



BERRIGAN SHIRE

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 15 May, 2024

at 9:00am

Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan



# Minutes



## Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 15 May, 2024

# MINUTES

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## **Present:**

Councillors:

Julia Cornwell McKean (Mayor), Carly Marriott (Deputy Mayor), Edward (Ted) Hatty, Sarah McNaught, Roger Reynoldson and John Taylor

The following staff were also in attendance:

Karina Ewer (Chief Executive Officer), Matthew Hansen (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Andrew Fletcher (Director Corporate Services), Michael Eddie (Interim Director Infrastructure) Tahlia Fry (Director Corporate Services) and Keelan McDonald (Executive Assistant).

Question Time was attended by Mark O'Meara to discuss 88/2024/DA-33 Lot Subdivision.

## **1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Council opened its meeting at 9:21am.

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/Leave of Absence**

Cr Renee Paine

Cr Carly Marriott

#### **3.2 Applications for Leave of Absence**

Cr John Taylor – June SPW and June Council Meeting

Cr Roger Reynoldson – June Council Meeting

#### **3.3 Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link**

Cr Matthew Hannan

### **4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Resolved OCM 106/24**

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers Wednesday 17 April, 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**Resolved OCM 107/24**

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers Wednesday 24 April, 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**



5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

6 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

8 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8.1 HR Scan March 2024

Resolved OCM 108/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught

Seconded: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

That Council receives and notes the report.

CARRIED

Mayor Julia requested formal definitions on graph that mentions regrettable and non-regrettable.

8.2 Conflict of Interest Policy (for Council development applications)

Resolved OCM 109/24

Moved: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council adopt the Conflict of Interest for Council Development Applications Policy attached as Appendix 1 to this report, with the amendment to section 6.

CARRIED



### 8.3 Development Determinations for Month of April 2024

Resolved OCM 110/24

Moved: Cr Sarah McNaught

Seconded: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

That Council receive and note this report.

CARRIED

### 8.4 Leases to be signed under seal

Resolved OCM 111/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Council authorises its Seal to be affixed to the following leases in the presence of two signatories authorised to affix the Seal pursuant to Clause 400 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.”

1. Finley Senior Citizens Hall (78 Denison St, Finley) to Finley Arts Network Inc.
2. Shop 2, 2 Deniliquin St Tocumwal to Nicholson

CARRIED

### 8.5 Closure - Wores Hill Road

Resolved OCM 112/24

Moved: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

Seconded: Cr John Taylor

That Council:

1. note the Chief Executive Officer’s decision to close the section of road identified in this report,
2. upon creation of title, delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to directly negotiate a sale of the former road reserve to the adjoining owner, subject to obtaining an independent valuation on an “added value” basis and
3. delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to authorise its Seal to be affixed to the contract for sale of this land in the presence of two signatories authorised to affix the Seal pursuant to clause 400 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

CARRIED



## 8.6 Finley Log Cabin Museum and Mary Lawson Wayside Rest

Resolved OCM 113/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Council

1. Support the request from Finley Log Cabin Museum and Mary Lawson Wayside Rest Committee of Management to transition to an incorporated association, and
2. Work with the Committee of Management to develop and implement a plan for the transition.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Meeting reconvened at 9:54am.

## 8.7 Finance - Accounts

Resolved OCM 114/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Council:

- a) receive the Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation Certificate and Petty Cash Book made up to 30 April 2024,
- b) confirm the accounts paid as per Warrant No. 04/24 totaling \$3,813,238.64 and
- c) note the report on investments attached.

CARRIED

## 8.8 January - March 2024 Financial Results

Resolved OCM 115/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

1. Note the second quarterly review of the 2023/24 budget and vote the funds contained therein as shown in "Appendix 1"
2. Note the December Quarterly Budget Review Statement attached also as "Appendix 2"

CARRIED





## 8.9 Council Action List Report

Resolved OCM 116/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council receive and note the Council Action List Report.

CARRIED

197/2021: To bring back to next Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 8.10 Correspondence Incoming and Outgoing, April to May 2024

This report was for information only.

## 8.11 Council Election Update - Reminders

This report was for information only.

## 8.12 Rural, Regional and Remote Healthcare - Submission

Resolved OCM 117/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council endorse the submission as made to the Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Healthcare.

CARRIED



### 8.13 Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability - Submission

Resolved OCM 118/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

That Council endorse the submission made to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

CARRIED

### 8.14 Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans

Resolved OCM 119/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Council endorse the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans for Barooga, Berrigan, Finley and Tocumwal and place all documents on public exhibition for 28 days as required under section 160 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED

Mayor Julia requests that all populations are checked and the comment regarding 'lack of traffic'.

### 8.15 Vermont Street Barooga Roundabout

Resolved OCM 120/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council

1. Consider both roundabout and traffic calming options and provide guidance as to a preferred approach;
2. Receive a preliminary scope report from Council Staff at a later meeting detailing:
  - A) Detailed design;
  - B) Engineering estimate; and
  - C) Communications plan.

CARRIED



## 8.16 Operational Plan Review - January-March 2024

Resolved OCM 121/24

Moved: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

Seconded: Cr John Taylor

That Council adopt the appended March Quarter Review of the Council's Annual Operational Plan 2023-2024.

CARRIED

## 8.17 Community Strategic Plan

Resolved OCM 122/24

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Council

1. noting submissions and feedback from the community while on public exhibition, endorse *Berrigan Shire 2040* attached to this report as Berrigan Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to
  - (a) use *Berrigan Shire 2040* as the framework to develop the 2024-25 suite of Integrated Plans and Reports
  - (b) place versions of the Berrigan Shire 2024 "plan-on-a-page" on public display in a prominent position in each town.

CARRIED



**8.18 Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-25**

**Resolved OCM 123/24**

Moved: Cr Roger Reynoldson

Seconded: Cr John Taylor

That Council

1. Adopt the following draft plans and strategies and policy for public exhibition and comment:
  - (a) Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2035
  - (b) Draft Delivery Program 2024 – 2028
  - (c) Draft Annual Operational Plan 2024 – 2025 and
  - (d) Draft Statement of Revenue Policy included in the Draft Operational Plan 2024 – 2025
2. Place the suite of draft and reviewed Integrated Plans on public exhibition for at least 28 days from Thursday, 16 May 2024 until 5:00 pm on Thursday, 13 June 2024.
3. Consider, and order submissions received concerning the reviewed suite of Integrated plans and adopt with any amendments these plans at its ordinary meeting held at 9am, Wednesday, 19 June 2024.

CARRIED

**9 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**11 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE/QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**



**11.1 Murray Darling Basin Plan and specifically the Water Buy Backs.**

**Resolved OCM 124/24**

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Edward (Ted) Hatty

Mayor Julia Write to the Minister that Berrigan Shire Council are against the Murray Darling Basin Plan and specifically the Water Buy Backs.

CARRIED

**12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**11.2 Minister**

**Resolved OCM 125/24**

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Mayor Julia write to Minister Plibersek in relation to the mis information in the television commercial.

CARRIED

**12.1 Mayor's Report**

**Motion**

That the Mayor's Report be received.

**12.2 Verbal Reports from Delegates**

**Motion**

That the Councillor's Reports be received.



**Cr Reynoldson**

ANZAC Day in Berrigan.

**Cr Hannan**

ANZAC Day in Finley.

**Cr Hatty**

ANZAC Day in Tocumwal.

Mayor Julia sent congratulations to the Infrastructure Team in relation to the works completed on the Cobram Barooga Bridge.

**13 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on 19 June 2024 from 9:00am in the Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan.

There being no further business the Mayor, closed the meeting at 10:37am.