



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 19 June, 2024 at 9:00am Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan





Minutes



Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 19 June, 2024

MINUTES

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Present:

Councillors:

Julia Cornwell McKean (Mayor), Carly Marriott (Deputy Mayor), Matthew Hannan, Sarah McNaught and Renee Paine.

The following staff were also in attendance:

Karina Ewer (Chief Executive Officer), Matthew Hansen (Deputy CEO), Tahlia Fry (Director Corporate Services), Andrew Fletcher (Director Strategic Planning and Development) and Michael Eddie (Acting Director Infrastructure).

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Council opened its meeting at 9.15 AM.

Mayor Julia read the following statement:

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2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Julia made an Acknowledgement of Country with the following statement:



"We acknowledge the original inhabitants whose country we are gathered on, and we pay respect to the elders, past, present, and future and extend respect to all first nations people."

3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

- 3.1 Apologies
- Resolved OCM 126/24
- Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott
- Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That the Council accept and note apologies from Cr Reynoldson, Cr Hatty and Cr Taylor

CARRIED

3.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

Cr McNaught requested a leave of absence for the Council meeting to be held on 17 July 2024.

3.3 Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Cr Hannan

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolved OCM 127/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers Wednesday 15 May, 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

NIL



5.1 Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved OCM 128/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught

Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That Council suspend standing orders to allow for a citizenship ceremony

CARRIED

Mayor Julia conducted a Citizenship Ceremony.

At 9:45 AM, the meeting reconvened.

6 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

NIL

6.1 Suspension of standing orders

Resolved OCM 129/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

The the Council suspend standing orders to consider Item 8.18 at the end of the Council meeting to allow for the attendance at the meeting of Mr Andrew Fletcher, Director Strategic Planning and Development

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 7.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 MAY, 2024
- 7.1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes 22-05-2024

Resolved OCM 130/24

Moved: Cr Renee Paine



Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That the Council:

- 1. Note the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 22 May 2024
- 2. Adopt the following recommendations from the meeting:
 - (a) ARIC 03/2024 Internal Audit Charter
 - (i) That the Council adopt the Internal Audit Charter
 - (ii) That Council Staff develop a three (or four) year strategic internal audit program, based on Council's risk profile.
 - (b) ARIC 04/2024 Response to ARIC Recommendation 7.4 (February meeting)
 - (i) That the Staff take on notice the provision, to ARIC, of a schedule outlining all commitments relating to Council's restricted and unrestricted cash position.
 - (c) ARIC 05/2024 Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-25
 - (i) That a 'capital funding schedule' be incorporated into the relevant sections of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
 - (ii) That Council's loan funding strategy be reviewed to ensure the costs (principal and interest) of any loans are incorporated into the relevant sections of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
 - (d) ARIC 06/2024 Strategic Risk Register Report
 - (i) That further work be done to focus the strategic risks into a smaller subset of risks aligned with the Community Strategic Plan 2040, with the aim of focusing effort and attention of council on those key risks which may impact the delivery of this plan.
 - (e) ARIC 06/2024 ARIC Terms of Reference
 - (i) That the Council adopt the revised Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8.1 Correspondence Incoming and Outgoing - May to June 2024

This report was for information only.

8.2 Moira Foodshare



This report was for information only.

8.3 Mayor and Councillor allowances - 2023-24

Resolved OCM 131/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That the Council

- 1. adopt the following Mayoral and Councillor allowances effective from 1 July 2024
 - (a) Councillor allowance \$13,520
 - (b) Mayoral allowance \$29,500

CARRIED

8.4 Rural and Regional Summit and Country Mayors Meeting Outcomes

This report was for information only.

8.5 Barooga Aquatic Centre - Quarterly Report - MOU

This report was for information only.

8.6 Governance Framework

Resolved OCM 132/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council adopt the Governance Framework as presented.

CARRIED

8.7 Renewable Energy Community Benefit Framework

Resolved OCM 133/24



Moved:Deputy Mayor Carly MarriottSeconded:Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council adopt the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Framework as presented

CARRIED

8.8 Sustainability Report

Resolved OCM 134/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council:

- receive and note the project proposal and business case, and the project plan as presented to the Council, and
- agree that the CEO should continue on this path, noting the required time to do so.

CARRIED

Mr Andrew Fletcher, Director Strategic Planning and Development, left the meeting at 9:58 AM

8.9 Acting CEO during CEO Leave

Resolved OCM 135/24

Moved:Deputy Mayor Carly MarriottSeconded:Cr Renee Paine

That Council Director Strategic Planning and Development, Andrew Fletcher act as the CEO for the CEO's already approved leave period from 22 July 2024 through to and including 5 August 2024.

CARRIED

8.10 Asset Management Policy

Resolved OCM 136/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That Council:

1. adopt as a draft the Asset Management Policy attached to this report,



- 2. place the draft policy on public exhibition and invite submissions for a period ending 19 July 2024 and
- 3. consider the draft policy and any submissions received at its ordinary meeting scheduled to be held on 21 August 2024.

CARRIED

8.11 Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy

Resolved OCM 137/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That the Council adopt the Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy attached to this report.

CARRIED

8.12 Leasing and Licencing of Council Property Policy

Resolved OCM 138/24

Moved: Cr Renee Paine

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council adopt the Leasing and Licencing of Council Property Policy attached to this report.

CARRIED

8.13 Rural Doctors Network NSW - Bush Bursary

Resolved OCM 139/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council:

- 1. defer participation in the NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) Bush Bursary program for 2024 and
- 2. direct the CEO to determine staff time and other expenses of the program and if required based on a Council decision, nominate a staff member/position (at an additional cost) for participation in the 2025 placement.

CARRIED



8.14 Draft Integrated Plans

Resolved OCM 140/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the following plans and strategies and policy:
 - Reviewed the Asset Management Strategy 2023 2033
 - Reviewed the Workforce Development Plan 2022 2026
 - Long-Term Financial Plan 2024 2034
 - Delivery Program 2024 2028
 - Annual Operational Plan 2024 2025
 - Schedule of Fees and Charges included in the Annual Operational Plan 2024 2025
 - Statement of Revenue Policy included in the Annual Operational Plan 2024 2025

CARRIED

8.15 Development Determinations for Month of May 2024

Resolved OCM 141/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council receive and note this report.

CARRIED

8.16 CEO Annual Performance Review

Resolved OCM 142/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council establish the CEO Performance Review Panel to consist of Mayor Julia Cornwell McKean and Cr Carly Mariott to undertake the CEO's Annual Performance Review and make recommendations to Council's July Ordinary meeting.

CARRIED



8.17 Confirmation of designated persons

Resolved OCM 143/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council formally identify the following positions and occupants as designated persons as defined in the Berrigan Shire Council Code of Conduct

Chief Executive Officer	Karina Ewer
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Matthew Hansen
Director Infrastructure	Gary George
Director Strategic Planning and Development	Andrew Fletcher
Director Corporate Services	Tahlia Fry
Enterprise Risk Manager	Michelle Koopman
Finance Manager	Genevieve Taylor
IT Project Manager	Harin Perera
Assets and Engineering Manager	Ramesh Shrestha
Operations Manager - Transport	Darron Fruend
Manager Sustainability	Vageesh Nonavinakere
Assets and Engineering Manager	Ramesh Shrestha
Biosecurity and Compliance Coordinator	Matt Wooden
Building and Planning Manager	Sarah Griffith
Building Surveyor (Contract)	Michael Foley
Town Planner	Noureen Wajid
Building Surveyor/Facilities Maintenance	Chris Koschel
Trainee Building Surveyor/Facilities Maintenance	Josh Allen
Noxious Weeds and Public Safety Officer	Brendan Toll
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee member	Linda McRae
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee member	Angela Urquhart
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee member	Todd Bentley



CARRIED

8.19 Rates Resolution 2024-2025

Resolved OCM 144/24

Moved: Cr Renee Paine Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council make and levy the Rates and Charges for 2024 – 2025 as set out below.

That Berrigan Shire Council will make and levy the following Ad Valorem amounts as the ordinary rate for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 as presented and in accordance with Sections 534, 535, 536, 537 and 543 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Category -Sub Category	Name of the Rate	Ad Valorem
Farmland		
Farmland - Barooga	Farmland - Barooga	0.0014434
Farmland - Berrigan	Farmland - Berrigan	0.0014434
Farmland - Finley	Farmland - Finley	0.0014434
Farmland - Tocumwal	Farmland - Tocumwal	0.0014434
Farmland – Gravel Pits	Farmland – Gravel Pits	0.0014434
Residential		
Residential - Barooga	Residential - Barooga	0.006302
Residential - Berrigan	Residential - Berrigan	0.024486
Residential - Finley	Residential - Finley	0.017822
Residential - Tocumwal	Residential - Tocumwal	0.005959
Residential Riverland - Barooga	Residential Riverland - Barooga	0.0050703
Residential Riverland - Tocumwal	Residential Riverland - Tocumwal	0.0050703
Residential Rural - Barooga	Res Rural - Barooga	0.003207
Residential Rural - Berrigan	Res Rural - Berrigan	0.003207
Residential Rural - Finley	Res Rural - Finley	0.003207
Residential Rural - Tocumwal	Res Rural - Tocumwal	0.003207
Business		
Business Hospitality - Barooga	Business Hosp - Barooga	0.006302



Business Hospitality - Berrigan	Business Hosp - Berrigan	0.024486
Business Hospitality - Finley	Business Hosp - Finley	0.017822
Business Hospitality - Tocumwal	Business Hosp - Tocumwal	0.005959
Business Industrial - Barooga	Business Ind - Barooga	0.005945
Business Industrial - Berrigan	Business Ind - Berrigan	0.024486
Business Industrial - Finley	Business Ind - Finley	0.017822
Business Industrial - Tocumwal	Business Ind - Tocumwal	0.005959
Business Ordinary - Barooga	Business Ord - Barooga	0.006302
Business Ordinary - Berrigan	Business Ord - Berrigan	0.024486
Business Ordinary - Finley	Business Ord - Finley	0.017822
Business Ordinary - Tocumwal	Business Ord - Tocumwal	0.005959
Business Rural - Barooga	Business Rural - Barooga	0.006302
Business Rural - Berrigan	Business Rural - Berrigan	0.024486
Business Rural - Finley	Business Rural - Finley	0.017822
Business Rural - Tocumwal	Business Rural - Tocumwal	0.005959
Business Alt Energy - Barooga	Business Alt Energy - Barooga	0.0105982
Business Alt Energy - Berrigan	Business Alt Energy - Berrigan	0.0105982
Business Alt Energy - Finley	Business Alt Energy - Finley	0.0105982
Business Alt Energy - Tocumwal	Business Alt Energy - Tocumwal	0.0105982
Mining		
Mining - Barooga	Mining - Barooga	0.006302
Mining – Berrigan	Mining – Berrigan	0.024486
Mining – Finley	Mining – Finley	0.017822
Mining – Tocumwal	Mining – Tocumwal	0.005959
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Domestic Waste Management and Non-Residential Waste Management

That Berrigan Shire Council will make and levy the following charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 to meet the costs associated with the collection, disposal and recycling of waste in accordance with Sections 496, 501, 504 and 543 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Waste collection service type	Name of the Charge	Charge per standard service \$



Domestic Waste Management (s496)		
Domestic Waste - Collected	Domestic Waste – Collected - Charge	\$494.00
Domestic Waste - Uncollected	Domestic Waste – Uncollected - Charge	\$72.00
Domestic Waste – Collected – Additional	Domestic Waste – Collected Charge – Add	\$231.00
Non-Residential Waste Management (s501)		
1 240l Green Bin, 1 x 240l Garbage Bin & 1 x 240l Recycling Bin	Business Garbage	\$593.00
Additional Garbage Collected Charge	Business - Garbage Collected - Add	\$214.00
Additional Recycling Collected Charge	Business - Recycling Collected - Add	\$214.00
Additional Green Waste Collected Charge	Business - Green Waste Collected - Add	\$277.00

Water and Sewage Charges

That Berrigan Shire Council will make and levy the following water charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 in accordance with Sections 501, 502, 543, 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as well as reflecting the requirements of the Council of Australian Governments through NSW Water, Supply Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines.

Water Access Charge (s501)	Name of the Charge	Annual Access Charge \$
Access Charge – Rateable	Water Access Charge	\$631.00
Access Charge – Non-rateable	Water Access Charge	\$631.00

Water Consumption Charge (s502)	Name of the Charge		Per kilolitre \$	
Barooga, Berrigan and Finley		Restriction Level 4	Other restrictions	No Restrictions



Treated	Water Consumption Barooga Berrigan Finley - Treated	1.55	1.10	1.00
Unfiltered	Water Consumption Barooga Berrigan Finley - Unfiltered	0.77	0.55	0.50
Tocumwal		Restriction Level 4	Other restrictions	No Restrictions
Treated	Water Consumption Tocumwal - Treated	1.03	0.73	0.66

Sewer Charges	Name of the Charge	Annual Charge \$
Sewer Supply Charge (s501)		
Sewer Supply Charge - Barooga	Sewer Supply Charge	\$649.00
Sewer Supply Charge - Berrigan	Sewer Supply Charge	\$649.00
Sewer Supply Charge - Finley	Sewer Supply Charge	\$649.00
Sewer Supply Charge – Tocumwal	Sewer Supply Charge	\$649.00
Sewer Pedestal Charge (s502)		
Sewer Pedestal Charge – Non- rateable	Sewer Pedestal Charge	\$138.00
Sewer Pedestal Charge – Rateable	Sewer Pedestal Charge	\$138.00
Sewer Maintenance Charge		
On-site Sewer Maintenance Charge	On-site Sewer Maintenance Charge	\$181.00

Stormwater Charges

That Berrigan Shire Council will make and levy the following stormwater management service charges for the period 1 July 2024 to July 2025 in accordance with Sections 496A and 543 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and clauses 125A and 125AA of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

Stormwater Management Charge (s496A and s501)	Service	Name of the Charge	Annual Charge \$
Stormwater Management Charge – Urban Property	Service	Stormwater Management Service	25.00



Stormwater Management Service	Stormwater Management Service	12.50
Charge – Urban Strata Property		

Developer Concessions

That land in the table below will be exempt from annual water and sewer charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 or until sold, leased, rented or otherwise occupied during this period.

Assessment No.	Address	Description
01442-00000000-000	30 Lewis Crescent Finley	L34 DP1281778
01445-0000000-000	45 Lewis Crescent Finley	L37 DP1281778

CARRIED

8.20 Finance - Accounts

Resolved OCM 145/24

Moved:Cr Sarah McNaughtSeconded:Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council:

- a) receive the Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation Certificate and Petty Cash Book made up to 31 May 2024,
- b) confirm the accounts paid as per Warrant No. 05/24 totaling \$4,124,475.46 and
- c) note the report on investments attached.

CARRIED

8.21 Council Action List Report

Resolved OCM 146/24

- Moved: Cr Renee Paine
- Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council receive and note the Council Action List Report.

CARRIED

9 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE



9.1 Notice of Motion - Green Waste Disposal Vouchers

Resolved OCM 147/24

Moved:	Mayor Matthew Hannan		
Seconded:	Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott		

That Council, noting the introduction of a new charge for green waste disposal at Council's waste management facilities,

- 1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report for the ordinary Council meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 17July 2024 considering:
 - (a) The feasibility of implementing a system providing three vouchers per annum for each residential rate assessment in Berrigan Shire. Each voucher would entitle the holder to dispose of one (1) cubic metre of green waste.
 - (b) The likely cost to Council of providing this service, noting it is unlikely all vouchers would be used.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Resolved OCM 148/24

Moved:Cr Renee PaineSeconded:Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

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:

10.1 Underpayment of Staff - Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (a) and (g) 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 personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

CARRIED



The Mayor read out the following motion resolved in the closed meeting

That Council receive and note the report provided and request a report to the July Ordinary meeting of the finalised amounts.

11 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE/QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- Resolved OCM 149/24
- Moved:Cr Renee PaineSeconded:Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott
- 11.1 Ordinary Council meeting August

CARRIED

Recommendation

That Council schedule its Ordinary Meeting for August for Wednesday,7 August 2024 commencing at 9.15 AM

12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 Mayor's Report

Resolved OCM 150/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That the Mayor's Report be received.

CARRIED

12.2 Verbal Reports from Delegates

Cr Marriott – Attended a meeting regarding drainage at Tocumwal

Cr Paine – NIL

Cr Hannan – NIL

Cr McNaught - NIL



12.3 Suspend standing orders

Motion

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council suspend standing orders to postpone consideration of Item 8.18 until the return to the meeting of the Director Strategic Planning and Development.

Standing orders recommenced at 10:59 AM. Mr Andrew Fletcher returned to the meeting at 11:00 AM $\,$

8.18 Development Application 92-24-DA-DM - Electricity Generating Facility

Resolved OCM 151/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That Council resolves to APPROVE Development Application No 92-24-DA-DM for an electricity generating works (solar farm) and battery energy storage system at 118 Silo Road, Tocumwal as the proposal complies with Section 4.16(1)(a) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,* Berrigan Local Environment Plan and Berrigan Development Control Plan subject to the draft conditions of consent attached to this report as Attachment A.

In Favour: Cr Matthew Hannan, Cr Carly Marriott, Cr Julia Cornwell McKean, Cr Sarah McNaught and Cr Renee Paine

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0CARRIED

13 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on 17 July 2024 from 9:00am in the Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 11.05 AM