

**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA
ROAD, MOAMA
ON TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stacy Williams (Chief Executive Officer) Sarah Ryan (Director Economic Development & Community Services), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Sandra Gordon (Manager Governance & Risk), Daniel Hughes (Interim Director Infrastructure), Gary Arnold (Interim Director Planning & Environment), Jan Donald (Executive Services)

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

Cr Gary Pappin

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting/s

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5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr Gen Campbell declared a Significant Non-Penuniary Conflict of Interest in item 9.3.1 Meninya Street – Decision on Echuca Street Intersection in the Director Infrastructure Report and Supplementary Matters.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

RESOLUTION 010425

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council approve the presented Disclosure of Interest as listed above.

CARRIED

6 DEPUTATIONS - THERE WERE NO DEPUTATIONS TO BE HEARD ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE MEETING.

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.1.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS

RESOLUTION 020425

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) included the Resolution Tracker Reports.

CARRIED

9.1.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NSW CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 030425

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council:

1. Notes the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Conference on 1-3 May 2025 (rescheduled to 4 – 6 September 2025).
2. Consideration be given to attending the conference.
3. Council be represented at the ALGWA by Cr Campbell, Cr Allan and Cr Berryman with Council to organise the registrations.

CARRIED

9.1.3 RAMJO MEMBERSHIP 2025/2026

RESOLUTION 040425

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council:

1. Endorse continued membership of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) for the 2025/2026 financial year;
2. Agree to the revised membership contribution in accordance with the RAMJO funding model of \$1.60 per capita for the first 10,000 residents and \$0.60 per capital thereafter, which a minimum annual contribution of \$30,000;
3. Note the value of the RAMJO membership in supporting regional advocacy, collaboration, project delivery, and strategic planning across key areas including energy transition, infrastructure funding, waste management and regional development.

CARRIED

9.1.4 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

RESOLUTION 050425

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council:

1. Notes the Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM from 29 September to 2 October 2025 in Griffith NSW.
2. Seeking interest from Councillors in attending the conference.
3. Consider motions for submission to the AGM on 1 October 2025 (due date not yet confirmed).

CARRIED

9.1.5 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 060425

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Monthly Operational Report as of 31 March 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.2.1 PRIVATE ROAD NAMES WITHIN DISCOVER PARKS MANUFACTURED HOMES ESTATE, MOAMA (LOT 2 DP 577744) AT 80 MEROOL ROAD, MOAMA, NSW 2731

RESOLUTION 070425

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to endorse the road names Alexander Street, Britannia Street, Canally Street, Industry Lane, Ranger Lane, and Success Street, within the Discovery Parks Moama West (Lot 2 DP 577744), at 80 Merool Road, MOAMA NSW 2731.

CARRIED**9.2.2 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC)****RESOLUTION 080425**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve, in keeping with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, to appoint Ms. Leanne Mulcahy as the third independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

CARRIED**9.2.3 FINANCIAL REPORT - UNAUDITED FY 24/25 PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2025****RESOLUTION 090425**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2025 (FY2024/25), noting that reporting of monthly financial statements is not a regulatory requirement but nonetheless is being provided in furtherance of financial transparency and in keeping with financial reporting best practice.

CARRIED**9.2.4 DRAFT CONCESSIONS FOR CONCEALED WATER LEAKS POLICY V#1****RESOLUTION 100425**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the DRAFT Concessions for Concealed Water Leaks Policy V#1 be adopted and placed on public display.

CARRIED

At 1:28 pm, Cr Gen Campbell left the meeting.

9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.3.1 MENINYA STREET - DECISION ON ECHUCA STREET INTERSECTION****RESOLUTION 110425**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council:

1. Receive the information contained in this report regarding the Meninya Street Precinct Project; and
2. Adopt **Option 1** to prioritise parking provided at the Echuca Street Intersection.

CARRIED

At 1:34 pm, Cr Gen Campbell returned to the meeting.

9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.5.1 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AT MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION 120425

Moved: Cr Bianca Hurn

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council receive and note the March Section 355 Committee Report

CARRIED

9.5.2 MOAMA PRESCHOOL - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLUTION 130425

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council, having observed the public notice period in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, resolve to reimburse the Preschool for its operational maintenance costs for the year 2024, in the amount of \$14,925.05 including GST. This decision is made in good faith and does not alter or cancel any other terms of the lease or contribution agreement between the parties.

CARRIED

9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 140425

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT**9.7.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT****RESOLUTION 150425**

Moved: Cr Bianca Hurn

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 March 2025 through to 31 March 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

CARRIED

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - THAT A REPORT ON CURRENT CONDITION AND STATUS OF PROPOSED UPGRADE WORKS FOR CALDWELL LINE ROAD BE PREPARED AND TAKEN TO THE APRIL ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 160425**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That a report on the current condition and status of any proposed upgrade works for Caldwell Line Road, between the intersection of the Barham/Deniliquin and Wakool/Deniliquin Roads, be prepared by the responsible officer and submitted to the April Ordinary Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - RESCISSION, COUNCIL BUSINESS PAPERS**RESOLUTION 170425**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council:

1. Rescind Resolution 291122, Council business papers in printed version should only include the open council papers, confidential papers will be provided electronically only;

And

2. Endorse the following recommendation:

- Endorse the provision of Council business papers and confidential business papers in printed version to Councillors upon request, to support their ability to effectively discharge their duties; and

- Reaffirm Councillors' obligations under the Code of Conduct and relevant legislation regarding the appropriate handling and protection of confidential information.

CARRIED

10.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUPPORT FOR MATHOURA POLICE STATION PETITION

RESOLUTION 180425

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That Council:

1. Acknowledge and support the community-led petition, signed by over 300 residents, calling for the NSW Government to fund the development of a new police station in Mathoura.
2. Promote the petition through Council's communication channels, including:
 - Publishing information and a link to the petition on Council's website and social media platforms;
 - Displaying promotional materials at Council customer service centres, libraries, and community facilities across the Murray River Council area;
 - Including details in Council's upcoming community newsletters and media releases.
3. Write to the NSW Minister for Police, local Members of Parliament, and the NSW Police Force supporting the petition and advocating for increased police infrastructure and resourcing in Mathoura.

CARRIED

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.00PM.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 27 May 2025, commencing at 1:00 PM, in Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 22 APRIL 2025, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 27 MAY 2025.

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MAYOR

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CEO