

Richmond
Valley
Council



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
28 June 2022**

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**MINUTES OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO
ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022 AT 6PM**

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 Stephen Morrissey (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Cornish, Cr Robert Hayes, Cr Sandra Humphrys, Cr Patrick Deegan, Cr Debra McGillan

IN ATTENDANCE: Vaughan Macdonald (General Manager), Angela Jones (Director Community Service Delivery), Ryan Gaiter (Director Organisational Services), Ben Zeller (Director Projects & Business Development), Jenna Hazelwood (Leader Strategy), Julie Clark (Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor), and Simon Breeze (IT Support Coordinator).

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

President of CAAI Mr Andrew Summerville addressed Council in relation to Item 15.1 Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023 (including Draft Financial Estimates 2022/2026), Draft Revenue Policy 2022/2023 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022/2032.

Mr Summerville thanked Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and congratulated vendors, buyers, council staff and agents on a very successful year at the NRLX facility, with over 120,000 cattle sold in 2021-22.

He expressed concerns at the proposed introduction of an agent usage fee of .03% for stud cattle, as it would ultimately result in increased costs to the vendor. Mr Summerville claimed that the proposed charges had not been consulted upon and called for their removal from the Revenue Policy until consultation occurred.

He said vendors supported previous contracts negotiated with council, and he believed that any further introduction of fees would be detrimental to the NRLX. Leaving fees at a fair and sustainable level would result in the most profitable outcome for the facility, with increased throughput.

The Mayor thanked Mr Summerville for his attendance and presentation to the meeting.

Mr Bruce Lyle President of the All Breeds Sale addressed Council in relation to Item 15.1 Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023 (including Draft Financial Estimates 2022/2026), Draft Revenue Policy 2022/2023 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022/2032.

Mr Lyle thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and highlighted that the "All Breeds Sale Committee" was operated as a not for profit entity, with any excess funds being donated to community charities such as Windara, Rescue Helicopter and Casino VRA. However if additional fees were applied to the sale, this may affect the funds available to be donated.

Mr Lyle pointed out that there were many beneficiaries from the sale, with Council being able to promote the NRLX facility, local breeders showcasing their cattle and worthy community organisations receiving donations.

He said the sale had been able to accommodate increased fees over the past two years, such as the requirement to use StockLive, but the proposed 0.03% Agents fee, if it were to be passed on to the committee, was not considered to be fair.

The Mayor thanked Mr Lyle for his attendance and presentation to the meeting.

Mr John McFadden of the lower river area addressed Council in relation to Item 14.1 Floods 2022 Recovery Update and thanked Council on behalf of all the lower river towns for the quick response to road maintenance work since the floods.

He brought to Council's attention the dip in the Coraki/Woodburn Road, 1km on the Woodburn side of the Bungawalbin bridge. This section is the first part of the road to be cut by rising flood waters and remains the last section when the flood waters recede. i.e. cut two days before the rest of the roads get cut and sometimes it is cut a further three days after other sections are free from water.

Mr McFadden requested that Council redesign this section of road so that it could remain open longer. Lower river residents needed this escape route open for as long as possible during flood times, so they could make decisions about evacuating their properties.

The Mayor thanked Mr McFadden for his attendance and presentation to the meeting and advised during the course of the meeting a response would be provided in relation to his address.

Dr Richard Gates, Executive Member of Evans Head Residents for Sustainable Development Inc. addressed Council in relation to Item 14.1 Floods 2022 Recovery Update and referred to the executive summary of Council's submission to the 2022 NSW Flood Inquiry that *"we can no longer simply expect communities to pick up the pieces after an ever-increasing number of natural disasters. Our climate is changing and the way we prepare for, respond to and recover from future disasters of this scale must also change"*.

Dr Gates also referred to the summary of recommendations, specifically those on Land Use Planning, where the need to improve consistency of flood modelling and risk management is raised. He expressed concerns about previous flood planning for the Evans River and suggested that independent scrutiny should be undertaken of future flood modelling.

Dr Gates expressed concern about further development in the Northern Rivers and voiced the view that the region was already past its population carrying capacity. He encouraged Council to consider future generations in its planning.

The Mayor thanked Dr Gates for his attendance and presentation to the meeting.

