



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON 24 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Alison Balind, Pat Cox, Simon Croce, Doug Curran, Bill Lancaster, Anne Napoli, Paul Rossetto, Christine Stead, Leon Thorpe and Dino Zappacosta.

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet; Director Infrastructure and Operations, Dallas Bibby; Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn; and Minute Secretary, Naomi Brugger.

MEDIA

Ben Jaffrey, The Area News

The Meeting opened with Councillor Zappacosta reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

APOLOGIES

15/038

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Stead and Curran that an apology be received from Councillor Neville and a leave of absence be granted.

STAFF APOLOGIES

Max Turner, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services and Shireen Donaldson, Manager Executive Services.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2015**

15/039

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Stead that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Griffith on 10 February 2015 having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2015

There were no matters arising.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared Conflicts of Interest:

Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a pecuniary declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration and not return until the matter is resolved.

Councillor Balind - Matter of Urgency - Murrumbidgee Shire Council Request
Reason: Councillor Balind is employed by Murrumbidgee Shire Council.

Councillor Cox - CL05 - Interest Free Loan for Griffith Regional Art Gallery Air Conditioner Replacement
Reason: Councillor Cox is Secretary of the War Memorial Museum.

Councillor Zappacosta - CL06 - GRALC Gymnasium Report
Reason: Councillor Zappacosta has a relative who operates a similar facility.

Councillor Zappacosta - Minutes of the Traffic Committee of 10 February 2015
Reason: Councillor Zappacosta owns a winery that has a TASAC sign.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a significant non-pecuniary declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration and not return until the matter is resolved.

Councillor Napoli - CL06 - GRALC Gymnasium Report
Reason: Councillor Napoli has a family member employed at GRALC.

Councillor Napoli - Question Time (Question from Councillor Rossetto)
Reason: The owner of the land mentioned in the DA is known to Councillor Napoli.

Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary declaration may stay in the Chamber, participate in the debate and vote.

Councillor Balind - Minutes of the Transport Committee - 9 February 2015
Reason: Councillor Balind's husband is employed as the Road Safety Officer at Griffith City Council. Reason less than significant: Councillor Balind's husband's role is as an advisor only.

Councillor Balind - Minutes of the Traffic Committee - 10 February 2015
Reason: Councillor Balind's husband is employed as the Road Safety Officer at Griffith City Council. Reason less than significant: Councillor Balind's husband's role is as an advisor only.

Councillor Stead - CL03 - Revocation of Alcohol Free Zone in Griffith Memorial Gardens for Easter Saturday, 4 April 2015.

Reason: Councillor Stead holds a Liquor Licence. Reason less than significant: Councillor Stead is not using the licence at the moment.

MATTER OF URGENCY - MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Balind vacated the Chamber, the time being 7.07pm

The Mayor tabled a letter received from Councillor Austin Evans, Mayor of Murrumbidgee Shire Council regarding Fit for the Future and a request to meet with Griffith City Council.

15/040

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Stead and Napoli that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager meet with representatives from Murrumbidgee Shire Council to explore all avenues that relate to Fit for the Future in relation to Griffith City Council and Murrumbidgee Shire Council.

Councillor Balind returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.17pm.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR AREA 6 DALTON PARK - JOHN & RHONDA LEE (CPO)

15/041

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Stead that:

- (a) Council rescind part Minute No. 15/007 Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 January 2015 - Licence Agreement for Area 5 Dalton Park - Elizabeth Schmehl.
- (b) Council enter into a licence agreement with John Francis Lee and Rhonda Helen Lee over Area 6 Dalton Park for a term of 10 years commencing 1 January 2015.
- (c) John Francis Lee and Rhonda Helen Lee pay applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration Fee of \$370.
- (d) The licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$554 (Inc. GST) pa per Area for the 2014/15 financial year, in addition to rates and charges.
- (e) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

CL02 SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014/15 - BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN INCORPORATING THE DECEMBER DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM)

15/042

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Balind that:

- (a) Council note the variations to the 2014/15 original budget for the quarter ended 31 December 2014 as presented in this report.
- (b) The Financial Review for the quarter ended 31 December 2014 be adopted.
- (c) Council adopt the 31 December 2014 Operational Plan Review advising the extent to which the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) have been achieved.
- (d) Council endorse minor amendments to the Organisational Structure as per this report.

**CL03 REVOCATION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE IN GRIFFITH MEMORIAL
GARDENS FOR EASTER SATURDAY, 4 APRIL 2015**
(LPC)

The General Manager, Mr Brett Stonestreet vacated the Chamber, the time being 7.29pm.

15/043

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Balind that:

Council resolves to revoke the alcohol free zones for the La Festa event on Easter Saturday 4 April 2015 in the area designated on the approved plan for the sale and consumption of alcohol between the hours of 11:00am and 7:00pm.

Mr Stonestreet returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.31pm.

It was requested that Liquor Licence for the above event be reviewed and clarify what restrictions apply for families inside the alcohol area as shown on the event diagram. Councillors will be informed of the details.

CL04 OUTCOMES OF CUSTOMER FOCUS REVIEW
(DSD)

15/044

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Balind and Curran that:

- (a) Council adopt the Customer Focus Improvement Strategy attached to this report.
- (b) A further report be made to Council in August 2015 outlining progress toward and additional recommendations for improved customer focus across the organisation.
- (c) Letters of thanks be sent to those community representatives who participated in the Customer Service Review.

**CL05 INTEREST FREE LOAN FOR GRIFFITH REGIONAL ART GALLERY
AIR-CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT**
(DBCF)

Councillor Cox vacated the chamber, the time being 7.32pm.

15/045

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Stead that:

- (a) Council approve an interest free loan up to \$9,000 to the Griffith War Memorial Trust for capital works (replacement of Art Gallery air conditioner in main exhibition area) at the War Memorial Museum building;
- (b) The loan be repaid over a three year period with an annual repayment of \$3,000 to be deducted from the annual lease fee payable to the War Memorial Trust each year by Council, and
- (c) The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to sign the appropriate loan documentation on behalf of Council.

Councillor Cox returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.34pm.

CL06 GRALC GYMNASIUM REPORT
(DBCF)

Councillors Napoli and Zappacosta vacated the Chamber, the time being 7.33pm.

15/046

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that:

- (a) Council note the information provided in this report.
- (b) Council continue to manage the Gymnasium, Kiosk and Creche.

Councillors Napoli and Zappacosta returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.34pm.

INFORMATION

CL07 POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF THE GRIFFITH TRANSIT CENTRE
(MTED)

15/047

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Rossetto and Stead that Council noted the report.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE FESTIVAL OF GARDENS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2015

15/048

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Cox and Curran that the minutes of the Festival of Gardens Committee meeting held on 5 February 2015 be adopted with the removal of the following recommendations pending further deliberation on the pricing by the Festival of Gardens Committee:

CL9.3 - The Long Table

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Curran and Maryanne Mitchell that the ticket cost for joining the Long Table at Pioneer Park be priced at \$50.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Maryanne Mitchell and Rina Mercuri that an early bird special of \$40 per person also be offered for ticket cost for joining the Long Table at Pioneer Park Museum.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2015

15/049

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Croce and Curran that the minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 9 February 2015 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2015

15/050

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 February 2015 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2015

15/051

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Stead that the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 10 February 2015 be adopted.

QUESTION TIME

(Council note: Questions as recorded in the Minutes are exact copies of the material provided by the member of public asking the question).

Councillor Napoli vacated the Chamber, the time being 7.40pm.

Councillor Rossetto asked the following question:

A letter to be read on behalf of Michael Rowley, Griffith Recycling.

Please note: The letter requested and extension of the public exhibition period to allow him to lodge his objection in relation to DA19/2015.

Mr Southorn advised it is possible and feasible to extend the exhibition period should Council wish to do so, it is a requirement to advertise.

15/052

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Rossetto and Curran that the exhibition period be extended by 14 days.

Councillor Napoli returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.47pm.

Councillor Balind asked the following question:

Has work commenced on a Griffith City Council structure for inclusion in the Citrus Sculptures?

Mr Stonestreet advised that construction had not commenced as staff suggestions would be checked firstly for compliance with event management guidelines then reported to Council for decision.

OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

15/053

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that the Outstanding Action Report be noted and the following items removed:

9 December 2014 - Griffith Transit Centre

11 November 2014 - Question Time - Sister City Trip

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.54pm.

Confirmed:
CHAIRPERSON

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