condition of the top of the Croydon Road where the grader was bogged. Cr Wharton advised that the ground was still saturated at that location.

Cr Kuhl questioned when the flood cameras would be installed on the highway and at Alick Creek.

RURAL LAND OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 7.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr Kennedy advised that prickly trees are growing close to the road near the stock route troughs at Trivalore.

Michael said that a lot of Parthenium weed was still being pulled from the paddocks.

Cr Kuhl gave an overview of the Pest Management meeting that she had recently attended in Cloncurry. The topics covered from the attending Shires were the prevalence of Parthenium weed and Belly Ache Bush, the feral deer problem, aerial shooting of dogs and the detailed mapping of pests.

Michael advised that Richmond Shire had missed out on the Dog Trapping funding for this financial year.

Cr Wharton spoke about holding a Field Day on a property in close proximity to Richmond where a prickly acacia pulling machine can be trialed. Cr Bawden suggested that David Fox could display his machine as well.

Cr Kuhl also mentioned that the Pest Management Plan was overdue for update and that the previous process of meeting with the stakeholders would have to be scheduled.



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AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

ITEM 8.0 AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

Noted

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 9.0 TOWN SERVICES REPORT

The Councillors commented on the general tidy up of the Tennis Courts complex and the Bush Tucker Garden.

Michael advised that he had ordered advanced shade trees for the RV Park.

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM 10.0 SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Noted

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20170321.4

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting adjourn for morning tea at 10:00am.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20170321.5

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting resume at 10:22am.

Attendance

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

Attendance

Angela Henry entered the room at 10:22am.



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BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

ITEM 11.0 BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Nil

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ITEM 12.0 FINANCE REPORT

Council are concerned about the rate arrears. Peter explained that legislation dictates the process of rate recovery.

Cr Wharton discussed the intention to hold a public meeting to gauge the feelings of the community regarding Council investing in a solar power farm to income stream back to Council for rebate to residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 13.0 CEO REPORT

Item 13.1 Dilapidated Building - 42 Hillier Street

RESOLUTION 20170321.6

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council purchase the property described as Lot 5 RP 720670 for the asking price of \$7,500.00 pertaining to the fact that after demolition of the dilapidated shed the remaining shed and land can be offered for sale to recoup costs.

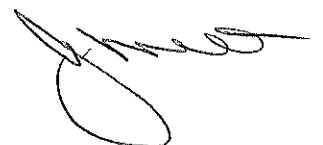
Item 13.2 Farewell Dinner – John and Patricia

Council discussed a suitable date when the majority were available and decided on Friday 24 March, 2017 at the Ammonite Inn from 6:30pm.

**Item 13.3 Vacant Block Beside New Administration Building
Attendance**

Cr Wharton and Cr Fox declared an interest and left the room at 10:41am.

Michael Wanrooy and Angela Henry left the room at 10:41am.



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RESOLUTION 20170321.7

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that Council purchase the property described as Lot 208 RT116 for the asking price of \$20,000.00 in the event of further development of the new Council Office in the future.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Fox and Michael Wanrooy re-entered the room at 10:50am.

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

ITEM 14.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Item 14.1 Pool Maintenance

Council agreed that maintenance had been neglected at the swimming pool and would arrange temporary repairs immediately. The major repairs will be undertaken in the winter months.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS

ITEM 15.0 MONTHLY REPORT

15.1 Uniform Policy

RESOLUTION 20170321.8

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Uniform Policy be adopted.

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 16.0 MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

Buy Local Campaign

Cr Wharton discussed the Buy Local campaign and stated that he would remind the business houses to attend the meeting on Wednesday night.

Attendance

Angela Henry re-entered the room at 11:06am.

Angela advised that only four businesses had registered to partake in the campaign to date. She enquired if Council would also register as a business.



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RESOLUTION 20170321.9

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council register to participate in the Buy Local Campaign in the capacity of being a Local Business.

Sponsorship Requests

RESOLUTION 20170321.10

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council sponsor Connor Smith and Grace Moloney with the amount of \$500.00 each to attend State Swimming Championships in Brisbane.

Community Drought Support

Cr Fox declared an interest and left the room at 11:11am.

Angela advised that there had been four applications for Community Drought Support and a late request from the Pony Club for \$3,000.00 to hold workshops.

Attendance

Peter Bennett left the room at 11:15am.

RESOLUTION 20170321.11

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council approve the five requests for Community Drought Support totalling \$12,844.00.

Attendance

Peter Bennett re-entered the room at 11:17am.

Anzac Day

Cr Wharton advised that he may not be available to read the Ode at the Anzac Day ceremony. Cr Kuhl said that she would be able to do it in his place. Cr Kennedy and Peter Bennett volunteered to raise and lower the flags.

Cr Wharton described fire pits depicting the ANZAC's and Council agreed to source one before ANZAC Day if possible.

RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 17.0 RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted



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Attendance

Angela Henry left the room at 11:30am.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 18.0 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ITEM 19.0 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Nil

POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 20.0 POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

Michael addressed the many maintenance issues at the pool and advised that the handrail for the steps had been ordered, the fence will be replaced and temporary repairs to the concrete surrounds of the toddlers pool will be actioned. Replacement of the toddlers pool to be discussed at the next budget meeting.

TOURISM AND MARKETING REPORT

ITEM 21.0 TOURISM AND MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr Kuhl queried the progress of the TPD Media Upgrade.

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 22.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 23.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Fox asked for a progress report on the cemetery upgrade. Cr Wharton advised that a site inspection was scheduled after the close of the meeting.

Information Reports

RESOLUTION 20170321.12

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

Meeting closure


RESOLUTION 20170321.13

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting close at 11:47am.

Next Ordinary Meeting

18 April 2017

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 21 March, 2017.



Mayor