Ms Deborah Johnston of Bungawalbin addressed Council in relation to 14.1 Floods 2022 Recovery Update, 16.1 Pacific Highway – Local Road Handover and Item 19.5 Grant Application Information Report – May 2022

Ms Johnston provided a powerpoint of pictures to the meeting supporting her address.

She outlined concerns with a lack of warning systems in relation to the rising floodwaters and residents are again seeking additional flood gauges to be installed in the lower river/Bungawalbin area.

Ms Johnston expressed concerns that the Pacific Highway upgrade from Ballina to Woodburn had effectively created a dam, stretching across the floodplain and preventing waters from escaping to the ocean. She believed design changes to the road during construction had affected the capacity of the water to escape and called for action to resolve this issue.

Ms Johnston raised concerns about damage to the Bungawalbin Levee and ongoing failures of the structure. She called for improved maintenance of the levee to ensure the safety of local residents.

Ms Johnston also called for restoration of local wetlands as part of the flood recovery process.

The Mayor thanked Ms Johnston for her attendance and presentation to the meeting.

A full recording of the addresses to the meeting is available at:

<https://richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings/council-meeting-videos/>

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2022

RESOLUTION 280622/1

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey

Seconded: Cr Sam Cornish

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 May 2022.

CARRIED

7 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 NOTICE OF MOTION**10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR ROBERT HAYES; FLOOD RELIEF****RESOLUTION 280622/2**

Moved: Cr Robert Hayes

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That the General Manager prepares a report for the July Ordinary meeting, addressing the following items:

- Council's ability to reduce or waive development and construction certificate fees and charges for any property rebuilds from flood damage;
- The financial impact on Council of any support program;
- The program that was offered to residents impacted by the 2019 Black Summer Bushfires and the financial impact on Council;
- Information on what neighbouring flood affected Councils are offering their residents to support their property rebuilds.

CARRIED

11 MAYOR'S REPORT**11.1 MAYORAL ATTENDANCES 11 MAY - 20 JUNE 2022****RESOLUTION 280622/3**

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's attendance report from 11 May – 20 June 2022.

CARRIED

12 DELEGATES' REPORTS**12.1 DELEGATES' REPORT JUNE 2022****RESOLUTION 280622/4**

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Robert Mustow

That Council receives and notes the Delegates' Report for the month of June 2022.

CARRIED

13 MATTERS DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE**13.1 MATTERS TO BE DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE****RESOLUTION 280622/5**

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That items 15.2, 15.3, 15.5, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 17.4 identified be determined without debate.

CARRIED

14 GENERAL MANAGER**14.1 FLOODS 2022 - RECOVERY UPDATE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Following the catastrophic Northern Rivers floods, Council continues to advocate for essential support and funding for flood affected communities in the Richmond Valley. This has included securing a commitment from the NSW Government to provide rating relief for flood affected residents for 2022-23 and to raise the tendering threshold to allow flood recovery projects to proceed more quickly. Council has also successfully advocated for temporary accommodation options for Woodburn and continues to work with the NSW Government to establish temporary housing in Coraki and Evans Head.

Other advocacy has included preparing a Flood Impact Report, which was circulated to NSW Ministers and key State agencies to highlight the extent of flood damage in the Richmond Valley and seek funding support for the recovery process. Council also commissioned an economic impact statement, to help support advocacy for business assistance, and has provided a comprehensive submission to the NSW Government Flood Inquiry. The submission, included 17 key recommendations for improving the way that NSW communities plan for, respond to and recover from natural disasters in the future.

RESOLUTION 280622/6

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. Continues to advocate strongly to all levels of government for flood recovery support for the Richmond Valley;
3. Continues to raise community concerns with the NSW Flood Inquiry and any subsequent government inquiries or reviews;
4. Writes to CivicRisk Mutual to acknowledge its support in expediting insurance claims for repairs to community facilities and infrastructure.

CARRIED

14.2 REBUILDING THE RICHMOND VALLEY RECOVERY PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the catastrophic floods of February-March 2022, Council has implemented a revised IP&R program, delaying the preparation of its new Community Strategic Plan until 2023 and preparing a comprehensive Recovery Plan to guide its operations for 2022-23. The Plan sets out Council's vision to help restore the Richmond Valley and 'build back better' over the next three years, in partnership with the community, disaster support agencies and state and federal governments.

