



BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 17th December, 2014 commencing at 9.16 am.

Min. No. Present: Cr. Bernard Curtin (Mayor)

Crs: John Bruce, Matthew Hannan, Brian Hill, Denis Glanville, Colin Jones, Darryl Morris, Director of Corporate Services (Matthew Hansen), Director Technical Services (Fred Exton), Development Manager (Laurie Stevens) and General Manager (Rowan Perkins).

Apology

303 RESOLVED Crs: Hill and Glanville that an apology for non attendance be received from Cr Andrea O'Neill.

Declaration of Items of Pecuniary and other Interests

The Director of Corporate Services (Matthew Hansen) declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 5.3 as he is a member of the organizing Committee.

Cr Bernard Curtin declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 5.3 as his son is a member of the organizing Committee.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

304 RESOLVED Crs: Jones and Bruce that the Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 19th November, 2014 be confirmed.

5.1 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS

AUTHOR: Finance Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Ensure effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

305 RESOLVED Crs: Morris and Hill that the Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation Certificate and Petty Cash Book made up to 30 November 2014, be received and that the accounts paid as per Warrant No. 11/14 totalling \$3,475,289.32 be confirmed.

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5.2 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Sustainable natural and built
landscapes

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 1.1 Support sustainable use of our
natural resources and built
landscapes

FILE NO: 05.005.9

306 RESOLVED Crs: Morris and Jones that the Council sign and seal:

1. All documents relating to the sale of lot 2 DP 777958.
2. Priority Deed between the Council, GE Commercial Corporation (Australia) and Arcav Air Pty Ltd.

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest Cr. Bernard Curtin and the Director of Corporate Services left the meeting at 9.23 am.

The Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

The Strategic and Social Planning Coordinator entered the meeting at 9.25 m.

5.3 CENTENARY OF ANZAC

AUTHOR: Strategic & Social Planning Coordinator

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Supported and engaged communities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.2 Support community engagement
through life-long learning, culture and
recreation

FILE NO: 02.163.1

307 RESOLVED Crs: Bruce and Jones that the Council suggest that it could provide support for the Centenary of Anzac event through structured assistance by transport to and from the event and administrative assistance.

The Strategic and Social Planning Coordinator left the meeting at 9.40 am.

Cr Curtin and the Director of Corporate Services returned to the meeting at 9.41 am.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

The Economic Development Officer entered the meeting at 9.42 am.

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5.4 BAROOGA COMMUNITY BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROTUNDA REPAIRS

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.2 Support community engagement through life-long learning, culture and recreation

FILE NO: 21.101.1

308 RESOLVED Crs: Morris and Glanville that the Council advise the Barooga Community Botanical Gardens Committee of Management that it will not provide a contribution towards the repair costs of the rotunda.

5.5 EVENT FUNDING

AUTHOR: Economic Development Officer

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Diverse and resilient business

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 4.3 Diversify and promote local tourism

FILE NO: 08.063.3

309 RESOLVED Crs: Bruce and Jones that the Council does not fund the Finley Show Society to host the Zone 7 Show Girl competition.

5.6 EVENT FUNDING

AUTHOR: Economic Development Officer

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Diverse and resilient business

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 4.3 Diversify and promote local tourism

FILE NO: 08.063.3

310 RESOLVED Crs: Bruce and Hill that the Council fund the 2015 Finley and District Rodeo \$3,500 from its Event Fund and that this be the third and final contribution to the event.

The Economic Development Officer left the meeting at 9.53 am.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

- 6.1 IPART DETERMINATION OF RATE PEG FOR 2015/16
- 6.2 NSW EPA GRANT APPLICATION
- 6.3 ROADSIDE VEGETATION
- 6.4 SOUTH WEST ARTS – 2015 ACTIVITY PLAN
- 6.5 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – RURAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

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- 6.6 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME - LOAN
- 6.7 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
- 6.8 DEVELOPMENT DETERMINATIONS FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 2014

311 **RESOLVED** Crs: Morris and Hill that Items for Noting numbered 6.1 to 6.8 inclusive be received and noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**7.1 MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD
DECEMBER, 2014**

312 **RESOLVED** Crs: Morris and Hannan that recommendations numbered 1 to 6 inclusive of the Corporate Services Committee Meeting held on 3rd December, 2014 be adopted.

5. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Supported and engaged communities

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.2 Support community engagement
through life-long learning, culture and
recreation**

FILE NO: 22.112.4

RECOMMENDATION NO 1 - that the Council advise the following Committees of Management that it intends to revoke their status as a Committee of Management of Berrigan Shire Council established under s355 of the Local Government Act 1993, after assisting them in a transition to a more appropriate governance structure:

1. Finley Community Help Group Committee of Management
2. Tocumwal Railway Preservation Committee of Management
3. Boomanoomana Landcare Committee of Management
4. Native Dog Landcare Committee of Management
5. Fullers Road Landcare Committee of Management
6. Finley Pioneer Rail Committee of Management

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5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT – ADDRESSING SHORTFALL

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Ensure effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 12.019.1

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 - that the Council:

1. note the report regarding the funding gap created by the freeze in indexation in the Council's Financial Assistance Grant
2. include the following reductions and amendment measures in its draft 2015/16 budget and operational plan.
 - Reductions in proposed budget allocations as per the table below:

Item	2015/16	2016/17	2018/19	2019/20
Community Works	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Office equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Library book purchases	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Berrigan Pool subsidy	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Street lighting expansion	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Tourism strategic plan	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Chamber executive officer	\$40,000			
Town entry works	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

- Additional contributions from the Council's Water, Sewer and Domestic Waste Management operations to the General Fund for shared overhead expenses as per the table below

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Fund	2015/16	2016/17	2018/19	2019/20
Water	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
Sewer	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
DWM	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000

- The removal of one full time equivalent position from the Council's approved staff structure.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 am and reconvened at 10.40 am.

6. FIT FOR THE FUTURE – STRATEGIC DIRECTION

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Ensure effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 13.010.1

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 - that having considered its strategic capacity, results of its self assessment and future projection of this and initial assessment of a possible merger with Jerilderie Shire Council the Council adopt a 'stand alone' basis as the preferred future direction of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION NO 4 - that the Council encourage the formation of a Joint Organisation from Albury to Wakool in lieu of the proposed Mid Murray and Upper Murray Joint Organisation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

General Manager

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5 - that the Council not hold Committee meetings in January, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 - that the General Manager be granted annual leave for the periods 22nd December, 2014 until 2nd January, 2015 and 23rd January, 2015 and 27th January, 2015.

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MAYORS REPORT

Cr. Curtin reported that he had attended the following during the period:

- Cobram District Health Annual General meeting, Barooga
- Council Service awards presentation
- Program for Murray Darling Association Annual General meeting
- Council Christmas function
- Tocumwal Anglican Hall opening
- Fit for the Future meeting with Murray Shire
- Fit for the Future meeting with Jerilderie Shire
- Opening South West Arts display at Berrigan library
- Opening of the Barooga walking track
- Finley Farmers Market
- Fit for the Future meeting with other Councils at Mathoura
- Capital works tour
- Opening of the Finley Recreation Reserve building
- Fit for the Future meeting with Adrian Piccoli MP at Griffith
- Urana Shire Council Christmas function
- Fit for the Future meeting with Corowa and Jerilderie Shires at Corowa
- Presentation of 100th Birthday certificate to Mrs Rita Langham, Finley
- Australia Day Committee meeting, Berrigan
- St Columbas Primary School Presentation night
- Berrigan and District Development Association Christmas function

313 **RESOLVED** Crs: Morris and Glanville that the Mayors report be received.

DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Hill

- Youth Development Committee
- Finley Showground Committee of Management meeting
- Council Christmas function
- Ice forum at Cobram
- Finley Recreation Reserve meeting
- Capital works tour
- Opening of the Finley Recreation Reserve building
- Finley High School presentation night
- Finley Public School presentation day
- St Josephs Public School presentation day

Cr Morris

- Council Service Awards Presentation
- Council Christmas function
- Barooga walking track opening

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- Capital works tour
- Opening of the Finley Recreation Reserve building

Cr Hannan

- Youth Development Committee
- International Children's Games uniform presentation
- Council Christmas function
- Barooga Walking track opening
- Finley Farmers Market
- Finley Recreation Reserve meeting
- Opening of the Finley Recreation Reserve building

Cr Glanville

- Council Service Awards Presentation
- Games uniform presentation
- Christmas function
- Library action day
- International Children's Games at Lake Macquarie – reception for kids?

Cr Jones

- Tocumwal Public School presentation day
- Murray Darling Association meeting
- Murray Darling Association – chair – annual conference
- Murray Shire Council meeting
- Chamber Presidents meeting
- Central Murray County Council meeting
- Tocumwal Aerodrome User's Committee meeting
- Aerodrome promotion Committee
- Tocumwal Chamber dinner
- Tocumwal Sacred Heart

Cr Bruce

- Moira Health Services meeting
- Christmas function
- Council Service Awards Presentation
- PBR event well run
- Barooga Public School presentation day
- Cobram High School presentation night
- Capital works tour – good
- Carols by Candlelight at Barooga – great event

The meeting adjourned at 10.50 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Hill

- Vandalism at Finley

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- Town entry reports – where at?
- Well done – Director Corporate Services – opening of Finley Recreation Reserve

Cr Morris

- Finley Associated Agents – operation of Finley Saleyards
- Dust at grain bunker, Berrigan - are water carts being used?

Cr Hannan

- Progress on Ice forum
- Local expenditure levels for prostate cancer
- Sporting memorabilia – store at libraries (Director Corporate Services to discuss with Crs Bruce and Hannan)
- Food and Fibre report? – next meeting

Cr Glanville

- Nil

Cr Jones

- Nil

Cr Bruce

- Barooga Netball Club – completing play area

Cr Curtin

- Australia Day nominations
- Corporate Workshop

Development Manager

- Coal seam gas – meeting to outline process

Director Technical Services

- Bus stop at Bruce Birrell Drive, Tocumwal - \$13k RMS to provide 50%
- RMS – Lower River Road – funding for black spot program - \$140k

Director Corporate Services

- \$2k – Community Builders Program – Retreat Hall
- Swimming Pool trespass
- Bush Bursary student
- Community Survey

General Manager

- Extended Christmas greetings
- Dogs at Finley
- Visitor Information Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.00 pm.