



REPORT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

26 NOVEMBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Chief Financial Officer, the Manager Building Assets, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officers, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Communications Partner, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Team Leader, the IS Project Delivery Partner, the Manager Customer Service and Engagement, the Customer Experience Team Leader, the Engagement and Customer Insights Coordinator, the Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Design, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Regional Events, the Cultural Development Coordinator and the Community Development Officer, Seniors and People with Disability,

Councillor J Black assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:31 PM at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities read by Councillor M Dickerson. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor M Wright.

CCL24/289 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/2131)

There were no requests for a Leave of Absence received.

CCL24/290 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/2133)

The following Conflicts of Interest were declared:

CCL24/210 – 2024/2025 SPARC Support Grant Program Round 1 - Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury was a previous ORISCON member and is a current volunteer.

CCL24/309 – Strategic Economic Development Initiatives - Councillor K Richardson declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and

remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor K Richardson is a small business owner.

CCL24/300 – Report Of The Corporate Services Committee - Meeting 12 November 2024 - Dubbo Australia Day – Proposed change of Location - Councillor J Cowley declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Cowley is a member of the Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie which is normally responsible for cooking the Australia Day BBQ.

CCL24/291 PUBLIC FORUM (ID24/2132)

The Council reports having met with the following persons during Public Forum:

Dr Michael Ferres – CCL24/306 – Consideration of Health and Wellbeing of Workers
Miss Lakeisha Hull – CSC24/19 – Future Use of 74 Wingewarra Street (The Greens)
Ms Maree Caton – CCL24/306 – Consideration of Health and Wellbeing of Workers
Mr Jason Yelverton – Conduct of Orana Pistol Club
Mr Michael Frangos – Indigenous Energy Australia
Ms Moore – Indigenous Energy Australia

CCL24/292 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID24/2135)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24 October 2024 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 5 November 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor L Butler.

MOTION

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24 October 2024 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 5 November (as attached) be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/293 NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE NETWORK AWARDS - PRESENTATION TO CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE (ID24/2148)

A citation acknowledging the Customer Experience recent award was read and a presentation was given by Councillor Josh Black.

The Manager Customer Service and Engagement, the Customer Experience Team Leader and the Engagement and Customer Insights Coordinator received the award on behalf of the

Customer Experience.

INFORMATION ONLY MATTERS:

**CCL24/294 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS - MAYOR JOSH BLACK
(ID24/2075)**

The Council had before it the report dated 6 November 2024 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Appointments and Meetings - Mayor Josh Black.

Moved by Mayor J Black and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/295 MAYORAL EXPENSES - OCTOBER 2024 (ID24/2153)

The Council had before it the report dated 15 November 2024 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Expenses - October 2024.

Moved by Mayor J Black and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/296 BALLIMORE VILLAGE RESIDENTS PETITION (ID24/2008)

The Council had before it the Ballimore Residents Petition.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by A Ryan.

MOTION

That the petition from the Residents of Ballimore Village be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

CCL24/297 REPORT OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2024 (ID24/2161)

The Council had before it the report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 21 October 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 21 October 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/298 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 2024 (ID24/2162)

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held 12 November 2024.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 12 November 2024, save and except item IPEC24/29, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

IPEC24/49 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor M Dickerson who was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor M Dickerson.

MOTION

A correction will be made to the minutes to reflect that the leave of absence for Clr

Dickerson which was not for personal reasons, Clr Dickerson was absent as he was performing Civic duties representing Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCL24/299 REPORT OF THE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 12
NOVEMBER 2024 (ID24/2163)**

The Council had before it the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held 12 November 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held on 12 November 2024, save and except item CCC24/41, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC24/41 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor M Dickerson who was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor M Dickerson.

MOTION

A correction will be made to the minutes to reflect that the leave of absence for Clr Dickerson which was not for personal reasons, Clr Dickerson was absent as he was performing Civic duties representing Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCL24/300 REPORT OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - MEETING 12
NOVEMBER 2024 (ID24/2164)**

The Council had before it the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held 12 November 2024.

Councillor J Cowley declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Cowley is a member of the Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie which is normally responsible for cooking the Australia Day BBQ.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor P Wells.

MOTION

That the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 12 November 2024, save and except items CSC24/43 and CSC24/48, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CSC24/43 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor M Dickerson who was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor M Dickerson.

MOTION

A correction will be made to the minutes to reflect that the leave of absence for Cllr Dickerson which was not for personal reasons, Cllr Dickerson was absent as he was performing Civic duties representing Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CSC24/48 DUBBO AUSTRALIA DAY - CHANGE OF LOCATION

Council had before it the report dated 31 October 2024 from the Manager Corporate Governance regarding Dubbo Australia Day 2025 - Change of Location.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

- 1. That the Australia Day Event in Dubbo on 26 January 2025 be held at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.**
- 2. That no other changes be made to the Australia Day Event for Dubbo.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillors M Dickerson and L Butler.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

CCL24/301 SIGNAGE BUDGET (ID24/2149)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Mayor J Black regarding the Signage Budget.

Moved by Mayor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

That the \$100,000 per year budget allocated for Signage in years 2, 3 and 4 of the 2024/2025 Budget be reallocated to the Urban Heavy Patching budget for those years as part of the 2025/2026 Budget process.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton and P Wells.

Against: Councillor R Ivey, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Cowley, and M Wright.

CCL24/302 PUBLIC TOILET STRATEGY (ID24/2150)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Mayor J Black regarding the Public Toilet Strategy.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor L Butler

That we have had three speakers for and three speakers against this item, I move that the motion be put.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillor M Dickerson

Moved by Mayor J Black and seconded by Councillor K Richardson.

MOTION

- 1. In support of the draft Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan, Dubbo Regional Council develop a Public Toilet Strategy, focusing on the provision of accessible, sustainable, safe and clean public toilet network that meets the current and future needs of the community.**
- 2. That, to reduce the cost of developing a policy/strategy, the CEO (or nominee) approach other councils that have an adopted public toilet policy/strategy and ask to be allowed to use parts of their document as a template for a Dubbo policy/strategy.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton and P Wells.

Against: Councillors R Ivey, M Dickerson and M Wright

CCL24/303 CONSIDERATION OF ROAD SAFETY OFFICER ROLE (ID24/2151)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor P Toynton regarding the Consideration of Road Safety Officer Role.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

That the Director of Infrastructure consider the inclusion of a Road Safety Officer role amongst other strategic priorities, taking into account potential external sources of funds for this role and priority outcomes of the Division.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillor M Dickerson.

Clr S Chowdhury left the meeting, the time being 7:24pm. Clr S Chowdhury returned to the meeting, the time being 7:26pm and was present for voting.

Clr L Butler left the meeting, the time being 7:28pm. Clr L Butler returned to the meeting, the time being 7:30pm and was present for voting.

Clr K Richardson left the meeting, the time being 7:29pm. Clr K Richardson returned to the meeting, the time being 7:31pm and was present for voting.

CCL24/304 FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EUMUNGERIE SEWERAGE SYSTEM (ID24/2152)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor P Toynton regarding the Feasibility Study for Eumungerie Sewerage System.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor K Richardson.

MOTION

That a feasibility study for construction of a sewerage system for Eumungerie be considered in the development of the four-year draft Delivery Program and Operation Plan, amongst the other strategic and capital work priorities for the water and sewer utility services.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton and P Wells.

Against: Councillors M Wright, M Dickerson, Clr R Ivey, Clr S Chowdhury and Clr J Cowley.

CCL24/305 FITNESS EQUIPMENT - CAMERON PARK (ID24/2159)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor L Butler regarding the Fitness Equipment - Cameron Park.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

That as part of the 2025-2029- Four Year Delivery Plan and associated Operations Plans and budget, consider as part of the community consultation, the installation of outdoor fitness equipment in an appropriate place in Wellington for the 2025/2026 financial year.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

At this juncture, Clr M Dickerson moved for a five minute adjournment, seconded by Clr K Richardson, the time being 7:48pm.

The meeting and web streaming resumed at 7:57pm.

CCL24/306 CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF WORKERS (ID24/2160)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor L Butler regarding the Consideration of Health and Wellbeing of Workers.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor K Richardson.

MOTION

1. That the CEO provide a report that addresses:
 - a) How Council implemented the vaccine mandates as part of the response to COVID 19.
 - b) Provide an overall summary and appraisal of council's organisational response to covid 19, including all relevant staffing issues.
2. That Council notes correspondence from the Town of Port Hedland in regards to its resolution on Covid-19 vaccines.
3. That Council forward on the correspondence to NSW Public Health.
4. That Council call for the immediate cessation of Covid injectables pending full investigation by writing to the Prime Minister and Health Ministers both State and Federal.
5. That Council inform all LGA Health practitioners of the potential risks associated with Covid injectables.

LOST

For: Councillors L Butler, K Richardson and A Ryan.

Against: Councillors R Ivey, M Wright, M Dickerson, J Black, J Cowley, S Chowdhury and P Toynton.

At this juncture, Clr J Black moved for a five minute adjournment, seconded by Clr S Chowdhury, the time being 8:19pm.

The meeting and web streaming resumed at 8:22pm.

CCL24/307 REPORT ON POWER OF ATTORNEY USAGE (ID24/2157)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor M Dickerson regarding the Report on Power of Attorney Usage.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

That Dubbo Regional Council resolves to:

1. Report on Power of Attorney Usage at Each Ordinary Council Meeting: Council will add to the agenda for each Ordinary Meeting of Council a report outlining all instances of Power of Attorney usage. This report will cover all instances since the last such report presented at a previous Ordinary Meeting of Council.
2. Details to Be Included in the Report: For each instance where the Power of Attorney has been exercised, the report will specify:
 - Date of Usage: The exact date the Power of Attorney was exercised.
 - Purpose and Nature of the Document: A brief description of the item, contract, or document for which the Power of Attorney was applied.
 - Resolution Date: The date of the applicable Council resolution.
 - Financial Commitment: The monetary value associated with the item.

LOST

For: Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey, and M Wright.

Against: Councillors K Richardson, P Toynton, A Ryan, S Chowdhury, P Wells, L Butler, J Cowley and J Black.

CCL24/308 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS (ID24/2154)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor R Ivey regarding the Renewable Energy Projects.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

1. **That the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report for the December 2024 Council meeting including an up to date table of all renewable energy projects, which are classified as State Significant Development in the Dubbo Regional Local Government Area.**
2. **That the table referred to in item 1 include the following information:**
 - a. **Name of project**
 - b. **Name of Proponent**
 - c. **General project location**
 - d. **Project type**
 - e. **Capital Investment Value**

- f. Project capacity in Mega Watts
 - g. Current project status
 - h. Anticipated development timeline (if known)
 - i. Details of any Voluntary Planning Agreements including;
 - i) Whether a Voluntary Planning Agreement is in place;
 - ii) Where a Voluntary Planning Agreement isn't in place, any relevant update on the status of Voluntary Planning Agreement negotiations;
 - iii) The anticipated quantum of funding from executed and Council endorsed Voluntary Planning Agreements;
 - iv) Details of Guidelines and/or requirements for the expenditure of funds; and
 - v) Any updated information on when funding may be available from executed Voluntary Planning Agreements.
3. That the table of renewable energy projects be provided to Council for notation on a quarterly basis.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/309 STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (ID24/2158)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 15 November 2024 from Councillor S Chowdhury regarding the Strategic Economic Development Initiatives.

Councillor K Richardson declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor K Richardson is a small business owner.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

1. **Reaffirm Its Commitment to Economic Development:** Acknowledge the critical importance of fostering economic growth by attracting investment, supporting local businesses, and promoting tourism across the Dubbo Region.
2. **Focus on Economic Diversification:** Prioritise initiatives aimed at diversifying the local economy, particularly in areas that have historically relied on agriculture or meat processing, to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience.
3. **Support Innovation and Job Creation:** Develop and enhance programs that encourage innovation, create job opportunities, and support emerging industries, aligning with the evolving needs of the local and regional economy.
4. **Enable Workforce Training:** Advocate for and implement workforce training programs to upskill the local population, particularly young people, with a view to retaining talent and reducing migration to urban centres for employment opportunities.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL24/310 2024/2025 SPARC SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 1 (ID24/2084)

The Council had before it the report dated 7 November 2024 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding 2024/2025 SPARC Support Grant Program Round 1.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury was a previous ORISCON member and is a current volunteer.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That Council allocate \$10,000 to the community-based organisations in accordance with Section 356 of The *Local Government Act 1993* and notification to be sent to each recommended applicant:

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| • ORISCON Dubbo - | \$2,000 |
| • Jack Randell - | \$2,000 |
| • Nolan Furnell - | \$1,000 |
| • Camilla Ward - | \$1,500 |
| • Dubbo and District Family History Society - | \$1,500 |
| • Erifili Davis - | \$2,000 |

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/311 2025-2029 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN (ID24/2024)

The Council had before it the report dated 11 November 2024 from the Manager Community Services regarding 2025-2029 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

- 1. That Council endorse the draft 2025–2029 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan, for the purpose of public exhibition, commencing in February 2025.**
- 2. That Council provide a report detailing the results of the public exhibition period to the March 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

3. That Council establish a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Reference Group, in line with the recommendations of ID24/2064 Community Engagement Groups 2024 - 2028.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/312 SEPTEMBER 2024 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT (ID24/2066)

The Council had before it the report dated 5 November 2024 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor P Wells.

MOTION

1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statements as at 30 September 2024, as attached to the report of the Director Organisational Performance dated 5 November 2024, be adopted and such sums voted for such purpose.
2. That the Statement of the Responsible Accounting Officer that Council is in a satisfactory financial position having regard to the changes herewith to the original budget, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/313 DRAFT COUNCIL POLICY - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE (ID24/2140)

The Council had before it the report dated 14 November 2024 from the Governance Team Leader regarding Draft Council Policy - Code of Meeting Practice.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor P Wells.

MOTION

1. That the draft Council Policy – Code of Meeting Practice, as attached as Appendix 1, be endorsed for the purpose of public exhibition for a period of 42 days and that prior to exhibition it be amended as below:
 - a. 5.19: When a Councillor requests to attend a meeting by audio-visual link replace the specified period of 24 hours' notice with "by 1.5 hours prior to the meeting, unless extenuating circumstances apply".
 - b. 3.9 A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the Council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a Notice of Motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing

and must be submitted by 12 midday on the day that is eight calendar days before the meeting, not including the day of the meeting in the count. For example, if a meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on a Tuesday, the notice of motion must be submitted by 12 midday on the Monday of the previous week.

- c. 8.5 (a) Questions on Notice must be lodged in writing with the Chief Executive Officer by 12 midday on the day that is eight calendar days before the meeting, not including the day of the meeting in the count. For example, if a meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on a Tuesday, the question on notice must be submitted by 12 midday on the Monday of the previous week.
- d. That Council update the Code of Meeting Practice to correct the below typographical errors and or minor updates:

Current	Correction
The time, date and place of Ordinary meetings will be determined during the Ordinary meeting of Council held each September for the ensuing year.	The time, date and place of Ordinary meetings will be determined during the Ordinary meeting of Council held in September, following the Mayoral election, for the ensuing two years.
Meetings Held Via Audi-Visual Link.	Meetings Held Via Audio-Visual Link.

- 2. That a further report be submitted to Council detailing results of public exhibition, for adoption of the final policy.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/314 DRAFT COUNCIL POLICY - PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS (ID24/2145)

The Council had before it the report dated 14 November 2024 from the Governance Officer regarding Draft Council Policy - Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

- 1. That Council update the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors as follows:
 - a. If the Mayor so chooses, a vehicle will be provided in accordance with the Corporate Fleet Policy. This service is reviewed following each Mayoral election, having regard to the sustainability of the vehicle prior to change over.
 - b. Remove the \$10,000 limit for the Mayoral travel reimbursement in line with the proposed removal of the second paragraph at 4.2.4 (Mayor utilising personal vehicle).

- c. That Council update the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors to correct the below typographical errors:

Current	Correction
Rates of accommodation and meal amounts are determined by the Australia Taxation Office which is updated annually.	Rates of accommodation and meal amounts are determined by the Australian Taxation Office which is updated annually.
Repeated use of the word alternate within table on page 13 and 14 of the policy.	Update to alternative within the table.
Councillor vehicle allowance claims must be for the most direct route must be taken.	Councillor vehicle allowance claims must be for the most direct route able to be taken.
Local Government (State) Award 2020	The current version of the Local Government (State) Award, removing any values.

2. That a further report be submitted to Council detailing results of public exhibition, for adoption of the final policy.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/315 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUPS 2024-2028 (ID24/2064)

The Council had before it the report dated 4 November 2024 from the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Community Engagement Groups 2024-2028.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

1. That Council endorse the Community Engagement Group models as outlined in Table 1 of this report.
2. That Council endorse the creation of six Council Community Committees, being;
 - Wellington Town Committee
 - Villages Committee
 - Youth Council
 - Renewable Energy Community Benefit Fund Committee
 - Sister City Committee
 - Multicultural Advisory Committee
3. That work commences to see a call for expressions of interest for membership on the six Council Community Committees in January 2025, with the first committee meetings to be held in February and March 2025.

4. That Council endorse the creation of a new Dubbo Region Interests Council, being;
 - Dubbo Region Arts and Culture Council
5. That work commences to see a call for expressions of interest for executive committee membership on the Dubbo Region Arts and Culture Council in January 2025, with the first meeting to be held in March 2025.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillor M Dickerson.

CCL24/316 PROPOSED VILLAGE ROADSHOW PROGRAM (ID24/2063)

The Council had before it the report dated 4 November 2024 from the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Proposed Village Roadshow Program.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

1. That the Villages Committee can be involved in the development of a potential schedule and format for a Villages roadshow.
2. That Council notes the recent engagement with the villages as part of the 2025-2029 Delivery Program (Table 1).

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/317 DRAFT COUNCIL POLICY - TECHNOLOGY PROVISIONS FOR COUNCILLORS (ID24/2137)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 November 2024 from the IS Project Delivery Partner regarding Draft Council Policy - Technology Provisions for Councillors.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

1. That the draft Council Policy, Technology Provisions for Councillors, as attached as Appendix 1, be endorsed for the purpose of public exhibition for a period of 42 days.
2. Maintenance, troubleshooting problems and upgrades to equipment supplied by Council will only be carried out by Council's Information Services Staff. If Councillors choose not to use a Council provided device, Council staff are not responsible for the ongoing support of the Council in relation to that device.
3. That a further report be submitted to Council detailing the results of public exhibition and adoption of the final policy.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

The items listed come within the following provisions of the Act:

CCL24/319 - *Award Of Mechanical And Electrical Construction Tender - Dubbo Northern Bore Field (ID24/2003)* - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CCL24/320 - *Tamworth/Darling Streets Roundabout Reconstruction Asphalt Works-Quotation Recommendation (ID24/2072)* - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CCL24/321 - *Macquarie Foreshore Events Precinct And Old Dubbo Gaol Heritage Plaza - Additional Funding Requirements (ID24/2142)* - the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

CCL24/322 - *Tender - Supply Of Printers And Managed Print Services (ID24/2144)* - the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for this item.

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey that the Council resolves into closed session, the time being 9:15pm.

The open session resumed at 9:41pm.

The Resolutions of the Closed session of Council were displayed on the screen on recommencement of live stream.

CCL24/318 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID24/2170)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

CCL24/319 AWARD OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION TENDER - DUBBO NORTHERN BORE FIELD (ID24/2003)

The Council had before it the report dated 17 November 2024 from the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage regarding Award of Mechanical and Electrical Construction Tender - Dubbo Northern Bore Field.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey.

MOTION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

- 1. That Council engage TWS Evolution Pty Ltd to undertake the mechanical and electrical equipping of three town water supply bores forming part of the Northern Bore Field in Dubbo for the sum of \$1,278,200 incl GST.**
- 2. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve the extension options for this contract if required.**
- 3. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations for this contract subject to budget limitations.**
- 4. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**
- 5. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/320 TAMWORTH/DARLING STREETS ROUNDABOUT RECONSTRUCTION ASPHALT WORKS-QUOTATION RECOMMENDATION (ID24/2072)

The Council had before it the report dated 6 November 2024 from the Project Engineer regarding Tamworth/Darling Streets Roundabout Reconstruction Asphalt Works-Quotation Recommendation.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey.

MOTION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

1. That the quote to supply and place deep lift asphalt and asphalt surfacing for Tamworth Street and Darling Street Roundabout Reconstruction Project be awarded to 'Civil Independence Pty Ltd' in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 section 55(3) for the amount of \$252,615 (incl GST).
2. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer authority to engage Bitupave Ltd if Civil Independence Pty Ltd is unavailable to undertake works within the required timeframe.
3. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve the extension options for this contract if required.
4. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve contract variations for this contract subject to budget limitations.
5. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.
6. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCL24/321 MACQUARIE FORESHORE EVENTS PRECINCT AND OLD DUBBO GAOL
HERITAGE PLAZA - ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (ID24/2142)**

The Council had before it the report dated 14 November 2024 from the Manager Building Assets regarding Macquarie Foreshore Events Precinct and Old Dubbo Gaol Heritage Plaza - Additional Funding Requirements.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey.

MOTION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a

commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor R Ivey.

MOTION

That the item be deferred to the December 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL24/322 TENDER - SUPPLY OF PRINTERS AND MANAGED PRINT SERVICES (ID24/2144)

The Council had before it the report dated 14 November 2024 from the IT Infrastructure Team Leader regarding Tender - Supply of Printers and Managed Print Services.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey.

MOTION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

- 1. That the contract for the supply of printers and managed print services be awarded to Toshiba Australia Pty Ltd, in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 Section 55 (3) for the amount of \$86,222.38 (inc GST).**
- 2. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve the extension options for this contract if required.**
- 3. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve contract variations for this contract subject to budget limitations.**
- 4. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**
- 5. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

The meeting closed at 9:52pm.

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CHAIRPERSON