The Rebuilding the Richmond Valley Recovery Plan was endorsed for public exhibition at Council's May meeting and exhibited for the required 28-day period. No public submissions were received. Should Council resolve to adopt the Plan, it will replace the Delivery Program for the 2022-23 period. Following preparation of the new Community Strategic Plan, a revised Delivery Program will be presented to Council in June 2023.

RESOLUTION 280622/7

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Sam Cornish

That Council:

1. Adopts the Rebuilding the Richmond Valley Recovery Plan and implements this Plan as its Delivery Program for 2022-23.
2. Notes that a further review of the Community Strategic Plan will be completed in 2022, and a new Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program presented to Council in June 2023.

CARRIED

15 ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES

15.1 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022/2023 (INCLUDING DRAFT FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2022/2026), DRAFT REVENUE POLICY 2022/2023 AND DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/2032

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its Ordinary Meeting held 17 May 2022, Council resolved to place the Draft Delivery Program, Draft Operational Plan (including Financial Estimates), Draft Revenue Policy and Draft Long-Term Financial Plan on public exhibition.

This report provides information regarding public submissions received by Council during the exhibition period and details minor amendments that have been made to the Draft Financial Estimates.

RESOLUTION 280622/8

Moved: Cr Robert Hayes

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That:

1. Council adopts the Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023 (including Financial Estimates 2022/2026), Revenue Policy 2022/2023 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2022/2032 the

subject of this report and the advertised NRLX fee structure be maintained to ensure the community continues to receive a return on its investment in the NRLX upgrade.

2. In respect to the general land rates contained in the 2022/2023 Draft Revenue Policy, Council in accordance with Sections 535 and 537 of the *Local Government Act 1993* makes the following General Rates for the 2022/2023 financial year:

Rating Category	Base amount	% yield from base amount	Rate in dollar (ad valorem)
Residential	\$310.00	25.83%	\$0.00591
Rural Residential (sub-category)	\$310.00	29.11%	\$0.00402
Business	\$360.00	10.06%	\$0.01621
Farmland	\$360.00	18.54%	\$0.00437

3. In relation to interest on overdue rates and charges, Council makes and imposes the maximum charge for interest, as determined by the Minister for Local Government and in accordance with Section 566 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as follows:
- i.e. for the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023; 6.0% per annum
4. In respect of annual charges and user charges for Waste Management, Water, Sewerage and Stormwater Management Service Charges, in accordance with Section 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes these charges as detailed in the 2022/2023 Draft Revenue Policy to apply to the 2022/2023 financial year.

CARRIED

15.2 RICHMOND VALLEY WORKFORCE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting process, Council is required to prepare a Workforce Plan as part of its Resourcing Strategy. The Workforce Plan outlines how Council will continue to develop its workforce and ensure it has the necessary staff and skills to deliver its strategic goals.

Council's Workforce Plan has had a complete review, to support the Recovery Plan and consider the domestic and global workplace changes that have been prompted by the COVID pandemic.

RESOLUTION 280622/9

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council adopts the Workforce Plan July 2022 – June 2025.

CARRIED

15.3 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT - MAY 2022**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the status and performance of its cash and investment portfolio in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* s.625, Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 cl.212, Australian Accounting Standard (AASB 9) and Council's Investment Policy.

The value of Council's cash and investments at 31 May 2022 is shown below:

Bank Accounts	Term Deposits	Floating Rate Notes	Fixed Rate Bonds	TCorp IM Funds	Total
\$21,853,146	\$34,000,000	\$4,750,390	\$2,000,000	\$14,677,450	\$77,280,986

The weighted average rate of return on Council's cash and investments for May 2022 was negative (1.12%) which was below the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index for May of 0.03%, which is Council's benchmark.

RESOLUTION 280622/10

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council adopts the Financial Analysis Report detailing the performance of its cash and investments for the month of May 2022.

CARRIED

15.4 TENDER THRESHOLD CHANGES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In response to the natural disaster occurring in February and March 2022, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 has been amended, with the tendering threshold being increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for flood related recovery works. Council will continue to follow its Procurement Policies to ensure value for money for our community.

RESOLUTION 280622/11

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council receives and notes the information provided in the Tender Threshold Changes report.

CARRIED

15.5 COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each financial year, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determines the minimum and maximum remuneration payable to Mayors and Councillors for carrying out their duties. The determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal is pursuant to Sections 239 and 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council has received notification that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined that the Mayoral and Councillor Fees are to increase approximately 2% for the 2022/2023 financial year.

RESOLUTION 280622/12

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council:

1. Sets the Mayoral Allowance for the 2022/2023 financial year effective from 1 July 2022 at \$46,040.00 per annum or \$3,836.67 per month.
2. Sets the Councillor Fee for the 2022/2023 financial year effective from 1 July 2022 at \$21,100.00 per annum or \$1,758.33 per month.

CARRIED

16 COMMUNITY SERVICE DELIVERY

16.1 PACIFIC HIGHWAY - LOCAL ROAD HANDOVER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the upgrade of the Pacific Highway in Richmond Valley Council's Local Government Area, some local roads were required to be modified and/or upgraded to ensure safe future access to and around the new motorway. Council staff have been involved in assessing the standards to which these works have been completed prior to acceptance. Transport for NSW is seeking formal acceptance from Council for these road and drainage assets as part of the Local Road Handover process.

RESOLUTION 280622/13

Moved: Cr Robert Hayes

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council:

1. Accepts the following road and drainage works in the asset handover from Transport for NSW:
 - Antoniulli Road
 - Serendipity Road
 - Minyumai Road
 - Nardi Road
 - McLaren Road
 - Redgate Road

- Whites Road
 - Trustums Hill Road
 - Watson Street
 - Broadwater Evans Head Road
 - Woodburn Broadwater Service Road
 - Swan Bay New Italy Road
 - Marozin Road
 - Roder Road
 - Wondawee Way
2. Excludes the following road and drainage works in the asset handover from Transport for NSW:
- Woodburn Interchange Roundabouts x 2
 - Broadwater Interchange Roundabouts x 2
 - Woodburn Evans Head Road (overpass approach ramps)
3. Writes to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and the Secretary of Transport for NSW advising them of Council's objection to taking on the maintenance responsibility for the interchange roundabouts and the reasons for this objection.

CARRIED

17 PROJECTS & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

17.1 PROPOSED ROAD NAMING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is a Roads Authority, under Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*, and is responsible for formally naming public roads in accordance with the Act and Regulation.

Council has undertaken public exhibition of proposed road names in accordance with Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993* and Part 2 of the *Roads Regulation 2018*.

Council received two submissions with alternate name suggestions for the proposed name Patch Lane. The alternative road names were rejected by the NSW Geographical Names Board due to duplication. No other suggestions were presented for consideration.

RESOLUTION 280622/14

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council formally adopts the following road names:

- (a) Paddon Street, Essex Street and York Lane within the locality of Broadwater,
- (b) Ginibi Drive, Minjehla Road and Yelgun Road within the locality of Swan Bay and,
- (c) Patch Lane within the locality of Swan Bay and Bungawalbin.

CARRIED

17.2 LEEVILLE HALL FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Leeville Hall was inundated by flood water during the February 2022 flood and was severely damaged. The hall has been shifted off alignment and footings. Prior to the flood, the use of the hall had diminished with very limited demand and bookings. Works to restore the hall to an operational condition are estimated at between \$200,000 to \$250,000. Considering the low usage of the facility, and the expense of repairs and maintenance, Council may wish to consider decommissioning the hall.

RESOLUTION 280622/15

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council:

1. Consults with relevant community stakeholders on the option of decommissioning the Leeville Hall, given
 - (a) the significant cost of restoration of the facility and
 - (b) the lack of demand/use for this building in this locality.
2. Receives a further report on the matter at the August 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

CARRIED

17.3 ASSET PLANNING POLICIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of Council's ongoing policy review process, three policies have been developed for Asset Planning. The review included the development of new policies relating to the administration tasks required by Council in accordance with an overarching legal framework and guidelines including the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Roads Act 1993* and *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The policies outline Council's direction, limits, principles and guidance for decision making and providing clarity for the benefit of the community.

RESOLUTION 280622/16

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council adopts the following Asset Planning policies:

1. CPOL 11.12 Lease of Road Reserve
2. CPOL 11.14 Naming of Roads and Bridges
3. CPOL 11.15 Permanent Road Closures

CARRIED

17.4 RICHMOND PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Plan of Management for Richmond Park was developed to provide a clear direction for future management of the facility in accordance with the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act) and the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act).

Crown Lands provided confirmation on 18 February 2022 that the draft Plan of Management satisfies the requirements under section 3.23(6) of the CLM Act and the plan can be publicly exhibited in accordance with section 38 of the LG Act.

The draft plan was placed on public exhibition and four submissions were received. After considering all submissions received Council may decide to amend the draft plan or to adopt it without amendment.

Minor amendments have been recommended that modify the publicly exhibited draft Plan of Management for clarity, alignment with legislative changes and alignment with other Council plans.

Council is required to obtain NSW Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands Minister’s consent to adopt the draft Plan of Management if any amendments are made after the public exhibition. This is a requirement on Council as Crown Lands is the owner of the land.

RESOLUTION 280622/17

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council:

1. Amends the publicly exhibited Richmond Park Plan of Management, with the minor, non-substantial changes outlined in this report.
2. Endorses the amended draft Plan of Management and requests the Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands Minister’s consent to adopt the Plan of Management.
3. Adopts the amended draft Plan of Management upon Minister’s consent in accordance with Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Gives public notice of that adoption, and of the terms of the amended plan of management, as soon as practicable after the adoption.

CARRIED

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

19 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

RESOLUTION 280622/18

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

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

CARRIED

19.1 COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2021/2022 ROUND TWO UPDATE**RESOLUTION 280622/19**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the allocations under the Community Financial Assistance Program 2021/2022 Round Two.

CARRIED**19.2 EVENT SUPPORT SCHEME ALLOCATION 2022/2023****RESOLUTION 280622/20**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the allocations under the Event Support Scheme 2022/2023.

CARRIED**19.3 COST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2021****RESOLUTION 280622/21**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the report, detailing the final costs of the Local Government Election held in December 2021.

CARRIED**19.4 CASINO SHOWGROUND UPGRADE****RESOLUTION 280622/22**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the report on the Casino Showground upgrade.

CARRIED**19.5 GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION REPORT - MAY 2022****RESOLUTION 280622/23**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the Grant Application Information Report for the month of May 2022.

CARRIED**19.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2022 TO 31 MAY 2022****RESOLUTION 280622/24**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the Development Application report for the period 1 May 2022 to 31 May 2022.

CARRIED**19.7 CORRESPONDENCE - IPART 2022-2023 RATE PEG****RESOLUTION 280622/25**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the correspondence forwarded to the Premier of NSW, the Hon Dominic Perrottet and response received from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP, regarding the IPART 2023-23 rate peg.

CARRIED**19.8 CORRESPONDENCE - PREMIER OF NSW - VOLUNTARY HOUSE RAISING SCHEME****RESOLUTION 280622/26**

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey

Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the correspondence forwarded to the Premier of NSW, the Hon Dominic Perrottet, following Cr Patrick Deegan's Notice of Motion regarding the Voluntary House Raising Scheme.

CARRIED**20 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

21 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING (IN WRITING)

Nil

22 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:

22.1 Transport and Disposal of Mixed Waste Contract

This matter relates to:-

- (d)(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it
- (d)(ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) and (d)(ii) 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 and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

The General Manager reported that no written representations had been received in respect of the item 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 *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 280622/27

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey

Seconded: Cr Sam Cornish

That:

1. Council resolves to enter Closed Council to consider the business identified in Item 20.1, 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 7.42 pm.

The Open Council meeting resumed at 7.44 pm.

The resolutions of Closed Council were read by the Director Projects & Business Development.

23 RESOLUTIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL

22.1 Transport and Disposal of Mixed Waste Contract

That Council notes the outcomes of the direct negotiation for the Transport and Disposal of Mixed Waste Contract, which has been awarded to a consortium of Richmond Waste and Solo for a first year value in the order of \$2,150,000, with it being a 3 x 1 year contract at Council's discretion.

The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 July 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON