

Richmond
Valley
Council



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
17 November 2020**

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**MINUTES OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO
ON TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 5.00PM**

Please note: these minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council Meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.

PRESENT: Cr Robert Mustow (Mayor), Cr Robert Hayes, Cr Sandra Humphrys, Cr Jill Lyons, Cr Daniel Simpson and Cr Sam Cornish (arrived at 5.52pm).

IN ATTENDANCE: Vaughan Macdonald (General Manager), Angela Jones (Director Infrastructure & Environment), Ryan Gaiter (Chief Financial Officer/Manager Mid-Richmond), Kate Alder-Conn (Governance Coordinator), Julie Clark (Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor) and Simon Breeze (IT Support Officer).

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country by reading the following statement on behalf of Council:

"Richmond Valley Council recognises the people of the Bundjalung Nations as Custodians and Traditional Owners of this land and we value and appreciate the continuing cultural connection to lands, their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region in the past, present and future."

2 PRAYER

The meeting opened with a prayer by the General Manager.

3 PUBLIC ACCESS AND QUESTION TIME

Nil

4 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 171120/1

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That the apology received from Cr Stephen Morrissey (Deputy Mayor), be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL MINUTES**5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - BUSHFIRE RECOVERY FUNDING****RESOLUTION 171120/2**

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Daniel Simpson

That Council:

1. Notes the \$21 million in funding received from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund for key community projects in the Richmond Valley.
2. Writes to the Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack MP, Member for Page, Kevin Hogan MP, the National Coordinator of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency, Andrew Colvin, the Premier Gladys Berejiklian, the Deputy Premier John Barilaro MP who is the Minister responsible for disaster recovery, and the Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis MP, to acknowledge their support to secure the funding.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES 20 OCTOBER 2020****RESOLUTION 171120/3**

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson

Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2020.

CARRIED

6.2 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES 4 NOVEMBER 2020**RESOLUTION 171120/4**

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson

Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2020.

CARRIED

6.3 MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2020**RESOLUTION 171120/5**

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 October 2020.

CARRIED

7 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NIL

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

11 MAYOR'S REPORT**11.1 MAYORAL ATTENDANCES 13 OCTOBER - 7 NOVEMBER 2020****RESOLUTION 171120/6**

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's attendance report 13 October – 7 November 2020.

CARRIED

12 DELEGATES' REPORTS**12.1 DELEGATES' REPORT SUBMITTED TO NOVEMBER 2020 ORDINARY MEETING****RESOLUTION 171120/7**

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Robert Mustow

That Council receives and notes the Delegates' Report for the month of October 2020.

CARRIED

13 MATTERS DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE**13.1 MATTERS TO BE DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE****RESOLUTION 171120/8**

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That items 15.1, 15.4 and 17.3 be determined without debate.

CARRIED

14 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**14.1 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Annual Report is a key point of accountability between Council and its community. It reports on Council's financial performance and its progress in implementing the Delivery Program and achieving Community Strategic Plan outcomes.

The 2019/2020 financial year has been a year of unprecedented challenges for Council, with the impacts of bushfire, flood and the COVID-19 pandemic. The report acknowledges the community's resilience in addressing these challenges and the role that council has played in leading recovery.

RESOLUTION 171120/9

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Richmond Valley Council 2019/2020 Annual Report.
2. In accordance with s.428 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, posts the finalised Annual Report on Council's website and provides a link to the Minister and the Office of Local Government.

CARRIED

14.2 RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL V JLT INSURANCE - INSURANCE CLASS ACTION UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A class action against JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd (formerly called Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd) (JLT) is currently underway in the Supreme Court of NSW. Richmond Valley Council is the lead plaintiff. The matter relates to recovery of past losses claimed on the grounds that Richmond Valley Council, together with the other councils who are group members, suffered loss as a result of following the defendant's advice in obtaining property and/or public liability and professional indemnity insurance, through a scheme known as Statewide Mutual.

It is alleged that the defendant (1) breached its general law and contractual duty to exercise reasonable care and skill in the performance of its broking services and in the provision of recommendations and advice; and (2) earned fees and commissions in breach of fiduciary duties that it owed to Council. The action has a litigation funder engaged on a 'no win, no fee' basis. Proceedings commenced in December 2018 and are progressing well with mediation and trial dates now set.

RESOLUTION 171120/10

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow
Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That Council receives and notes the information provided in the Richmond Valley Council v JLT Insurance - Insurance Class Action Update.

CARRIED

14.3 LGNSW ANNUAL REPORT AND CONFERENCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LGNSW has provided its Annual Report for Council's consideration. RVC is a long-standing member of the association, along with 126 of the State's 128 councils. The Annual Report highlights a number of achievements in service provision and advocacy. It also includes the 2019-20 financial statements for the association, which indicate it has experienced some financial challenges in the past 12 months. These matters will be considered by RVC delegates at the LGNSW annual conference on 23 November 2020.

RESOLUTION 171120/11

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council:

1. Notes the key issues raised in the LGNSW Annual Report and further considers these matters at the LGNSW conference on 23 November 2020;
2. Writes to LGNSW seeking clarification of any matters raised in this report that are not addressed at the conference.

CARRIED

14.4 NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION POSITION PAPER - QLD/NSW BORDER RESTRICTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Northern Rivers Joint Organisation has finalised its Position Paper on the impacts of the Queensland border restrictions. The Position Paper is a collaborative effort between the six NRJO member councils to raise awareness of local issues and advocate for better management of border controls. Advocacy from stakeholders, including local government, has already seen some border restrictions ease, but the issues raised in the paper remain relevant.

RESOLUTION 171120/12

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Daniel Simpson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Position Paper on the Queensland/NSW border restrictions;
2. Acknowledges the work of the NRJO Chief Executive Officer in preparing the document on behalf of member councils.

CARRIED

15 FINANCIAL REPORTS

15.1 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE: 2019/2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council recovers contributions, raises levies and enters into planning agreements on development works that are subject to a development consent issued by Council.

Council collected a total of \$1,957,188 in contributions in the last financial year and expended \$596,781. Current reserves total \$9,517,926 as at 30 June 2020.

Details of the different types of contributions are provided in the report.

RESOLUTION 171120/13

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That Council receives and notes the Section 7.11, Section 7.12 and Section 64 development contributions for the 2019/2020 financial year.

CARRIED

15.2 NORTHERN RIVERS LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange (NRLX) financial performance as at 30 September 2020, as well as monthly throughput information from 2012/2013 to 2020/2021 YTD. Comparatives of averages for periods prior to 2019/2020 and the adjusted averages including 2019/2020.

NRLX throughput at 30 September 2020 was 23,356 head, which is equivalent to the 5-year rolling average. The throughput is 4375 below last financial year for the same period which was at the highest levels seen in 21 years. The budget reflects an annual forecast of 125,000 head throughput, with expense and associated on costs to support the increased throughput.

Income from user charges and fees at 30 September was \$456,382 and 28% of the yearly budget. The inclusion of revenue from the bio-solids project increases revenue to \$620,058. Operating expenditure is \$556,951 exclusive of depreciation showing a cash operating result of \$63,107. The depreciation YTD is \$118,029 which delivers an operating loss of \$54,922 as at 30 September 2020 or 27.6% of the forecast operating result.

The Spring edition of the NRLX Newsletter was released in late September recapping the financial year and the record-breaking achievements for NRLX and the Richmond Valley Agricultural community. Highlights include:

- Highest value single sale on record at NRLX at \$4.12 million
- Highest value throughput for any week on record at NRLX with \$8,286,220
- Highest value throughput for any month on record at NRLX with \$22,420,167
- Highest throughput in 21 years exceeding 131,500 head as at 24 June.

After a booming second half of the 2019/2020 year, the NRLX dollar turnover also fell just short of the all-time record of \$113,616,791, coming in at \$113,421,627. The newsletter also highlighted the new NRLX Customer Service Centre and the additional services now available at NRLX.

RESOLUTION 171120/14

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson

Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the performance of the Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange as at 30 September 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION BY EXTERNAL AUDITOR

A presentation was provided by Adam Bradfield of Thomas, Noble and Russell in relation to Item 15.3 – Financial Statements 2019/2020.

15.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019/2020**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council adopted the audited financial statements for 2019/2020 at its Ordinary Meeting held 20 October 2020. At that Meeting, Council also resolved to present the audited financial statements and auditor's reports to the public at its November Ordinary Meeting. The presentation of these reports to the public is in accordance with section 419 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and is the final step in complying with the legislative requirements regarding annual financial reporting.

The Auditor has expressed an 'unmodified opinion' on the financial statements. This means that it was of the opinion that the financial reports present fairly the financial position of Council as at 30 June 2020 and its financial performance and cash flows were presented in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other legislative requirements.

RESOLUTION 171120/15

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That the audited financial statements and auditor's reports for the 2019/2020 financial year be presented to the public in accordance with section 419 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED

15.4 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT - OCTOBER 2020**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council on the status and performance of its investment portfolio in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Section 625), Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Clause 212), Australian Accounting Standard (AASB 9) and Council's Investment Policy.

The value of Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31 October 2020 including General Bank Accounts and Trust Funds is shown below.

Investment Portfolio	General Bank Accounts	Trust Funds	Total
\$52,888,689	\$662,265	\$87,050	\$53,638,004

The weighted average rate of return on Council's investments for October 2020 was 0.82% which was above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index for October of 0.01%, which is Council's benchmark.

RESOLUTION 171120/16

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That Council adopts the Financial Analysis Report detailing investment performance for the month

of October 2020.

CARRIED

15.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the proposed adjustments for the 2020/2021 budget for the quarter ended 30 September 2020. These adjustments exclude all previously adopted Monthly Budget Adjustments.

The proposed changes see Council's projected operating surplus from continuing operations for 2020/2021 decrease to \$2,973,215, from the original budget surplus of \$6,481,767. The operating result before capital grants and contributions has also declined to a projected loss of \$5,226,505.

Income from continuing operations has decreased by \$2,997,248, to a projected total of \$71,339,672. This is largely due to some capital projects being transferred into the 2021/2022 financial year. Expenses from continuing operations have increased by \$365,011, to a projected total of \$68,366,457.

Council's capital works program has been reviewed, resulting in a decrease of \$5,149,890, to a projected total of \$32,452,351. This is one of Council's largest capital works programs, so it will require close monitoring throughout the year. The decrease is mainly due to part of the Rail Trail project being transferred into 2021/2022 along with \$1,500,000 for the construction of Cell 6 at the Nammoona Landfill and \$550,000 from the organics processing facility (FOGO) project which is not expected to commence this year.

A detailed Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the first quarter of the 2020/2021 year has been circulated separately to each Councillor.

RESOLUTION 171120/17

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That Council adopts the Quarterly Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2020 and approves the recommended variations.

CARRIED

16 TENDER REPORTS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 AMENDED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN - POST EXHIBITION REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved at its 19 May 2020 meeting to prepare the *Draft Richmond Valley Council Community Participation Plan 2020* (Draft CPP). The Draft CPP is based on the foundations of the 2019 CPP and incorporates amendments to:

- Remove mandatory requirements to publish notices in newspapers; and
- Include Manager discretion to waive or reduce advertising/notification of minor applications/modifications.

Furthermore, a general review of the 2019 CPP was undertaken and additional changes include minor wording and format changes, and updates to engagement requirements resulting from legislation changes to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and Regulation. Due to a lack of clarity on how to amend a CPP, it has been decided to repeal the 2019 CPP and replace it with the 2020 CPP.

The Draft CPP was publicly exhibited for 45 days commencing on 27 August 2020 with one submission received.

RESOLUTION 171120/18

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Adopts the *Richmond Valley Council Community Participation Plan 2020 (Nov 2020)*;
2. Provides a copy of the adopted CPP for publication on the NSW Planning Portal; and
3. Notes the adopted CPP will commence from the date of publication on the Portal.

.CARRIED

17.2 DRAFT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS MOBILITY PLAN (PAMP)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), documents community engagement and issues relevant to pedestrian access and travel throughout Richmond Valley. The original plan was undertaken by consultants GeoLINK in 2011 and this report presents the revised document which identifies the progress in pedestrian networks, as well as the next phase of plans for facilities to enhance future footpaths and cycleways. The plan has been developed to consider the existing pedestrian and cyclist needs, future projects and plans for access for all ages and abilities within the community. To support the community consultation process, Council engaged GeoLINK to carry out a revision of the 2011 PAMP.

The consultation included online surveys and engagement with special interest groups. The information compiled from these sources has been considered and prioritised as part of the composition of the plan. This revised plan has been placed on display for community comment, and the final draft is now presented to Council for adoption.

RESOLUTION 171120/19

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson

Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council:

1. Notes the consultation that has been undertaken to inform the updated Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan 2020, and
2. Adopts the Draft Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) 2020.

CARRIED

17.3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: PROPOSED PROJECTS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Richmond Valley Council has been allocated a further \$1.285 million dollars under the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program. It is proposed to direct this funding towards the Razorback Lookout upgrade in Evans Head, and the Drill Hall Memorial Walk project in Casino.

RESOLUTION 171120/20

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Jill Lyons

That Council allocates the \$1.285 million received from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program towards completion of the Razorback Lookout Upgrade and Casino Drill Hall Memorial Walk projects in line with this report.

CARRIED

18 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**RESOLUTION 171120/21**

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

Recommended that the following reports submitted for information be received and noted.

CARRIED

18.1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS**RESOLUTION 171120/22**

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.

CARRIED

18.2 COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2020/2021 ROUND ONE**RESOLUTION 171120/23**

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the allocations under the Community Financial Assistance Program 2020/2021 Round One.

CARRIED

18.3 GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION REPORT - OCTOBER 2020**RESOLUTION 171120/24**

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the Grant Application Information Report for the month of October 2020.

CARRIED

18.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

RESOLUTION 171120/25

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the development application report for the period 1 October to 31 October 2020.

CARRIED

18.5 RICHMOND VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL UPGRADES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 171120/26

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the allocation of Richmond Valley Community Hall Upgrades funding.

CARRIED

18.6 CORRESPONDENCE - BYPASSED TOWN SIGNAGE FOR EVANS HEAD

RESOLUTION 171120/27

Moved: Cr Daniel Simpson
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council receives and notes the correspondence regarding the bypassed town signage for Evans Head.

CARRIED

19 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

20 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING (IN WRITING)

Nil

21 MATTERS REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

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:

21.1 Design and Construct NSW RFS Category 2B Standard Fire Brigade Station at Rappville

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

21.2 Reynolds Road Industrial Estate (Stage 2) Civil Works (VP205770)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

21.3 Tender RA42122RVC Electricity Reverse Auction - Contestable Sites and Street Lighting (Unmetered)

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21.4 Tender - VP204658 Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange (NRLX) Feeding Contract

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The General Manager reported that no written representations had been received in respect to the items listed for consideration in Closed Council.

The Chair called for verbal representations from the gallery.

There were no representations from the gallery.

The Chair advised that under section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public are to be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10(2) as outlined above.

RESOLUTION 171120/28

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Sam Cornish

That:

1. Council resolved to enter Closed Council to consider the business identified in Items 21.1, 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(2) – (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.
3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED

Council closed its meeting at 6.15pm. The public left the Chamber.

The Open Council Meeting resumed at 6.26pm.

22 RESOLUTIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL

The following resolutions of Council, passed while the meeting was closed to the public, were read to the Open Council Meeting by the General Manager and Director Infrastructure and Environment.

21.1 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT NSW RFS CATEGORY 2B STANDARD FIRE BRIGADE STATION AT RAPPVILLE

That:

1. AGS Commercial Pty Ltd be approved as the preferred tenderer for the Design and Construct NSW RFS Category 2B Standard Fire Brigade Station at Rappville, valued at \$309,460 (ex GST).
2. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms and conditions of any contract or agreement, in line with the content of this report and the available budget, including affixing the seal of Council where necessary.

21.2 REYNOLDS ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE (STAGE 2) CIVIL WORKS (VP205770)

That:

1. Council accepts the tender from Price Civil Pty Ltd which represents the best value for Council at \$1,150,241.25 (exclusive of GST); and
2. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms and conditions of any contract or agreement, in line with the content of this report and the available budget, and affixing the seal of Council where necessary.

21.3 TENDER RA42122RVC ELECTRICITY REVERSE AUCTION – CONTESTABLE SITES AND STREET LIGHTING (UNMETERED)

That Council:

1. Notes the reverse auction to be conducted by Regional Procurement on behalf of Richmond Valley Council for the large contestable sites and street lighting, with the contract to run for 24 months commencing on 1 January 2022 ending on 31 December 2023.
2. Authorises the General Manager to sign and approve the contract with the most advantageous outcome for Council and to sign relevant documents including affixing the seal of Council where appropriate, generally in accordance with the details contained within this report.
3. Notes that a report on the outcome will be brought back to a future meeting of Council.

21.4 TENDER – VP204658 NORTHERN RIVERS LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE (NRLX) FEEDING CONTRACT

That Council:

1. Declines the submission/s received for Tender VP204658 – NRLX Feeding Contract due to non-conforming submission/s;
2. Determines not to call fresh tenders due to the limited number of parties that may potentially respond;
3. Apply Clause 178 (3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 to authorise the General Manager to enter into direct negotiations with any person for the supply of feed to the NRLX and to finalise the terms of the contract or agreement, including affixing the seal of Council where necessary; and
4. Notes that the outcomes of the negotiations will be reported to Council for information.

The Meeting closed at 6.30pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON