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Extraordinary Council Meeting

14 December 2023

Aaron Johansson
Chief Executive Officer

We hereby give notice that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held
on:

Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 5pm
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn

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Cr Peter Walker
Mayor

Aaron Johansson
Chief Executive Officer

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor will open the meeting and notify that this meeting is webcast live on the Council's website.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The following acknowledgement will be made by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer.

"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 Mayor will ask a Councillor to read either the following Declaration or Prayer on behalf of the Councillors present.

Declaration

"On behalf of the elected Councillors present here tonight I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Goulburn Mulwaree and that we will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us to the best of our ability and judgement."

OR

Prayer

"We thank thee, Lord, for this position of honour and trust. Give us the courage to serve our Council and community with honesty and integrity; and to discharge the duties entrusted to us for the common good of all mankind."

4 APOLOGIES

The Mayor will call for any apologies.

Council will resolve to accept any apology.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**5.1 CR BOB KIRK REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE****Author:** Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Aaron Johansson, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report of the Chief Executive Officer on Cr Bob Kirk request for Leave of Absence be received.
2. Council grants leave of absence to Cr Bob Kirk for the period 5 December 2023 to 31 January 2023 due to health reasons.

REPORT

The adopted Code of Meeting Practice requires Councillors to make application for leave of absence additional to the standard acceptance of apologies.

Please find attached requests from Cr Bob Kirk for leave of absence for the period 5 December 2023 to 31 January 2023 due to health reasons.

The recommendation in this report is for Cr Bob Kirk to be granted a leave of absence.

6 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7 LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor will call for any Late Items, Information or Urgent Business.

Council may resolve to accept any late item, information or urgent business to be discussed and/or determined at this meeting.

8 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

With reference to Chapter 14 Local Government Act 1993, and Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare any conflicts of interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 PUBLIC FORUM

- (1) In accordance with Council's Public Forum Guideline, Council permits members of the public to address Council meetings in open forum at every Ordinary Council meeting.
- (2) A person wishing to address a meeting must contact staff in Council's Executive Section by 5.00pm [either in writing or via telephone call] on the day of the meeting and provide their name, their contact details and summary details of the item they wish to speak about.
- (3) The Mayor or Chairperson will call members of the public to address the meeting in accordance with the order of business. The address should be for no more than 5 minutes duration.
- (4) Members of the public addressing Council must abide by similar standards that apply to Councillors under the Council's Code of Conduct and this Code of Meeting Practice.
- (5) If a member of the public addressing the meeting fails to comply with the Mayor or Chairperson's call to order, the Mayor or Chairperson may withdraw that person's right to address the meeting.
- (6) In making the address:
 - a. If the chairperson is the Mayor he or she should be addressed as 'Mr Mayor' or 'Madam Mayor' or 'Mayor Surname'.
 - b. When the chairperson is not the Mayor they should be addressed as Mr. or Madam Chair or Mr. or Madam Chairperson.
 - c. Councillors must be addressed as 'Councillor Surname'.
 - d. Officers must be addressed as Mr. or Madam [job title or surname] e.g Mr. Chief Executive Officer.







The general standards that apply in Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice (Section 4) are applicable to addresses made by the public in Public Forum.

11 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION**11.1 GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENTS 2022/23**

Author: Business Manager Finance & Customer Service
Director Corporate & Community Services

Authoriser: Aaron Johansson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Statement by Councillors and Management - GPFS  
2. Statement by Councillors and Management - SPFS  
3. Draft General Purpose Financial Statements 30 June 2023 (separately enclosed) 
4. Draft Special Purpose Financial Statements 30 June 2023 (separately enclosed) 

Link to Community Strategic Plan:	Delivery Plan Action CL1.2 - Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management (CSP Strategy CL1 - Effect resourceful and respectful leadership and attentive representation of the community)
Cost to Council:	Annual cost to Council for external audit is approximately \$140,000. This amount is included in the budget.
Use of Reserve Funds:	Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The report from the Director Corporate & Community Services on the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Statements 2022/23 be received.
2. The Statements under s413(2) Local Government Act 1993 be endorsed and signed off by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to enable the Independent Auditors reports to be issued.
3. Council approve the Financial Statements for lodgement with the Office of Local Government.
4. Council approve the Financial Statements to be placed on public exhibition with the Audited Financial Statements to be presented to Council at the first available meeting following receipt of the Auditors Report.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the issuing of the following reports:

- Independent Auditor's Report on the general purpose financial statements
- Report on the Conduct of the Audit
- Independent Auditor's Report on the special purpose financial statements,

Council needs to endorse the Statement by Councillors and Management relating to the Goulburn Mulwaree Council Annual Financial Statements and Special Purpose Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

REPORT

Council's draft Annual Financial Statements and Special Purpose Statements for the 2022/23 Financial Year have been prepared and are included in the enclosures.

While the audit process has not been finalised, staff from the NSW Audit Office have advised that the audit has reached a point where no changes will be required to the draft statements that are enclosed with this report.

The draft set of financial statements have been reviewed and endorsed by Council's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee subject to some minor changes which have already been made in the copy of the statements provided.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 the reports are required to be completed, audited and lodged with the Office of Local Government within four months of the close of the financial year.

At the request of our auditors, Audit Office NSW, Council will seek approval for an extension for the submission of the Audited Financial Statements until 30 November 2023. An additional extension has been approved with submission to the OLG now due on 24 December 2023.

Once the Audit Reports have been received, Council will lodge the Audited Financial Statements with the Office of Local Government and place them on public exhibition. The Financial Statements will now formally be presented to Council to its meeting on 23 January, 2024

Goulburn Mulwaree Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Statement by Councillors and Management

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413 (2c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 14 December 2023.

Cr Peter Walker
Mayor
14 December 2023

Cr Steve Ruddell
Deputy Mayor
14 December 2023

Aaron Johansson
Chief Executive Officer
14 December 2023

Brendan Hollands
Responsible Accounting Officer
14 December 2023

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Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Statement by Councillors and Management

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- NSW Government Policy Statement, *Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*
- Division of Local Government Guidelines, *Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Sections 3 and 4 of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, *Water's Regulatory and assurance framework for local water utilities*.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year,
- accord with Council's accounting and other records; and
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 14 December 2023.

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12 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.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Mayor will close the meeting.