

**MINUTES OF LACHLAN SHIRE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CONDOBOLIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2024 AT 2:00 PM COUNCIL**

PRESENT: Mayor John Medcalf, Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer, Cr Paul Phillips, Cr Judith Bartholomew, Cr Juanita Wighton, Cr Peter Harris, Cr Melissa Blewitt, Cr Melissa Rees, Cr Dennis Brady(via video link), Cr Robyn Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Tory (General Manager), Karen Pegler (Director - Corporate and Community Services), Patrick Ruettjes (Director - Environment and Planning), Adrian Milne (Director - Infrastructure Services), Cherise Small (Executive Assistant).

Meeting started at 2:03pm.

1 WEBCASTING

The statement regarding the webcasting was read out by the **Mayor**.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ELDERS

The Acknowledgement of Country and Elders was read by **Cr Wighton**.

3 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2024/299

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

RESOLUTION 2024/300

Moved: Cr Juanita Wighton

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Mayoral Minute No. R24/357 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

7 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Melissa Rees declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item No 9.3.1 Local Heritage Fund Program 2025/2025 as she is a neighbour of the applicant.

8 READ AND NOTE

RESOLUTION 2024/301

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

The recommendations included in the business paper to receive and note, the following items be adopted:

- 8.1. Child Safe Standards – Action Plan 2024 Update to Council.
- 8.2. Building Projects Monthly Update for November/December.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer joined the meeting.

8.3 SUBMISSION TO IPART ON REVIEW OF THE MAXIMUM PRICES THE VALUER GENERAL CAN CHARGE FOR LAND VALUATIONS

RESOLUTION 2024/302

Moved: Cr Melissa Blewitt
 Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

- 1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report R24/341 be received and noted.

CARRIED

READ AND NOTE

RESOLUTION 2024/303

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

The recommendations included in the business paper to receive and note, the following items be adopted:

- 8.4 Active Resolutions;

- 8.5 Disclosure of Interest;
- 8.6 Development Data November 2024;
- 8.7 FY24/25 Utilities Monthly Update for November;
- 8.8 FY24/25 Urban Works Monthly Update for November.

CARRIED

8.9 FY24/25 ROADWORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER

RESOLUTION 2024/304

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services report No R24/352 be received and noted.

CARRIED

READ AND NOTE

RESOLUTION 2024/305

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

- 8.10. Code of Conduct – Annual Complaint Statistics 2023 – 2024;
- 8.11 Investments as at 30 November 2024;
- 8.12 Statecover Mutual Ltd – GM Report;
- 8.13 Tourism and Promotions Update for November 2024.

CARRIED

9 DECISION REPORTS

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER

9.1.1 DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024-2028

RESOLUTION 2024/306

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. R24/373 be received and noted.
2. The draft Lachlan Shire Council Community Engagement Strategy 2024-2028 be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
3. Following completion of the public exhibition period a further report be presented to Council detailing any feedback on the draft document for Council's consideration prior to adoption of the revised Community Engagement Strategy.

CARRIED

9.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.2.1 COMMUNITY DONATION AND EVENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

A foreshadow motion was moved by **Cr Rees** and seconded by **Cr Mortimer** that:

Council decline a financial donation of \$450 in support for the NAIDOC Week 2025 School Initiatives to Koori Kids.

The foreshadow motion was put to a vote and the vote was **CARRIED**.

The foreshadow motion became the motion that was **CARRIED**.

RESOLUTION 2024/307

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report R24/359 be received and noted.
2. Council decline a financial donation of \$450 in support for the NAIDOC Week 2025 School Initiatives to Koori Kids.
3. Provide in-kind support, estimated to be valued at \$1,660, for the Mayfield Hotel Australia Day 2025 event. This contribution is to be funded from the In-Kind Contributions budget and is conditional on the program proceeding.

4. Provide a donation of in-kind support estimated to be valued at \$6,790 for the Condobolin Picnic Club Inc.'s annual Picnic Races in February 2025. This contribution is to be funded from the In-Kind Contributions budget and is conditional on the program proceeding.
5. Provide a financial donation of \$500 and an in-kind support estimated to be valued at \$700 to the Tottenham Christmas Tree 2024 for the Community Christmas Tree event. This donation is to be funded from the Community Events Program budget and In-Kind contributions budget. This donation is conditional on the event proceeding.

CARRIED

Cr Melissa Rees declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item No 9.3.1 Local Heritage Fund Program 2025/2025 as she is a neighbour of the applicant.

9.3 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

9.3.1 LOCAL HERITAGE FUND PROGRAM - 2024/2025

RESOLUTION 2024/308

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Director Environment and Planning Report No. R24/136 be received and noted.
2. Council allocate \$20,000.00 from the Lachlan Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2024/2025 as follows:
 - (a) \$3,500.00 for the various works in line with the Conservation Management Plan at the State Heritage listed All Saints Anglican Church;
 - (b) \$2,000.00 for the painting of the shop and replacement of rear door and window at 112 Bathurst Street, Condobolin, subject to Council approval of an appropriate paint colour scheme;
 - (c) \$3,000.00 for the repair/replacement of tree stumps (posts) at the base of the Gulgo Woolshed, 10276 Lachlan Valley Way, Condobolin;
 - (d) \$3,000.00 for the fence restoration at the private dwelling located at 60 William Street, Condobolin;
 - (e) \$3,750.00 for the verandah restoration at the private dwelling 'Mon-Reve' located at 9 Busby Street, Condobolin;
 - (f) \$3,250.00 for the painting of the verandah and balustrade at the Condobolin Post Office, 33 Bathurst Street, Condobolin, subject to Council approval of an appropriate paint colour scheme.
3. Council endorse the lodgement of an application to the 2025-2027 NSW Heritage Grants Program under the Local Government Heritage Grant Guidelines.

