

Richmond  
Valley  
Council



# **MINUTES**

**Extraordinary Council Meeting  
11 December 2023**

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**MINUTES OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO  
ON MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2023 AT 5PM**

*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 (Chief of Staff), Julie Clark (Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor), Lewis Martin (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 APOLOGIES**

Nil

## **4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## 5 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:

### 5.1 Tender for Lease - Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange

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.

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

The Chair called for representations from the gallery.

There were no verbal representations from the gallery in respect of this item.

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 discussed is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10(2) as outlined above.

### RESOLUTION 111223/1

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Sam Cornish

That:

1. Council enters Closed Council to consider the business identified in Item 5.1, together with any late reported tabled at the meeting.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be discussed is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10(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) *Local Government Act 1993*

**CARRIED**

Council closed its meeting at 5.05pm

The Open Council meeting resumed at 5.32pm

The resolutions of the Closed Council meeting were read by General Manager.

## 6 RESOLUTIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL

### 5.1 Tender for Lease – Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the detailed independent tender assessment and the campaign summary and recommendations from JLL Agribusiness for the Tender for Lease – Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange;
2. Declines the submissions received for Tender for Lease – Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange due to submissions being either non-conforming or not fully addressing the tendering criteria as set out in its *Invitation to Tender for Entering into Lease*;
3. Applies Clause 178 (3e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 to authorise the General Manager, in liaison with JLL Agribusiness and in line with the recommendations of its tender assessment, to enter direct negotiations with the preferred entities with a view to obtaining the best outcome from the lease;
4. The outcome of the negotiations to be reported back to Council at a future meeting for consideration and decision.

The Meeting closed at 5.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Richmond Valley Council held on 19 December 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON