

**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 46-48 MAITLAND STREET, NARRABRI
ON TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2022 AT 5:15PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ron Campbell, Cr Catherine Redding, Cr Rohan Boehm, Cr Robert Browning, Cr John Clements, Cr Brett Dickinson, Cr Greg Lamont, Cr Lisa Richardson, Cr Darrell Tiemens

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Brown (Acting General Manager), Donna Ausling (Manager Strategic Planning), Minute Clerk: Nicole Cooper (Governance Support Officer), Debbie Foster (Customer Relations Coordinator).

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.15pm.

1 OPENING PRAYER

Members and officers were upstanding for the opening prayer by Mayor Campbell.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Council met, the Gamilaroi people, and the Council paid its respects to Elders past and present.

3 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Council acknowledges the sacrifice made by Australian service men and women, in particular those who gave their lives in defence of the freedom we enjoy today.

4 APOLOGIES/GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

6 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) MEETING

The following matters will be considered in the Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting:

- 7.1 Notice of Motion - Engage an Information Technology (IT) Consultant
- 7.2 Notice of Motion - Review the Terms of Employment of General Managers contract

7 PRESENTATIONS

Presentation requests received to date:

Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED COUNCIL) MEETING

MINUTE 084/2022

Moved: Cr Darrell Tiemens Seconded: Cr Greg Lamont

That Council move into Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting of Council and that the press and members of the public be asked to leave the room whilst Council considers the following items:

7.1 Notice of Motion - Engage an Information Technology (IT) Consultant

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (f) 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 details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

7.2 Notice of Motion - Review the Terms of Employment of General Managers contract

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (a) 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 personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Catherine Redding, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

The Council moved into closed Council, the time being 5.20 pm. The public and media left the Chamber.

The considerations by Council in closed session are recorded in the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting.

The Council moved into open session at 6.08pm and the Mayor read out to those present the resolutions of the Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting

MAYORAL MINUTE**MINUTE 085/2022**

Moved: Cr Ron Campbell

- 1. That Council accept the resignation of the General Manager, Mr Stewart Todd, effective immediately.**
- 2. That Council endorse the Confidential Deed of Release associated with the resignation of the General Manager and delegates to the Mayor the authority to sign that Deed of Release on behalf of Council.**
- 3. That Council appoint Mr Robert Ball as Acting General Manager of Narrabri Shire**

Council.

4. That Council authorise the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract of engagement with Mr Robert Ball.
5. That Council delegate to the Acting General Manager the functions as described in the Instrument of Delegation attached to this Minute, pursuant to Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
6. That Council authorise the Mayor to seek expressions of interest from recruitment agencies to undertake the recruitment of a new General Manager for Narrabri Shire Council.
7. That all expressions of interest received from recruitment agencies wishing to undertake the recruitment of a new General Manager be referred to Council for final selection.
8. That Council delegate authority to the Mayor to negotiate the sale of asset 0755 to Mr Todd at Red Book market value being \$55,000.
9. That Council note the resignation of Director Corporate and Community Services Mr Lindsay Mason and thank him for his service.

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Catherine Redding, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENGAGE AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) CONSULTANT

MOTION

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson

- (1) That Council immediately call upon the services of an outside IT consultant to find any logs of files or evidence of delete emails and files relating to tracking of Councillors (both in the current and previous terms). Also, to report if there have been any breaches of the *Workplace Surveillance Act 2005* (NSW) amongst Narrabri Shire Council staff within the past two years.
- (2) To immediately allow all Councillors to have access to their emails and appointments on one additional non-NSC device on the *proviso* that all correspondence abides by the Code of Conduct.

MOTION WAS DECLARED OUT OF ORDER BY THE CHAIR

9 MEETING CLOSED

The Meeting closed at 6.17pm.

The minutes of this meeting are scheduled to be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Narrabri Shire Council held on 26 April 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON