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# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**21 April 2020**



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**MINUTES OF GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 184 - 194 BOURKE STREET,  
GOULBURN  
ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2020 AT 6PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Bob Kirk (Mayor), Cr Peter Walker (Deputy Mayor), Cr Andrew Banfield, Cr Sam Rowland, Cr Leah Ferrara, Cr Alfie Walker, Cr Margaret O'Neill & Cr Carol James

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Warwick Bennett (General Manager), Brendan Hollands (Director Corporate and Community Services), Marina Hollands (Director Utilities), Scott Martin (Director Planning and Environment), Matt O'Rourke (Director Operations) and Amy Croker (Executive Officer).

**1 OPENING MEETING**

Mayor Bob Kirk opened the meeting 6.00pm. The Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast live.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Mayor Bob Kirk made the following acknowledgement.

"I would like to Acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders, and Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet today."

**3 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION AND/OR PRAYER**

The opening prayer was read by Cr Margaret O'Neill.

**4 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION 2020/115**

**Moved:** Cr Carol James

**Seconded:** Cr Peter Walker

**That the apology received from Cr Denzil Sturgiss be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**5 APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

**RESOLUTION 2020/116**

**Moved:** Cr Alfie Walker

**Seconded:** Cr Peter Walker

**That the application for leave of absence be received from Cr Denzil Sturgiss and leave of absence granted due to health reasons.**

**CARRIED**

**6 LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## **7 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cr Carol James declared a non-significant/non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 15.3 "Naming of Park Adjacent to Marsden Weir from 'Marsden Weir Park' to Rotary Park" as she is a long term member and director of the 3 Rotary Clubs of Goulburn. She pays her memberships so that she can volunteer her time to fundraise, do community services and do projects both locally and internationally. As the disclosure was not of a significant nature Cr Carol James remained in the meeting while discussion took place.

Deputy Mayor Peter Walker declared a non-significant/non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 15.3 "Naming of Park Adjacent to Marsden Weir from 'Marsden Weir Park" as he is a member of Rotary. As the disclosure was not of a significant nature Deputy Mayor Peter Walker remained in the meeting while discussion took place.

Cr Andrew Banfield made a statement in relation to the Business Paper. He has assessed the Business Paper and does not perceive any declaration of interest is required to be declared in relation to his employment with Denrith Group of Companies.

## **8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **9 PUBLIC FORUM**

Jeff Bulfin, Procise Planning representing Alimaco Pty Limited addressed Council on Item 15.2 Draft Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy - Post Exhibition Review

Geoff Kettle and David Kelly from Gunlake addressed Council on Item 15.2 Draft Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy - Post Exhibition Review

## **10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **10.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 7 APRIL 2020**

#### **RESOLUTION 2020/117**

**Moved: Cr Carol James**

**Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara**

**That the Council minutes from Tuesday 7 April 2020 and contained in Minutes Pages No 1 to 13 inclusive and in Minute Nos 2020/98 to 2020/114 inclusive be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

## **11 MATTERS ARISING**

### **11.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM THE 7 APRIL 2020**

Nil

**11.2 OUTSTANDING TASK LIST FROM ALL PREVIOUS MEETINGS****RESOLUTION 2020/118****Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield****Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara****That Council notes the Matters Arising and authorises the deletion of completed tasks.****CARRIED****12 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**13 NOTICE OF MOTION(S)**

Nil

**14 NOTICE OF RESCISSION(S)**

Nil

**15 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION****15.1 COVID-19 UPDATE****RESOLUTION 2020/119****Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill****Seconded: Cr Peter Walker****That:**

- 1. The report from the General Manager on COVID-19 Update be received.**
- 2. Council endorse the following process for the notification of public advertisements.**
  - a) Placing all Council ads in full on the Council website**
  - b) Placing postings on our Facebook page summarise the ads and directing residents to the website**
  - c) Having the Communications Manager pre-record for all three local radio stations a summary of the ads and directing residents to the website or phoning the Council Office for a hard copy.**
  - d) Placing full copies of the advertisements in the foyer of the Civic Centre, and suitable locations in Tarago, Marulan and Tallong**
  - e) Council publish a monthly rate payer newsletter with a hard copy being delivered to every house hold in the Local Government Area.**
- 3. Council does not change the time table for the adoption of the Delivery and Operational Plan 2020/2021 or the levying of rates and annual charges.**
- 4. The General Manager present to Council in May 2020 an addendum to the Hardship Policy that will provide assistance to rate payers/businesses who can give evidence that they are financially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**CARRIED**

**15.2 DRAFT URBAN AND FRINGE HOUSING STRATEGY - POST EXHIBITION REVIEW**

**RESOLUTION 2020/120**

**Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Walker**

**That Council Move into Committee of the Whole.**

Council moved into Committee of the whole at 6:36pm.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2020/121**

**Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill**

**Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield**

**That Council move back into Open Council.**

Council moved back into Open Council at 7:22pm.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2020/122**

**Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Walker**

**That**

- 1. The report from the Business Manager Strategic Planning regarding the revised *Draft Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy* be received.**
- 2. Council defer the revised *Draft Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy* for a period of three months for further consultation with submitters and a Council Briefing for a full Saturday.**

**CARRIED**



**15.3 NAMING OF PARK ADJACENT TO MARSDEN WEIR FROM 'MARSDEN WEIR PARK' TO ROTARY PARK'****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill

Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara

That:

1. Council notes the report from the General Manager on the Naming of Park Adjacent to Marsden Weir from 'Marsden Weir Park' to Rotary Park'.
2. The Mayor be requested to write a letter to the Rotary Club of Goulburn and thank them for their very generous contribution not only to the infrastructure at the Marsden Weir Park but also the wider Goulburn Community
3. Council retains the name Marsden Weir Park and works with the Rotary Club of Goulburn on suitable signage that recognises their valuable contribution to the Marsden Weir Park.

Cr Margaret O'Neill with the approval of Cr Leah Ferrara withdraws the motion.

**RESOLUTION 2020/123**

Moved: Cr Peter Walker

Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield

That:

1. Council notes the report from the General Manager on the Naming of Park Adjacent to Marsden Weir from 'Marsden Weir Park' to Rotary Park'.
2. The area of reserve from Fitzroy Street to the gates of Marsden Weir be named Rotary Park
3. The remaining area of the reserve from the gates to and including the Waterworks Museum retain the name Marsden Weir Park.
4. The Mayor be requested to write a letter to all the Rotary Clubs in Goulburn and thank them for their very generous contributions not only to the infrastructure at the Marsden Weir Park but also the wider Goulburn Community.

**CARRIED**

**15.4 FEBRUARY 2020 FLOOD RESPONSE UPDATE**

At 7:47 pm, Cr Peter Walker left the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2020/124**

Moved: Cr Sam Rowland

Seconded: Cr Peter Walker

That the report from the Director of Operations on the status of the February 2020 flood response be received.

**CARRIED**

**15.5 RIVERSIDE PARK - EVERYONE CAN PLAY GRANT PROGRAM**

At 7:49 pm, Cr Peter Walker returned to the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2020/125**

**Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield**

**Seconded: Cr Carol James**

**That:**

- 1. The report from the Business Manager Projects on Riverside Park – Everyone Can Play Grant Program be received.**
- 2. Council accept the grant offer of \$200,000 (ex GST) from the Everyone Can Play Grant Program.**
- 3. Council include an allocation of \$400,000 for the project in the 2020/2021 budget funded by the grant (\$200,000) and a transfer from the Marys Mount s94 Open Space reserve of \$200,000.**

**CARRIED**

**15.6 COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION DISCUSSION PAPER****RESOLUTION 2020/126**

**Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill**

**Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield**

**That:**

- 1. The report from the General Manager on Councillor Superannuation Discussion Paper be noted.**
- 2. Council makes a submission to the Office of Local Government supporting superannuation contributions being paid to Councillors additional to their current fees.**

**CARRIED**

At 8:05 pm, Cr Bob Kirk left the meeting. Deputy Mayor Peter Walker took the Chair in the Mayors absence.

At 8:07 pm, Cr Bob Kirk returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair of the meeting.

**15.7 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2020/127**

**Moved: Cr Alfie Walker**

**Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara**

**That the report by the Director Corporate & Community Services and the Business Manager Finance & Customer Service on the Monthly Financial Report 01 April 2020 be received and noted for information.**

**CARRIED**

**15.8 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & BANK BALANCES**

**RESOLUTION 2020/128**

**Moved: Cr Peter Walker**

**Seconded: Cr Alfie Walker**

**That the report by the Director Corporate & Community Services and the Business Manager Finance & Customer Service on the Statement of Investments and Bank Balances report for the month of March be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.9 DEBTORS OUTSTANDING REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2020/129**

**Moved: Cr Leah Ferrara**

**Seconded: Cr Alfie Walker**

**That the report from the Revenue Officer on Debtor Collections be received**

**CARRIED**

**15.10 RATES OUTSTANDING REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2020/130**

**Moved: Cr Peter Walker**

**Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara**

**That the report from the Revenue Coordinator on Rates Outstanding be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.11 WATER CHARGES OUTSTANDING REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2020/131**

**Moved: Cr Margaret O'Neill**

**Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara**

**That the report from the Administration Team Leader on Water Outstanding be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.12 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 31 MARCH AND 7 APRIL 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2020/132**

**Moved: Cr Sam Rowland**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Walker**

**That the report from the Director Operations on the minutes from the Local Emergency Management Committee Meetings held 31 March and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.13 COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSION SUMMARY**

**RESOLUTION 2020/133**

**Moved: Cr Leah Ferrara  
Seconded: Cr Carol James**

**That the report from the General Manager on Councillor Briefing Session Summary be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.14 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT MARCH 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2020/134**

**Moved: Cr Carol James  
Seconded: Cr Leah Ferrara**

**That the activities report by the Director Corporate & Community Services be received and noted for information.**

**CARRIED**

**15.15 UTILITIES DIRECTORATE REPORT - MARCH 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2020/135**

**Moved: Cr Carol James  
Seconded: Cr Peter Walker**

**That the report from the Director Utilities be received and noted for information.**

**CARRIED**

**15.16 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT MARCH 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2020/136**

**Moved: Cr Leah Ferrara  
Seconded: Cr Carol James**

**That the activities report by the Director Planning & Environment be received and noted for information.**

**CARRIED**

**15.17 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORT MARCH 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2020/137**

**Moved: Cr Leah Ferrara  
Seconded: Cr Sam Rowland**

**That the activities reported for March 2020 by the Director Operations be received and noted for information.**

**CARRIED**

**15.18 GOULBURN AQUATIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1 CONSTRUCTION - AMENDMENT TO COMMENCEMENT OF DEMOLITION**

**RESOLUTION 2020/138**

**Moved: Cr Carol James  
Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield**

**That the report from the Director of Operations on the amendment to the demolition date for the Goulburn Aquatic Centre Redevelopment Stage 1 construction works be received.**

**CARRIED**

**16 CLOSED SESSION**

Council must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 *Local Government Act 1993*.

There were no closed session reports for determination.

**17 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**The Meeting closed at 8.48pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 May 2020.**

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**Cr Bob Kirk  
Mayor**

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**Warwick Bennett  
General Manager**