CARRIED

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.4.1 LACHLAN RIVER FLOOD STUDY - CONDOBOLIN TO LAKE BREWSTER

RESOLUTION 2024/309

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R24/337 be received and noted.
2. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to withdraw from the 2023/FMP/0106 funding agreement to undertake the Condobolin to Lake Brewster Flood Study.

CARRIED

10 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

13 DELEGATES REPORT

13.1 DELEGATES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/310

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Delegate’s Report No. R24/368 be received and noted.

CARRIED

13.2 DELEGATES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/311

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Delegate’s Report No. R24/376 be received and noted.

CARRIED

14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2024/312

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Correspondence Report No. R24/354 be received and noted.

CARRIED

15 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

16 PETITIONS

Nil.

17 CLOSED SESSION

Meeting paused at 2:48pm.

Meeting resumed 3:10pm.

RESOLUTION 2024/313

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

17.1 Cleaning Contract Tender - Condobolin

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c and di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.2 Short term Licence Stable 6, SRA Grounds Condobolin

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17.3 Short term Licence to 2 July 2026 - part Lot 2342 DP 566794, 105 Hassans Lane Condobolin

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17.4 License - Condobolin Aerodrome Hanger

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17.5 Lease - Part of Condobolin Aerodrome: known as part lot 12 DP 1077845 and Lot 3 DP 530410.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17.6 Office of Local Government - Self Assessment Pulse Check

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

17.7 LACHLAN SHIRE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - CAFE LEASE

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 2024/314**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Juanita Wighton

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED**17.1 CLEANING CONTRACT TENDER - CONDOBOLIN****RESOLUTION 2024/315**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Environment and Planning Report No. R24/264 be received and noted.
2. The tender submitted by AntimRaj Pty Ltd trading as CleanDeal Dubbo in response to T2024/17 - Cleaning of Council Premises, Condobolin be accepted.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents and affix the Council seal.

CARRIED

Cr Melissa Blewitt, Cr Dennis Brady, Cr Rees and Cr Juanita Wighton requested that their name be recorded as voted against the motion.

17.2 SHORT TERM LICENCE STABLE 6, SRA GROUNDS CONDOBOLIN**RESOLUTION 2024/316**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report R24/312 be received and noted.
2. Council declines the expressions of interest received for South Forbes Road Reserve Trust, reserve number R89343 (known as part lot 7302 DP 1166993 Stable 6, SRA Grounds).
3. Council invite fresh expressions of interest for the reserve at a hire fee nominated by the applicant above \$30 per week including GST.

CARRIED

17.3 SHORT TERM LICENCE TO 2 JULY 2026 - PART LOT 2342 DP 566794, 105 HASSANS LANE CONDOBOLIN**RESOLUTION 2024/317**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Juanita Wighton

That:

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report R24/313 be received and noted.
2. Council declines the expressions of interest received for part Lot 2342 DP 566794 (approximately 110 acres), 105 Hassans Lane, Condobolin.
3. Council invite fresh expressions of interest for the part lot 2342 DP 566794 (approximately 110 acres), 105 Hassans Lane, Condobolin at a hire fee nominated by the applicant above \$5,500 per annum plus GST and an annual CPI increase.

CARRIED

17.4 LICENSE - CONDOBOLIN AERODROME HANGER**RESOLUTION 2024/318**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report R24/364 be received and noted.
2. A license for the Condobolin Aerodrome Hangar on part Lot 12 DP 1077845, as shown on the map attached be offered to Randwick Downs (Tony Slade), for 3 years from 1 July 2023, at a rental fee of \$667 per year including GST, with an annual CIP increase. A bond of 2 weeks rent and a copy of the licensee's public liability insurance is required.
3. The General Manager be authorised to sign the license document.

CARRIED

Cr Melissa Blewitt requested that her name be recorded as voted against the motion.

17.5 LEASE - PART OF CONDOBOLIN AERODROME: KNOWN AS PART LOT 12 DP 1077845 AND LOT 3 DP 530410.

RESOLUTION 2024/319

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report R24/364 be received and noted.
2. Part of Condobolin Aerodrome: known as part Lot 12 DP 1077845 and Lot 3 DP 530410, shown within the red line on the map attached, be advertised at a starting rental fee of \$200 per week including GST, for the term of 3 years. An annual CPI increase will apply. Payment will be 12 months in advance. Lessee will pay the cost of legal expenses and provide public liability insurance.
3. The General Manager be authorised to sign the lease document.

CARRIED

17.6 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SELF ASSESSMENT PULSE CHECK

RESOLUTION 2024/320

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R24/371 be received and noted.

CARRIED

17.7 LACHLAN SHIRE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - CAFE LEASE

RESOLUTION 2024/321

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Juanita Wighton

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No R24/375 be received and noted.
2. The proposal from Logan and Melissa Thorpe for a 3-year lease on the Lachlan Shire Visitor Information Centre cafe be accepted.

- 3. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate a mutually acceptable termination strategy with the lessee.
 - 4. The General Manager be authorised to sign a 3-year lease agreement with Logan and Melissa Thorpe for the operation of the Lachlan Shire Visitor Information Centre café - known as Thorpe’s in the Paddock.
 - 5. The Thorpe’s be congratulated on successfully establishing and operating the café over the past 10 months.
- CARRIED**

The Meeting closed at 4:10pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON