

**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA  
ROAD, MOAMA  
ON TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Joy Allan, Cr Kylie Berryman, Cr Gen Campbell, Cr Dennis Gleeson, Cr Neil Gorey, Cr John Harvie, Cr Bianca Hurn, Cr Gary Pappin, Cr Geoff Wise

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Terry Dodds (Chief Executive Officer), Lindy Leyonhjelm (Executive Assistant), Rod Croft (Director Planning & Environment), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Jack Bond (Director Infrastructure), Sarah Ryan (Director Community & Economic Development), Sandra Gordon (Manager Governance & Risk)

## **1 OPENING MEETING**

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

## **3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Cr John Harvie declared an ongoing disclosure of interest, stating that his partner was employed by Murray River Council.

## **5 ELECTIONS FOR NEW COUNCIL**

### **5.1 TAKING OF THE OATH BY COUNCILLORS**

#### **MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR TERRY DODDS, IS TASKED WITH THE SWEARING IN OF THE COUNCILLORS.**

Each Councillor under took the oath and swore to undertake the role of Councillor under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other relevant Act for Murray River Council.

### **5.2 ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ROLES OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

#### **RESOLUTION 011024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell  
Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council resolve, in the event that an election is required, the method of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is by:

- a. Preferential Ballot **OR**
- b. Ordinary Ballot **OR**
- c. Open Voting

Motion item C (Open Voting) was moved by Cr Campbell and seconded by Cr Berryman

In Favour: Crs Kylie Berryman, Gen Campbell, Bianca Hurn, Gary Pappin and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Joy Allan, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey and John Harvie

**CARRIED 5/4**

**CARRIED**

Foreshadowed motion:

Item B was moved by Cr Gorey which was not required as the motion for using the method of Open Voting (Item C) was resolved.

### 5.3 TERM OF THE ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

#### RESOLUTION 021024

Moved: Cr John Harvie

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council elects the Deputy Mayor for a term of:

- 1. A two (2) year period **OR**
- 2. A one (1) year period.

Motion for Item 1. Was moved by Cr Harvie and seconded by Cr Wise

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Kylie Berryman, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey, John Harvie, Gary Pappin and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Gen Campbell and Bianca Hurn

**CARRIED 7/2**

**CARRIED**

Cr Campbell foreshadowed a motion that the Deputy Mayor election was for Item 2 – a one year period. The foreshadowed motion was not required as the motion for Item 1. A two (2) year period was resolved.

### 5.4 FILLING OF A CASUAL VACANCY OF COUNCIL

#### RESOLUTION 031024

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

In the event of a casual vacancy/vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor, within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors, Council resolves to fill the vacancy/vacancies:

- 1. By using the countback method **OR**
- 2. Through a by-election.

Motion for Item 2 was moved by Cr Gorey & seconded by Cr Pappin.

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Kylie Berryman, Gen Campbell, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey, John Harvie, Bianca Hurn, Gary Pappin and Geoff Wise

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 9/0**

**CARRIED**

## 5.5 ELECTIONS

### RECOMMENDATION

Returning officer Ms Samantha Rodriquez is the returning officer and over saw the election for Mayor & Deputy Mayor.

Nominated for position of Mayor:

Cr Campbell – Cr Campbell, Cr Hurn & Cr Berryman

Cr Harvie – Cr Gorey, Cr Pappin, Cr Harvie, Cr Wise, Cr Gleeson & Cr Allan

Cr Pappin – voting was exhausted in previous two elections

It is now declared by Ms Rodriquez that Cr John Harvie has been elected as the Mayor for the term of 2 years.

Nomination for position of Deputy Mayor:

Cr Campbell – Cr Hurn, Cr Berryman, Cr Campbell & Cr Allan

Cr Gorey – Cr Gorey, Cr Harvie, Cr Wise & Cr Gleeson, Cr Pappin

Cr Pappin – voting was exhausted in previous two elections

It is now declared by Ms Rodriquez that Cr Gorey has been elected as the Deputy Mayor for the term of 2 years.

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

### RESOLUTION 041024

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Council suspend standing orders for administration requirements at the time of 1:22pm.

