

# Minutes of the Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Wednesday 24 February 2021

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The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board was declared open at 9:30am.

## Present

Councillor Greg Verdon (Chairperson)  
Councillor Pat Bourke  
Councillor Yvonne Braid OAM  
Councillor Greg Conkey OAM  
Councillor Vanessa Keenan  
Councillor Tim Koschel  
Councillor Doug Meyer OAM  
Councillor Tony Quinn

## In Attendance

General Manager	(Andrew Crakanthorp)
Director of Engineering	(Bede Spannagle)
Manager Corporate Services	(Emily Tonacia)
Community Engagement Officer	(Joshua Lang)
Executive Assistant to the General Manager	(Melissa Vincent)
ICT Officer	(Alan Eacott)

## Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

## Livestreaming of Meeting

Board meetings, including public address speeches, are recorded and webcast live on Council's website. If you are addressing a meeting, your image, voice and name, will form part of the webcast.

## Apologies

Councillor Paul Funnell was absent from meeting and on advice from the Office of Local Government due to Section 440k of the Local Government Act 1993

## Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Tim Koschel declared a non-pecuniary interest in R1 List of Investments the reason being his employment with a financial institution and he remained in the meeting during the discussion.

## Confirmation of Minutes

**21/001 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Quinn

**That the minutes of the meeting of 16 December 2020], having been circulated and read by Members, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

## Correspondence

Local Government: NSW Weekly Circulars: previously forwarded to Councillors by Constituent Councils

Staff Consultative Committee: Forwarding a copy of Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021

Staff Consultative Committee: Forwarding a copy of Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2021

Work Health & Safety Committee: Forwarding a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021

**21/002 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Koschel

**That the correspondence be received.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor P Bourke entered the meeting at 9:33am*

## Open Reports

**R1 List of Investments**

**21/003 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors G Conkey OAM and D Meyer OAM

**That the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of December 2020 and January 2021 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**R2 December 2020 Quarterly Budget Review**

**21/004 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and Y Braid OAM

**That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 December 2020 be received and the recommended changes be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**R3 Local Government New South Wales - 2021 Water Management Conference**

**21/005 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Koschel

**That**

- a) Council be represented at the Local Government New South Wales 2021 Water Management Conference**
- b) The Chairman or his nominee attend as a delegate**
- c) Nominations of other Board Members to attend be called**
- d) The General Manager and Director of Engineering or their nominees attend as observers**

Councillors Koschel, Quinn and Conkey expressed interest in attending the conference

**CARRIED**

**R4 Water Treatment Plant opening and naming of the Pat Brassil AM Room**

**21/006 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and V Keenan

**That Council receive and note the report**

**CARRIED**

**R5 Annual 'Model Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics' Report**

**21/007 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors P Bourke and D Meyer OAM

**That Council note there have been no Code of Conduct complaints received and reported to the Office of Local Government in the 2019-2021 financial year.**

**CARRIED**

**R6 Social media and media quarterly report - 1 October to 31 December 2020**

**21/008 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and Y Braid OAM

**That Council receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

**R7 Media Policy**

**21/009 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Meyer OAM

**That Council:**

- a) Note there were no submissions received during the public exhibition period and;**
- b) Adopt the Media Policy as it was exhibited**

**CARRIED**

**R8 Lost Time Injury Statistics 2020/21 - July-January Period**

**21/010 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and G Conkey OAM

**That Council receive and note the statistics report for Lost Time Injuries for the July / January period of 2020/21 financial year.**

**CARRIED**

**R9 Net Zero Roadmap**

**21/011 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and G Conkey OAM

**That Council notes the report and endorses the development of a Net Zero Roadmap**

**CARRIED**

**R10 Council Resolution Sheet**

**21/012 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and V Keenan

**That the report detailing the status of the active resolutions of Council be received**

**CARRIED**

*Mr Jason Ip entered meeting at 10:02am*

**R11 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy**

**21/013 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and V Keenan

**That Council:**

- **Endorse the Draft IWCM Strategic Plan and place it on public exhibition from Monday 22 February noon, to Friday 26 March 2021 and invite public submissions on the draft plan during that period.**
- **Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:**
  - i. **Addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft IWCM Strategic Plan**
  - ii. **Proposing adoption of the Plan unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.**

**CARRIED**

*Mr Jason Ip left the meeting at 10:25am*

**R12 Works Report Covering December 2020**

**21/014 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and T Koschel

**That the Works Report covering December 2020 be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**R13 Works Report Covering January 2021**

**21/015 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and T Koschel

**That the Works Report covering January 2021 be received and noted**

**CARRIED**

### **Questions and statements**

The following questions and statements were made by those present:

1. Councillor Conkey foreshadowed a question in the Closed Session of the meeting
2. Councillor T Koschel noted a childcare centre on corner of Lake Albert and Plumpton Roads had raised with him the issue of Wagga City and Riverina Water trucks parking on nature strip outside centre and creating near miss issues and breaking sprinklers that when turned on of an evening, created minor flooding outside the building.

## Closed Council

Pursuant to section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

### **21/016 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and G Conkey OAM

**That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 10:42am.**

**CARRIED**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

## Confidential Reports

*Mr Alan Eacott and Mr Joshua Lang left the meeting at 10:43am*

### **CONF-1 Staff Matter**

#### **21/017 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and D Meyer OAM

**That Council receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

*Mr Alan Eacott, Mr Josh Lang and Ms Grace Hemley entered the meeting at 10:47am*

### **CONF-2 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution Procurement Update**

#### **21/018 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and V Keenan

**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report; and**
- b) Delegate authority to the Chairperson to convene an extraordinary meeting, to be held remotely at a date to be determined, to endorse the entering into of a negotiated contract with the preferred supplier.**

**CARRIED**

*Ms Grace Hemley left the meeting at 10:52am*

**CONF-3 14 Beauty Point Avenue, Turvey Park**

**21/019 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Quinn

**That Council:**

- a) Approve the creation of an easement for the overhang benefiting 14 Beauty Point Avenue, Turvey Park burdening Lot 16 in DP 1132238**
- b) Approve the creation of a 10-year lease with the new owner of 14 Beauty Point Avenue, Turvey Park**
- c) Delegate authorisation to the General Manager to execute the creation of the easement and lease agreement.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor T Koschel left the meeting at 10:57am*

*Councillor T Koschel entered the meeting at 10:59am*

**CONF-4 Lease of Land off Beauty Point Avenue**

**21/020 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and D Meyer OAM

**RECOMMENDED that Council:**

- a) Approve the extension of the current lease agreements with landowners 12,16 & 18 Beauty Point to 30 June 2031**
- b) Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the extension of the lease agreements.**

**CARRIED**

*Mr Joshua Lang left the meeting at 11:04am*

*Mr Joshua entered the meeting at 11:07am*

## **CONF-5 Land Acquisition**

**21/021 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and Y Braid OAM

**That Council:**

- a) Purchase the land zoned IN2 and RU1 at Koorungal Road for operational requirements in accordance with Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993. Refer Appendix A figure 4.**
- b) Delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the purchase of land in accordance with the financial information contained in the report and sign the relevant sale documents.**
- c) That the land upon acquisition be classified as operational**
- d) Affix Council's Common Seal to documentation as required.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor V Keenan left the meeting at 11:17am*

*Councillor V Keenan entered the meeting at 11:19am*

*Mr Andrew Crakanthorp left the meeting at 11:21am*

*Mr Andrew Crakanthorp entered the meeting at 11:23am*

## **Reversion to Open Council**

**21/022 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and P Bourke

**That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 11:36am.**

**CARRIED**

## **Decisions Read Aloud**

The General Manager read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

At this stage of the meeting it was noted that the decision in relation to R11 Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy reflected incorrect dates. The Chairman agreed to a suggestion by Councillor V Keenan that minute number 21/013 be rescinded.

**21/023 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and G Conkey OAM the following motion be rescinded.

**That Council:**

- **Endorse the Draft IWCMP Strategic Plan and place it on public exhibition from Monday 22 February noon, to Friday 26 March 2021 and invite public submissions on the draft plan during that period.**
- **Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:**
  - i. **Addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft IWCMP Strategic Plan**
  - ii. **Proposing adoption of the Plan unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.**

**CARRIED**

**21/024 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and G Conkey OAM

**That Council:**

- **Endorse the Draft IWCMP Strategic Plan and place it on public exhibition from Monday 1 March noon, to Friday 2 April 2021 and invite public submissions on the draft plan during that period.**
- **Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:**
  - i. **Addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft IWCMP Strategic Plan**
  - ii. **Proposing adoption of the Plan unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.**

**CARRIED**

**This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board which rose at 11:39am**