**CARRIED**

## RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

**RESOLUTION 051024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the Council resume standing orders.

**CARRIED****SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 061024**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

That the Council suspend standing orders for debate on this matter.

**CARRIED****RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 071024**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That the Council resume standing orders.

**CARRIED****5.6 SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS INCLUDING NOVEMBER 2024 THROUGH TO SEPTEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 081024**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

1. That the Ordinary Meetings of the Murray River Council be set for the months of November 2024 through to and including September 2025.
2. That Council make allowances for a minimum of two (2) Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held at other sites within Murray River Council LGA.

**CARRIED**

Cr Gorey has recommended that the meetings occur during the day.

Cr Campbell supports Cr Gorey's but held in reasonable period during the day to avoid accomodation and possibly declare a second meeting within the same month to reduce the amount of time required for Council meetings.

**5.6 SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS INCLUDING NOVEMBER 2024 THROUGH TO SEPTEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 091024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council meetings are held at 1pm on the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month commencing at 1pm. The Pre-briefing meetings will commence as needed 9:30am or 10am.

Sites to hold other Council meetings, Moulamein, Tooleybuc, Wakool & Mathoura (subject to availability of network to ensure live streaming of meeting is available).

**CARRIED**

Mr Fernando is to confirm the availability of communication network capabilities in all areas (Moulamein, Tooleybuc, Wakool & Mathoura) and come back to Council with the possibilities of adhering to the requirement of live streaming all Council meetings.

Mr Fernando is to explore/confirm the availability of audio access to business papers and to be made available for Councillors.

Meet the Councillors BBQ option to be explored for future 'Meet the Councillors' with community members in other townships. Report to come back to Council for discussion at a later meeting.

**5.7 REMUNERATION OF COUNCILLORS****RESOLUTION 101024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Murray River Council resolve, in keeping with s250 (Ch9, Part 2 div 5) of the Local Government Act (Act), to pay Councillors' remuneration and superannuation to and on behalf of Councillors monthly in arrears for each month.

**CARRIED**

Council officer Sandra Gordon is to come back to Council on the level of remuneration for Councillors.

Confirmed during open meeting - \$18,340 paid over 12 separate payments. An additional fee of \$39,350 is payable to the Mayor.

**5.8 APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILLOR MEMBER OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION 111024**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council appoint a Councillor Member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

**CARRIED**

Cr Gorey nominated Cr Wise as a delegate for the ARIC. Seconded by Cr Gleeson.  
 Cr Wise has been elected as Council delegate for a period of four (4) years for the ARIC  
 Cr Wise nominated Cr Allan as alternate delegate for the ARIC. Seconded by Cr Gorey.  
 Cr Allan has been elected as the alternate delegate for the ARIC committee.

## 5.9 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL DELEGATES TO: COMMITTEES OR SUB-COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL; SECTION 355 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL; GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS; AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES OR GROUPS

### RESOLUTION 121024

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin  
 Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Council appoints Councillor delegates, alternate delegates and representatives to the various committees or sub-committees of Council, Section 355 Committees of Council, government or industry organisations and community committees or groups, as attached to the report, for the period 8 October 2024 to September 2025, subject to any changes to delegates/representatives made at the meeting.

**CARRIED**

List of delegates as resolved at Council below – further advise required for the Mathoura Preschool Management Committee, Mathoura Retirement Village Management Committee & Murray Shire Hall Mathoura Management Committee on times the meetings are held for Cr Berryman to be available to attend those meetings.

## 2024/25 COUNCIL DELEGATES

Committee/Organisation/Group	Delegate/s	Alternate Delegate/s
Committees or Sub-Committees of Council		
Murray River Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee	Cr Wise	Cr Allan
Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee	Cr Berryman	Cr Pappin
Section 355 Committees of Council		
Barham Recreation Reserve Management Committee	Cr Gorey	Cr Gleeson
Barham School of Arts/Hall Committee	Cr Gorey	Cr Gleeson
Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Management Committee	Cr Wise	Cr Gleeson
Caldwell Hall Management Committee	Cr Wise	Cr Gleeson
Friends of Old Moama	Cr Allan	Cr Hurn

Goodnight Recreation Reserve & Hall Management Committee	Cr Pappin	Cr Gorey
Koraleigh Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee	Cr Pappin	Cr Gorey
Committee/Organisation/Group	Delegate/s	Alternate Delegate/s
Section 355 Committees of Council continued..		
Kyalite Progress Association & Recreation Reserve Management Committee	Cr Pappin	Cr Gorey
Mallan Recreation Reserve & Hall Management Committee	Cr Pappin	Cr Gorey
Mathoura Retirement Village Management Committee	Take on notice the possibility of changing the meeting time if Cr Berryman to be delegate	
Murray Shire Hall Mathoura Management Committee	Take on notice the possibility of changing the meeting time if Cr Berryman to be delegate	
Moama Lions Community Village Committee	Cr Hurn	Cr Allan
Moama Recreation Reserve Management Committee	Cr Campbell	Cr Allan
Moulamein Lake Committee	Cr Gleeson	Cr Gorey
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve Committee	Cr Gorey	Cr Gleeson
Murray Downs Riverside Park Management	Cr Gorey	Cr Pappin
Noorong Community Centre Committee	Cr Pappin	Cr Gleeson
Tooleybuc/Piangil & District Action Group / Tooleybuc Bridgekeepers Cottage Management Committee	Cr Pappin	Cr Gleeson
Wakool Memorial Hall Committee	Cr Gleeson	Cr Wise
Womboota School of Arts/Hall Management Committee	Cr Wise	Cr Gleeson
<b>Other Government or Industry Organisations</b>		
Campaspe Murray Mental Health Network	Cr Allan	Cr Campbell
Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study Committee	Cr Wise	Cr Pappin
Moulamein Flood Study Committee	Cr Gorey	Cr Pappin
Moama Overland Flood Study Committee	Cr Wise	Cr Harvie
Barham Flood Study Committee	Cr Gorey	Cr Pappin

Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation	Cr Harvie	Cr Gorey
SouthWest Arts Inc.	Cr Allan	Cr Campbell
Western Joint Regional Planning Panel	Cr Gleeson Cr Allan	Cr Wise
<b>Community Committees/Groups</b>		
Mathoura Preschool Management Committee	Take on notice the possibility of changing the meeting time if Cr Berryman to be delegate	
Moama & District Preschool Centre Inc. Committee	Cr Hurn	Cr Campbell
Murray River Council (Southern) Liquor Accord	Cr Campbell	Cr Pappin

## 6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 6.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

#### 6.1.1 CONFIRMATION OF NAMES OF ATTENDEES TO THE LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 17 NOV - 19 NOV 2024 TAMWORTH

<p><b>RESOLUTION 131024</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr Gary Pappin Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell</p> <p>That Council confirm the names of the Councillors that are attending the LGNSW Annual Conference being held in Tamworth from Sunday 17 Nov through to Tuesday 19 Nov 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p>Councillors interested in attending conference:</p> <p>Hurn (TBC), Harvie, Campbell, Berryman, Pappin, Allan – possibly travel by car.</p>

At 2:49 pm, Cr Kylie Berryman left the meeting.

### 6.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

### 6.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

### 6.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil



**6.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****6.5.1 RIVER COUNTRY ART TRAIL - ARTIST ENGAGEMENT****RESOLUTION 141024**

MOVED: CR DENNIS GLEESON

SECONDED: CR NEIL GOREY

THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE CONSULTANTS FORM TO ENGAGE THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS TO DELIVER ARTWORKS IN THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, AS PART OF THE RIVER COUNTRY ART TRAIL PROJECT:

1. BARHAM – GUS EAGLETON
2. TOOLEYBUC – STUART GREEN

IN FAVOUR: CRS JOY ALLAN, DENNIS GLEESON, NEIL GOREY, JOHN HARVIE, BIANCA HURN AND GEOFF WISE

AGAINST: CRS GEN CAMPBELL AND GARY PAPPIN

**CARRIED 6/2****CARRIED****6.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

Nil

**6.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT**

Nil

**7 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:07pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2024, commencing at 1:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 22 OCTOBER 2024.



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